

SC Office of Resilience (SCOR)

Community Development Block
Grant – Disaster Recovery
(CDBG-DR) Mitigation Set-Aside

HURRICANE HELENE

Mitigation Set-Aside

"In ***alignment with the Strategic Statewide Resilience and Risk Reduction Plan and current FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan***, the Mitigation set-aside will ensure that assistance is prioritized towards the ***greatest unmet needs, housing, and infrastructure***, as outlined in the Mitigation Needs Assessment. To support the identification of the best solutions, the Mitigation set-aside will fund ***Plans & Studies*** projects. MID areas with an approved FEMA hazard mitigation project may be eligible for SCOR's ***Federal Funds Match*** program, which will provide reimbursement of the non-federal cost of the project."

—SCOR HH24 Action Plan

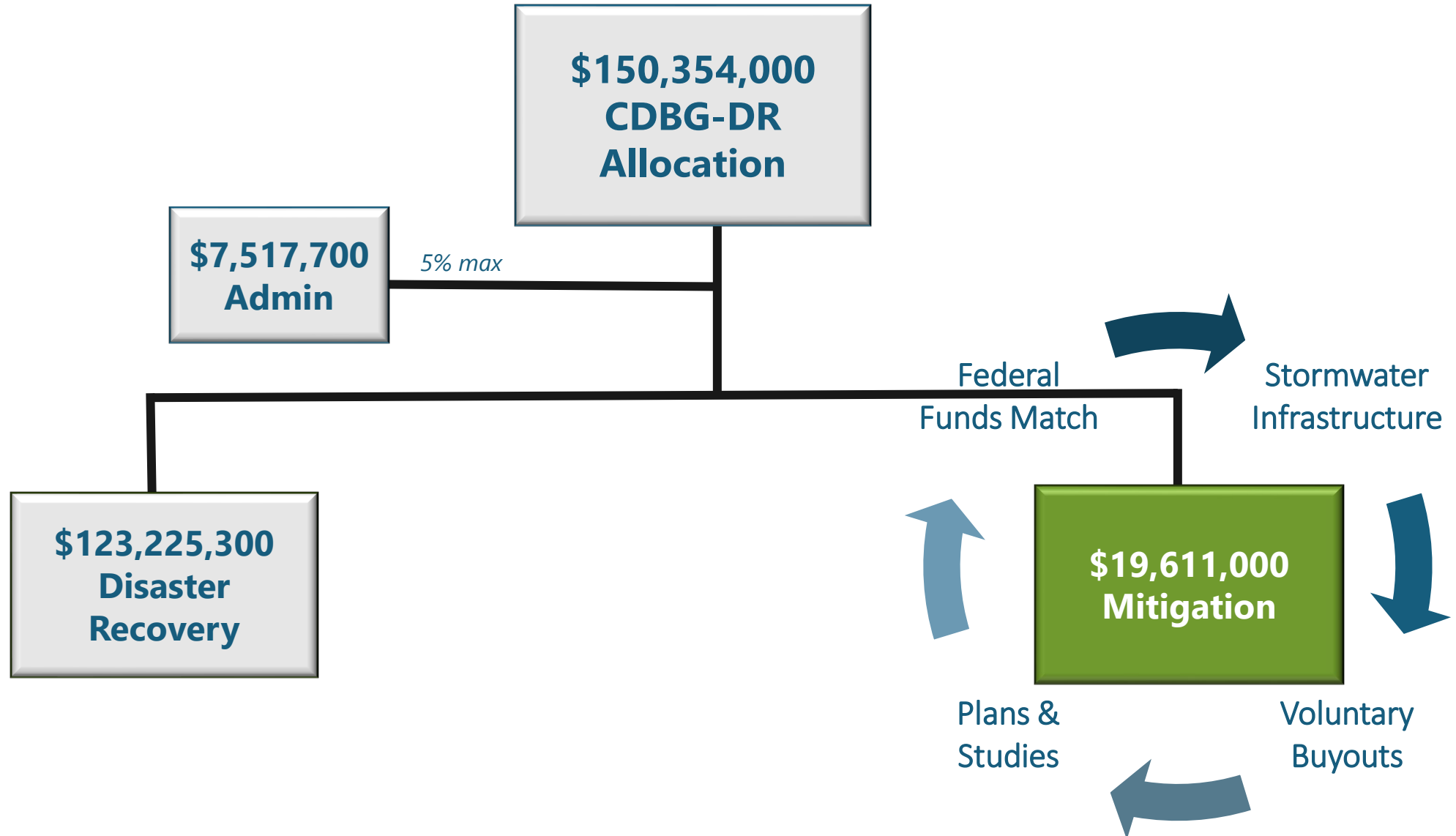
*Most Impacted and Distressed (MID)

