

Grantee: South Carolina

Grant: B-18-DP-45-0001

October 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020

Grant Number: B-18-DP-45-0001	Obligation Date:	Award Date:
Grantee Name: South Carolina	Contract End Date:	Review by HUD: Reviewed and Approved
Grant Award Amount: \$157,590,000.00	Grant Status: Active	QPR Contact: No QPR Contact Found
LOCCS Authorized Amount: \$157,590,000.00	Estimated PI/RL Funds:	
Total Budget: \$157,590,000.00		

Disasters:

Declaration Number

FEMA-4241-SC
FEMA-4286-SC

Narratives

Mitigation Needs Assessment:

Within 4 years, 3 major storms have impacted the State of South Carolina, causing immense damage and several casualties. In October 2015, the state was devastated by over 20 inches of rainfall from an extratropical storm worsened by nearby Hurricane Joaquin, which caused significant flooding and storm damage throughout the state. A year later, Hurricane Matthew entered the state near McClellanville, South Carolina as a Category 1 Hurricane, unleashing strong winds and torrential rainfall throughout the eastern part of the state. Most recently, in September 2018, Hurricane Florence made landfall just north of South Carolina in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. While North Carolina experienced the worst of the storm, South Carolina suffered from heavy rainfall and flooding from the downriver watersheds shared with North Carolina. The effects of these storms will be felt for decades.

Despite advances in meteorology, it's impossible to know where a storm and its accompanying damage will exactly hit until it's often too late. However, we are able to identify and model the flood risk an area faces. Damage from these storms was not equally distributed. 30 out of 46 counties in South Carolina received CDBG-DR assistance from one of these three storms. 5 of these counties suffered damage from all three major storms. Most of the damage was centralized around the Pee Dee and Santee Watersheds. Having suffered through so many storms in a short period, South Carolina is striving to preemptively prevent or minimize future, avoidable damage. The State will focus its Mitigation efforts on counties within these regions in order to maximize the Mitigation Grant's benefits for South Carolinians.

Proposed Use of Funds:

In 2018, Congress passed Public Law 115-123, which awarded \$12 billion to previous CDBG-DR grant recipients that were impacted by disasters from 2015 to 2017. Of this award, South Carolina is designated to receive \$157,590,000 in mitigation funds for the Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) counties from the 2015 Severe Storm disaster (Public Law 114-113) and the MID counties from the 2016 Hurricane Matthew disaster (Public Law 114-254). Additionally, Richland County will receive \$21,864,000, Lexington County will receive \$15,185,000, and the City of Columbia will receive \$18,585,000 in mitigation funds as a result of the 2015 Severe Storm (Public Law 114-113). In total, the people of South Carolina will be awarded \$213,224,000, with the State being responsible for \$157,590,000 of the awarded grants. Of this \$157,590,000, a minimum of \$50,978,000 must be spent in or for HUD-selected MID counties. The remainder will be spent in counties identified as either SC-MID or HUD-MID.

With this grant, the State seeks to enhance mitigation efforts within the Pee Dee and Santee Watershed Area and prevent future avoidable flood damage. Part of this award will go towards mitigation for houses threatened by flooding. The State will create a buyout program to purchase flood-threatened houses and transform the land into protective flood plains. The State will provide funding and oversight to qualified units of general local government (UGLG) applicants. The program will primarily target the Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) community with its housing efforts, as they are often unequally affected



by storm damage. At the same time, it will aid those who display an Urgent Need (UN) to leave Flood-prone areas, especially if it helps the community at large. The State is cognizant of the difficulties of relocating to a new home and will allow for UGLGs to offer Housing Incentives to the LMI community when applicable. Once the houses have been bought out, the State plans to make the land ineligible for further development through conservation easements and transfer the land to another governmental, non-profit, or other entities. This will expand the drainage capacity of the local watershed and help protect the nearby community.

Additionally, some CDBG-MIT Grant funds will go towards infrastructure projects of applying UGLGs. Infrastructure projects must have or surpass a 1.0 Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA). Exceptions may be made for projects which primarily help the LMI community and have benefits that aren't captured by the BCA. The state will oversee the application and building process. Grant funds will also be made available for eligible FEMA-HMGP fund matching. The CDBG-MIT funds can be counted as the UGLG's portion of their match for FEMA-HMGP projects. The State will oversee the application process for providing these funds for the UGLG's FEMA-HMGP projects.

Also, a portion of the grant will go towards assisting UGLG's fund Hazard Mitigation Plans and flood reduction studies and maps. Some local governments may lack or have older flood maps or Hazard Mitigation Plans. By arming these UGLGs with up-to-date flood maps and Hazard Mitigation Plans, they will be able to make better informed decisions about developing near flood plains and be better prepared for future disasters.

Overall	This Report Period	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	\$0.00	\$157,590,000.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$157,590,000.00
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
HUD Identified Most Impacted and Distressed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Non-Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

Requirement	Target	Projected	Actual
Overall Benefit Percentage	70.14%		NA
Minimum Non Federal Match	\$.00		\$.00
Limit on Public Services	\$23,638,500.00		NA
Limit on Admin/Planning	\$31,518,000.00		NA
Limit on Admin	\$7,879,500.00		NA
Most Impacted and Distressed	\$50,428,800.00		\$.00

Overall Progress Narrative:

This Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) is the 1st published for grant number B-16-DL-45-0001 by the state of South Carolina, where A'ja Wilson was recently commemorated with a statue in honor of her time playing for the USC Gamecocks. The South Carolina Office of Resilience through the South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office (the State) will discuss its progress between 1 October and 31



December, as well as its pre-grant agreement activities, in the QPR below. The State's efforts reflect a grant it received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help mitigate risks associated with the natural disasters that occurred nationwide in 2015, 2016, and 2017.

