



NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY

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CDBG-MIT Citizen Advisory Committee Public Meeting

June 22, 2022

Agenda

- Introductions and Meeting Accessibility
- Meeting Purpose
- Website Updates
- Review of Governing Rules
- Nominee Statements
- Break
 - During the break, members of the committee will vote for the leadership positions.
- Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Overview
- Questions

Introductions

- Accessibility resources
- CAC members
- North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency staff supporting CAC

Meeting Purpose

The Citizen Advisory Committee is a body to provide increased transparency in the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds. The North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) uses these funds to administer the NCORR Strategic Buyout Program and specific planning efforts. This meeting is to provide the Committee with an update on these projects and discuss them in greater depth.

NCORR has multiple grants and multiple programs. If you have feedback or an inquiry related to or want more information about any of NCORR's other projects, such as the ReBuild NC Homeowner Recovery Program, please send an email to askrbnc@rebuild.nc.gov.

Website Updates

- NCORR maintains a mitigation webpage at rebuild.nc.gov/mitigation, which includes information such as the CDBG-MIT Action Plan and other program updates.
- There is also a webpage (rebuild.nc.gov/mitigation-cac) dedicated to the CAC where meeting information will be posted, including:
 - Recordings and transcripts of public meetings
 - Approved meeting minutes
 - CAC member biographies, photos and contact information

Overview / Adoption of CAC Governing Rules

- 1. Name and Location** – defines the CAC and provides a mailing and email address to contact the CAC.
- 2. Purpose and Objectives** – 84 FR 45853, Aug. 30, 2019, V.A.3.c. stipulates the purpose of the CAC:
 - Solicit and respond to NCORR mitigation activities.
 - Serve as an ongoing public forum to inform CDBG-MIT projects and programs.
- 3. Duties** – CAC will review existing and proposed CDBG-MIT program activities and provide feedback and input on program development and efficacy. CAC will review updates provided by NCORR on CDBG-MIT activities. Review Substantial Action Plan Amendments and offer comment, if desired.

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4. **Existence** – CAC will exist for the term of the CDBG-MIT grant, or until the requirement for the CAC is abolished or revised by HUD.
5. **Conflicts of Interests** – CAC members are not permitted to have conflicts of interest, as outlined in the CAC’s Conflict of Interest Policy. Members also have a duty to report any actual or potential conflicts to NCORR.
6. **Committee Members: Number, Terms and Composition** – 11 to 17 voting members on the CAC, nominated by the State Disaster Recovery Task Force Housing Recovery Support Function Group (RSF). Half of the members will have a 24-month term, the other half will have a 36-month term, selected at random.
 - Note: Member term lengths have been adjusted from 18- and 24-month terms to ensure that the CAC does not have both terms expiring at the same time.

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- 7. Meetings and Procedural Rules** – As a “public body”, the CAC will adhere to the requirements in NC General Statute § 143-318.9 through 143-318.18. Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all CAC meetings and the conduct of business.
 - CAC is required to meet twice annually and may decide to hold up to two additional “special meetings” per year, which will include any meetings to review any draft substantial amendments to the CDBG-MIT Action Plan.
 - CAC is required to give at least 30-days advance notice to NCORR as NCORR’s Communication’s team needs advanced notice to ensure meeting is accessible.
- 8. Quorum and Majority** – One half of the voting members shall be a quorum, and a majority is one-half plus one of the members present and voting.

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9. Committee Leadership

- Committee Chair: Preside at all meetings and ensure duties of the Committee are carried out in a timely manner. Responsible for coordinating with NCORR to ensure all meetings are held in accordance with the relevant statutes and regulations.
- Vice Committee Chair: In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair will perform the duties of the Chair. If the Chair position becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice Chair assumes the duties of the Chair until the next meeting, at which time a successor is elected. If the Vice Chair position becomes vacant, the Chair will select a member to fill the vacancy until the next meeting, at which time a successor is elected.
- Secretary: Non-elected, non-voting member of the CAC, filled by NCORR staff. The secretary is responsible for reviewing and editing the meeting minutes, getting the Mitigation webpage updated, addressing comments by the CAC, etc.

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10. Method of Amending Governing Rules – Text of the proposed changes shall be presented in writing to the membership. At the next meeting, a majority must approve the proposed amendment. If an amendment is approved by the CAC, then it is passed to the Secretary who will have relevant NCORR staff review the proposed amendments. If the proposal conflicts with statutory or regulatory requirements, or if NCORR suggests another revision, it will advise the CAC. If there are no impediments to the proposed amendment, the Secretary will email the CAC with approval and the amendment will be considered adopted.