Mitigation Definition

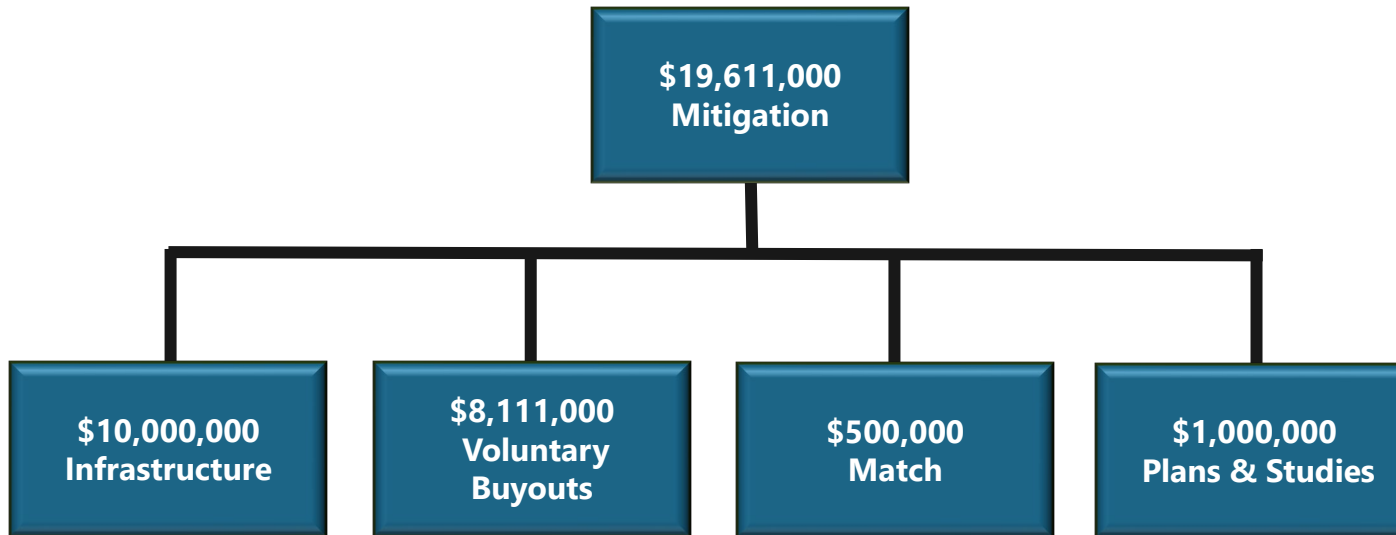
“Mitigation activities are defined as those that increase resilience and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.”

— SCOR HH24 Action Plan

CDBG-DR Allocation Overview



Mitigation Set-aside Programs



PROJECT AMOUNT	CAP AMOUNT (per project)
Infrastructure	\$10,000,000
Buyout	\$350,000
Match	\$100,000
Plans & Studies	\$500,000



90-day open application period



Applicants are state agencies, towns, cities, counties, and Councils of Government.

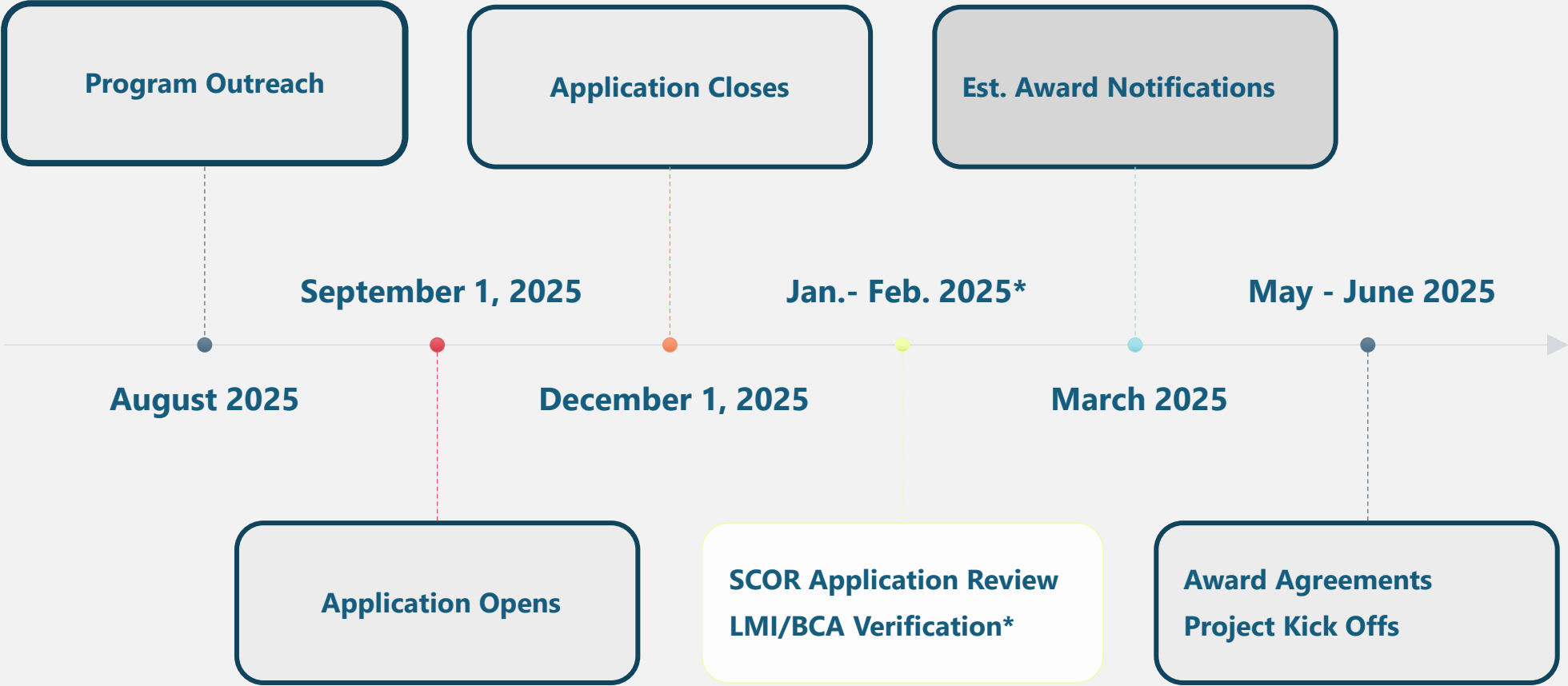


Projects must be in or benefit one or more of the 6 HUD identified Most Impacted and Distressed counties