The State of South Carolina received \$157,590,000 in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds to increase flood and storm mitigation within the 17 HUD and State identified Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) counties. The State has allocated its grant funds across its 4 program pillars, with \$100 million dedicated to Infrastructure projects, \$35 million dedicated to Units of General Local Government (UGLG)-run Buyout Programs, \$5 million dedicated to matching federal programs, and \$9.7 million dedicated to program planning.

The State believes that partnerships with UGLGs are key to identifying and prioritizing which projects best assist South Carolinians. On June 29th, 2020, it ran a virtual Mitigation Application Clinic to assist its UGLG partners in identifying potential mitigation projects that could be assisted with Community Development Block Grants - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds. Approximately 60 members of UGLGs attended. The State accepted pre-applications between 1 July and 31 July. Upon favorable review by the State, the majority of pre-applicants were then encouraged to submit formal applications for the first round of CDBG-MIT funding. Plans and Studies applications were due by 25 November, Infrastructure project applications were due by 18 December, and Buyout program applications were due by 18 Dec. Federal Program Matching with Mitigation Funds applications are accepted year-round. The State received a total of 41 formal applications, which included applications for 20 Infrastructure projects, 2 Buyout projects, 12 Plans and Studies projects, and 7 requests for Federal Program Matching with Mitigation Funds. In total, \$87,924,359 was requested by our applicants.

Following the application process, the State submitted its Infrastructure and Buyout applications to AECOM, one of its contractors, on 21 December. AECOM is responsible for conducting Benefit Cost Analyses, Low to Moderate Income (LMI) verification, and 2D Modeling of the project applications. The Applications for Plans and Studies and Federal Matching will go through internal review by the State. Once reviewed by AECOM and the State, they will be submitted to a committee appointed by the Governor for further review and selection. The Governor's Committee is currently scheduled to convene in March 2021. The State anticipates awarding the selected projects in April 2021.

The State continues to take action to affirmatively further fair housing throughout our CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT programs by consistently showing concentrated efforts to serve the LMI population. In addition to serving the LMI population, the State continues to prioritize the needs of the elderly, disabled, and female-headed households.

Additionally, on September 29th, 2020, Governor McMaster signed Act. No. 163 of the 123rd session, which created the Office of Resilience. This Office is instructed to develop, implement, and maintain the Statewide Resilience Plan and to coordinate statewide resilience and disaster recovery efforts. As part of this law, the South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office and its grant responsibilities will be moved from South Carolina's Department of Administration to the Office of Resilience. This organizational transfer will continue to occur over the next few months.

ACTIVITY PROGRESS NARRATIVES

(Due to an issue with DRGR, the Activity Progress Narratives will be reported below)

ADMIN

Expenditures from Quarter 4 2020 and before will be reported in the next QPR. These future drawdowns will be for the general administration of this program.

Planning

The State continues to host monthly stakeholder meetings throughout the quarter. Additionally, it held 3 public hall meetings in order to receive public feedback about the program.

This Quarter, the State received 15 pre-applications and 12 formal applications for funding Plans and Studies projects. In total, the applications requested \$6,194,440 in funds for their Plans and Studies. Following approval by the Governor-selected Committee, the State anticipates awarding selected projects in April 2021.

Buyout

By the end of Quarter 4 2020, the State received 4 pre-applications and 2 formal applications for Buyout subrecipient programs. The applications requested a total of \$18,148,373 for funding their Buyout programs. Following approval by the Governor-selected Committee, the State anticipates awarding selected projects in April 2021.

Infrastructure

By the end of the Quarter, the State received 29 pre-applications and 20 Formal applications for Infrastructure projects. In total, \$62,061,075 was requested for Infrastructure projects. Following approval by the Governor-selected Committee, the State anticipates awarding selected projects in April 2021. These projects and their progress will be tracked as their own, separate activity.

Federal Matching

By the end of Quarter 4 2020, the State received 5 pre-application and 8 Formal application requests for Federal Program Matching with Mitigation funds. The State is currently reviewing these requests. It will also continue to accept formal applications on a year-round basis.

Project Summary

Project #, Project Title	This Report	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
1A- Administration, Program Administration	\$0.00	\$7,879,500.00	\$0.00
2H- Housing, Housing Programs	\$0.00	\$35,000,000.00	\$0.00
3P- Planning, Planning	\$0.00	\$9,710,500.00	\$0.00
4M- Matching, Federal Funding Match	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$0.00
5I - Infrastructure, Infrastructure Projects	\$0.00	\$100,000,000.00	\$0.00
9999, Restricted Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Monitoring, Audit, and Technical Assistance

Event Type	This Report Period	To Date
Monitoring, Audits, and Technical Assistance	0	1
Monitoring Visits	0	0
Audit Visits	0	0
Technical Assistance Visits	0	1
Monitoring/Technical Assistance Visits	0	0
Report/Letter Issued	0	0