Adoption of CAC Governing Rules

- Motion
- Discuss
- Vote

Nominee for Chair – Mayor Dontario “Don” Hardy



Nominee for Chair – Dr. Jimmy Tate



Nominee for Vice Chair – Owen Thomas



Break

Committee Members: Please check your email now for a link to vote for the chair and vice chair seats.

Purpose:

The Citizen Advisory Committee is to meet at least twice a year in an open forum to provide increased transparency in the implementation of Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds, to solicit and respond to public comment and input regarding NCORR's mitigation activities and to serve as an on-going public forum to continuously inform NCORR's CDBG-MIT projects and programs.

Election Results



CDBG-MIT Overview

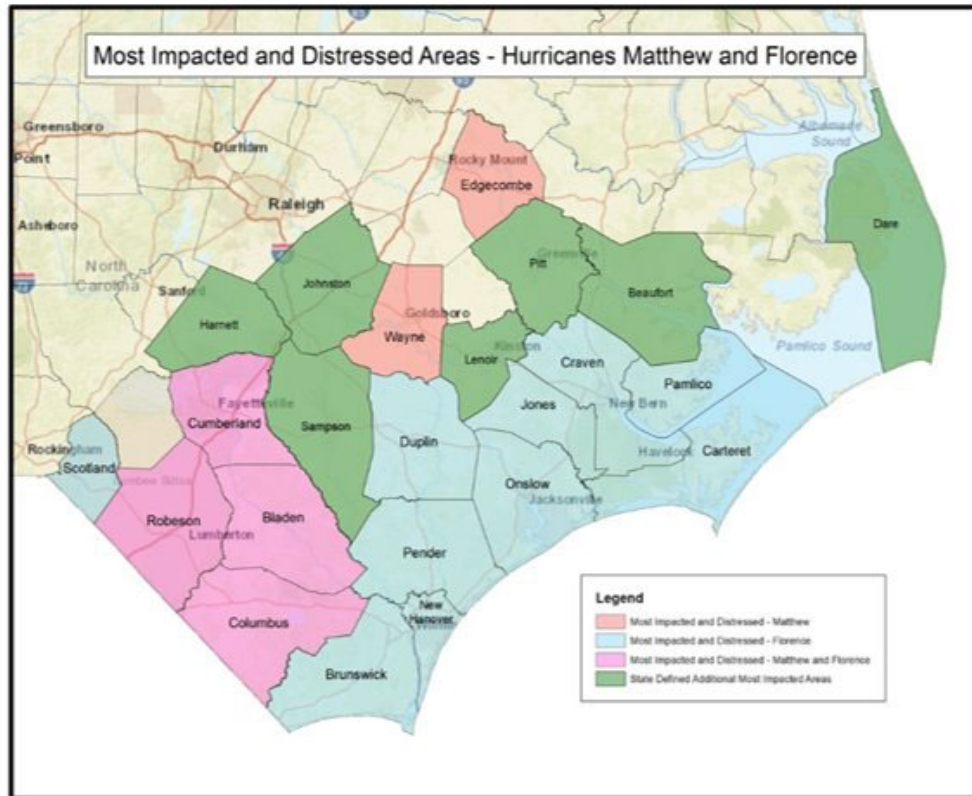
CDBG-MIT Overview

- What is “mitigation”? Generally, mitigation is any activity that increases resilience to a disaster, through the reduction or elimination of long-term risks.
 - This looks different for every community, and may look like elevating homes above floodwaters, buying out at-risk properties, or investing in stormwater infrastructure.
- NCORR received \$202,686,000 in Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-funded program. This funding was allocated to North Carolina for Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence and is intended to mitigate, or reduce damages caused by future storms.

CDBG-MIT Overview

- The funding may only be spent on:
 - Activities that meet the definition of "mitigation," and address risks identified in NCORR's Mitigation Needs Assessment
 - This Mitigation Needs Assessment is within NCORR's CDBG-Mit Action Plan and identified more than \$260 million in need for residential elevation and buyout, and that low-to-moderate income residents had more "major to severe" damage to their residences.
 - Eligible activities under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act
 - Meet a national objective
- 5% of funding is set aside to fund planning activities, which can be used to: update hazard mitigation plans, integrate mitigation in other planning activities, and update mapping, data or other capabilities to better understand evolving disaster risks.

