

Richland County Public Hearing CDBG-MIT Funds

March 12, 2020



Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- History of Recent Disaster and Recovery in Richland County
- Overview of CDBG-MIT
- Use of CDBG-MIT Funds
- Public Input and Comment

History of Recent Disaster & Recovery



History of Recent Disaster & Recovery



- October 2015 – Hurricane Joaquin Disaster
- December 2015 – Congress passes Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Related Agencies Appropriations Act to assist with long-term recovery in South Carolina and Texas
- June 2016 – HUD allocates \$299 million in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) to states and communities to address continuing, long-term recovery efforts related to unmet housing, economic development, and infrastructure needs
 - \$23,516,000 allocated to Richland County
- May 2017 – Congress passes another Appropriations Act to allocate additional funds for 2015 and 2016 disasters

History of Recent Disaster & Recovery (cont'd)



- August 2017 – HUD allocates \$400 million in CDBG-DR funds to states and communities
 - \$7,254,000 allocated to Richland County
- February 2018 – Congress passes Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act making \$28 billion in CDBG-DR funds available through HUD
 - HUD was directed to allocate at least \$12 billion for mitigation activities
- August 2019 – HUD allocates \$6.875 billion in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds to grantees recovering from qualifying 2015, 2016, and 2017 disasters
 - \$21,864,000 allocated to Richland County

Overview of CDBG-MIT



CDBG-MIT Overview



- Unique and significant opportunity to use CDBG-MIT funds for strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses
- Increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters
- CDBG National Objectives
 - Benefit to low- and moderate-income persons
 - Prevent or eliminate slum and blight
 - Address urgent community health and welfare needs
- CDBG-MIT funds are focused on benefiting vulnerable lower-income people and communities in the most impacted and distressed areas (MID)

Use of CDBG-MIT Funds



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- Each grantee must submit to HUD an action plan for proposed use of CDBG-MIT funds
 - Mitigation Needs Assessment of MID areas
 - Proposed Activities and Budget
 - Infrastructure
 - Economic Development
 - Housing
 - Planning, administration, and public services
 - Matching funds
 - Citizen Participation Plan
 - Mitigation Pre-Award Implementation Plan

Use of CDBG-MIT Funds (cont'd)



- Citizen Participation Plan is designed to encourage participation by the public and allow equal access to information about the CDBG-MIT program by all citizens
 - Public hearings to collect input from citizens and stakeholders in writing or orally
 - Public notice and comment period via Richland County Mitigation website at <http://rcgov.us/mitigation>.
 - Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee
 - Performance reporting on a quarterly basis via website
 - Accommodations for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP)

Public Input and Comment



Ongoing Citizen Participation



- March 18, 2020 – publish CDBG-MIT Action Plan for Public Comment at <http://rcgov.us/mitigation>
- April 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm– second Public Hearing and Presentation of Action Plan
 - Decker Center Community Room
 - 1945 Decker Blvd, Columbia, SC, 29206