

Program Overview

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Name: Whitaker Bayou Dredging Project - 2024 Alloc

Program Overview

Please review the following Program Overview.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$210,094,000 to Sarasota County, Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), known as Resilient SRQ, to aid the long-term recovery from the 2024 storms Debby, Helene and Milton. This funding prioritizes disaster recovery for low-to-moderate income clientele. Resilient SRQ has multiple programs, one of those being the Infrastructure and Public Facilities Program which has a total of \$87,089,300 allocated for competitive applications for infrastructure, mitigation and dredging projects. Of this amount, \$57,089,300 is available to Public Entities and Nonprofit organizations for eligible infrastructure projects. There is a total of \$30,000,000 for dredging of major waterways.

Type of Entity

Public Entity



I have read the program information and understand what this program entails

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ website for more information.

Questions in the application have been noted with how they relate to Resilient SRQ Infrastructure & Public Facilities Scoring Criteria. [CLICK HERE](#) to view minimum eligibility criteria and scoring criteria by categories.

A. Organization Information

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A. Organization Information

Please provide the following information.

A.1. Legal Name of Organization:

The City of Sarasota

A.2. Is this your first submission?

No

B. Project Overview

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B. Project Overview

Please provide the following information.

B.1. Project Name:

Whitaker Bayou Dredging Project

B.2. Brief Project Description:

The Whitaker Bayou Dredging Project is a critical flood mitigation and stormwater conveyance improvement initiative that restores the stormwater conveyance function of one of Sarasota's oldest urban waterways.

Project intent is to remove approximately 118,000 cubic yards of sediment that has accumulated from bank erosion and stormwater outfalls and has reduced channel capacity resulting in flooding of streets and homes.

B.3. Is this Project located in Sarasota County?

Yes

B.3.a. Provide an address or Parcel ID:

Whitaker Bayou major waterway, north to Riverside Dr., east to Cocoanut Ave. See attached map (Whitaker Bayou Project Area Map.pdf).

B.4. Has any construction work started for this project? (Project Readiness Scoring Criteria Question)

No

B.5. Provide the month and year of the estimated completion date of the project. (Identify any known or anticipated roadblocks that would impede the project's completion within a five-year time period.)

The estimated completion date of the project is December 2028. There are no known or anticipated roadblocks that would impede the project's completion within a five-year period.

C. Project Overview (Continued)

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C. Project Overview (Continued)

Please provide the following information.

C.1. Which HUD National Objective the project meets (select all that apply): (LMI National Objective Scoring Criteria Question)

☒ Benefit to low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons

☒ Meet a need having a particular urgency (referred to as an urgent need)

C.1.a. Upload Census Tract Map (Upload the census tract map(s) for the project using the [link](#)).

Please take a screenshot of your map(s) and draw in the service area for your project. Upload your map(s) below.

☒ Census Tract Map [link](#) *Required

Whitaker Bayou LMI Map.pdf

Whitaker Bayou LMI Map Updated.pdf

C.1.b. Provide census tract # and block group # for the project information based on the image uploaded.

Census Tract #	Block Group #
1.02	1
1.02	2
1.03	1
1.03	2
1.03	3
2	2
2	3
2	4
3	1
3	2
3	3
4	2
4.01	2
4.01	3
9	2
10	1
10	2
11.01	4
11.02	1

C.2. Select which CDBG-DR Eligible Activity project qualifies for (select all that apply):

☐ Flood control and drainage repair and improvements, including the construction or rehabilitation of storm water management system

☒ Dredging of major waterways.

Number of miles to be dredged:

1

☐ Restoration of infrastructure (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, provision of permanent generators, bridges, etc.)