CDBG-MIT Overview



- Again, funding must be spent on mitigation activities that address risks identified in NCORR’s Mitigation Needs Assessment.
- In addition, at least 50% of funding:
 - Must be spent in the counties determined by the federal government to be "most impacted and distressed" (MID counties).
 - Must directly benefit populations or applicants who are low- to moderate-income.

Planning – CDDL Coordination

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- NCORR has partnered with NCSU's Coastal Dynamics Design Lab (CDDL) to develop five Community Floodprints in communities affected by Matthew or Florence.
- A Community Floodprint is a community driven planning project that helps define opportunities for future funding to make communities more resilient to future storms. The CDDL works closely with citizens and community leaders in their partner communities so that the final product reflects the communities' values and specific opportunities for grant funded work.
- Two of the five communities have been identified:
 - Whiteville (Columbus County), February 2022 to April 2023
 - The Coharie Tribe (Sampson County), November 2022 to February 2024
 - Additional three communities are still to be determined, with estimated project dates of July 2022–September 2023; May 2023– July 2024; and September 2023–December 2024.
- If you know a community that may be interested, please send an email to buyout@rebuild.nc.gov

Strategic Buyout Program Overview

- **Voluntary** buyouts of flood-prone properties. Local government becomes the owner of the properties moving forward, and properties are deed restricted so nothing can be built on them again.
- Must own property in an eligible Buyout Zone
 - There are currently 14 active buyout zones, with plans to expand to other areas this year.
 - Maps of these areas are to follow.
- Additional eligibility criteria include:
 - Applicant must be able to achieve clean title, retire mortgages or other liens, and meet program's requirements related to citizenship/immigration status.
 - Property must have documented Hurricane Matthew or Florence storm damage
- Ineligible properties include environmentally contaminated sites, properties owned by the government, historical homes and properties in other grant programs.

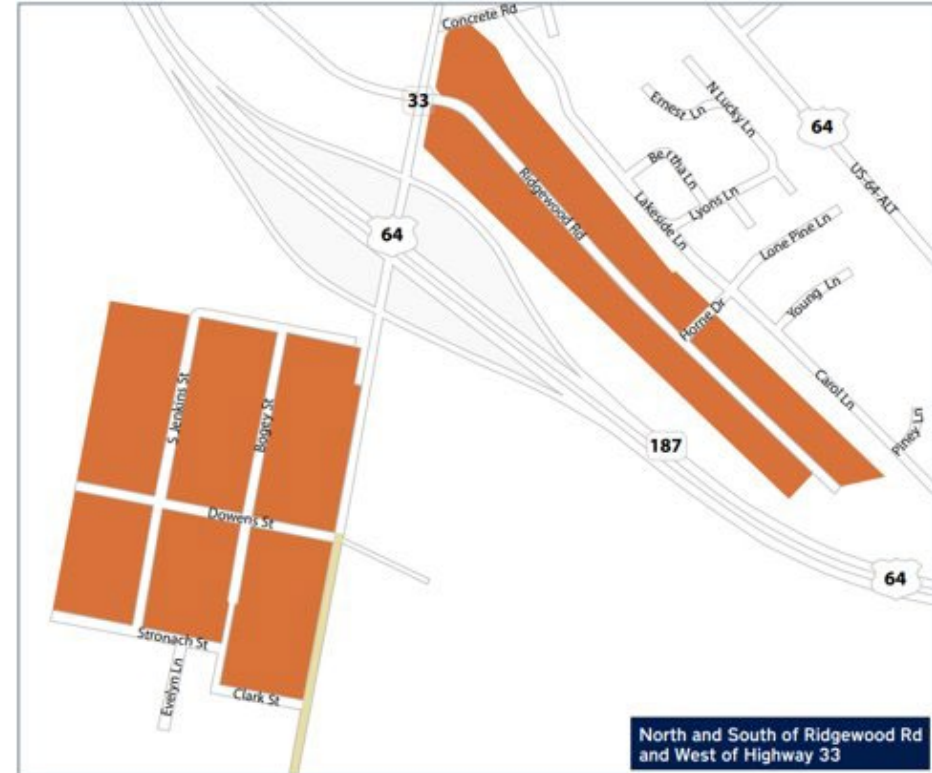
Strategic Buyout Program Assistance & Incentives

