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NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY

## HAYWOOD COUNTY RAPID RECOVERY FUND



November 2024

# AGENDA

- Tropical Storm Fred CDBG-DR Funds
- Rapid Recovery Fund Explanation
- Disaster Case Management - Helene

# TROPICAL STORM FRED GRANT

- NCORR received a total of \$13,186,000 in CDBG-DR for Tropical Storm Fred (2021) recovery
- Of that amount, \$11,626,700 has been subgranted to Haywood County
  - \$10,526,700 for Affordable Housing Development
  - \$1,100,000 for Homeownership Assistance
- As of today, two projects have been awarded by Haywood County using Affordable Housing Development Funds
  - \$3,500,000 for an 84-unit multifamily apartment complex (Mountain Housing Opportunities)
  - \$2,497,827.05 for a single-family homeownership development project at Harkins Ave. (Mountain Projects)
- There is approximately \$4,000,000 available in the Affordable Housing Fund after accounting for activity delivery costs

# CHANGING RECOVERY NEEDS

- After discussions with the County following the impacts of Hurricane Helene, \$4,000,000 of the Affordable Housing Development Fund subgrant will be able to be used by the County for new recovery needs for Helene
- This new use is referred to as the “Rapid Recovery Fund”
- Potential projects include:
  - Single-Family Homeowner Occupied and Small Rental Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, and Manufactured Home Replacement
  - Buyout and Acquisition of damaged property
  - Acquisition of new housing for permanent relocation and permanent relocation assistance for residents of damaged property
  - Other housing assistance, as needed

# USE OF FRED FUNDS FOR HELENE

- HUD has provided guidance on the use of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for a specific disaster to also be used for recovery needs due to a later disaster, in some instances
- To use Tropical Storm Fred CDBG-DR funds for Helene recovery:
  - A Tropical Storm Fred unmet recovery need must be worsened by Helene
  - The connection to Tropical Storm Fred must be documented
  - The change in unmet need must also be documented

# ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT

- An Action Plan Amendment is needed to allow for these activities
- The Action Plan Amendment is available for public comment now
- The public comment period lasts for 30 days and will be considered in the final submission to HUD for review
- We are urging HUD to perform an expedited review of the Action Plan to begin these activities as soon as possible

# WHAT'S NEXT

- The Action Plan is finalized, reviewed, and approved
- The County will identify project(s) to fund with the Rapid Recovery Fund
  - Some potential projects have already been identified
- NCORR will work with the County to establish eligibility and properly document all grant requirements in the project record
- NCORR or the County will divide responsibilities, such as contractor selection, construction management, payment schedules and terms, etc.
  - The intent is to put Haywood County in the driver's seat and NCORR will support

# DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

- The State is activating Disaster Case Management services in Buncombe County and will soon be expanding to other counties
- Individuals with recovery needs or questions about their FEMA assistance should reach out to the Disaster Case Management team.
  - Contact Center information is forthcoming
- Disaster Case Management is now hiring locally
  - See [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina) and search for Disaster Case Manager



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