☐ Demolition, rehabilitation, or construction of programmatically eligible public or semi-public facilities (such as fire stations, shelters, food banks)

☐ Acquisition (easement, right-of-way [ROW]) following Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA)

C.3. Mitigation measures that will be used on the project (select all that apply):

☐ Incorporating resilient construction standards

☐ Using resilient building materials and technology

☐ Elevating facilities above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE)

☐ Buyout/Acquisition of properties

☐ Utilization of backup power for critical facilities

☒ Integration of open space or use of nature to manage flooding

C.4. Resilience performance metrics that will be used on the project (select all that apply):

☐ Number of acres no longer vulnerable to flood events

☐ Number of floodplain design standards updated

☐ Number of properties with access above 100 year or 500-year flood level

☐ Number of linear feet/miles of public improvement

☐ Number of public facilities constructed or reconstructed

☒ Number of residents protected from future flooding

C.5. Identify whether the project has a tieback to 2024 storms Hurricane Debby, Helene or Milton or is it a mitigation only project. Reference the Federal Registry website - [Click Here](#). (Project Tieback Scoring Criteria Question)

Tieback

C.5.a. Describe tieback to 2024 storms (Project Tieback Scoring Criteria Question)

Storm surge added sediment to tidal reach of Whitaker Bayou.

C.5.b. If applicable, describe tieback to Hurricane Ian.

NA

C.6. Describe the urgency of the repair and how this project benefits the community: (Project Impact Scoring Criteria Question)

The resulting backwater floods approximately 210 residences and closes US-301/Myrtle St for up to 8 hours during moderate rain events. Hydrographic surveys (2024) show $\approx$ 118,000 CY of sediment shoaling, leaving the bayou unable to convey even a 2-year storm.

Targeted dredging to original design grades will:

- Restore conveyance for the 100-year (1 %) level of service.
- Eliminate first-floor flooding for all 210 at-risk homes.

C.7. Have there been any environmental studies or assessments completed? (Project Readiness Scoring Criteria Question)

No

C.8. Are there any known or potential environmental/historic concerns associated with the project? (Project Readiness Scoring Criteria Question)

No

C.9. Does this project involve the future acquisition of real property? (Project Readiness Scoring Criteria Question)

No

C.10. For this proposed project, identify the stage of the project for the following areas:

C.10a. Acquisition (Project Readiness Scoring Criteria)

None of the Above (Explain)

Explain:

NA

C.10b. Zoning for multifamily at proposed units and density (Project Readiness Scoring Criteria)

None of the Above (Explain)

Explain:

NA

C.10c. Site Plans

Not Started Yet

C.10d. Permitting

Not Started Yet

C.10e. Site Preparation:

Not Started Yet

C.10f. Construction

Not Started Yet

D. Project Budget

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D. Project Budget

Please provide the following information.

D.1. Amount of CDBG-DR funds requested for this project: (Project Readiness Scoring Criteria Question)
\$10,012,000.00

D.2. Are there any other additional funding sources for this project? (Financial Plan Scoring Criteria Question)
Yes

D.2a. Other Source of Funds:

Name of Source	Other Source Explain	Amount	Status	Notes	Anticipated Date to Request
Federal	US Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Infrastructure Assistance, Section 219	\$9,999,000.00	Requested	See below	M/d/yyyy
Total:		\$9,999,000.00			

D.2b. Have all the funds from other sources been awarded/received?
No

D.2c. For funds that have been requested and not awarded, explain the process and timeline for securing funds:
The City’s Section 219 request was successfully included in the FY26 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill at \$9,999,000 (House-passed Oct. 1, 2025).
• Fall 2025: Congress will either (a) enact a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) that carries CPFs (Sept) or (b) finalize a full-year omnibus appropriations bill (Dec).
• Early 2026: After enactment, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (HQ & Jacksonville District) will obligate Section 219 funds through its work plan/Treasury process.
• City/County teams are coordinating with USACE Jacksonville on scope alignment, phasing, and match documentation to ensure immediate obligation once the FY26 bill (or CR) is enacted.

