

State of South Carolina

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FEDERAL FUNDING TASK FORCE

BACKGROUND

The federal government has numerous avenues to help mitigate and provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures. The state of South Carolina and its citizens will benefit from assistance from the federal government for preventative measures.

Members of this task force will be charged with identifying and securing sources federal funding to supplement any or all of the Floodwater Commission's task force initiatives. Potential funding sources include DOE, DOI, DHS, FEMA, NOAA, NSF, and DOD.

OBJECTIVES

- Coordinate a series of roundtable meeting with key stakeholders in South Carolina who have been affected by flooding events to discuss available funding sources.
- Identify grants that South Carolina would qualify for including but not limited to: DOE, DOI, DHS, FEMA, NOAA, NSF, and DOD.

DELIVERABLES

Research and identify the key stakeholders for federal funding sources; and conduct meetings to cultivate the relationships between members of the task force and the members of each federal funding source. The purpose is to bridge the gap between the public and private sector to further develop a working relationship to mitigate the risk of a flooding event.

Request funding for technical assistance from the flood impacted communities to ensure the safety of the state of SC and while reducing the burden on the taxpayers of SC. Identify federal funding that is available to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select,

and develop viable community flood mitigation projects. Funding sources are available for projects with proven techniques that integrate cost effective natural floodplain restoration solutions and improvements that will benefit coastal communities.

Identify federal funding available through the federal appropriations process.

Areas of priority in federal funding; include, but not limited to:

- Infrastructure protective measures
- Floodwater storage and diversion
- Utility protective measures
- Storm water management
- Wetland restoration and/or creation
- Aquifer storage and recovery
- Localized flood control to protect critical facility
- Floodplain and stream restoration
- Water and sanitary sewer system protective measures

TIME FRAME

March 2019 – Coordinate a series of roundtable meetings with key stakeholders in South Carolina that will be and/or have been affected by flooding events to assist with receiving grant funding.

June 2019 – Identify grants for flood mitigation; including but not limited to: DOE, DOI, DHS, FEMA, NOAA, NSF and DOD.

Fall 2019 – Identify federal funding available through federal appropriations process.