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SCDRO HURRICANE MATTHEW INTAKE PROCESS ENDS

Columbia, S.C., May 21, 2018 – The South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office (SCDRO) completed the intake portion of the Hurricane Matthew program on December 29, 2017. While intake has closed, the construction phase will last for the next two years or until all available funding is exhausted. SCDRO is working diligently to reach citizens as quickly as construction allows.

The program goal is to help as many eligible applicants as possible. With current federal funding, SCDRO will serve approximately 1,350 households in the 24 presidentially declared counties. Should the program receive additional funds, SCDRO will continue to serve eligible applicants until all funds are depleted.

SCDRO determines priority by evaluating income, age dependency and disability. The program focuses on the repair or replacement of homes for the most vulnerable citizens that do not have the resources to repair or rebuild their homes.

Due to limited funding, the program will not be able to serve every applicant. Federal guidelines state that 80 percent of the funds must be spent in Marion and Horry counties, with the remaining funds going to the other 22 presidentially declared counties. “No Service” letters are being sent to those applicants that the program will not reach due to funding limitations.

Applicants may appeal this decision based on facts related to their priority level. To appeal the decision, applicants must submit a written letter to SCDRO by March 15, 2018. Appeals should include the applicant’s name, the address of the property, supporting documents, and reasons for the appeal. Applicants who need help with their appeal should contact their designated advocate or disaster case manager.

The 24 counties served by the program include: Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg counties.

For more information about SCDRO, visit <https://www.scdr.sc.gov>.

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SCDRO APPEAL PROCESS

1. The priority table is designed to assist those who are in the low to moderate income community and who are age dependent (person 65 or older or have children ages 5 or under), or are disabled, or who have multiple disabilities within the family.

	Household's Aream Median Income Category		
	30% AMI or Below	31% AMI to 50% AMI	51% AMI to 80% AMI
Applicant's Household Includes Both Age Dependent & Disabled, or Multiple Disabled Individuals	1st Priority	3rd Priority	5th Priority
Applicant's Household Includes Either Age Dependent or Disabled	2nd Priority	4th Priority	6th Priority
Applicant's Household Includes Neither Age Dependent or Disabled	5th Priority	7th Priority	8th Priority

2. To appeal the decision, citizens must submit a written appeal by March 15, 2018. The appeal must be in writing and mailed to SCDRO.
3. Each appeal form or letter must include:
 - Date of appeal;
 - Citizen's name;
 - Their current mailing address;
 - The street address of the property or primary residence listed on the application;
 - Their identification application number (included with the denial letter);
 - Copies of all supporting documentation the program should consider for the appeal;
 - The reasons for disagreeing with the decision.
4. Citizens who need help identifying information which might help their appeal should contact their disaster case manager or advocate if they have one.
5. Appeals should be mailed to the following address:

South Carolina Disaster Recovery Program
632 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC 29201