

RESOLUTION R-26-099

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MANATEE COUNTY SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO
THE 2025/26 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (ESG-RUSH Second Allocation)**

WHEREAS, Manatee County is eligible to receive federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2025, Manatee County received notice from HUD on the first award of a special allocation of ESG funds for the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) Program in the amount of \$398,030.00; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2025, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution R-25-116 approving the Substantial Amendment to the 2024/2025 Annual Action Plan that incorporated the projects under the first special allocation of ESG-RUSH funds; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2026, Manatee County received notice from HUD on a second award of the special allocation of ESG funds for the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) Program in the amount of \$557,758.00; and

WHEREAS, as part of the ESG-RUSH requirements to complete the award, Manatee County is required to complete a Substantial Amendment to the 2025/2026 Annual Action Plan and hold a minimum of a 5-day public comment period, plus one Public Hearing on the draft substantial amendment; and

WHEREAS, a 15-day public comment period on the draft Substantial Amendment to the 2025/26 Annual Action Plan was held between July 15 and July 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County conducted a Public Hearing on July 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan is a prerequisite for receiving funds under HUD's program, and the Plan was approved by HUD in October 2023; and

WHEREAS, the process for adopting the Substantial Amendments to the 2025/26 Annual Action Plans is outlined in the Manatee County Citizen Participation Plan, HUD regulations, and regulatory waivers, and each of those steps has been followed in this process; and

WHEREAS, the activities identified in all Annual Action Plans are designed to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and expand economic opportunities, which are consistent with the goals of the Manatee County 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plans were developed with public input from all concerned citizens and organizations on housing and community development needs, which were considered by staff and incorporated into the Manatee County Substantial Amendment to the 2025/26 Annual Action Plan as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Manatee County Substantial Amendment to the 2025/26 Annual Action Plan is required to receive funds under HUD's program.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

1. Resolution R-26-099 is hereby adopted to provide for the approval of the Substantial Amendment to the 2025/26 Annual Action Plan attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

- ADOPTED**, with a quorum present and voting this 28th day of July 2026.

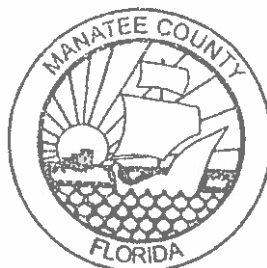


Exhibit A

Summary of Substantial Amendment to the Summary of 2025/26 Annual Action Plan

The 2025/26 Annual Action Plan substantial amendment creates the ESG-RUSH #2 projects: 2026 ESG-RUSH #2 Rapid Rehousing/Homeless Prevention in the amount of \$181,958.00, 2026 ESG-RUSH #2 Emergency Shelter in the amount of \$334,000.00, and 2026 CVS/ESG-RUSH #2 Administration and Planning in the amount of \$41,800.00.

Statement of Proposed Budget and Use of Estimated Funds

Sources of Funds

Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (ESG-RUSH #2) \$ 557,758.00

Use of Funds

Emergency Solutions Grant Program - Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (ESG-RUSH #2)

1. **2026 ESG RUSH #2 Rapid Rehousing / Homeless Prevention - \$181,958.00**
The project will provide rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, and supportive services to Manatee County residents who have been impacted by the 2024 hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton. The program specifically targets individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness due to the impact of these recent disasters and who cannot access all the services provided by FEMA programs.
2. **2026 ESG-RUSH #2 Emergency Shelter - \$334,000.00**
The project will provide essential services to homeless families and individuals in emergency shelters, operate emergency shelters, or, when necessary, provide alternative solutions through hotel or motel vouchers.
3. **Manatee County/CSV - 2026 ESG-RUSH #2 Administration and Planning - \$41,800.00**
Funding will be provided for personnel and related costs for the general oversight and administration of the 2026 ESG-RUSH #2 program.

Exhibit B

**Copy of the Adopted Manatee County summaries of Substantial Amendment to the
2025/26 Annual Action Plans**



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Background

On June 8, 2026, Manatee County received notice from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designating \$557,758.00 to Manatee County through a second Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) grant, awarded under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. ESG-RUSH funds are made available to states or local governments to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness who have been residing in a “declared disaster area” and have needs that are not otherwise served or fully met by existing federal disaster relief programs.

Manatee County’s federal Annual Action Plan details the funding strategy for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs each year. The Annual Action Plan implements a jurisdiction’s multi-year Consolidated Plan and is developed through significant citizen participation, analysis, and planning. FY 2025/26 funds were incorporated into the County’s 2025 Annual Action Plan.

Proposed Substantial Amendment

The County is proposing to amend the FY 2025/26 Annual Action Plan to include the newly awarded ESG-RUSH #2 funds. These changes will result in the following:

Manatee County was significantly impacted by a series of federally declared disasters in 2024: Hurricane Debby (August 2024), Hurricane Helene (September 2024), and Hurricane Milton (October 2024). These events caused widespread damage to housing infrastructure, displaced residents, and strained existing emergency shelter and homelessness resources. These storms exacerbated the region’s pre-existing housing instability and led to significant new displacement.

