



**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOI RROF)**

December 2, 2016

Richland County Government
Community Development Department
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Richland County Government and its Community Development Department.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 22, 2016, the Richland County Government and its Community Development Department will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds administered under Housing and Urban Development, and related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (Pub. L. 114-113, approved December 18, 2015) (Appropriations Act). The County intends per the approved Action Plan to undertake the following project(s) within impacted areas adversely affected by the floods of October 2015:

Single Family Homeowner and Small Rental Rehabilitation Programs (Broad Tier Review)

The Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation Program (SFHRP) will provide housing assistance to homeowners who were impacted by the severe storms and flooding that occurred in October 2015. This program will focus on repair or rehabilitation of single family housing units in the disaster-impacted areas to applicable construction codes and standards. This program may also include replacing an existing substandard manufactured housing unit (MHU) with a new or standard MHU. Modular homes are also eligible structure types.

The Small Rental Housing Rehabilitation Program (SRRP) will provide assistance to rehabilitate rental housing impacted by the severe storms and flooding of October 2015. This

program will focus on the repair or rehabilitation of small (1-4 units) rental housing in the disaster-impacted areas to applicable construction codes and standards. Eligible activities under this program will include rehabilitation and associated elevation (if required) and demolition. RCCD may also provide assistance for Individual Mitigation Measures (energy efficiency and storm mitigation activities) on a case-by-case basis.

A total of up to 300 dwelling units will be impacted within all areas of Richland County that are not incorporated in the city of Columbia. The area is approximately 585 square miles. **An Estimated Total of CDBG-DR Funds to be expended with this project is \$12,161,000.**

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
B-16-UH-45-0002	CDBG-DR	Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$10,161,000
B-16-UH-45-0002	CDBG-DR	Small Rental Rehabilitation	\$2,000,000

Site-Specific Environmental Assessments will be conducted on eligible assisted properties and individual determinations will be made at such time.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Richland County Government has determined that the project, per broad tier review, will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Richland County Community Development, 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3063, Columbia, SC 29204 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

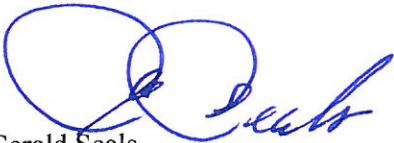
Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Richland County Community Development Department, 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3063B, Columbia, SC 29204, who is responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by Friday, December 22, 2016 should specify this notice and received comments will be considered by this date.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Richland County Community Development Department certifies to HUD that Gerald Seals, Interim County Administrator as the County Administrator's designee, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's South Carolina Field Office's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Richland County to use the CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and The Richland County Government's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Richland County Government; (b) The Richland County Government has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Richland County Government has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to: Bradley Evatt, CPD Field Office Director, US Department of HUD, Columbia Field Office, 1835 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201-2480. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Gerald Seals
Richland County Government
Interim County Administrator