



Richland County Council

BLUE RIBBON AD HOC COMMITTEE

June 29, 2017 – 2:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Councilman Greg Pearce, Councilwoman Dalhi Myers, Malcolm Gordge, Carol Kososki, Tracy Hegler, Natasha Lemon, Liz McDonald, Valeria Jackson, Quinton Epps, Miranda Spivey, Michael King, Heather Brown, Michelle Onley, Sammy Wade, Bernice Scott, Sabrina Todd, Geraldene Robinson, Elaine DuBose, and Jessica Burgoyne

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Pearce called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

HMGP 2015 FLOOD UPDATE

HMGP 4241-DR (2015 FLOOD) UPDATE:

- All County submitted applications have been approved by State and submitted to FEMA
- The Lake Dogwood Dam Armoring application was not completed. State has automatically rolled that project to HMGP 4286-DR funding consideration.
- Danbury public works project has been dropped from HMGP consideration and will be funded entirely CDBG-DR funding.
- Our remaining public works application may or may not be funded by State out of HMGP 4241-DR funding.
- Federal money available has increased from \$39M to \$48M
- Received word on May 19th that FEMA will extend review time for 6-8 months (February 2018).

A letter has been sent to the residents explaining the delay in the review time.

Ms. Todd inquired if realistically the residents could be dealing with this matter in 2019.

It appears FEMA has begun the review process, so there is the hope this will be concluded sooner than February 2018.

HMGP 2016 HURRICANE MATTHEW UPDATE

HMGP 4286-DR UPDATE (HURRICANE MATTHEW):

- Pre-applications were due to SCEMD by April 11, 2017. Full applications are due by August 1, 2017.
- The BRC recommended to Council to resubmit all 4241-DR (2015 Floods) applications for 4286-DR (Hurricane Matthew) and to identify any additional buy-out projects
- We identified one additional property for buy-out in the Stoop Creek area under HMGP 4246-DR (Hurricane Matthew). This pre-application was submitted to SCEMD and SCEMD approved the pre-application for full application.
- Public Works identified 15 other properties as potential buyouts for a mitigation project. This pre-application was submitted to SCEMD and SCEMD approved the pre-application for full application.
- Initial estimate of Federal money available is \$36M

FUNDING THE HMGP BUYOUT MATCH:

- Council approved HMGP 4241 (Flood) 25% Local match was paid out of CDBG-DR funds
- We have 16 buyouts we are submitting under HMGP 4286 (Matthew).
- Recommend the following options in order:
 1. Use savings from existing CDBG-DR HMGP match
 2. The remaining difference, if allowable by the Federal Register, use part of the \$7.25 million of additional CDBG-DR funds
 3. If anything remains, use as a last resort, the Stormwater Fund Balance

Mr. Gordge moved, seconded by Ms. Kososki, to approve staff's recommendation.

Ms. DuBose inquired if the Stormwater fund covers ditches in neighborhoods and what comes out of the Stormwater fund.

The Stormwater fund does not cover private ditch maintenance.

Ms. Scott stated her property is being affected by water backing up on her property due to an existing ditch. There needs to be a solution to this, especially for the citizens in the lower part of the County.

Ms. Scott stated the Feds allowed the County to get the money to do the ditch in Eastover, Hopkins and Gadsden. The criteria was to make sure when the County got the money to maintain the ditches.

Ms. Myers stated she would be happy to convene a meeting to discuss this in more detail since this is in her district.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

CDBG-DR UPDATE

CDBG-DR SF Critical Path for Housing:

~~3/7 Post Mobile Home RFP~~
~~3/20 Post Single Family Rehab RFQ~~
~~4/3 Close Mobile Home RFP~~
~~4/10 Select Mobile Home Vendor(s)~~
~~4/17 Announcement~~
~~4/17 Outreach Begins~~
~~4/18 Close Single Family Rehab RFQ~~
4/25 – Qualify Single Family Rehab Vendors
~~4/25 BRC for Recommendation of Mobile Home Vendor(s)~~
~~5/2 Council Reading for Selection of Mobile Home Vendor(s)~~
~~5/15 Intake Begins~~
~~5/17 Contract(s) Signed with Mobile Home Vendor(s)~~
~~6/15 Intake Ends~~
7/7 – Contract Signed with Mobile Home Vendor
7/19 – First Cost Estimate Completed
7/21 – Vendors able to Sign First Contracts with Residents

Status of Request for Additional CDBG-DR Funds:

- Council formally requested additional CDBG-DR funds based on the large amount of remaining storm related unmet needs
- Letter was signed and submitted to Senator Graham's office on February 1, 2017

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- County requested an additional \$57.5 million
- County requested the LMI threshold to be reduced from 70% to 50%
- County is receiving \$7.25 million
- County is awaiting the Federal Register. Until then, we will not know what Federal requirements are tied to this additional funding.

