



REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL

SC Attorney General's Office

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From (Agency): S C Office of Resilience (SCOR)

Individual Requesting Authorization (include title): Eric Fosmire, Chief of Staff and General Counsel

Case or Matter Caption: SCOR CDBG-Mitigation Darlington County Buyout Program

Purchase Residential Properties located in floodplains or repetitive flood impacted areas.

Date: 5/22/2025 County (in which case/matter occurs): Darlington

Name of requested law firm/attorney(s): Benson Driggers of Driggers Law Firm, LLC

Address of requested law firm/attorney(s): 323 W. Home Avenue, Hartsville SC 29551

Brief description of legal services to be performed: Residential real estate closing for Darlington County CDBG-Mitigation Buyout Program

Reason private attorney is needed to perform services: Attorney services to facilitate residential closings for buyout properties in the SCOR HUD funded CDBG-Mitigation Buyout Program.

Requested dates of service (maximum of one fiscal year): 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026.

REQUESTED HOURLY RATE OR OTHER COMPENSATION

Attorney Name	Years of Experience (as of date of this Form 1) & Date of Bar Admission	Requested Rate
Benson Driggers	19 years exp. 11/13/2005	720 flat fee
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(Use additional sheet if necessary)

Justification if hourly rate or other compensation exceeds standard rate range: The \$720 flat rate is for attorney closing fees (4 hours at \$180.00 per hour)

Requested maximum fees: up to 37 parcels @ \$720/parcel = \$26,640

TO BE COMPLETED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Approved by: *tal* Date: 6.30.2025

Attorney Approved: Benson Driggers Service Code: 17