

Grantee: Richland County, SC

Grant: B-16-UH-45-0002

July 1, 2025 thru September 30, 2025 Performance

Grant Number: B-16-UH-45-0002	Obligation Date:	Award Date:
Grantee Name: Richland County, SC	Contract End Date: 11/16/2026	Review by HUD: Submitted - Await for Review
Grant Award Amount: \$30,770,000.00	Grant Status: Active	QPR Contact: No QPR Contact Found
LOCCS Authorized Amount: \$30,770,000.00	Estimated PI/RL Funds:	
Total Budget: \$30,770,000.00		

Disasters:

Declaration Number

FEMA-4241-SC

Narratives

Disaster Damage:

\$30 million in CDBG-DR Funding has been awarded to Richland County, South Carolina to "...help to meet remaining unmet housing, economic development, and infrastructure needs that resulted from thousands of homes and small businesses being damaged or destroyed" On September 27, 2015, Hurricane Joaquin (Joaquin) developed over the Atlantic Ocean and strengthened into a Category 4 hurricane over the following several days. One of the largest storms to ever strike South Carolina, Joaquin brought historical rainfall and freshwater flooding throughout Richland County before dissipating on October 7, 2015. Unprecedented rainfall and the resulting 1,000 year flood event created major public safety threats and wrought considerable damage throughout the County including the destruction of homes, businesses, infrastructure, public facilities, and the impairment of the local and regional economy. On October 5, 2015, in response to these impacts, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 5121 et seq. (the "Stafford Act"). In the wake of this historical flood event, Richland County immediately began the long and arduous process of rebuilding. Over the weeks and months that followed, Richland County departments, with support from numerous organizations and volunteers, undertook a series of critical emergency response and recovery efforts. Vast quantities of debris were removed from roads, streams, and property throughout the County while essential infrastructure including roads, utilities, and municipal facilities were repaired. Concurrently, public health and safety issues were identified and addressed including emergency sheltering, temporary housing, medical attention, provision of household necessities, drinking water protection, housing repairs, and counselling among many others. Despite these efforts, the road to full recovery is long and many of the storm's impacts remain unaddressed throughout the County. In response to the magnitude of remaining recovery needs, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated a total of \$30.7 million to Richland County. These resources provide a critically important opportunity to continue recovery efforts in Richland County, and are intended to "...help to meet remaining unmet housing, economic development, and infrastructure needs that resulted from thousands of homes and small businesses being damaged or destroyed." Richland County, South Carolina has prepared this Action Plan as required by HUD to guide the expenditure of \$23,516,000 in CDBG-DR funding to assist the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from the presidentially declared flooding disaster of October 2015. This Action Plan assesses remaining unmet housing, infrastructure, and economic needs, and presents a series of programs and projects to maximize the recovery and resilience potential of this important resource. The CDBG-DRrogram is considered a "gap" funding source and is intended to assist with recovery needs not covered by other public and private fundingsources. While recovery efforts have continued without interruption since October, many impacts remain unaddressed due to several primary factors including: the profound extent and diversity of the damages to housing, infrastructure, and the economy; the unique conditions and vulnerabilities of Richland County's residents and businesses; and the limitations of available funding assistance. This unmet need assessment provides essential information to better understand the most impacted area

Recovery Needs:

Through the review of best available data and information, Richland County identified a total of \$251,934,883.81 in unmet recovery needs. Of these needs, housing assistance was identified as the largest area of unmet need followed by infrastructure, and then economic development. It is critical to understand that these figures should only be considered as initial estimates based on the available information at the time this plan was developed. Many impacts are very difficult or impossible to quantify and others cannot be identified at this time due to missing data. As such, the figures presented in this section are to be considered only as preliminary estimates and not as definitive facts regarding the true unmet needs in the County. Table 1 provides a summary of estimated unmet needs in Richland County across the core areas of housing, infrastructure, and economic development.

