

# October 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021

**Grant Number:**

B-16-UH-45-0001

**Obligation Date:****Award Date:****Grantee Name:**

Lexington County, SC

**Contract End Date:**

03/06/2023

**Review by HUD:**

Reviewed and Approved

**Grant Award Amount:**

\$21,370,000.00

**Grant Status:**

Active

**QPR Contact:**

No QPR Contact Found

**LOCCS Authorized Amount:**

\$21,370,000.00

**Estimated PI/RL Funds:****Total Budget:**

\$21,370,000.00

## Disasters:

**Declaration Number**

FEMA-4241-SC

## 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 OPCODE 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" lives.

**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

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](http://www.lex-co.sc.gov)

<b>Overall</b>	<b>This Report Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Total Projected Budget from All Sources</b>	\$0.00	\$21,370,000.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$0.00	\$21,370,000.00
<b>Total Obligated</b>	\$0.00	\$20,387,123.00
<b>Total Funds Drawdown</b>	\$10,912.44	\$16,818,178.26
<b>Program Funds Drawdown</b>	\$10,912.44	\$16,818,178.26
<b>Program Income Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Income Received</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Funds Expended</b>	\$0.00	\$16,801,041.36
<b>HUD Identified Most Impacted and Distressed</b>	\$0.00	\$16,801,041.36
<b>Other Funds</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Non-Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

#### **Funds Expended**

<b>Overall</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
County of Lexington	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,801,041.36
Lexington County, SC	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

### **Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Overall Benefit Percentage</b>	70.00%	61.41%	58.02%
<b>Minimum Non Federal Match</b>	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
<b>Overall Benefit Amount</b>	\$13,297,830.00	\$11,665,323.00	\$9,406,352.89
<b>Limit on Public Services</b>	\$3,205,500.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
<b>Limit on Admin/Planning</b>	\$4,274,000.00	\$2,373,100.00	\$607,216.38
<b>Limit on Admin</b>	\$1,068,500.00	\$911,900.00	\$354,666.38
<b>Most Impacted and Distressed</b>	\$21,370,000.00	\$21,370,000.00	\$16,801,041.36

### **Overall Progress Narrative:**

CDBG-DR expended \$10,912.44 dollars in the LMI Buyout Program for URA costs. Tetra Tech was contracted with the County of Lexington on September 1, 2021 as Project Management for our CDBG-DR Program. All projects are essentially concluded at this time except for ongoing URA payments for the Housing Buy-Outs LMI and the Bagpipe Road infrastructure project. Any remaining funds in other activities will be transferred to the Bagpipe Road project moving forward, through a substantial amendment, in order to address increased project costs. CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program will entail paving 1.3 miles of Bagpipe Road, which was affected by the 2015 flood. The Environmental Assessment is underway.

9999, Restricted Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CDBG-DR Public Facilities, Lex C CDBG-DR Public Facilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CDBG-DR- Housing Buy-outs, Lex Co CDBG-DR Housing	\$10,912.44	\$16,193,367.00	\$15,524,386.38
CDBG-DR- Minor Housing Rehab, Lex Co CDBG-DR Minor	\$0.00	\$686,575.50	\$686,575.50
CDBG-DR- Program Planning, Lex Co CDBG-DR Program	\$0.00	\$1,461,200.00	\$252,550.00
CDBG-DR-Infrastructure, Lex Co CDBG-DR Infrastructure	\$0.00	\$2,116,957.50	\$0.00
CDBG-DR-Program Administration, Lex Co CDBG-DR	\$0.00	\$911,900.00	\$354,666.38
DELETED-ACTIVITIES, DELETED-ACTIVITIES (Temporary)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

## Monitoring, Audit, and Technical Assistance

Event Type	This Report Period	To Date
Monitoring, Audits, and Technical Assistance	0	8
Monitoring Visits	0	5
Audit Visits	0	3
Technical Assistance Visits	0	0
Monitoring/Technical Assistance Visits	0	0
Report/Letter Issued	0	7