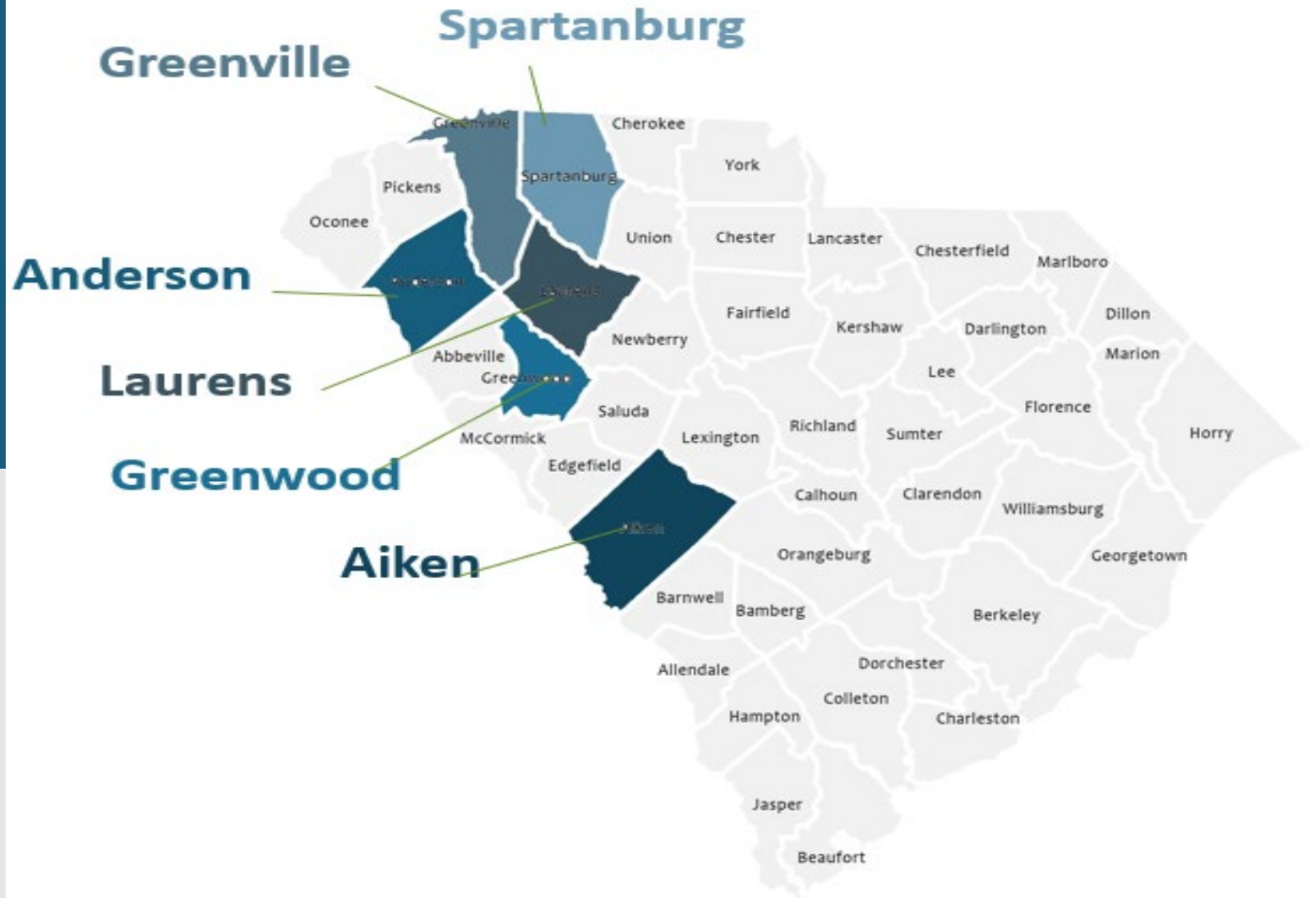
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Estimated Application Timeline



Eligible Applicants

Per HUD's limitations, State Agencies, Cities, Towns, Counties, and Councils of Government in the six HUD MID identified areas may apply for mitigation funds.