- Strategic Buyout pays out on *current fair market value* of the property.
- Certain applicants are eligible to receive up to two additional incentives:
 - Affordable Housing Incentives (one of the below):
 - Affordable Rental: Up to **\$17,000** to offset rental costs if an eligible low-to-moderate income applicant moves to a rental property.
 - Affordable Homeownership: Up to **\$100,000**, **\$150,000**, or **\$200,000** (depending on county) to ensure a low-to-moderate applicant income can re-purchase a home. Requires that the applicant engages with a housing counselor.
 - Matching Down Payment: Up to **\$50,000** down payment assistance, based on a one-for-one match. Requires that the applicant engages with a housing counselor.
 - Risk Reduction Incentives:
 - **\$10,000** to encourage someone to stay in their home county, and permanently move outside the floodplain or buyout zone. **\$5,000** if they move out of their home county but remain in the state of North Carolina, and permanently move outside the floodplain or buyout zone.
- Strategic Buyout also provides applicants with assistance clearing title issues, short sale assistance and housing counseling, as needed.

Strategic Buyout Program Buyout Zones – Edgecombe County



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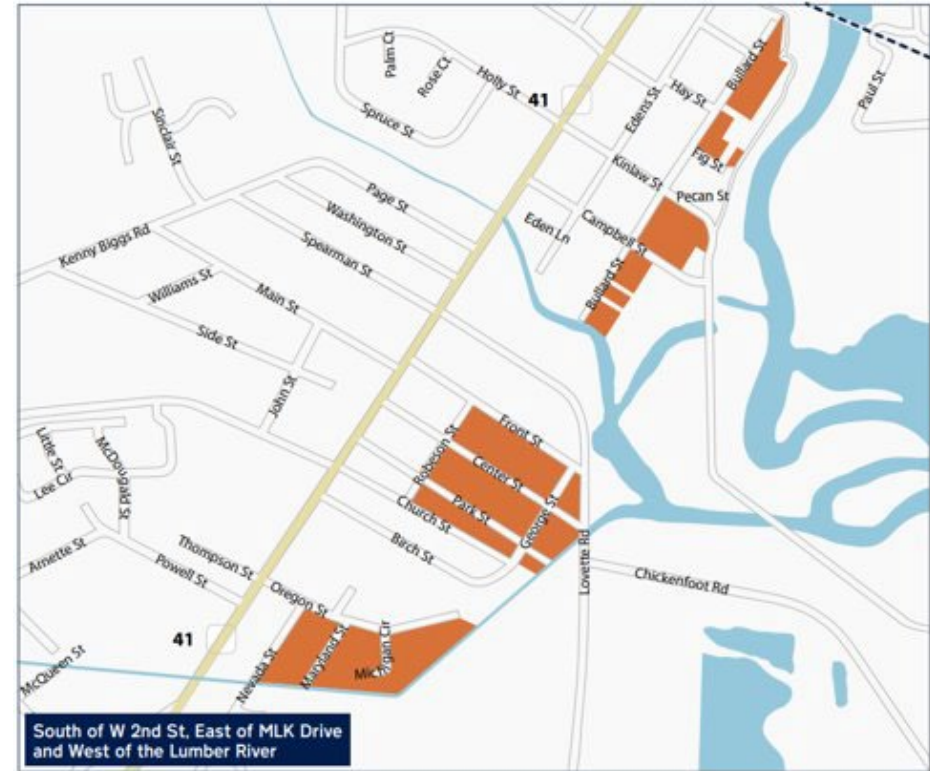
Strategic Buyout Program Buyout Zones – Wayne County



