

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Newberry County

December 07, 2016

South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office (SCDRO) of the South Carolina Department of Commerce, 632 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201,(803) 896-4171

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office (SCDRO) of the South Carolina Department of Commerce.**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about December 23, 2017, the South Carolina Department of Commerce will “authorize the South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office to” submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114?113, approved December 18, 2015) to undertake a project known as Single Family Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program, Newberry County, South Carolina for the purpose of rehabilitating and/or reconstructing single-family homes, and/or replacement of single-family Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs) that were damaged by the October 2015 Flood Event. This is a multi-year project 12/2016-12/2021 where SCDRO will be carrying out various individual action on single family homes. Rehabilitation activities may include: repair or replacement of structure elements such as roof, windows, door, sheetrock, plumbing and electrical fixtures, mechanicals, and lead based paint and mold remediation. Reconstruction activities will include demolition of the original storm-damaged unit, site preparation, elevation as required, and reconstruction of a single-family dwelling. MHU replacement will include demolishing original MHU on site, hauling debris away and placing new MHU in previous MHU footprint.

Under 24 CFR 58.15 (Tiering) and 24 CFR 58.32 (Project aggregation), SCDRO will utilize a tiered approach for combining similar work into geographic as well as functional aggregation packages when conducting the environmental review. The “Broad Review” or “Tier 1 review” has been completed and it has been determined that the project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Applying the tiering rule provides SCDRO the ability to separate individual project site work into aggregate categories of work having similar geographic and/or functional environmental attributes. A “site specific” or “Tier II” review will be done on each subject property before using any CDBG-DR funds for construction activities. The estimated CDBG-DR funding amount for Newberry County is \$600,000.00.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

SCDRO has determined that the project 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 with Eric Fosmire at the South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office, 632 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 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 Eric Fosmire, 632 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201. All comments received by December 22, 2016 will be considered by SCDRO prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

SCDRO certifies to HUD that Eric Fosmire in his capacity as the SCDRO Attorney 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 approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the SCDRO to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the SCDRO’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 SCDRO; (b) SCDRO has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Bradley S. Evatt, Director CPD, 1835 Assembly Street, 13th Floor, Columbia, SC 29201-2460, (803)765-5344. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.