Mitigation Set-Aside Program Areas

❑ **Stormwater Infrastructure**

- Public infrastructure to reduce future flood risks for surface and/or riverine flooding
 - Excludes maintenance projects

❑ **Voluntary Residential Housing Buyouts**

- Targeted communities in the floodplain or Disaster Reduction Risk Area (DRRA)
- Coordinated through counties & municipalities

❑ **Funds Match**

- Provides the non-federal/local cost share for FEMA approved mitigation projects

❑ **Plans and Studies**

- Studies to identify potential flood reduction projects

National Objectives

☐ Low to Moderate Direct Benefit (LMI)

- *Benefits low-and-moderate income persons/individuals*

☐ Low to Moderate Area Benefit (LMA)

- *If buyout area and subsequent greenspace benefit area that is 51% or more LMI*
- *Buyout only available to LM households and benefit provided by using pre-disaster valuation*

☐ Low to Moderate Buyout (LMB)

- *CDBG-DR funds used to buy property owned by LMI household where award amount is greater than the post-disaster value*
- *Grantee not required to follow the LMI household after the buyout*

☐ Low to Moderate Housing Incentive (HMHI)

- *CDBG-DR funds used for housing incentive award tied to buyout or other voluntary acquisition to allow the LMI household to move out of floodplain to lower risk area OR for the purpose of providing or improving residential structures that, upon completion, will be occupied by an LMI household*

☐ Urgent Need (UN) - *Buyout Only*

- *Activities funded with the CDBG-DR grant to result in measurable and verifiable reductions in the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters and yield community development benefits.*



Plans & Studies

Plans & Studies Overview

❑ TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET: \$1M

❑ ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Units of General Local Government (UGLG),
State Agencies, and Councils of Government located in
Six HUD-identified MID counties

❑ ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

Hazard Mitigation Plans
Flood Risk Reduction Plans
Hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) studies
Infrastructure project design

❑ ELIGIBLE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

Not required

❑ EXECUTING JURISDICTION(S):

SCOR or subrecipient run



Plans & Studies

- ☐ Build the capacity of local communities to comprehensively analyze disaster risks, update plans, and develop flood risk reduction projects through data informed studies
- ☐ Integration of mitigation planning with other local and regional mitigation community development, land use, and other plans
- ☐ Development or updating of hazard mitigation plans
- ☐ Development of flood-reduction studies to identify potential projects

Plans & Studies

Eligible Activities:

- Local and regional functional land-use plans;
- Stormwater Master plans;
- Drainage and Stormwater Studies;
- Comprehensive plans;
- Community recovery plans;
- Resilience plans; and
- Hazard Mitigation Plan updates

Prioritization:

Completed application submissions will be reviewed for determination on a first come, first serve basis.

Contact Information

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For more information on Plans & Studies Program requirements, refer to the CDBG-DR Hurricane Helene Action Plan:
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Questions?



Infrastructure Program

Infrastructure Overview

❑ TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET: UP TO \$10M

❑ ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Units of General Local Government (UGLG) located in Six HUD-identified MID counties
- Based on applicant capacity, a local cost share of up to 25% may be required

❑ ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

- Infrastructure projects that mitigate future flood damage from riverine and/or surface flooding
- Benefit cost ratio of 1.0 or greater

❑ ELIGIBLE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

LMI Area benefit

❑ EXECUTING JURISDICTION(S):

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Infrastructure Overview

Grey Stormwater Infrastructure (*Traditional*)

- *New storm sewer pipes*
- *Upsize/replace existing storm sewer pipes*
- *Culverts*
- *Ditches*
- *Curbing*
- *Catch Basins*
- *Other traditional conveyance solutions*



Green Stormwater Infrastructure (*Nature-based*)

- *Rain Gardens*
- *Stormwater Planter Boxes*
- *Bioswales*
- *Stormwater Tree Trenches*
- *Infiltration Trenches*
- *Stormwater Wetlands*
- *Pervious Surfaces*
- *Other innovative nature-based solutions*



Infrastructure Ineligible Activities

Ineligible Activities:

- Maintenance of stormwater systems
- Funding for buildings used for general conduct of government
- Emergency response services
- Forced mortgage payoff
- Enlargement of dam or levee beyond original design
- Assistance to private utilities

If you're not sure, **ask SCOR**

- Technical Assistance is available to assist UGLG's with eligibility determinations and application requirements.



Stormwater Infrastructure Project Types

Application Selection Criteria:

Prioritization Category	Maximum Points
% LMI Area 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, & Policies	10 points
Total Possible Points	100 points

Other Application Requirements:

- Demonstrated need
- Documented community support of the proposed project
- Project budget that reasonably supports project completion within requested funding amount
- Project schedule that reasonably supports project completion within 6 years

