



City of Columbia, South Carolina

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Columbia CDBG Disaster Recovery Program
Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2016, Public Law 114-3 and 115-31

Public Comment Period: January 11, 2018- January 25, 2018

In accordance with federal regulations, 24 CFR Part 91, the City of Columbia is amending its Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan. Prior to the Action Plan approval in January 2017, the City submitted applications to FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) identifying 32 property owners interested in the City's purchase, demolition and disposition of their property. Seventeen (17) of those households also applied to the CDBG-DR Buyout Program when it became available. On November 9, 2017, the date Action Plan Amendment #1 was submitted to HUD, FEMA notified the City that its HMGP applications had been approved.

In the interest of leveraging all potential funding sources, the City is requesting that \$2 million in CDBG funding currently allocated to the Buyout Program be transferred to the proposed HMGP Match program, which will assist property owners selling storm-damaged homes in meeting the 25% local cost share. Property owners will be notified that the Buyout program will be closed and existing applicants covered under HMGP. The acquisition process is the same for both programs. Deed restrictions will mandate that all properties be demolished and dedicated in perpetuity to a public use compatible with open space, recreation, natural floodplain functions, ecosystem restoration, or wetlands management practices. The CDBG-DR case manager will monitor the acquisition process for HMGP participants and maintain all documentation necessary for program files.

Citizens may review changes to the Action Plan Amendment at <https://dr.columbiasc.gov/action-plan/>. Public comments may be submitted via email to CityRecoveryDR@columbiasc.net, mailed to the Community Development Department, CDBG Disaster Recovery Program, 1225 Lady Street, Suite 102, Columbia, SC 29201 or faxed to (803) 255-8912. A summary of all citizen comments will be included in the amended Action Plan submitted to HUD at the end of this comment period. For more information, please contact the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program at (803) 545-4668.