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Recovery Fact Sheet

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Overview

Governor Roy Cooper established the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence to streamline disaster recovery programs statewide and help communities rebuild smarter and stronger. The office, a division of the Department of Public Safety, administers programs that support disaster recovery and resiliency. Since September 2019, NCORR has stayed on pace in spending Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for hurricane-impacted areas of the state, even in the face of the challenges of operating during the coronavirus pandemic.

CDBG-DR Grants

NCORR administers HUD disaster recovery grants as part of a comprehensive plan to assist North Carolina's most storm-impacted communities. The ReBuild NC Homeowner Recovery Program helps North Carolinians repair their homes from damage caused by Hurricanes Florence and Matthew. New applicants can call 833-275-7262 or email Ask-RBNC@rebuild.nc.gov for step-by-step help with applying or [complete an online application](#).

Hurricane Matthew Recovery

- NCORR has awarded **\$183.7 million** to homeowners for repairs and reconstructions, small businesses for recovery, local governments for infrastructure, and to the NC Housing Finance Agency for the construction of new affordable housing in areas impacted by Hurricane Matthew.
- Through its [ReBuild NC](#) program, NCORR currently has **229** homes under construction with an additional **444** homes completed.
- \$91 million in grants have been awarded to **1,190** storm-impacted homeowners.

Hurricane Florence Recovery

- Following a 500-day delay by HUD in publishing the Florence CDBG-DR grant Federal Register Notice, NCORR submitted the required action plan for approval within **24 hours**.
- NCORR was the **first in the nation** among the 2018 CDBG-DR grantees to receive action plan approval due to the office's advance strategic work.
- After receipt of the action plan approval from HUD, NCORR opened the application period for the ReBuild NC Homeowner Recovery Program on June 15.
- To date, NCORR has received **2,281** applications for the Homeowner Recovery Program.

Local Government Grants and Loans Program

State funding to help local and tribal governments recover after a disaster

- **\$36.4 million** in grants and zero-interest loans have been awarded to local and tribal governments.

Strategic Buyout Program

Purchasing properties that are prone to repeated flooding and returning the land to green space

- **\$109 million** in CDBG mitigation funds have been allocated to purchase flood-prone properties and get people out of harm's way.
- The program is accepting applications in **13** buyout zones within **five** eastern North Carolina counties impacted by Hurricane Matthew: Columbus, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Robeson and Wayne, with plans to expand to counties most impacted by Hurricane Florence.

Infrastructure Program

Funding for initiatives that promote stronger, more resilient communities

- **\$13.7 million** has been awarded for **16** projects in **seven** counties: Bladen, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Hyde, Nash, Robeson and Wayne.

Affordable Housing Program

Increasing the supply of safe, low- to moderate-income housing

- NCCRR has awarded **\$32.6 million** to affordable housing projects.
- To date, funding supports **seven** projects in **four** hurricane-impacted counties: Cumberland, Robeson, Wayne and Wilson.

Resiliency Program

Supporting local governments and communities to build resilience in the face of future challenges, including disasters and climate change

- The *Natural Hazards Resilience: A Quick Start Guide for North Carolina Communities* was published in April and [is available online](#).
- The program recently received a **\$1 million** grant from the federal Economic Development Administration and is establishing a steering committee to draft a grant scope of work.
- Team members have established an Interagency Resilience Team, whose first meeting is in September.
- [Recovery Support Function subcommittees](#) virtual meetings hosted by the team are held monthly and are open to the public.