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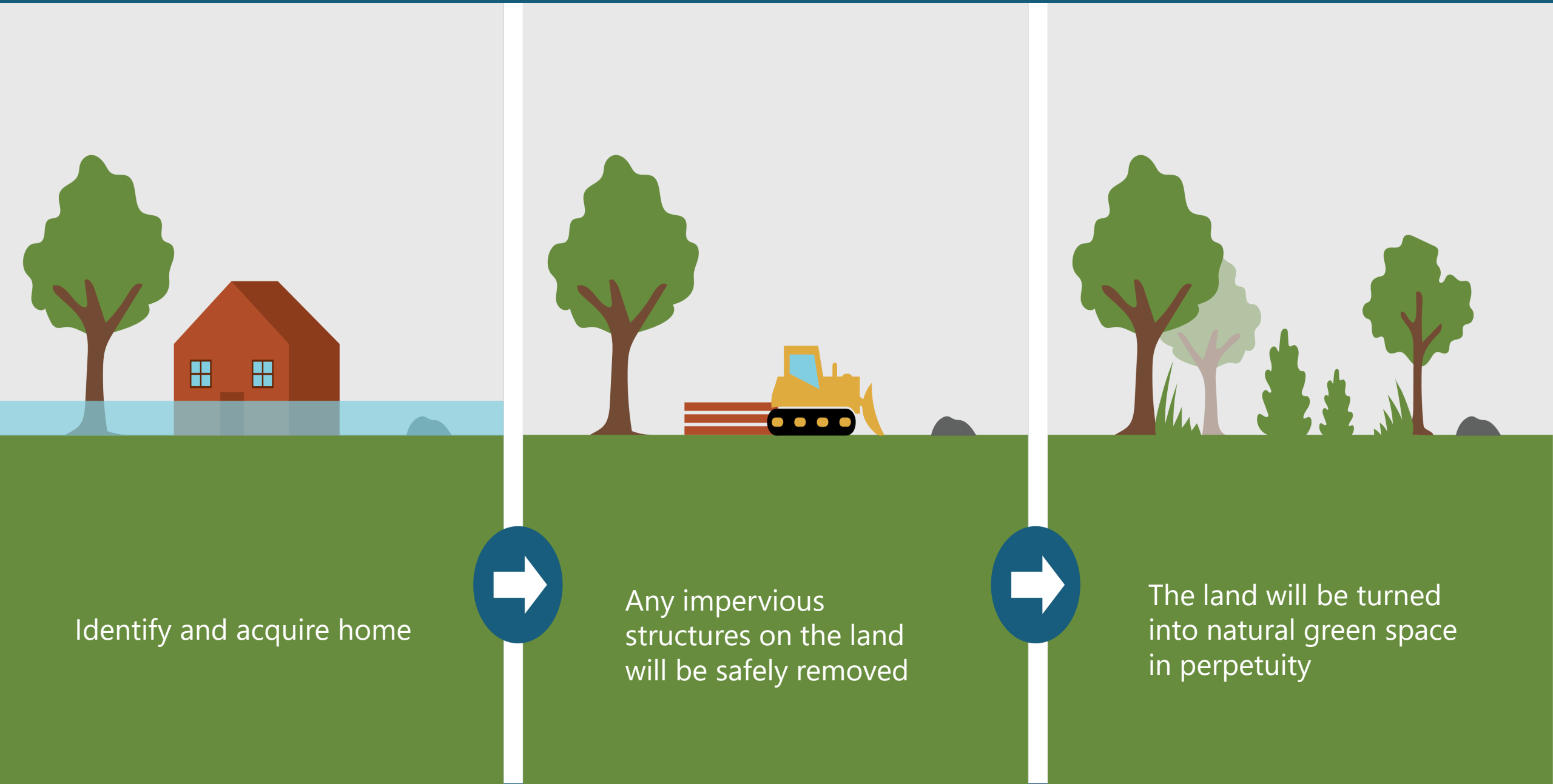
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Voluntary Buyout Program

SCOR's Buyout Program



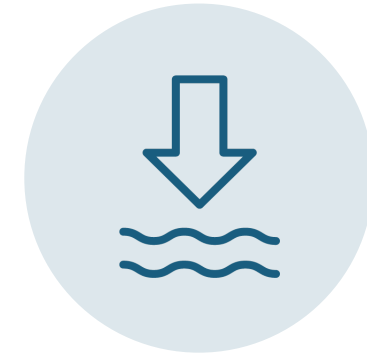
BENEFITS



Relocates homeowners to a safer area to help reduce or eliminate risk to health and safety and loss of property

