

# HUD PRO HOUSING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## **QUESTION 1 (citizen, Doreen Kelsey)**

Q: I am highly qualified to give comments to speak during the meeting if allowed. I have been on Section 8 for over 35 years. I would like the opportunity to share my views. I have been living in Bennettsville SC since Jan. 2023 after being homeless in Conway for almost 3 months. My situation is unique and I would love to get approved for a 3 bed or even 2 bed if large enough rooms.

A: The hearing is open to the public. If awarded, SCOR, along with the City of Bennettsville, will hold a Town Hall to go over details of the grant, including specifics about who is eligible and how to apply for affordable housing options.

## **QUESTION 2 (citizen, Doreen Kelsey)**

Q: I have a Section 8 in Bennettsville. A son who is very ill. A cold could kill him. How can I get on the list for an affordable home?

A: If awarded, SCOR, along with the City of Bennettsville, will hold a Town Hall to go over details of the grant, including specifics about who is eligible and how to apply for affordable housing options.

## **QUESTION 3 (anonymous citizen)**

Q: Are you sure that the area on Center Street is not going to flood? How many homes will be built on the 10-acre spot?

A: SCOR is not in a position to definitively declare the flood risk of the identified parcel. However, SCOR utilizes the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas and the First Street Foundation's Flood Hazard Layers in a regional planning capacity, and the identified parcel does not contain either of those flood model's identified hazard areas.

There are variables that will be considered before identifying the number of homes to be constructed. Considerations include, but are not limited to, site evaluation/preparation, infrastructure needs/repairs, size of homes to be constructed.

## **QUESTION 4 (Mayor Carolyn Prince, City of Bennettsville)**

Q: My concern was that the proposal's narrative would ensure that the city would retain ownership of the land if this grant is not funded.

A: SCOR will not become owners of the land under any circumstances. If grant funding is not awarded, the City of Bennettsville maintains ownership and responsibility for the land and its use.

## **QUESTION 5 (anonymous citizen)**

Q: Where is the property located?

A: The land being donated by the City of Bennettsville is at 401 Center Street, Bennettsville, SC 29512