

NEWSLETTER



TRANSFORM386 STRENGTHENING VOLUSIA'S FUTURE



TOP NEWS FOR TRANSFORM386 IN THIS ISSUE:

GENERAL UPDATES



Latest updates on the Homeowner Recovery, Infrastructure & Mitigation, and Multi-Family Housing Programs.

The application portal for the Homeowner Recovery Program is now open! Read more for details on how to apply.



PORTAL LAUNCH & EVENT

RESOURCES



Two new resources highlighted.



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GENERAL UPDATES

>>> OUR PROGRAMS

Homeowner Recovery Program

We are continuing to make steady progress assisting homeowners impacted by Hurricane Ian and now Hurricane Milton. More than 1,700 applications have been received to date, with hundreds still actively moving through the program. Additionally, the application portal has reopened! See page 3 for details on how to apply.

Infrastructure & Mitigation Program

Local governments and nonprofit partners submitted new projects for funding consideration this most recent quarter. Several projects from the first round have advanced into environmental review and procurement, marking key steps toward construction.

Multifamily Housing Program

Environmental reviews were submitted to HUD for future multifamily developments aimed at expanding safe, affordable housing options across the county.

MEET A TEAM MEMBER

Pictured to the right is Projects Coordinator Sean MacDonald, a valued member of our Disaster Case Management (DCM) team. Sean plays an important role in guiding community members through the recovery process. He works closely with applicants from the start of the application to the final stages of their project, making sure all requirements are met and each step is completed accurately. His attention to detail helps keep projects on track, whether he's reviewing documentation, coordinating next steps, or answering questions along the way. Sean's goal is to make the process as clear and efficient as possible for homeowners as they move toward recovery.

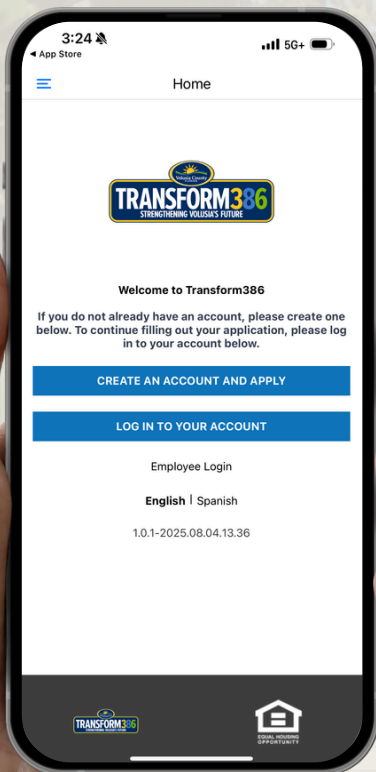


>>> THE APPLICATION PORTAL IS OPEN!

Homeowner Recovery Program - Apply Now for Hurricane Ian & Milton Assistance

The Homeowner Recovery Program application portal officially reopened on August 1, 2025, to support residents impacted by Hurricane Milton.

This funding supports Volusia County's ongoing recovery efforts following Hurricanes Ian and Milton, offering assistance for home repairs, reconstructions, replacements, reimbursements, match funding, and voluntary buyouts.



Eligibility Requirements

- The home must be owned and occupied by the applicant both currently and at the time of Hurricane Milton and/ or Ian.
- The property must be the applicant's primary residence.
- The home must have sustained damage from Hurricane Milton and/or Ian.
- The structure must be a single-family home or a residential property with 1 to 4 attached units.
- The value of the structure must fall within established limits.
- The household income must meet HUD income guidelines based on household size.

💡 See the chart below for current income limits.

SCAN HERE!



Income Limits

Size	Maximum Household Income
1	\$50,650
2	\$57,850
3	\$65,100
4	\$72,300
5	\$78,100
6	\$83,900

Visit our website to start your application today by clicking here.

➤➤ GRILL AND GET THE FACTS OVERVIEW

On July 25, 2025, Transform386 hosted Grill & Get the Facts, a community-focused event that brought residents together for good food, helpful information, and face-to-face support.

The event was a success, with over one hundred homeowners attending to learn more about the Homeowner Recovery Program. Attendees had the chance to speak directly with our Director, ask questions about the program, and get personalized guidance on next steps. Our team also shared updates on the application portal reopening and helped residents register their account in advance to make the application process faster and easier.

Of course, no community event is complete without food! Guests enjoyed hotdogs, games, and a welcoming space to connect with neighbors and staff alike.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. Your participation helps keep recovery efforts strong and community focused.

Couldn't make it? [Visit our website or reach out to our team to learn how you can still apply for assistance.](#)



RESOURCES

Each quarter, we will spotlight two resources that may be valuable to the public.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY BEGINS

Beginning August 1, Florida residents can take advantage of a year-round sales tax holiday on select disaster preparedness items thanks to a new state law.

The permanent exemption applies to essential supplies like flashlights, batteries, weather radios, fuel containers, tarps, coolers, and more. It also includes pet supplies, such as portable kennels and pet medications that are needed to protect your whole family during a storm.



To see a full list of tax-free items and more information, click the link below:

[Full List](#)

VOLUSIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUSINESS NEEDS SURVEY



To help support planning and recovery efforts and ensure emergency management resources are aligned with business sector needs, Volusia County Emergency Management (VCEM) has developed a business needs survey. The survey is designed to help VCEM better understand the challenges, needs, and priorities of the local business community, both during and after disasters. Take the survey here: <https://forms.juware.com/VOLUSIA-PSG-Survey>.