Strategic Buyout Program Buyout Zones – Wayne and Cumberland



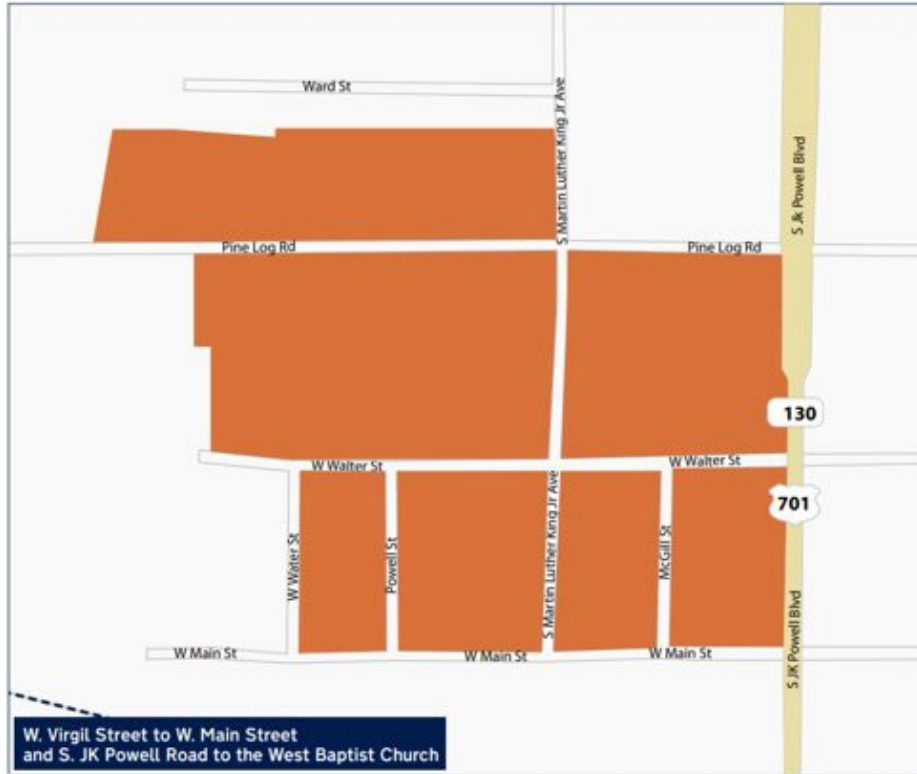
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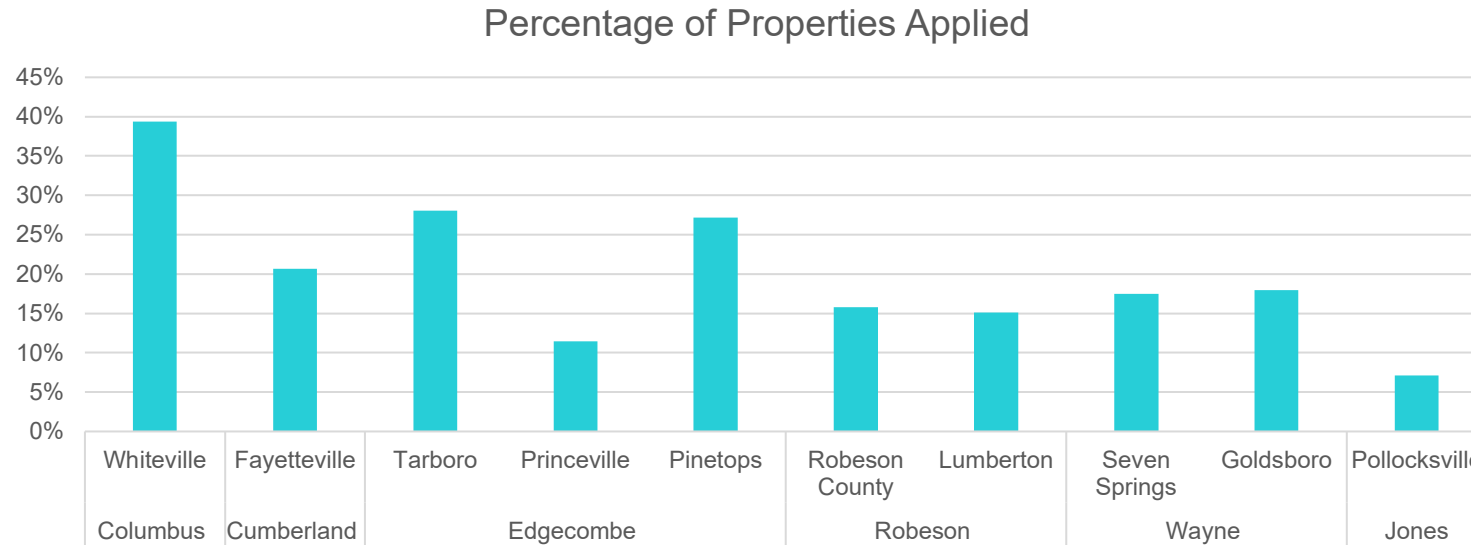