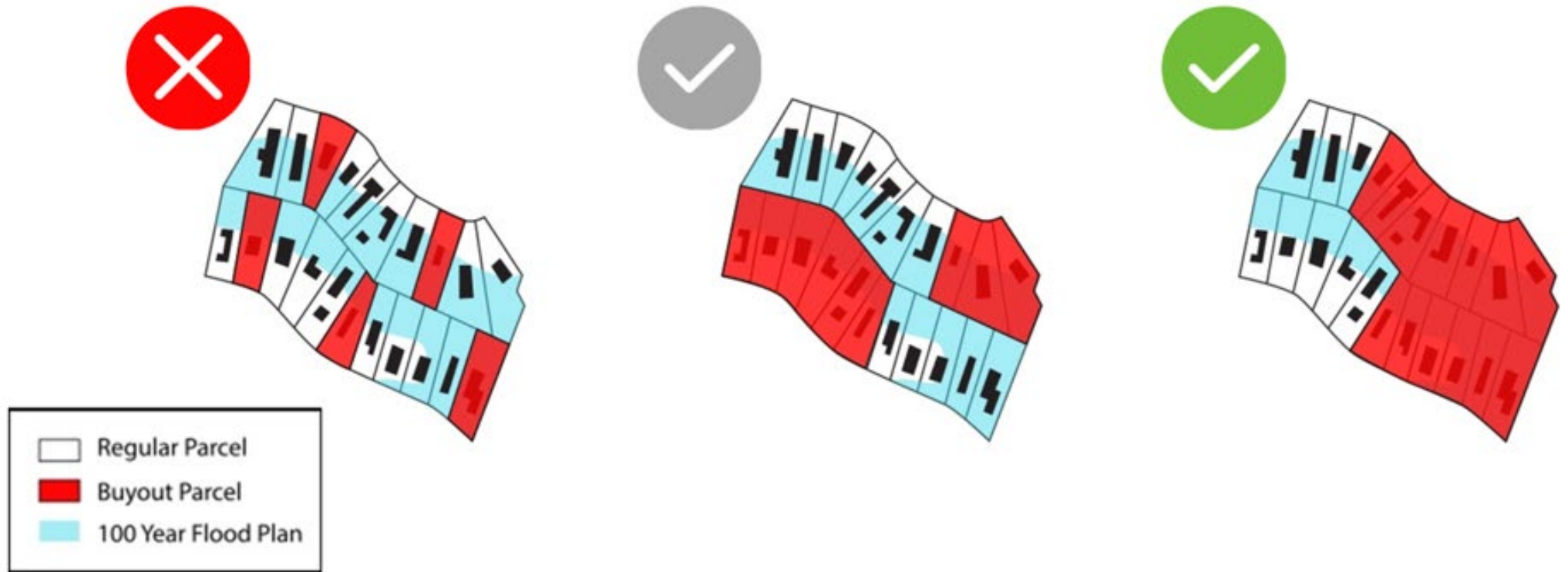


Eliminates financial hardship of maintaining and fixing flood-damaged homes. Serve as stewards by aiding reduction of claims (Insurance, NFIP & FEMA)



Reduces flood risk for entire neighborhood and to first responders

Avoiding the Checkerboard Effect



APPLICANTS & RESPONSIBLE ENTITY

CDBG-Mitigation

Units of General Local Government

(UGLGs) applies to SCOR on behalf of their community through a competitive application process. If selected, SCOR then works with the citizens directly during the buyout process.

CDBG-DR

The **Homeowner** applies directly to the DR program. They are provided an option to participate in the buyout program rather than have their home rebuilt or repaired.

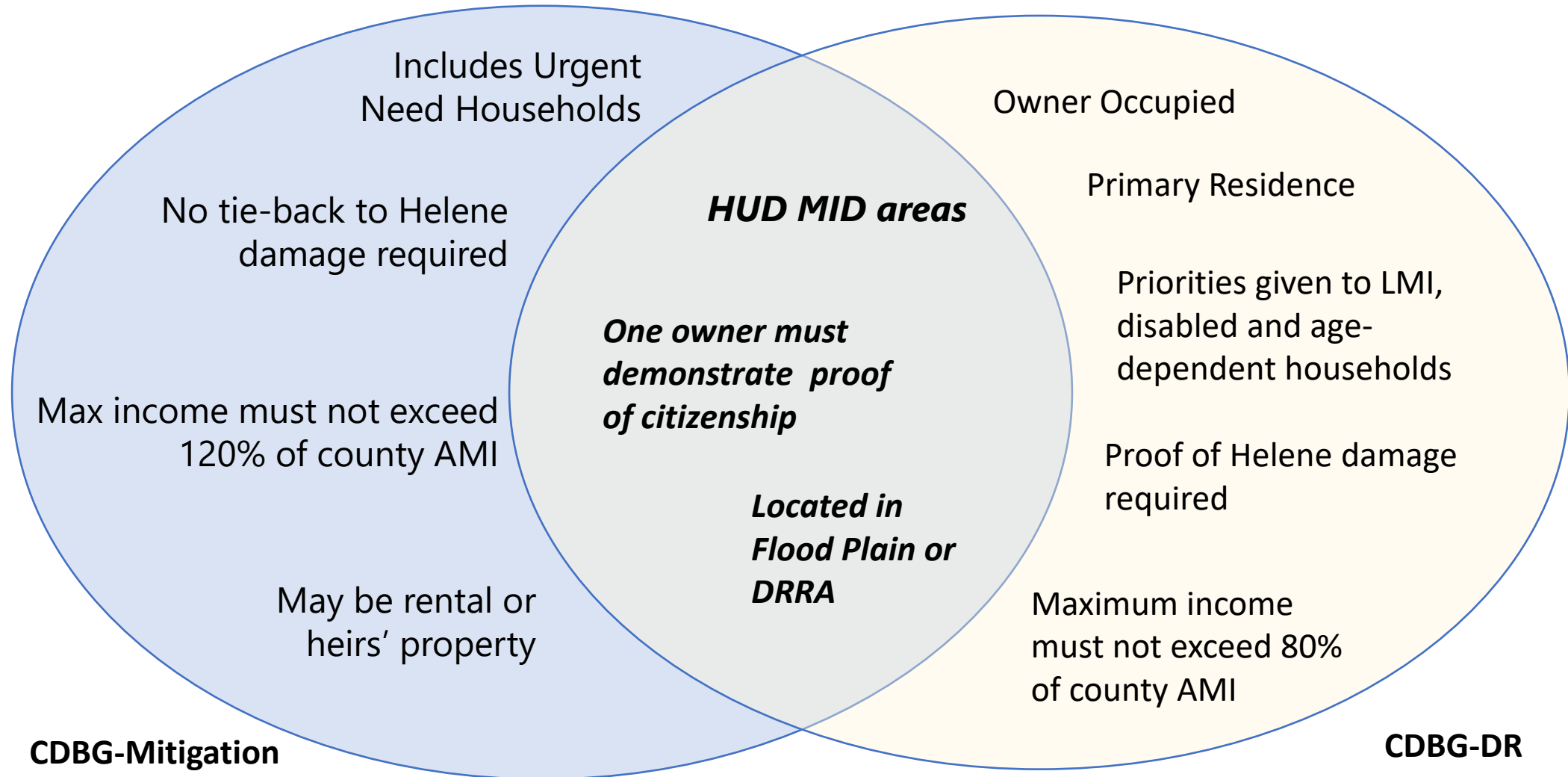
The state does not own the land once acquired. A Responsible Entity (RE) will take ownership at the time of closing. The parcels are returned to **greenspace in perpetuity** through a deed restriction. Examples of greenspace use are leaving parcels as open space, using them for recreational purposes, floodplain management practices or wetlands management practices.

