Richland County Public Hearing
CDBG-MIT Funds

June 5, 2020
Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions

• History of Recent Disaster and Recovery in Richland County

• Overview of CDBG-MIT

• Richland County CDBG-MIT Action Plan

• Public Input and Comment
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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
History of Recent Disaster & Recovery (cont’d)

• 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 allocate $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)
Richland County CDBG-MIT Action Plan
Use of CDBG-MIT Funds

• 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
Updated CDBG-MIT Action Plan Timeline

- **Mar 18, 2020**: Action Plan Published for Public Comment
- **Mar 19, 2020**: Richland County Essential Personnel due to COVID-19
- **Mar 20, 2020**: Richland County Offices Closed to the Public due to COVID-19
- **Mar 26, 2020**: HUD granted 30 Day Extension
- **Mar 31, 2020**: HUD grants 90 day extension on all established CDBG-MIT
- **May 28, 2020**: Blue Ribbon Committee
- **Jun 5, 2020**: 2nd Public Hearing
- **Jul 7, 2020**: Documents due to Administration for Council
- **Jul 21, 2020**: Council Approves Action Plan
- **Jul 31, 2020**: Certifications Due to HUD
- **Aug 31, 2020**: Submit Action Plan to HUD
USC’s Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute conducted an empirical geospatial approach modeled to define the most vulnerable areas within Richland County

- Used similar approach as State of South Carolina
- Hazard Risk (flooding) – hazard risk profile compared to social vulnerability of census tracts
- Potential Community Lifeline Impact Index (PCLII) – potential lifeline impacts compared to social vulnerability of census tracts
- Household Mitigation Deficits – examination of recovery profiles and waiting list for support for rehabilitation of homes compared to social vulnerability of census tracts
Water Supply Infrastructure Resilience Program

- Program Budget - $832,500
- Richland County will use a portion of CDBG-MIT funds to build a resilient fire suppression water supply system
  - Replace water points decimated by 2015 Flood Event
  - Drilling of 3 wells located on County owned properties
    - If funding permits – up to 3 additional wells
  - Wells will be self-sufficient
    - High Capacity Pumps
    - Independent Power Generation Systems
    - Storage Tanks (as needed)
Stormwater and Drainage Infrastructure Resilience Program

- Program Budget - $7,050,000
- Richland County selected projects using input from Roads and Drainage, Engineering, and Stormwater Management.
- Focused on High Risk Infrastructure, LMI areas, and critical needs.
- Utilized the Project Ranking Database created in the 25 Year Stormwater Strategic Plan to avoid bias during project ranking.
  - Infrastructure
  - Pipes
  - Culverts
  - Catch Basins
Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Program

- Program Budget - $6,158,700
- Richland County will provide resilient housing in the Richland County or HUD MID areas through use of mitigation measures designed to mitigate against the impact of future disasters
  - Elevation
  - Dry flood proofing
  - Home hardening
  - Disaster-, flood-, and mold-resistant construction materials
- Prioritize the housing needs of low-and-moderate income households
Voluntary Buyout Program

- Program Budget - $3,000,000
- Richland County will use a portion of the CDBG-MIT funds to acquire, demolish, and return to a naturalized state
  - 11 Residential Properties
  - 3 Non-Residential Properties
- These properties have been identified as being located in the Special Flood Hazard Area and have a history of repetitive loss
CDBG-MIT Planning

- Budget – 15% of the total grant award ($3,729,600)
- Funds will support the following:
  - Development of and amendments to the action plan
  - Development of a property acquisition and land management policy for the County
CDBG-MIT Program Administration

• Budget – 5% of the total grant award ($1,093,200)
• Funds will support the administration of the programs, including education and outreach, and the 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
  - March 12 and June 5
- Public notice and comment period via Richland County Mitigation website at [http://rcgov.us/mitigation](http://rcgov.us/mitigation).
- Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee
- Performance reporting on a quarterly basis via website
- Accommodations for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP)
Grantee’s capacity to carry out mitigation activities defined by:

- Financial Controls
- Procurement
- Duplication of Benefits
- Timely Expenditure of Funds
- Management of Funds
  - Hire an additional internal auditor
- Comprehensive Mitigation Website
- Capacity Assessment and Staffing
- Internal and Interagency Coordination
  - City of Columbia and Lexington County
Public Input and Comment
Questions?