- Housing Unmet Need:\$194,111,866.94
- Infrastructure Unmet Need:\$46,132,611.50
- Economic Development Unmet Need: \$11,690,405.37
- Total Unmet Need: \$251,934,883.81

Recovery Goals

The community’s overarching hazard mitigation goals provide the foundation for identifying and implementing appropriate recovery programs. The series of goals presented in this Action Plan have been developed to reflect community values, existing conditions, identified damages, and vulnerabilities. Richland County established the following goals to guide development of the CDBG-DR Action Plan:

- Goal: Address the unique recovery needs and challenges of all residents of Richland County so that no one “falls through the cracks.”
- Goal: Provide safe housing for all residents.
- Goal: Achieve a comprehensive understanding of the root causes of flooding in Richland County.
- Goal: Position the County to better prepare for, respond to, and minimize impacts of future flood events.
- Goal: Ensure continuity of operations and the provision of essential services before, during, and after a disaster or hazardous event.
- Goal: Provide tailored solutions that are most appropriate for urban, rural, and all areas of the County.
- Goal: Achieve post-flood economic revitalization and long-term economic health.
- Goal: Address restoration of critical infrastructure. This includes schools but is not limited to schools.
- Goal: Ensure the Action Plan goals are consistent with other adopted planning documents.
- Goal: Provide accountability through financial oversight.

Overall	This Report Period	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	\$0.00	\$30,706,282.50
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$30,706,282.50
Total Obligated	\$2,275,198.45	\$29,546,800.36
Total Funds Drawdown	\$2,577,830.53	\$27,867,475.17
Program Funds Drawdown	\$2,577,830.53	\$27,867,475.17
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$24,433,314.11
HUD Identified Most Impacted and Distressed	\$0.00	\$24,433,314.11
Other Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Non-Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Funds Expended

Overall	This Period	To Date
Richland County	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,433,314.11

Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

Requirement	Target	Projected	Actual
Overall Benefit Percentage	70.00%	93.11%	86.74%
Minimum Non Federal Match	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Overall Benefit Amount	\$18,012,610.00	\$23,900,645.13	\$22,320,188.87
Limit on Public Services	\$4,615,500.00	\$.00	\$.00
Limit on Admin/Planning	\$6,154,000.00	\$5,037,700.00	\$5,003,955.22
Limit on Admin	\$1,538,500.00	\$1,537,700.00	\$1,537,700.00
Most Impacted and Distressed	\$30,770,000.00	\$30,706,282.50	\$24,433,314.11

Overall Progress Narrative:

The primary activity performed during this quarter was finalizing the substantial amendment to the Action Plan (AP) as mentioned in the most previous QPR. The amendment is complete and is ready to submit to HUD regional partners upon reopening of Federal Government. The one outstanding task is:

1. Financial reconciliation continues to be performed by Richland County (RCG). RCG switched Countywide financial tracking software around 2 years ago and the overwhelming majority of CDBG-DR expenditures are housed on the archived software platform (Centralsquare). Reconciliation is still underway marrying the archived software platform to the new one (Workday)

and then matching that up with DRGR. HUD provided Technical Assistance (TA) is assisting RCG. When reconciliation is complete, RCG in concert with HUD, will be able to move funds to appropriate categories (according to substantial amendment). This will enable RCG to spend down remaining amounts of grant and work towards closeout.

-RBG (11/4/2025)

Project Summary

Project #, Project Title	This Report	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
9999, Restricted Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Admin, Administration	\$26,389.78	\$1,537,700.00	\$1,537,700.00
DELETED-ACTIVITIES, DELETED-ACTIVITIES (Temporary)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RC1000, Housing	\$2,000,000.00	\$21,782,300.00	\$20,867,208.03
RC2000, Infrastructure	\$60,460.29	\$2,936,282.50	\$1,452,980.84
RC3000, Economic Development	\$474,710.75	\$950,000.00	\$543,331.08
RC4000, Recovery and Resiliency Planning	\$16,269.71	\$3,500,000.00	\$3,466,255.22

Activities

Project # /	Admin / Administration
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Grantee Activity Number: RC9001