RE Options:

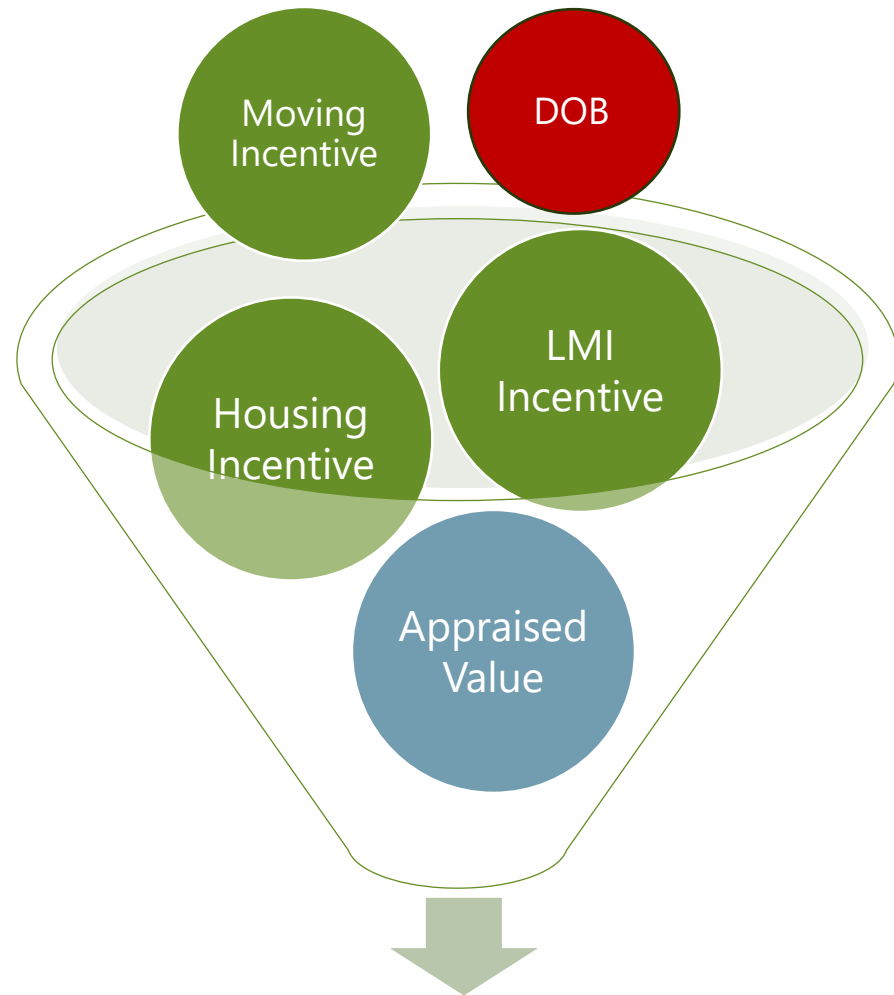
The UGLG * Land Trusts * Nature Conservancy Groups * Neighbor

Homeowner Eligibility

Mitigation Set-Aside and Disaster Recovery (DR)



