**Grantee: Lexington County, SC** 

**Grant:** B-16-UH-45-0001

July 1, 2017 thru September 30, 2017 Performance Report



Grant Number: Obligation Date: Award Date:

B-16-UH-45-0001

Grantee Name: Contract End Date: Review by HUD:

Lexington County, SC Reviewed and Approved

Grant Award Amount: Grant Status: QPR Contact:

\$16,332,000.00 Active No QPR Contact Found

LOCCS Authorized Amount: Estimated PI/RL Funds:

\$16,332,000.00

**Total Budget:** \$16,332,000.00

### **Disasters:**

#### **Declaration Number**

No Disasters Found

#### **Narratives**

#### **Disaster Damage:**

On the evening of October 1st, as the rains fell, Governor Nikki Haley issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency throughout South Carolina. At approximately 5:30 a.m. on October 4th, the County of Lexington Emergency Operations Center reached OPCON 1 (operation condition 1), the center was brought to full operational level and the first responders throughout the county were staged and ready to respond. At approximately 9:00 a.m. that morning, the first of the emergency shelters opened. As the sun set on October 4th, the rains continued to fall and the waterways continued to rise. At 1:20 a.m. on October 5th, emergency responders evacuated eighty-seven (87) residents of the Pineglen neighborhood. Less than 5 hours later, the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company opened three (3) spillway gates at the Lake Murray Dam, and the Saluda River continued to swell at a rapid pace. Evacuation notices begun to be issued. On October 5, 2015, President Obama issued a Federal Disaster Declaration for 24 counties in South Carolina activating federal resources and funding aid. On October 20, 2015, a Public Meeting was scheduled and notices were posted on each home suspected of flooding by the County. The public meeting was attended by approximately 400 citizens as well as County and state officials, representatives from FEMA, and various Local Media outlets.

As the waters finally began to subside, County of Lexington personnel began the task of assessing the damage. Within several days, aerial photography over the most impacted areas was completed, and staff from the GIS/Mapping Department helped to identify areas where damage assessment was needed. Shortly thereafter, these personnel began the task of completing Initial Damage Estimates of all structural and infrastructure damage in the County. Soon, with the assistance of personnel from FEMA and from an outside contractor brought in by the county, the process of completing FEMA Substantial Damage Assessments began. Initially maps created by first responders were key in developing an area of concentration. The Assessor's office then worked to complete a more in depth investigation of each home that had possible flood damage for the Initial Damage Assessment. Data collected was made available to Federal Emergency Management Agency personnel in the area. Using all of the collected data, the County took advantage of a robust GIS system and staff to prepare a desktop assessment of all homes in the regulatory floodplain. This desktop assessment resulted in the development of a comprehensive list of homes to investigate for the Substantial Damage Assessments (SDA). The SDA included residential and commercial structures and only structures inside the 100-year floodplain and in the unincorporated areas of the county were included. Municipalities were responsible for the completion of their SDA.

Because of the October 2015 storm event, the County of Lexington was allocated \$16,332,000 what are commonly referred to as Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery or CDBG-DR funds. The Storm Event of October 2015 was indeed a catastrophic event that drastically affected citizens throughout South Carolina. The midlands region was hardest hit, and Lexington County citizens, as well as many of our neighbors across the region, suffered greatly. Eventually, the rains stopped, the water subsided and many citizens were able to get back to their "normal" I

#### **Disaster Damage:**

ives. However, for some, normalcy still has not returned. We believe this Action Plan provides the best opportunity to bring back normalcy to our citizens and represents the best next step in Lexington County's Disaster Recovery.

### **Recovery Needs:**

The CDBG-DR program is considered a "gap" funding source and is intended to assist with recovery needs not covered by other public and private funding sources. While recovery efforts have continued without interruption since October 2015, many impacts remain unaddressed due to several primary factors including the profound extent and diversity of the damages to housing, infrastructure, and the economy; the unique conditions and vulnerabilities of Lexington County's residents and



businesses; and the limitations of available funding assistance. This unmet need assessment provides essential information to better understand the most impacted areas and populations in the County, and guides development of the most effective recovery programs and priorities. Lexington County's preliminary assessment of unmet recovery needs resulting from the October 2015 severe storm and flooding disaster (DR 4241). When major disasters occur, a significant amount of data and information must be collected and analyzed from numerous agencies, departments, and organizations. Accessing and compiling information on impacts and recovery resources can be a significant challenge due to varying quality, availability, formatting, and timing of different sources. Estimates of unmet needs are based on the best available information as of January 2017, and represent the County's initial calculation of remaining recovery gaps. This assessment should be considered a living document that will be updated as additional information becomes available. Unmet needs were estimated through a comparison of financial impacts of the qualified disaster event with subsequent recovery funding that has been received or is anticipated. This assessment incorporates data from the following key sources: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individuals Assistance Program (IA) Public Assistance Program (PA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Small Business Administration (SBA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Lexington County Substantial Damage Assessments (SDA) Departmental reports and studies Engineering estimates American Community Survey via Policy Map Central Carolina Association of Realtors Inc. Public and Stakeholder outreach and feedback Through the review of best available data and information, Lexington County identified a total of \$28,597,645 in unmet recovery needs. Of these needs, public facilities and infrastructure was identified as the largest area of unmet need followed by housing assistance, and then economic development. It is critical to understand that these figures should only be considered as initial estimates based on the available information at the time this plan was developed. The figures presented in this section are to be considered only as preliminary estimates and not as a final determination regarding the total unmet needs in the County.