Activity Title: Administration

Activity Type:	Activity Status:
Administration	Under Way
Project Number:	Project Title:
Admin	Administration
Projected Start Date:	Projected End Date:
11/18/2016	11/16/2026
Benefit Type:	Completed Activity Actual End Date:
N/A	
National Objective:	Responsible Organization:
N/A	Richland County

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2025	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	\$0.00	\$1,537,700.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$1,537,700.00
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$1,537,700.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$26,389.78	\$1,537,700.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$26,389.78	\$1,537,700.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$1,107,973.22
Richland County	\$0.00	\$1,107,973.22
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$1,107,973.22

Activity Description:

Administrative activities will include costs incurred for the general management, oversight, coordination of grant administration, and non-planning related pre-award activities.

Location Description:

Administrative activities will mostly take place at the Richland County offices in Columbia, SC.

Activity Progress Narrative:

Accomplishments Performance Measures

No Accomplishments Performance Measures

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.

Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources

No Other Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Activity Supporting Documents: None

Project # / RC1000 / Housing

Grantee Activity Number: 1001

Activity Title: SF Housing Rehab LMI

Activity Type:

Rehabilitation/reconstruction of residential structures

Project Number:

RC1000

Projected Start Date:

01/03/2018

Benefit Type:

Direct (HouseHold)

National Objective:

Low/Mod

Activity Status:

Under Way

Project Title:

Housing

Projected End Date:

09/30/2021

Completed Activity Actual End Date:

Responsible Organization:

Richland County

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2025	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	\$0.00	\$18,947,300.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$18,947,300.00
Total Obligated	\$1,947,300.00	\$18,947,300.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$2,000,000.00	\$18,636,290.09
Program Funds Drawdown	\$2,000,000.00	\$18,636,290.09
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$16,664,076.15
Richland County	\$0.00	\$16,664,076.15
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$16,664,076.15

Activity Description:

The Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation Program (SFHRP) will provide housing assistance to homeowners who were impacted by the severe storms and flooding that occurred in October 2015. This program will focus on repair or rehabilitation of single family housing units in the disaster-impacted areas to applicable construction codes and standards. This program may also include replacing an existing substandard manufactured housing unit (MHU) with a new or standard MHU. In some cases, rehabilitation of a unit may require reconstruction of the unit due to the extent of damage, cost reasonableness or safety issues. Reconstruction will occur on the same lot in substantially the same footprint and manner. The number of units on the lot of a re-built unit may not increase and the total square footage of the original, principal residence structure to be reconstructed may not be substantially exceeded; however, the number of rooms in a unit may be increased or decreased. Rehabilitation may be offered to applicants based on the extent of damage to the home. Replacement of MHUs will be limited to situations where local zoning/building permits or federal requirements such as environmental regulations will allow replacement of the original, storm-damaged home. Understanding that it may be necessary for applicants to remove themselves and their belongings from their homes during the period of repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction, Richland County Community Planning and Development will consider relocation assistance on a case-by-case basis.

This Program does not pay for like for like replacement. The Program will offer standard, basic amenities to make a home decent, safe and sanitary and all improvements will be assessed for compliance with HUD Section 8 Existing Housing Quality Standards, and local building codes. Luxury items, including but not limited to, granite (or other high-end) countertops, high-end appliances, stone flooring, garage door openers, security systems, swimming pools, fences, and television satellite dishes are not eligible under the SFHRP.

Where replacement of a MHU or stick built home is indicated, a standard floor plan option will be offered. If a replacement home is provided, the original MHU or stick built home must be demolished and removed from the site prior to the replacement of that structure."

