Richland County Public Hearing
CDBG-MIT Funds
March 12, 2020
Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions

• History of Recent Disaster and Recovery in Richland County

• Overview of CDBG-MIT

• Use of CDBG-MIT Funds

• Public Input and Comment
History of Recent Disaster & Recovery
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- October 2015 – Hurricane Joaquin Disaster
- December 2015 – Congress passes Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Related Agencies Appropriations Act to assist with long-term recovery in South Carolina and Texas
- June 2016 – HUD allocates $299 million in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) to states and communities to address continuing, long-term recovery efforts related to unmet housing, economic development, and infrastructure needs
  - $23,516,000 allocated to Richland County
- May 2017 – Congress passes another Appropriations Act to allocate additional funds for 2015 and 2016 disasters
• August 2017 – HUD allocates $400 million in CDBG-DR funds to states and communities
  ▪ $7,254,000 allocated to Richland County

• February 2018 – Congress passes Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act making $28 billion in CDBG-DR funds available through HUD
  ▪ HUD was directed to allocate at least $12 billion for mitigation activities

• August 2019 – HUD allocates $6.875 billion in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds to grantees recovering from qualifying 2015, 2016, and 2017 disasters
  ▪ $21,864,000 allocated to Richland County
Overview of CDBG-MIT
CDBG-MIT Overview

- Unique and significant opportunity to use CDBG-MIT funds for strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses
- Increase resilience to disasters 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
- CDBG National Objectives
  - Benefit to low- and moderate-income persons
  - Prevent or eliminate slum and blight
  - Address urgent community health and welfare needs
- CDBG-MIT funds are focused on benefiting vulnerable lower-income people and communities in the most impacted and distressed areas (MID)
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- Each grantee must submit to HUD an action plan for proposed use of CDBG-MIT funds
  - Mitigation Needs Assessment of MID areas
  - Proposed Activities and Budget
    - Infrastructure
    - Economic Development
    - Housing
    - Planning, administration, and public services
    - Matching funds
  - Citizen Participation Plan
  - Mitigation Pre-Award Implementation Plan
Citizen Participation Plan is designed to encourage participation by the public and allow equal access to information about the CDBG-MIT program by all citizens

- Public hearings to collect input from citizens and stakeholders in writing or orally
- Public notice and comment period via Richland County Mitigation website at http://rcgov.us/mitigation.
- Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee
- Performance reporting on a quarterly basis via website
- Accommodations for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP)
Ongoing Citizen Participation

- April 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm – second Public Hearing and Presentation of Action Plan
  - Decker Center Community Room
  - 1945 Decker Blvd, Columbia, SC, 29206