



## **AGENDA**

### **Richland County Blue Ribbon Committee**

**February 11, 2016 – 2:00 pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2020 Hampton Street**

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Purpose of the Blue Ribbon Committee**
- 3. Introduce the Two Major Federal Funding Programs**

- a. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**

The purpose of the HMGP program is to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures following a Presidential major disaster declaration. Hazard mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property from natural hazards. The HMPG is authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

States, territories, or federally-recognized tribal governments administer the HMGP program and prioritize projects. Because HMGP funding is limited, they must make difficult decisions as to the most effective use of grant funds. After reviewing project applications to determine if they meet the program's requirements, the states, territories, or federally-recognized tribal governments forward the applications to FEMA for review and approval.

FEMA awards the HMGP funds to the Applicant, which disburses those funds to its subapplicants, generally the local governments. Homeowners may start their projects once notified by their local/ tribal/state government official. Work started prior to FEMA review and approval is ineligible for funding.

Please contact your State Hazard Mitigation Officer, or federally-recognized tribal/local government official to obtain information on the HMGP application process.

- b. Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)**

HUD provides flexible grants to help cities, counties, and States recover from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriations. In response to Presidentially declared disasters, Congress may appropriate additional funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as Disaster

Recovery grants to rebuild the affected areas and provide crucial seed money to start the recovery process. Since CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) assistance may fund a broad range of recovery activities, HUD can help communities and neighborhoods that otherwise might not recover due to limited resources.

**4. HMGP Selection Criteria**

- a. Richland County Disaster Recovery Working Group Recommendation**
- b. State of South Carolina Funding Recommendations**
- c. Requested Action: Consider HMGP Selection Criteria**

**5. Notice of Voluntary Interest Form**

- a. Introduce Home Buy-out Program under HMGP**
- b. Introduce Recommended Form and Cover Letter**
- c. Requested Action: Consider Notice of Voluntary Interest Form, Cover Letter, and Form Recipient**

**6. Next Steps**

- a. Future Agenda Items**
- b. Next Meeting Date and Time**