Additional improvement parameters include:

- Lead-based paint mitigation or stabilization, as needed.
 - Mold remediation, as needed.
 - Accessibility features for documented special needs.
 - Standard appliances limited to refrigerator, stove/oven, but will only be considered when repair would not be cost effective.
 - Ventilation and energy efficiency items such as ceiling fans, window screens, and screen doors may be replaced if damage is reasonably attributable to storm damage.
 - Elevation above the base flood elevation level where the rehabilitation will constitute a substantial improvement in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).
 - All electrical components must be inspected including service, meter, wiring, and fixtures even if no electrical work is being specified. Unsafe components must be replaced. All exposed wiring, switches, and light bulbs in living areas must be encased.
 - All homes must be equipped with a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector, if necessary, installed in conformity with code requirements.
 - Rehabilitated homes inhabited by special needs or elderly (age 62 or older) persons must be analyzed as to the special physical needs of such persons. Improvements such as widened doorways, ramps, level entry and doorways, and grab bars in bath areas may be installed, if appropriate and if the homeowner agrees to the appropriate and if the homeowner agrees to the improvements. Hearing and sight impaired adaptations should also be considered. All special needs requirements must be documented prior to approval.
 - Applicants whose MHU may be replaced can request to place the new MHU on another property they currently own, which is located in Richland County outside of the City of Columbia, if the other property meets all zoning requirements for a MHU and is also not located in a FEMA SFHA. This request must be approved by the County.
- The County gathered enough applicants who were LMI qualified to justify utilizing all of the activity funds to meet the LMI National Objective. The Housing Rehab activity with the Urgent Need National Objective was therefore combined into this activity.

Location Description:

All projects will take place in Richland County outside of the city limits of Columbia, South Carolina.

Activity Progress Narrative:

Accomplishments Performance Measures

	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Housing Units	0	183/200
# of Singlefamily Units	0	183/200

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

	This Report Period			Cumulative Actual Total / Expected			
	Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total	Low/Mod%
# of Households	0	0	0	170/100	0/100	187/200	90.91
# Owner	0	0	0	170/100	0/100	183/200	92.90

Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources

No Other Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Activity Supporting Documents:

None



Grantee Activity Number: 1003

Activity Title: HMGP Residential Buyout Match LMI

Activity Type:	Activity Status:
Acquisition - buyout of residential properties	Under Way
Project Number:	Project Title:
RC1000	Housing
Projected Start Date:	Projected End Date:
04/29/2018	09/30/2021
Benefit Type:	Completed Activity Actual End Date:
Direct (HouseHold)	
National Objective:	Responsible Organization:
Low/Mod	Richland County

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2025	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	\$0.00	\$2,435,000.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$2,435,000.00
Total Obligated	\$35,000.00	\$2,508,896.49
Total Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$2,230,917.94
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$2,230,917.94
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$2,230,917.94
Richland County	\$0.00	\$2,230,917.94
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$2,230,917.94

Activity Description:

The activity will support voluntary buyout of homes located in the SFHA that were impacted by the severe storms and flooding of October 2015. Specifically, this program will provide funding for the required 25% local share match of pending HMGP applications.

Update:

The County is moving funds from Urgent Need to LMI as we have identified additional eligible applicants under the LMI objective.

Location Description:

Richland County, not including the city of Columbia.

Activity Progress Narrative:

Accomplishments Performance Measures	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total

# of Parcels acquired	0	55/60
# of Properties	0	55/60

	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Housing Units	0	55/60
# of Singlefamily Units	0	55/60

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

	This Report Period			Cumulative Actual Total / Expected			
	Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total	Low/Mod%
# of Households	0	0	0	0/30	0/30	58/60	0.00
# of Persons	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	66/0	0.00
# Owner	0	0	0	0/30	0/30	58/60	0.00

Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources	Amount
FEMA HMGP	\$9,495,480.00
Total Other Funding Sources	\$0.00

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Activity Supporting Documents:	None
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Project # /

RC2000 / Infrastructure

Grantee Activity Number: 2003

Activity Title: Public Infrastructure Resilience

Activity Type:

Construction/reconstruction of water/sewer lines or systems

Project Number:

RC2000

Projected Start Date:

12/01/2020

Benefit Type:

Area (Census)

National Objective:

Low/Mod

Activity Status:

Under Way

Project Title:

Infrastructure

Projected End Date:

11/30/2022

Completed Activity Actual End Date:

Responsible Organization:

Richland County

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2025	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	\$0.00	\$2,110,624.50
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$2,110,624.50
Total Obligated	\$180,591.96	\$2,110,624.50
Total Funds Drawdown	\$60,460.29	\$1,452,980.84
Program Funds Drawdown	\$60,460.29	\$1,452,980.84
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$911,740.96
Richland County	\$0.00	\$911,740.96
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$911,740.96

Activity Description:

Richland County will use the infrastructure resilience funds for the Danbury Drainage project. This project will include upsizing pipes, channel improvements, and increase retention pond capacity.