For more detailed information about the County's unmet need calculations and findings, please see the County's published CDBG-DR Action Plan available at:

www.lex-co.sc.gov

Overall	This Report Period	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$16,332,000.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$16,332,000.00
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$16,206,000.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$349,569.96	\$349,569.96
Program Funds Drawdown	\$349,569.96	\$349,569.96
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00

# **Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets**

Requirement	Target	Actual
Overall Benefit Percentage (Projected)		82.18%
Overall Benefit Percentage (Actual)		0.00%
Minimum Non-Federal Match	\$0.00	\$0.00
Limit on Public Services	\$2,449,800.00	\$0.00
Limit on Admin/Planning	\$3,266,400.00	\$349,569.96
Limit on Admin	\$816,600.00	\$78,019.96
Most Impacted and Distressed Threshold (Projected)	\$0.00	\$0.00

# **Overall Progress Narrative:**

In the third quarter of 2017, the county continued its CDBG-DR program marketing and outreach efforts. This included additional mailings to homeowners, public meetings and direct correspondence via phone calls and emails with potential program participants. At this time, the county has 61 active applications



for the buy-out program and 21 active applications for the housing rehabilitation program. The county is in the process of completing income certifications and duplication of benefits reviews for all active applicants. Once income certifications and duplication of benefits determinations are completed, offers are being prepared for buy-outs and work inspections & write-ups are being conducted for home owners seeking assistance with rehabilitation. The first buy-outs should be completed within the fourth quarter of 2017 and housing rehab work will begin in late October 2017.

# **Project Summary**

Project #, Project Title	This Report Period	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
CDBG-DR- Housing Buy-outs, Lex Co CDBG-DR Housing	\$0.00	\$10,014,500.00	\$0.00
CDBG-DR- Minor Housing Rehab, Lex Co CDBG-DR Minor	\$0.00	\$2,452,000.00	\$0.00
CDBG-DR- Program Planning, Lex Co CDBG-DR Program	\$271,550.00	\$705,500.00	\$271,550.00
CDBG-DR-Infrastructure, Lex Co CDBG-DR Infrastructure	\$0.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$0.00
CDBG-DR-Program Administration, Lex Co CDBG-DR	\$78,019.96	\$660,000.00	\$78,019.96



# **Activities**

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# Project # / Title: CDBG-DR- Program Planning / Lex Co CDBG-DR Program

Grantee Activity Number: DR Planning
Activity Title: DR Planning

Activity Category: Activity Status:

Planning Under Way

Project Number: Project Title:

CDBG-DR- Program Planning Lex Co CDBG-DR Program Planning

Projected Start Date: Projected End Date:

02/01/2017 12/31/2018

Benefit Type: Completed Activity Actual End Date:

National Objective: Responsible Organization:

N/A County of Lexington

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2017	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$651,500.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$651,500.00
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$651,500.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$271,550.00	\$271,550.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$271,550.00	\$271,550.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
County of Lexington	\$0.00	\$0.00
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00

### **Activity Description:**

This activity will include additional planing efforts associated with future program development and any neccessary infrastructure improvements.

#### **Location Description:**

Lexington County, South Carolina

### **Activity Progress Narrative:**

During the third quarter, the county continued to plan for future and up-coming CDBG-DR projects. This included additional program development, improvements to programmatic policies and procedures, unmet needs review and planning for future infrastructure improvements. Furthermore, during the quarter, the county was notified that it has been awarded an additional CDBG-DR allocation of \$5,038,000. The county, along with its consultants updated



the county's CDBG-DR Action Plan including presenting the substantial amendment to County Council on September 26th. The Action Plan is now out for public comment. Once the public comment period concludes, the county will submit the Action Plan to HUD for review and approval.

## **Accomplishments Performance Measures**

	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Plans or Planning Products	0	0/10
# of community engagement	0	0/10

#### **Beneficiaries Performance Measures**

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.

## **Activity Locations**

No Activity Locations found.

# **Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

**No Other Match Funding Sources Found** 

Other Funding Sources Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found Total Other Funding Sources

# Project # / Title: CDBG-DR-Program Administration / Lex Co CDBG-DR

Grantee Activity Number: Program Administration
Activity Title: Program Administration

Activity Category: Activity Status:

Administration Under Way

Project Number: Project Title:

CDBG-DR-Program Administration Lex Co CDBG-DR Administration

Projected Start Date: Projected End Date:

09/01/2016 12/31/2020

Benefit Type: Completed Activity Actual End Date:

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National Objective: Responsible Organization:

N/A County of Lexington



Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2017	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$660,000.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$660,000.00
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$660,000.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$78,019.96	\$78,019.96
Program Funds Drawdown	\$78,019.96	\$78,019.96
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
County of Lexington	\$0.00	\$0.00
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00

### **Activity Description:**

Administration of the CDBG-DR program for Lexington County, South Carolina including staff and contractor efforts associated with program development, citizen participation, marketing, applicant in-take, client services and overall proram management. The County has contracted with Hearts and Hands to provide support for program management, application and client services. Additionally, the County has contracted with Civitas LLC to assist with program development, policies and procedures development, program management, monitoring and public reporting requirements.

### **Location Description:**

Lexington County, South Carolina

### **Activity Progress Narrative:**

During the third quarter, the county re-posted a job opening for its CDBG-DR Administrator. Interviews were scheduled for early October and the county hopes to have the position filled by the end of October. Additionally, consulting firm Civitas LLC began in August assisting the county with overall program management including contractor and subrecipient management, client intake and program marketing efforts as well as HUD reporting and compliance monitoring.

### **Accomplishments Performance Measures**

**No Accomplishments Performance Measures** 

### **Beneficiaries Performance Measures**

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.

### **Activity Locations**

No Activity Locations found.

### Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found



Other Funding Sources Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found Total Other Funding Sources