1. Intake Overview

- Intake begins at 9:00 AM, May 15 at Richland County Administration Building and Gadsden Park Community Center
- Intake at Gadsden Park Community Center is for only one day (May 15)
- Intake ends at 5:00 PM, June 15
- We received 569 applications.
- We only have enough money to serve approximately 145-175 eligible homeowners
- The BRC and Council’s desire is to prioritize serving those in most need
- The BRC recommended to the Council, and was approved by Council, to include in the approve CDBG-DR Action Plan the following priorities:
 - Priority 1: *1A: Extremely Low Income or LMI and one of the following: Elderly; Disabled; and/or Life Threatening Conditions; *1B: Very Low Income or LMI and one of the following: Veteran; Child; and/or Single-Parent Family; *1C: Low Income
 - Priority 2: Household Gross Annual Income DOES NOT fall into HUD’s Low, Very Low or Extremely Low categories

BREAKDOWN OF CDBG-DR APPLICATIONS

Priority	Stick Built	Mobile Home	Modular Home	Missing	Total
1A1	41	14	0	0	55
1A2	96	44	0	0	140
1A3	109	19	1	0	129
1A4	26	7	0	0	33
1A5	18	4	0	0	22
1A6	21	3	0	0	24
1A7	9	4	0	0	13
1B	21	5	0	0	26
1C	26	2	0	0	28
2	73	2	0	0	75
Incomplete/Ineligible		21			566

Staff reached out to residents to ensure all those in need were able to submit an application. Staff was upfront and made them aware that this was not a guarantee of funding.

ACTION PLAN UPDATE

- Removal of references to modular homes in both owner occupied and rental rehab programs
- Update 2016 income limits to 2017 income limits
- Increase the cap in owner occupied MHU replacement program to \$65,000
- Change reference to multiple MHU replacement floor plan options
- Remove reference to sending electronic status notifications to applicants
- Merge descriptions of Inspector and Cost Estimators into one position
- Merge Procurement/Contractor Specialist with CDBG-DR Grants Accountant positions
- County reserves the right to make exceptions to grant size limits in cases involving health, safety and humanitarian reason

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. DuBose, to approve staff's recommendation.

UPDATE ON RESTORATION OF DAMS

Dam Name	Status
Lake Elizabeth	Owners not rebuilding dam. SCDOT issued permit to remove primary outlet works and convert to a bridge
Cary's Lake	Permit issued – construction underway
Lower Rocky Ford/Rocky Ford	Permit issued – construction underway
Upper Rocky Creek/North Lake/Overcreek Road	Permit issued – construction underway
Covington Lake	Negotiating consent agreement for repair/removal with owner
Beaver/Wildwood Pond #2/Boyd Pond Two	Repairs complete
Walden Place Pond	Permit issued – Owner has not been able to secure needed Richland County permits
Pinewood Lake	New owner signed consent agreement for repair/removal with requirement for permit within 1 year
Ulmers Pond	Permit issued – Construction not started
Westons Pond	Enforcement working to develop Consent Agreement or Administrative Order
Wilson Millpond	Enforcement working to develop Consent Agreement or Administrative Order
Murray Pond	Enforcement working to develop Consent Agreement or Administrative Order. June Residents voted on tax district
Clarkson Pond	Permit issued
Duffies Pond	Repairs complete
Semmes Lake (Ft. Jackson)	DHEC does not regulate
M. R. Trotter	Application under review
Haitcock Pond	Application for removal under review
Boyds Pond	Application under review
Drafts Pond	Repairs complete

MEETING SCHEDULE – The consensus is to meet as on as needed basis.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:53 p.m.