



Richland County Council

BLUE RIBBON AD HOC COMMITTEE

January 18, 2018 – 2:00 PM

4th Floor Conference Room

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

HMGP 4241-DR (2015 Flood Update)

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- All County submitted applications have been approved by State and submitted to FEMA
- FEMA has approved projects 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 48 and 276. Only projects 26 and 31 remain for FEMA approval.
- County has selected appraisers, closing attorneys, and demolition contractors to complete the buyout and destruction of the structures
 - County followed all Procurement policies and procedures in selecting contractors
 - All responsive proposals were unanimously selected by the review committee
 - Cherokee General Contractor
 - Corley Construction
 - Carolina Wrecking Inc.
- Three public outreach meetings held last week
 - Well attended
 - Kicked off the County's portion of the buyout process
- Land Use Committee is working on the property options to present to the BRC at the next meeting.
 - Surveys were collected at last week's public outreach meetings
 - An additional public meeting will be held to receive input from the remaining community members
 - Surveys being sent out to adjacent property owners

HMGP 4286-DR (Hurricane Matthew Update)

- Our two full applications were submitted by the due date of August 1, 2017 to receive 20 bonus points
- 1st Project: We identified one additional property for buyout in the Stoop Creek area under HMGP 4246-DR (Hurricane Matthew). The full application was approved by SCEMD and submitted to FEMA

- 2nd Project: Public Works identified 14 other properties as potential buyouts for a mitigation project. We were able to contact 11 of the 14 property owners. All 11 property owners consented to buyout. The full application was approved by SCEMD and submitted to FEMA.
- SCEMD said these were the best applications they have reviewed to date
- Initial estimate of Federal money available is \$36M.

HMGP 4346 (Hurricane Irma) Update

- Pre-Applications are due in March
- Proposed Project: Public Works identified 14 other properties as potential buyouts for a mitigation project. We were able to contact 11 of the 14 property owners and we submitted under HMGP 4286-DR (Hurricane Matthew). We have contacted two of the remaining three properties. One is not interested but one is interested in being bought out (property is foreclosed and owned now by a bank). We continue to try and reach the remaining property owner.
- Initial estimate of Federal money available is \$3 - \$4 M.

CDBG-DR Update

CDBG-DR SFHRP Stats Update:

- All 577 applicants (and their case managers, if applicable) notified of their status: seeking verification, on hold or ineligible
- 251 scheduled consultations
- 248 completed consultations
- 209 construction walks completed
- 193 completed scope and estimated cost of repairs (ECR)
- 85 Tier II Field Inspections completed
 - County followed all Procurement policies and procedures in selecting contractors for Asbestos Testing, Monitoring and Clearance
 - All responsive proposals were unanimously selected by the review committee
 - ABS Environmental
 - ECS
 - Intertek-PSI
 - Kleen Sites Geo Services
 - Summit
 - Terracon
 - ARM Environmental

CDBG-DR Small Rental Rehab Program:

- In addition to the changes you approved at the last meeting, staff proposes the following change for the Rental Rehab Program:

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- All applicants (property owners) must meet a household income eligibility criteria not to exceed 120% AMI
- No match requirement

Business Assistance Program:

- The RFP had been posted to seek bids on vendors to implement the program
- County followed all Procurement policies and procedures in selecting contractors and recommends the selection of Carolina Small Business Development Fund

Second Funding Allocation Timeline:

- \$7.25M additional CDBG-DR approved funding
- Federal register was issued.
- Amendment was submitted to HUD in November. HUD is reviewing amendment and has requested some minor “fine tuning” of the amendment language.
- Local HUD is still awaiting the conditional release of fund from HUD for any of the four SC second funding allocations of CDBG-DR monies.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.