Location Description:

Danbury Drive drainage corridor in Richland County, SC.

Activity Progress Narrative:

Accomplishments Performance Measures

No Accomplishments Performance Measures

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.

Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources

No Other Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Activity Supporting Documents: None

Project # / RC3000 / Economic Development

Grantee Activity Number: 3002

Activity Title: HMGP Commercial Buyout Match

Activity Type:	Activity Status:
Acquisition - general	Under Way
Project Number:	Project Title:
RC3000	Economic Development
Projected Start Date:	Projected End Date:
04/23/2018	09/30/2021
Benefit Type:	Completed Activity Actual End Date:
Area (Census)	
National Objective:	Responsible Organization:
Urgent Need	Richland County

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2025	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	\$0.00	\$942,279.37
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$942,279.37
Total Obligated	\$62,292.00	\$942,279.37
Total Funds Drawdown	\$474,710.75	\$543,331.08
Program Funds Drawdown	\$474,710.75	\$543,331.08
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$68,620.33
Richland County	\$0.00	\$68,620.33
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$68,620.33

Activity Description:

This program will support the voluntary buyout of non-residential structures located in the SFHA that were impacted by the severe storms and flooding of October 2015. Specifically, this program will provide funding for the required 25% local share match of pending HMGP applications.

Location Description:

Richland County, excluding the city of Columbia.

Activity Progress Narrative:

	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of buildings (non-residential)	0	2/15
# of Parcels acquired	0	2/15

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

	This Report Period			Cumulative Actual Total / Expected			
	Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total	Low/Mod%
# of Permanent	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0

Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources

	Amount
FEMA HMGP	\$2,826,838.11
Total Other Funding Sources	\$0.00

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Activity Supporting Documents:

None

Project # /

RC4000 / Recovery and Resiliency Planning

Grantee Activity Number: 4001

Activity Title: Recovery and Resilience Planning

Activity Type:	Activity Status:
Planning	Under Way
Project Number:	Project Title:
RC4000	Recovery and Resiliency Planning
Projected Start Date:	Projected End Date:
11/18/2016	09/30/2021
Benefit Type:	Completed Activity Actual End Date:
Area (Census)	
National Objective:	Responsible Organization:
N/A	Richland County

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2025	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	\$0.00	\$3,500,000.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$3,500,000.00
Total Obligated	\$50,014.49	\$3,500,000.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$16,269.71	\$3,466,255.22
Program Funds Drawdown	\$16,269.71	\$3,466,255.22
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$3,449,985.51
Richland County	\$0.00	\$3,449,985.51
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$3,449,985.51

Activity Description:

Recovery and Resilience Planning will cover pre-award costs that involved planning, such as the Action Plan, Intermediate Recovery Plan, Risk Analysis Development, and other related tasks. Additional long-term resilience plans conducted by the County will also fall under this activity.

Location Description:

Richland County Admin Office at 2020 Hampton Street in Columbia, SC.

Activity Progress Narrative:

Accomplishments Performance Measures	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Plans or Planning Products	0	1/10

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.

Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources

No Other Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Activity Supporting Documents: None

Monitoring, Audit, and Technical Assistance

Event Type	This Report Period	To Date
Monitoring, Audits, and Technical Assistance	0	12
Monitoring Visits	0	9
Audit Visits	0	3
Technical Assistance Visits	0	0
Monitoring/Technical Assistance Visits	0	0
Report/Letter Issued	0	12