



Hurricane Helene Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

Mitigation Set-Aside

The South Carolina Office of Resilience is administering a Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program, a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. \$19.6 million of this grant is set aside for mitigation projects which will focus funding on reducing potential riverine and surface flood impacts in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-defined “most impacted and distressed” (MID) areas.

Per HUD's limitations, state agencies and cities, towns, counties, councils of government following MID areas counties may apply for mitigation funds:

Aiken, Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, & Spartanburg

Infrastructure

SCOR will provide funding to units of general local governments in the HUD-identified MID areas for the development and implementation of stormwater infrastructure projects mitigate future flood damage associated with riverine and surface flooding. Projects will be prioritized for funding based on the percent of low- and moderate-income residents served, the project's benefit-cost ratio, and the quality & quantity of flood risk reduction.

Voluntary Buyouts

SCOR will provide funding to units of local governments in the HUD-identified MID areas for voluntary buyouts of residential property. Buyouts, in and of themselves, are mitigation measures that return parcels of land for uses compatible with open space, recreational, natural floodplain functions, wetlands management practices, or ecosystem restoration. Moving citizens from harm's way reduces the loss of life and property damage.

Matching Funds

SCOR has designated funds to match federally-funded mitigation grant programs to include the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program, and any other FEMA federal grant opportunities that focus on flood reduction. Activities may include, but are not limited to, buyouts, structural home elevation, localized flood risk reduction, and infrastructure retrofit.

Plans & Studies

SCOR will provide funding to units of general local governments (UGLGs) located in the HUD-defined MID areas and state agencies for the development or updating of hazard mitigation plans and the development of flood reduction studies to identify potential projects that could be funded through the infrastructure and/or voluntary buyout programs and for the design of infrastructure projects.

What Are Mitigation Activities?

Those that increase resilience and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

Eligible Mitigation Activities	Planned Method of Distribution *per project cap
Infrastructure	\$10,000,000 Counties w/ a population greater than 200,000 must contribute a cost share.
Voluntary Buyouts	\$8,111,000 Up to \$350,000 per home
Matching Funds	\$500,000 Up to \$100,000 per project
Plans & Studies	\$1,000,000 Up to \$500,000 per project
Total	\$19,611,000

Mitigation Infrastructure Prioritization

Prioritization Category	Maximum Points
LMI % Served	20 Points
Benefit-Cost Ratio	20 Points
Quantity of Flood Risk Reduction	10 Points
Quality of Flood Risk Reduction	10 Points
Project Design Development	10 Points
Community Lifeline Improvements	10 Points
Nature-Based Solutions	10 Points
Consistency with Plans, Priorities, and Policies	10 Points

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