All three events were declared federal disasters by the President, and Manatee County was included in the following FEMA major disaster declarations:

- FEMA Disaster Declaration DR-4751-FL (Hurricane Debby)
- FEMA Disaster Declaration DR-4760-FL (Hurricane Helene)
- FEMA Disaster Declaration DR-4772-FL (Hurricane Milton)

Existing federal disaster relief programs are addressing a portion of these needs, including FEMA Individual Assistance, Public Assistance for shelter costs, and pending allocations to Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds through the State of Florida. However, these programs are not designed to provide rapid rehousing, reentry services, or support to those excluded from standard eligibility criteria.

The second ESG-RUSH allocation of \$557,758.00, awarded to Manatee County in June 2026, will address urgent housing and homelessness needs that are not fully met by other federal disaster relief efforts. ESG-RUSH resources will support homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, and emergency shelter services targeted to households who are:

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- *Experiencing homelessness or housing instability directly related to Hurricanes Debby, Helene or Milton;*
- *Not eligible for or not fully served by FEMA or CDBG-DR;*
- *In need of immediate support to exit unsheltered homelessness or emergency shelter.*

The 2026 ESG-RUSH #2 Homeless Prevention / Rapid Rehousing Program will provide rapid rehousing/homeless prevention and supportive services to Manatee County residents who were impacted by the 2024 hurricane season. The program specifically targets individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness due to the impact of these disasters and who cannot access all services provided through FEMA or other federal programs. The program also targets those who were experiencing homelessness prior to the storms and received transitional shelter assistance from FEMA immediately following the disaster, but were left without long-term housing options. This program will provide rental assistance and move-in costs to eligible households as well as provide access to their integrated behavioral health services.

The 2026 ESG-RUSH #2 Emergency Shelter Program will provide essential services to homeless families and individuals in emergency shelters, as well as operating emergency shelters or providing alternative solutions through hotel or motel vouchers when necessary. The program specifically targets individuals and families who are homeless due to the impact of the 2024 hurricane disasters and who cannot access all services provided through FEMA or other federal programs. The program also targets those who were experiencing homelessness prior to the storms and received transitional shelter assistance from FEMA immediately following the disaster, but were left without long-term housing options.

This amendment includes the ESG-RUSH funds in the County's planned uses of ESG resources and outlines how these funds will supplement, not duplicate, other federal disaster relief programs.

All other activities and funding not listed herein will be unaffected by the proposed amendment.

Public Process

Additionally, although not a requirement under the terms of this grant, Manatee County will provide a public notice in the newspaper on July 15, 2026, advertising a 15-day public comment period starting on July 15, 2026. Manatee County will accept public comment during the fifteen (15) day public comment period. Citizens will be asked to provide comments on the Substantial Amendment to the 2025/26 Annual Action Plan and propose the use of ESG-RUSH funds.

Additionally, there will be an advertised opportunity for public comments at the July 28, 2026 Manatee County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting at 9:00 AM or as soon thereafter as can be heard.

According to Florida Statutes Section 286.0105, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the above-referenced meeting or hearing, will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, it may be necessary to ensure

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that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Americans with Disabilities: The Board of County Commissioners does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions including one's access to and participation in public hearings. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for this meeting as provided for in the ADA, should contact Carmine DeMilio 941-792-8784 ext. 8203 or carmine.demilio@mymanatee.org; or FAX 745-3790.

During the 15-day comment period, copies of the draft plan summary may be reviewed at the Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 5th Floor, Bradenton, the Manatee County website at www.mymanatee.org, and the following Manatee County Library locations:

- **Central Branch**
1301 Barcarota Blvd. W., Bradenton
- **South County Branch**
6081 26th St. W., Bradenton
- **Palmetto Branch**
923 6th St. W., Palmetto
- **Rocky Bluff Library**
6750 U.S. Hwy. 301, Ellenton

Written comments on Manatee County's draft 2025/26 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment will be accepted through July 30, 2026. Please address your comments to:

Manatee County Community and Veterans Services Department
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 500
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 748-4501, ext. 1264
communitydevelopment@mymanatee.org

It is anticipated the Manatee County Board of Commissioners will take action to approve the Substantial Amendment to the 2025/26 Annual Action Plan at the regular meeting scheduled for July 28, 2026, at 9:00 AM or as soon thereafter as can be heard.



July 28, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Adoption of Resolution R-26-095 to Place the Proposed Environmental Lands Acquisition, Improvement, and Management Finance Referendum of a 0.16 Mill Property Tax Levy and Authorization for up to \$75,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot, Kara Koenig, Environmental Lands Program Section Manager - Countywide

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Briefings

Briefing Provided Upon Request

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Kara Koenig, Environmental Lands Program Section Manager, Extension 6052

Action Requested

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Enabling/Regulating Authority

Florida Statutes Chapter 100

Florida Statutes Chapter 125

Applicable Advisory Board

Environmental Lands Management and Acquisition Advisory Committee (ELMAC)

Background Discussion

- In 2019, the Trust for Public Land (TPL), in partnership with Manatee County's Natural Resources Department, the Manatee Fish and Game Association, and Big Waters Land Trust, completed the Manatee County Conservation Finance Feasibility Study which evaluated long-term funding options for land conservation.
- Guided by the 2019 Feasibility Study and public opinion research, the Board of County Commissioners placed the 2020 Manatee County Conservation and Parks Projects Referendum (Resolution No. R-20-105) before voters. The referendum was approved by 71% of voters, authorizing up to \$50 million in General Obligation Bonds and a 0.15 mill ad valorem tax to protect drinking water sources, improve water quality, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, reduce stormwater runoff pollution, and provide public parks.

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Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A