

Richland County Blue Ribbon Committee

February 20, 2020

Program Updates



Agenda Overview



- Welcome
- Overall Recovery Program Update
- HMGP 4241 (2015 Flood) Property Buyout Program Update [Action]
 - Residential Property Acquisitions Update
 - Non-Residential Property Acquisitions Update
 - Disqualifications of Two (2) Properties
- CDBG-DR Update
 - Single Family Homeowner Rehab Program Update
 - Small Rental Rehab (SRR) Program Update
 - Reallocation of Funding for Business Assistance Program (BAP)
- CDBG-MIT Funding
- Next Steps
 - Meeting Schedule
- Adjourn

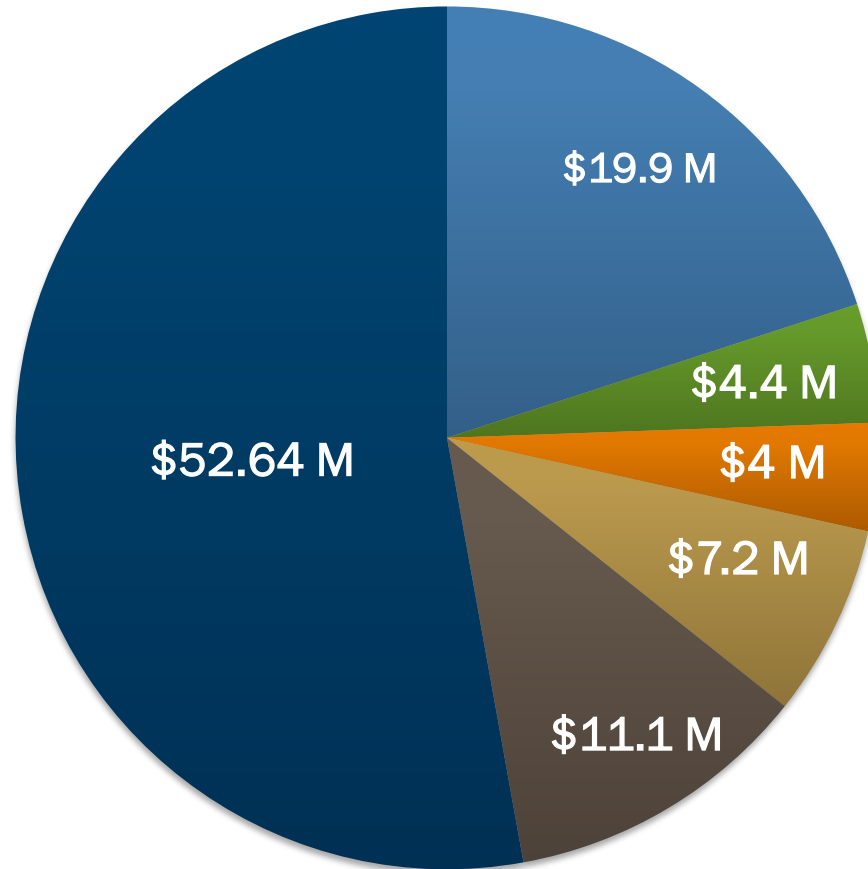
Overall Recovery Program Update



Resources to Rebuild Richland County

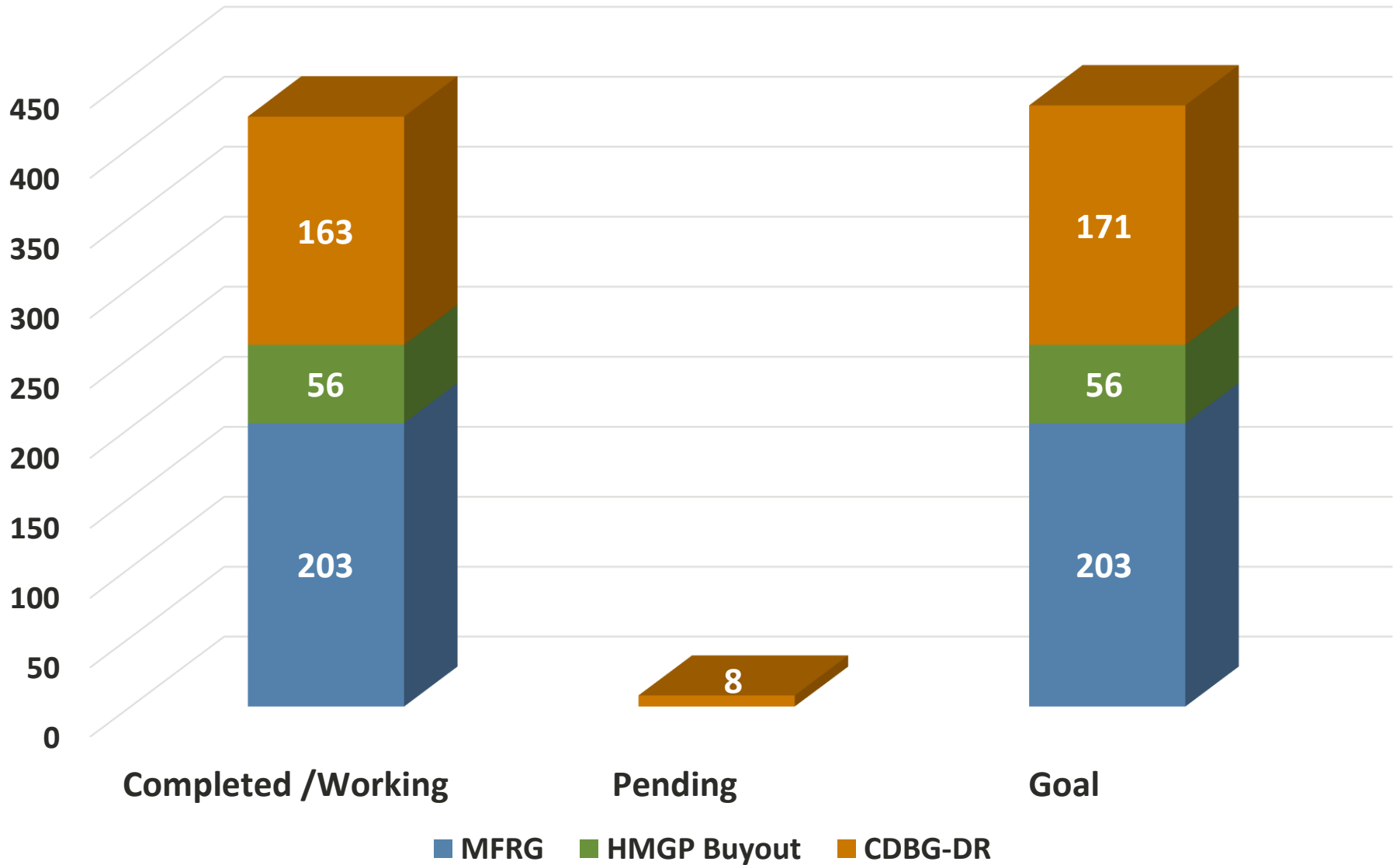


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Rebuilding Richland County



HGMP 4241 (2015 Flood) Update



HMGP 4241-DR (2015 Flood) Update



Property Acquisitions

- We were approved for the acquisition of seventy-four (74) properties.
 - Sixty-Four (64) Residential Properties
 - Ten (10) Non- Residential properties
- Subsequently, 18 properties either withdrew from the program or were disqualified
 - Ten (10) Residential Properties
 - Eight (8) Non-Residential Properties
 - Please see Slide #9 for action required on two of the non-residential properties
 - Fifty-Six (56) eligible properties remained eligible.
- We have concluded all fifty-six (56) property acquisitions at this time.



Demolition/Land Restoration Phase

- We are now progressing with the Demolition /Land Restoration Phase of the Project:
 - Of the fifty-six (56) properties,
 - 37 have completed demolition/land restoration
 - 13 are undergoing demolition/restoration at this time
 - 3 are problematic properties
 - We are working with RC Building Codes and Inspections
 - Will require engineering study
 - 3 are vacant lots
 - No demolition needed.
- Note: We are working with Community Planning & Development (Conservation Division) on reforestation of applicable properties.
 - Trillion Trees Project

HMGP 4241-DR (2015 Flood) Update



- During the acquisition process of two (2) non-residential properties (same corporate ownership) we were notified the property owner would not accept the purchase contract without significant revisions.
 - One the revisions sought full indemnification for the property owner of any hazardous material findings on the properties
 - The properties were subsequently viewed and it was determined there is a significant potential of hazardous material contamination (Brown Fields)
 - Due to the hazardous material indemnification requisite, it was recommended to the County Administrator we withdraw from further acquisition consideration.
 - The Administrator concurred, and directed the withdrawal be presented to the BRC for action.
- **Action:** Recommend County Council formally approve withdrawal of these two (2) non-residential properties from program acquisition.

CDBG-DR Update



CDBG-DR Rehab Status



Completed

- 56 MHUs have completed construction.
- 75 stick built home repairs have begun
 - 63 completed repairs.
- 32 rebuilds have begun construction.
 - 4 completed rebuilds.