Federal – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Environmental Infrastructure Assistance, Section 219 – federally earmarked Community Project Funding (CPF) in the FY26 Energy & Water Development Appropriations Bill \$9,999,000.00 Pending Final Appropriation The House passed the FY26 Energy & Water bill on Oct. 1, 2025, listing Sarasota’s Whitaker Bayou Section 219 CPF at \$9,999,000
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. Two paths to enactment are under active negotiation:

- Short-term Continuing Resolution (late Sept.) that carries CPFs – would finalize funding in Sept. if CPFs are included.
 - Full-year appropriations (Dec.) – if CPFs are not in the CR, final approval expected with the December omnibus.
- Both scenarios keep FY26 obligation on track (Treasury/USACE funds typically release early 2026).

D.3. Project Budget:

Description	Budget Amount	CDBG-DR Amount Requested	Notes
Environmental Review Allowance (Must be \$11000)	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	
Acquisition	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Design/Engineering/Architectural Services	\$1,150,000.00	\$0.00	Bathymetry, geotech, design & permitting
Construction (Green Building standard required)	\$18,170,000.00	\$10,001,000.00	Hydraulic dredging & dewatering. Upland disposal / beneficial reuse
Other	\$680,000.00	\$0.00	Sediment testing, compliance, monitoring & 5 % contingency
TOTAL	\$20,011,000.00	\$10,012,000.00	

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS (PROJECT IMPACT SCORING CRITERIA QUESTION)

Provide a cost benefit analysis that details the project costs and number of persons served using the methodology provided below.

Methodology: The cost per person ratio is determined by dividing the CDBG-DR project application amount by the number of total project beneficiaries.

Example: City A has submitted a project application in the amount of \$300,000. The total project beneficiaries are 1,850.

Result: \$300,000 (project application amount) / 1,850 (total project beneficiaries) = \$162.16 per person benefiting

D.4. Cost Benefit Analysis Calculation (Project Impact Scoring Criteria Question)

Total Project Beneficiaries:

58,525

Per Person Benefit:

\$171.07

D.5. Please explain the data sources used to determine the number of beneficiaries in the cost benefit analysis: (Project Impact Scoring Criteria Question)

Residential beneficiaries (homes): derived from a reproducible, public-data workflow using: Sarasota County Parcels/Property Appraiser records (use codes and unit counts for single- and multi-family), Address Points (unit-level cross-check), and flood impact area from the 1% annual-chance inundation polygon. Where a public model polygon is not posted, the FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) Special Flood Hazard Area extent is used as a conservative proxy. Units are summed (NO_RES_UNTS for multifamily/condo) and converted to persons at 2.5 persons/household.

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Transportation users (persons served): Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) for the affected corridors; treated as 1 person/vehicle (conservative) to avoid overstating benefits. Segments used here: US-301 (50,000 AADT), Myrtle Ave (8,000 AADT).

D.6. Are there any existing contracts related to this project? Such as design, engineering, construction, general contractor, partnership agreements, and etc. (Project Readiness Scoring Criteria Question)

Yes

D.6a. Describe the existing contracts:

An Inter-Local Agreement between Sarasota County and the City of Sarasota for consolidation of stormwater management within the city.

E. Pre-Award Assessment

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E. Pre-Award Assessment

Please provide the following information.

E.1. Has the organization previously been awarded funding from HUD?

Yes

E.1a. Describe the type of funding awarded and when:

The City of Sarasota has previously received HUD funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These funds have supported infrastructure upgrades, housing rehabilitation, and neighborhood revitalization initiatives across multiple program years.

E.1b. Has the organization ever been on any corrective action plans?

No

E.2. Has the organization ever undertaken the proposed activity before?

Yes

E.2a. What was the result?

Yes, the City of Sarasota dredged Whitaker Bayou in the 2010's. Projects completed successfully utilizing contract and consultant agreements and management by City of Sarasota personnel.

