

Combined Notices
Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and
Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI-RROF) for Tiered Projects and Programs

Date of Notice: September 24, 2025

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To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR).

Request for Release of Funds

On or about October 10, 2025, the South Carolina Office of Resilience will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review CDBG-DR: Hurricane Helene Housing Program – Laurens County (“the Program”)

Purpose: The Program will provide assistance for homeowners whose homes were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Helene in 2024 on scattered sites throughout Laurens County, South Carolina.

Location: Laurens County, South Carolina. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.

Project/Program Description: Project activities will include rehabilitation, reconstruction, replacement, elevation, and, where necessary, relocation/demolition or buyout of single-family properties, including stick-built homes and Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs), located in Laurens County, South Carolina. Specific project locations will be identified and assessed in the Tier 2 site specific reviews that will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 Broad Review.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.36

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: **Airport Hazards** (24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D, 24 CFR 58.6[d]), **Flood Insurance** (Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]), **Contamination and Toxic Substances** (24 CFR 58.5 [i][2][i] and [iii]), **Endangered Species** (Federal Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531 to 1543, 50 CFR 402; Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 16 USC 668 et seq.), **Floodplain Management** (Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55), and **Historic Preservation** (National

Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800, Protection of Historic Properties).

Estimated Project Cost: SCOR intends to request a release of funds for CDBG-DR funding in the amount of \$17,781,873.33. The estimated total project cost is \$17,781,873.33.

The activities proposed are not exempt or categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) under HUD regulations at 24 CFR 58.34 and 58.35, therefore an environmental assessment (EA) was prepared in accordance with subpart E. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at South Carolina Office of Resilience, 632 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The SCOR has determined that the project, as proposed, is not an action which will result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the South Carolina Office of Resilience, 632 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201 (RE: HUD Environmental Review), by email to eric.fosmire@scor.sc.gov, or by phone (803) 832-8004. All comments received by October 09, 2025, will be considered by SCOR prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The SCOR certifies to HUD that Eric Fosmire, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Chief of Staff and General Counsel consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the SCOR to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the SCOR's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the SCOR; (b) the SCOR has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Mr. Bradley Evatt, CPD Director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Columbia Field Office, Community Planning and Development Division, Strom Thurmond Federal Building, 1835 Assembly Street, 13th Floor, Columbia, SC 29201-2480 at CPDRROFCSC@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Mr. Bradley S. Evatt, CPD Director, in the Columbia Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Eric Fosmire, Chief of Staff and General Counsel