Expectations

- All stick built repairs completed by May.
- All rebuilds completed by mid-July with 2 being complete beginning of August.

Positive Impact

- Beginning March 2019, the program instituted quality assurance measures to include a customer satisfaction survey for homeowners to rate the quality and timeliness of work completed by our contractors.
 - 93% of repairs have finished ahead of schedule and all but one contractor have received the top two scores on their customer satisfaction survey results.

CDBG-DR Rehab Status



Previously, we closed the Small Rental Rehab (SRR) program due to inactivity and moved the monies into the SFR program.

We have found at least one SRR that applied on time and is qualified for repair.

Action: Recommend County Council reopen the SRR program by transferring \$400,000 from the SFR program to the SRR program to conduct repairs to any qualified SRR that are eligible for repairs under the program guidelines.

- All funds will come from the CDBG-DR grant money.
- No cost to the County.

CDBG-DR Rehab Status



The County has received no activity in the Business Assistance Program while we have significant needs in the SFR program.

Action: Recommend County Council close the BAP program and transfer \$1,050,000 from the BAP program into the SFR program.

- All funds will come from the CDBG-DR grant money.
- No cost to the County.

Currently, the CDBG-DR program has 110 homes frozen and another 118 individuals on the waiting list.

CDBG-MIT Funding



CDBG-MIT Overview



- \$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
- 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
- 50% of funds must benefit low-and-moderate income (LMI) individuals

Action Plan Development Progress

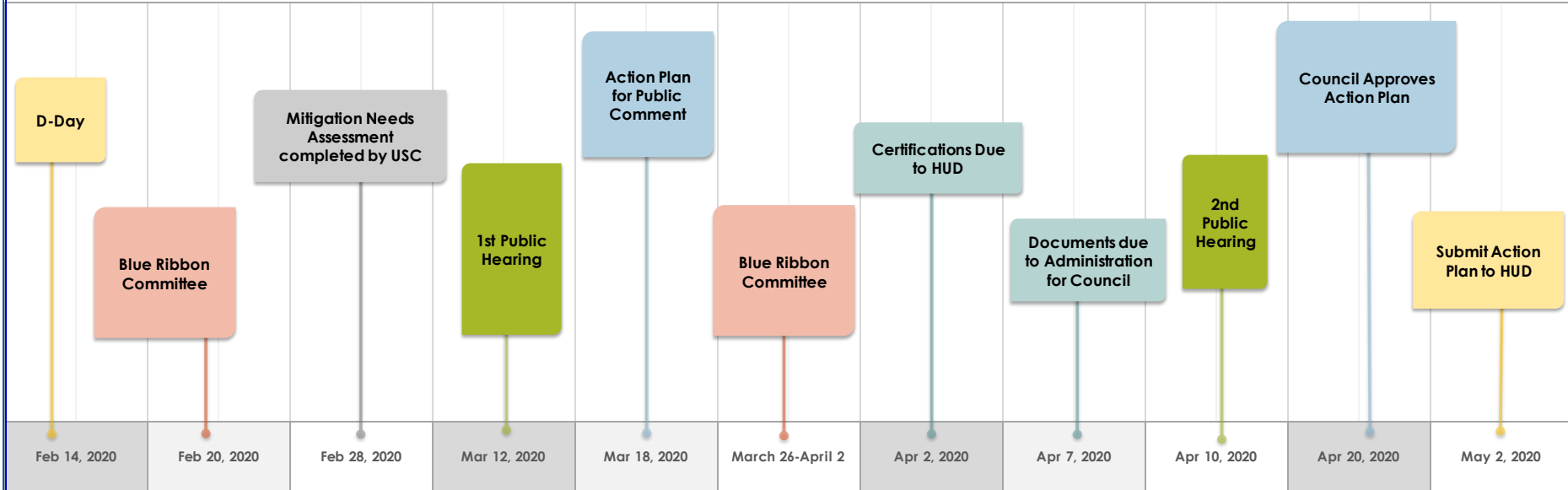


- HUD granted extension to submit action plan by May 2, 2020
- Partnership with USC's Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute
 - South Carolina and Central Midlands Hazard Mitigation Plans
 - Risk-based Mitigation Needs Assessment (30% complete)
- Identification and prioritization of eligible mitigation activities, such as:
 - Infrastructure
 - Economic Development
 - Housing
 - Planning, administration, and public services
 - Match funds

Action Plan Development Timeline



CDBG-MIT Action Plan Timeline



Next Steps





- **Next Meeting**

- **March 26-April 2**
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
County Administration Building
4th Floor Conference Room
2020 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204

Questions?