E.3. Briefly describe the qualifications/credentials and experience of key staff responsible for this project:

Name	Title	Qualifications/Credentials/Experience/Project Responsibility
Nikesh Patel, PE, CPM, PTOE, CGC, AICP	Director of Public Works	Licensed Professional Engineer and Certified Public Manager with over 21 years of experience in municipal infrastructure, stormwater, and resiliency projects. Oversees all Public Works divisions, including Engineering, Stormwater, and Capital Projects. Serves as City lead for Resilient SRQ coordination and interagency compliance.
Sage Kamiya, PE, PTOE	City Engineer	Licensed Professional Engineer with 26 years of extensive experience in stormwater management, flood mitigation, and coastal infrastructure. Provides engineering oversight for capital design, permitting, and technical compliance with federal and state funding requirements.
Andrew Neuhaus, EIT	Environmental Engineer Trainee	B.S. in Chemical Engineering with

		concentration in environmental and water resources systems. Supports project scoping, technical analysis, and permitting coordination. Serves as the primary point of contact for Resilient SRQ documentation and coordination with the County.
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E.4. Briefly describe how and who will monitor progress in implementing the project including any data collection tools that will be used to verify achievement of project’s goals and objectives:

County and/or City project controls team will monitor:

- Baseline and resource-loaded schedule (MS Project/Primavera); monthly contractor pay-item reports; change-order log; milestone reviews at design submittals, permit approvals, NTP, 50%, Substantial, and Close-out.

County and/or City staff will conduct field verification:

- Pre-/interim/post-dredge hydrographic surveys to confirm removal volumes; daily inspector logs; environmental compliance sampling (sediments/water) per permit conditions; disposal ticketing and chain-of-custody for upland placement.

County and/or City staff will conduct outcome verification:

- Post-construction flood modeling to confirm restoration of 100-year LOS conveyance.
- Documentation that storm-event roadway closures on identified corridors are reduced to 0 hours following project completion.

F. Required Documents

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F. Required Documents

The documents linked below are required to be completed and signed. Please complete and upload each document to its respective upload field.

[Declaration and Certification Form](#)

[Lobbying Certification Form](#)

[Debarment and Suspension Form](#)

[Foreign Country of Concern Attestation](#)

Documentation



Declaration and Certification *Required

Certifications_City of Sarasota.pdf



Lobbying Certification *Required

Lobbying Form_City of Sarasota.pdf



Debarment and Suspension Form *Required

Government Wide Debarment and Suspension_City of Sarasota.pdf



Foreign Country of Concern Attestation *Required

Foreign Country of Concern Attestation_City of Sarasota.pdf



Other Project Support Documentation

Whitaker Bayou Project Area Map.pdf

Whitaker Bayou Stream Assessment_Estuary Program.pdf

Ranking List_City of Sarasota.pdf

Submit

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Submit Application

Once an application is submitted, it can only be "Re-opened" by an Administrator.

By submitting this application:

☐ I hereby attest that the organization is aware that this is a cost reimbursement grant and not a loan that is being applied for. If project is selected for award it will be made in the name of the applying organization only.

☐ I affirm that by submitting this application that the organization acknowledges that there may be no choice-limiting actions may occur on this project until environmental clearance is received, a Notice to Proceed Authority to Use Grant Funds (AUGF) is issued. Choice-limiting actions include but are not limited to execution of legally binding contracts, awarding construction contracts, real property acquisition, demolition, dredging, filling and excavation, rehabilitation, site improvements, awarding bids for procurement or new construction activities.

☐ I hereby attest that the information provided herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

☐ I understand that this submission is a preliminary step in the application process and that additional verification of the provided information may be required at a later stage.

☐ I acknowledge that any willful misrepresentation or falsification of information within this submission may result in disqualification of my application.

You will receive an e-mail confirmation when your application has been successfully submitted. If you do not receive a confirmation email, check the following:

- The junk/spam filters for your email account
- Check which email address you used to set up your Neighborly account

Authorized Signature:

***Not signed*