The ARC RIDGE AREA, AVON PARK, FLORIDA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE

THE ARC RIDGE AREA CDBG MITIGATION CRITICAL HARDENING FACILITY GRANT ADULT TRAINING FACILITY HARDENING

The ARC Ridge Area is developing an Application for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Critical Hardening Facility Grant. The ARC is seeking input from potential stakeholders and the public on the grant application. The ARC is in a HUD designated area of need and is over 50%LMI and is rural.

The ARC is applying for approximately \$1,286,365.75 to mitigate the risks to the protected Community Lifelines of food/water/shelter, safety and security, and health and medical, through the critical hardening of the ARC's Adult Training Facility. These funds must be used for the following purposes:

To address mitigation and resiliency needs in the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) identified Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas, and state-identified MID areas that were declared disaster areas eligible for both Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Public Assistance, categories A - G. The ARC's proposed activities include, improvements to the existing ARC Adult Training Facility include exterior wall and roof structural supports, upgraded wind rated doors and shuttered windows.

A public announcement of these funds and the proposed project was posted on the ARC's Website and an advertisement was published in the local paper. The public is invited to provide comments on the CDBG-MIT Critical Facility Hardening Program Project. A draft application has been developed and the public is invited to review the draft application posted on the ARC's web at http://www.Ridgeareaarc.org or to view a hard copy by contacting Kathleen Border, CEO at phone: (863) 452-1295 or email: <u>kborder@ridgeareaarc.org</u> . Written comments can be provided to Kathleen Border and MUST be received no later than June 28, 2020. Copies of the Application will be made available in Spanish upon request.

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