

Volusia County Annual Action Plan Disaster Policy

Volusia County seeks to be a strong partner to local populations affected by natural disasters. In these situations, Volusia County will work to leverage all resources under its scope to provide support to vulnerable homeless clients. The Emergency Solutions Grant funding awarded to Volusia County is one of the resources that the county may use to support homeless individuals impacted by natural disasters. This could include persons who were homeless before the disaster, those that were precariously housed and became homeless because of the disaster, and those whose needs will not be served or fully met by Transitional Sheltering Assistance program and therefore may become homeless as a result. In order to provide flexible and meaningful support, Volusia County reserves the right to focus grant funding, both prior and new awards, and any corresponding eligible component types to the affected areas.

In these situations, Volusia County may make targeted grant awards to subrecipients that are governments and/or nonprofits to address direct deficits to existing programs. These awards may be utilized to provide temporary support to expand program occupancy with regard to street outreach, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention, or to fund a new activity if the need is determined. These activities may be utilized on the street or in temporary shelters to move new and existing clients into permanent housing. Volusia County may also make strategic awards to expand shelter beds or renovate shelters damaged by the disaster. All activities that may be funded must still align with regulations that govern the Emergency Solutions Grant and with the local policies and procedures.