OFFER TO PURCHASE DETERMINATION



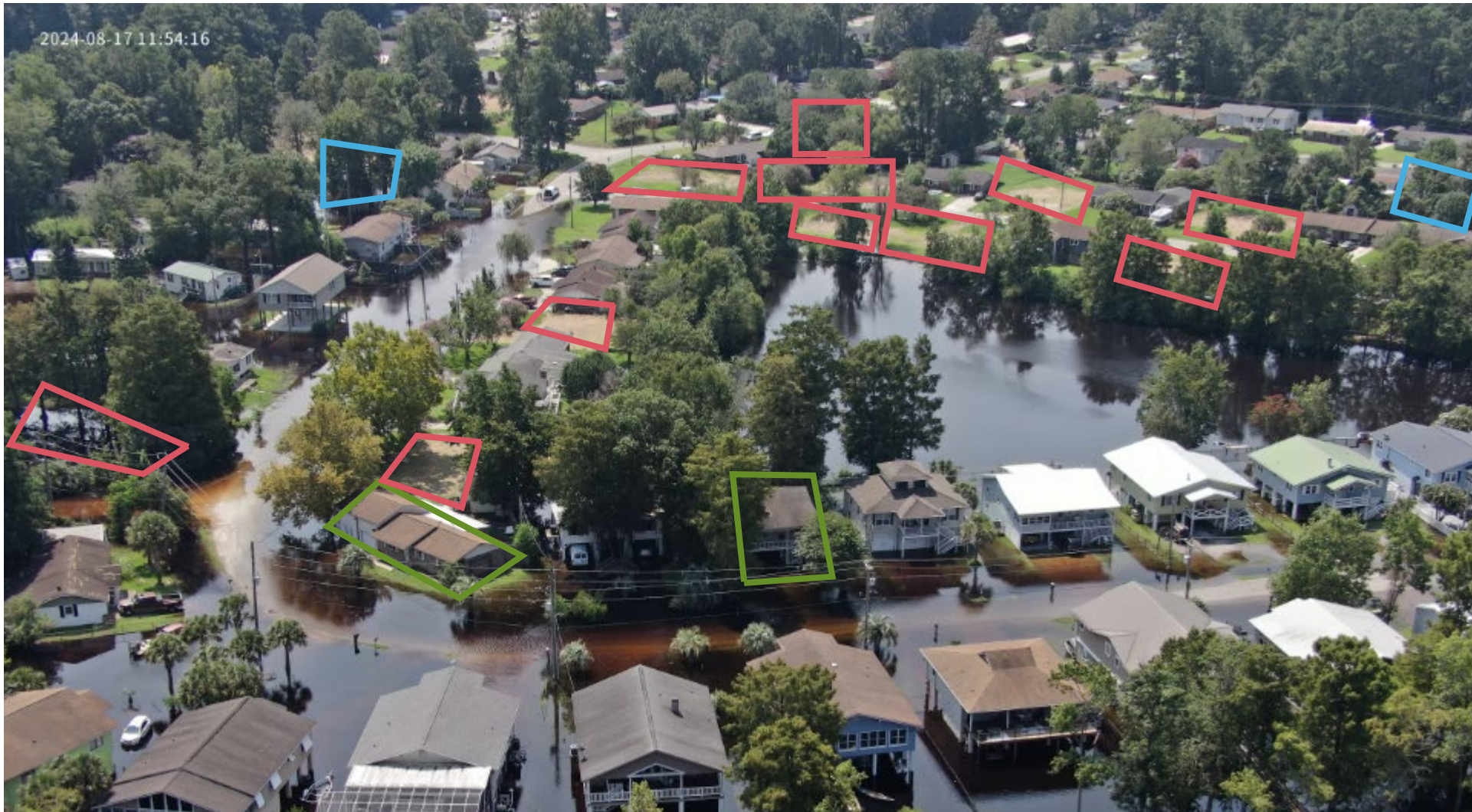
OFFER TO PURCHASE

Helene programmatic cap = \$350,000

Demolition: After



Horry County Rosewood Neighborhood post Debby



Demolished Disaster
Recovery parcels



Demolished Phase I
Mitigation parcels



Phase II Mitigation
parcels scheduled
for demolition

Photo courtesy of Horry County

POST DEMOLITION



Creation of a drainage swale, a benefit to the natural habitat

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An aerial photograph of a wetland landscape, showing a central water body surrounded by marshland. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue band across the middle, which serves as a background for the title text.

Match Program

Funds Match Overview

❑ **TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET: \$500K**

❑ **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:**

Units of General Local Government (UGLG) located in Six HUD-identified MID counties

❑ **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:**

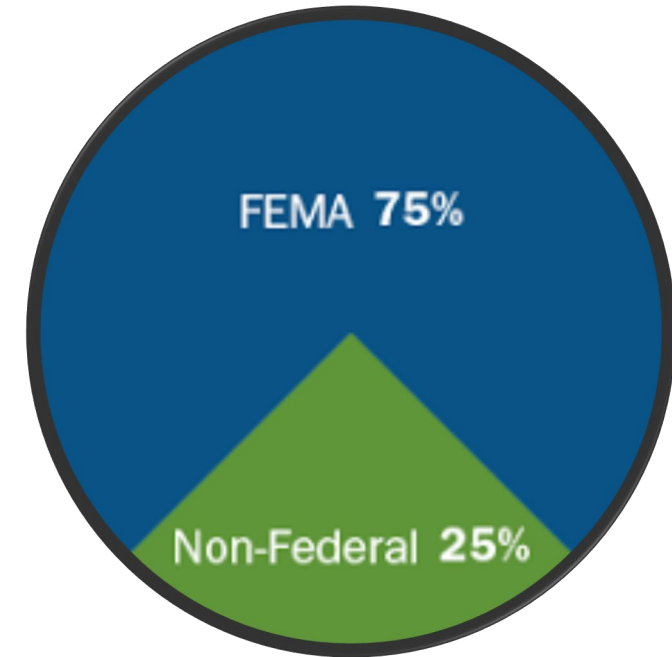
Awarded FEMA projects for all activities allowed CDBG-DR and Stormwater Mitigation projects

❑ **ELIGIBLE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES:**

LMI Area benefit, LMI Buyout, LMI Direct Benefit

❑ **EXECUTING JURISDICTION(S):**

Subrecipient Run



Funds Match

☐ **Serve as the local (non-federal) cost share for FEMA mitigation grant awards:**

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program

☐ **Must meet a HUD National Objective:**

- Low- and Moderate-Income National Objectives benefit vulnerable lower-income people and communities where at least 51% of the residents are low- and moderate income.
 - LMI Direct Benefit
 - LM-Buyout
 - LMI Area Benefit

☐ **Local cost share reimbursement contingent upon successful completion of project**

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What we are looking for from you:

- ☐ Submit an application(s) for your stormwater infrastructure projects
- ☐ If you have an infrastructure project that needs further development, submit in an application(s) for a study or a plan that will identify flood risks and recommend mitigation solutions
- ☐ Submit an application for a plan or study to identify risks and potential solutions
- ☐ Submit an application(s) to buyout homes in the floodplain or repetitive flood damaged areas
- ☐ Submit an application(s) to provide the local/non-federal cost share for an awarded FEMA mitigation project



Application Period: September 1 – December 1, 2025

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