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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DISPLAY
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR)

Notice is hereby given that Richland County will hold Public Hearings on **Monday, October 26, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, prevailing time. The 12:00 p.m. hearing will be streamed virtually utilizing a link on the County website. The 6:00 p.m. hearing will be held in the **Council Chambers located at 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29204**. The Council Chambers are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate any resident in order for them to participate in the public hearing, including translation services, please contact the Community Development Office, Richland County Government, (803) 576 - 2230 or email at CD@richlandcountysc.gov, to make those arrangements, and any person who may have a hearing impediment, please contact 7-1-1 for the TTY/TTD relay.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present Richland County's proposed Substantial Amendment # 8 to the Action Plan for CDBG-DR funding. The proposed Substantial Amendment reallocates remaining CDBG-DR funds to public infrastructure improvement activities using $1,419,223.17 of unspent CDBG-DR funds allocated to formerly eligible activities directly tied to the 2015 historic flood resulting from Hurricane Joaquin. The funds will be used to replace critical generators at three (3) Public Facilities and one (1) Stormwater Project serving the County. This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the county's Citizen Participation Plan, under the following criteria: a) adds major proposed activities and b) decreases greater than 50% in a budget line item.

- **Planning Funds –** The county will reallocate $33,744.78 of unspent funds to Public Infrastructure Improvements, and close out the project and grant.
- **Single-Family Owner-Occupied Program** – The county will reallocate $311,009.91 of unspent funds to Public Infrastructure Improvements, and close out the project and grant.
- **HMGP Match – Homeowner Buyout** – The county will reallocate $204,082.06 of unspent funds to Public Infrastructure Improvements, and close out the project and grant.
- **Small Rental Repair Program** – The county will reallocate $400,000.00 of unspent funds to Public Infrastructure Improvements, and close out the project and grant.
- **Small Business Assistance Program (BAP) & HMGP Commercial Buyout** – The county will reallocate $406,668.92 of unspent funds to Public Infrastructure Improvements, and close out the project and grant.
- **Unobligated** – The county will allocate $63,717.50 of previously unobligated funds to Public Infrastructure Improvements, and close out the project and grant.
- **Public Infrastructure**– The county will reallocate $1,419,223.17 from the above activities to consolidate the remaining $2,902,524.83 in CDBG-DR funds to the Public Infrastructure Program. This project/activity will replace critical generators at three (3) Public Facilities serving the County.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, Richland County will place its CDBG-DR Action Plan Substantial Amendment #8 on public display on Monday, October 12, 2026 through Friday November 6, 2026, at the following locations:

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Community Planning & Development Department
Community Development Division
2020 Hampton Street – Suite 3058

Richland County's Website:
https://www.richlandcountysc.gov/CommunityDevelopment

These documents will be available for public display during normal business hours of operation for a period of twenty-five (25) days until 4:00 PM on Friday, November 6, 2026. The CDBG-DR Action Plan Substantial Amendment #8 will be submitted to the Richland County Council for approval at a regular scheduled County Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

All interested residents and other parties are encouraged to attend a public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed use of Federal funds under the CDBG-DR Action Plan Substantial Amendment. Written or oral comments may be directed to the Grants & Community Outreach Department, Community Development Division, Richland County Government, 2020 Hampton St. Suite 3058, Columbia, SC 29204, (803) 576 - 2230 or via 711 for the hearing impaired or email at CD@richlandcountysc.gov.

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