Strategic Buyout Program Buyout Zones – Columbus and Jones County



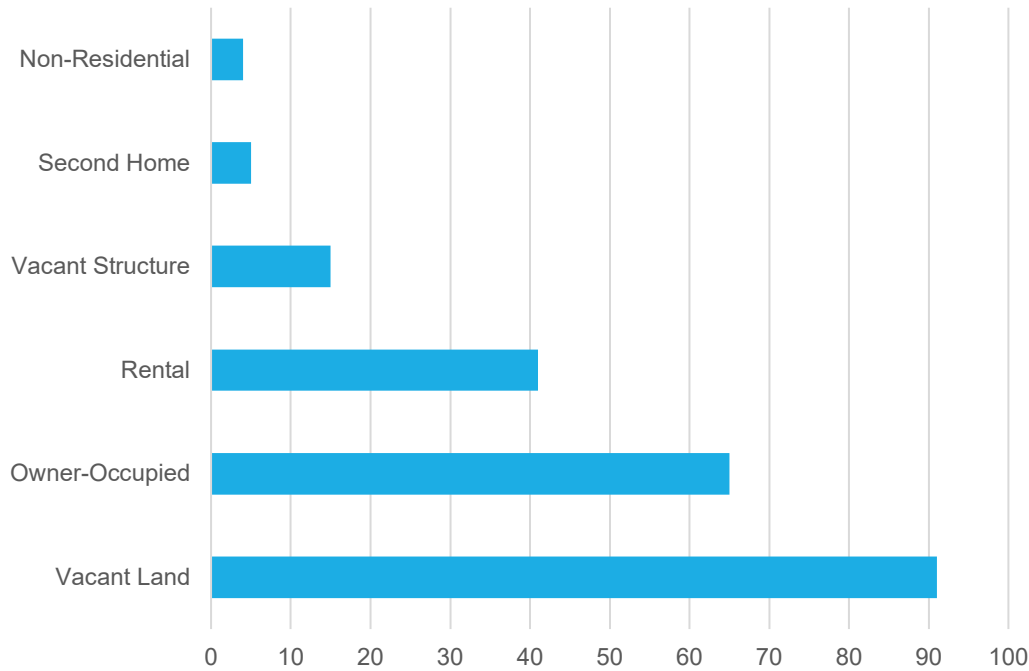
Strategic Buyout Program by the Numbers

- 1,158 potentially eligible properties with 221 applications received = 19% participation rate across the program.

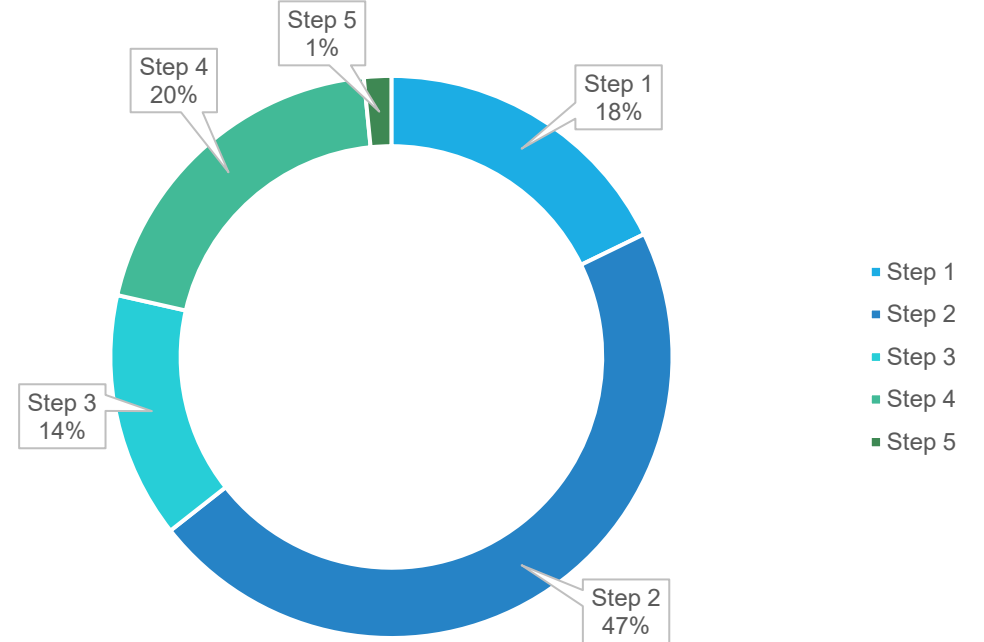


Strategic Buyout Program by the Numbers

Applications by Property Type



Active Applications by Status



Strategic Buyout Programs by the Numbers

- The Strategic Buyout Program has a budget of \$182 million. We anticipate spending the whole allocation to support residents and their communities in their continued recovery. The program will continue to expand to additional buyout zones in communities affected by Hurricane Florence.
- If members of the CAC have any additional requests for reporting metrics, please reach out to the committee chair.

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Questions?



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Thank you.

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