

# Horry County HOME Consortium 2021-2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

Horry County Community Development 100 Elm Street Conway, SC 29526

#### CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

## Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The primary deliverable during the 2021-2022 program year was the development of decent, safe and affordable housing. Horry County spent \$791,173.60 on housing rehabilitation during this program year, completing 15 rehabs. In addition, 10 housing rehabilitation projects are currently underway. The average cost of housing rehabilitation was \$31,646.94. Housing activities promote the stability of neighborhoods not only by providing safe and affordable housing opportunities, but also through eliminating blight and safety hazards within distressed targeted neighborhoods.

Horry County expanded efforts to address impediments facing homeless individuals by providing case management services to homeless individuals. Eastern Carolina Housing Organization (ECHO) assisted individuals from across the County with homeless case management services (\$20,000.00). Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach utilized CDBG funding to provide utility and security deposits for eligible participants from its Mainstream voucher program (\$20,150.00). New Directions utilized CDBG funds to acquire bunking kits for 88 shelter beds at their facility (\$7,957.00). SOS Care utilized CDBG funding to continue a program to provide life skills training for individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities (\$8,668.94). Participants received instruction in critical skills necessary to function in an independent living environment. The program assisted a total of fifteen participants with life skills training during the program year. Children's Recovery Center utilized CDBG funds to provide forensic and medical exams for abused children in Horry County (\$3,000). Finally, A Father's Place conducted employment boot camps to provide soft skills training for low income individuals (\$35,000.00).

The City of Conway has allocated its funding toward development of a pool improvements project. The repaired facility, when completed, will serve a low income census block group and neighborhood. The project is the procurement stage and is anticipated to begin construction this program year.

The City of Myrtle Beach began public facility improvements at the Mary Canty Center during the 2021-2022 program year (\$140,065.55). The project consisted of parking and drainage improvements at the facility and will be completed in the near future. The City of Myrtle Beach also began infrastructure improvements along Grey Street. The project consists of road and drainage improvements in an LMI community. The project will be completed in the near future.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Sourc e / Amou nt	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expect ed – Strateg ic Plan	Actual  - Strateg ic Plan	Percent Complet e	Expect ed – Progra m Year	Actual  - Progra m Year	Percent Complet e
1A: Increase Homeowners hip Opportunitie s	Affordable Housing	HOME :\$	Homeowner Housing Added	Househol d Housing Unit	20	12	60.00%	4	7	175.00 %
1A: Increase Homeowners hip Opportunitie s	Affordable Housing	HOME : \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Househol ds Assisted	1	0	0.00%			
1B: Increase Affordable Rental Hsg Opportunitie s	Affordable Housing	HOME : \$	Rental units constructed	Househol d Housing Unit	25	3	12.00%	3	3	100.00
1B: Increase Affordable Rental Hsg Opportunitie s	Affordable Housing	HOME :\$	Rental units rehabilitated	Househol d Housing Unit	10	0	0.00%			
1C: Provide for Owner Occupied Hsg Rehabilitatio n	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME : \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Househol d Housing Unit	105	92	87.62%	25	21	84.00 %
1D: Reduce Slum & Blight in Residential Areas	Affordable Housing	CDBG:	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	5	0	0.00%			
1D: Reduce Slum & Blight in Residential Areas	Affordable Housing	CDBG:	Housing Code Enforcement/Forecl osed Property Care	Househol d Housing Unit	100	0	0.00%			
2A: Expand &Improve Public Infrastructur e Capacity	Non- Housing Communit y Developm ent	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2000	5368	268.40%	1000	175	17.50 %

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2A: Expand &Improve Public Infrastructur e Capacity	Non- Housing Communit Y Developm ent	CDBG:	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%			
2B: Improve Access to Public Facilities	Non- Housing Communit Y Developm ent	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	250	8030	3,212.0 0%	500	250	50.00 %
3A: Provide for Rapid Re- housing Programs	Homeless	HOME: \$5000 0 / ESG: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Househol ds Assisted	200	288	144.00%	46	7	15.22 %
3B: Increase & Improve Homeless Prevention Service	Homeless	ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	375	201	53.60%	65	15	23.08
3C: Increase Availability of Overnight Shelter Bed	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / ESG: \$2000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	18		2	5	250.00 %
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3D: Improve Street Outreach & Supportive Services	Homeless	CDBG:	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1	0	0.00%			
3D: Improve Street Outreach & Supportive Services	Homeless	CDBG:	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	1	0	0.00%			
4A: Provide Vital Public Services	Non- Homeless Special Needs	CDBG:	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	200	1211	605.50%	0	900	
4A: Provide Vital Public Services	Non- Homeless Special Needs	CDBG:	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Househol ds Assisted	250	107	42.80%	15	29	193.33 %
4A: Provide Vital Public Services	Non- Homeless Special Needs	CDBG:	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	

5A: Develop Disaster Readiness & Response Programs	Non- Housing Communit Y Developm ent	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%		
6A: Small Business Assistance	Non- Housing Communit Y Developm ent	CDBG:	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	25	0	0.00%		
6A: Small Business Assistance	Non- Housing Communit Y Developm ent	CDBG: \$	Businesses assisted	Business es Assisted	4	30	750.00%		

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

Community Development prioritizes the rehabilitation of housing occupied by low-to-moderate income households. Horry County spent \$791,173.60 in CDBG funds, as well as \$109,890.52 in USDA funds, on housing rehabilitation during this program year. CDBG public services continue to assist Horry County non-profits that aid individuals in low income areas. Finally, adequate public facilities and improvements, including infrastructure and neighborhood revitalization, improve the living environments of residents of low-to-moderate income areas, and provide improved access to critical services. This is evidenced in the Belk Road resurfacing project in unincorporated Horry County.

Cummulative to date, Horry County has expended \$1,883,613.96 in CDBG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. Activities included financial assistance to sixty-seven (67) qualifying small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (\$1,476,298.71). Additionally, public services were funded through CDBG-CV to provide support for safety and programming modifications to allow for continuing operation of an after school program (\$6,973.52), as well as provision of peer counselling and mental health services for individuals struggling with addiction exacerbated by service reductions from the Covid-19 pandemic (\$42,036.53). Public service funds were also directed to provide mobile vaccination access (\$8,377.87), as well as transportation to vaccination appointments and food pantry deliveries for households isolating due to Covid-19 (\$28,208.00). Finally, CDBG-CV funds were awarded to provide increased access to mental health services whose availability was decimated by the impacts of Covid-19 (\$165,448.89).

#### **ESG Accomplishments**

Horry County's ESG subrecipient, ECHO, utilized \$12,179.98 in ESG funds to rapidly rehouse homeless individuals, \$32,353.17 for homeless prevention activities, and \$2,210.57 for administration. ECHO served 27 persons in Horry County through ESG funding during the 21-22 program year. 92.6% of the homeless individuals that ECHO assisted with ESG funding during the 2021-2022 left their delivery system by the end of this period. Horry County expended \$1,979.29 on administration of the ESG program for the 2021-2022 program year. Overall, \$48,723.01 was expended on ESG activities during the 2021-2022 program year.

In addition to the above funding, Horry County has been awarded Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program funding through the U.S. Treasury. Horry County has been awarded funding under both ERA 1 (\$10,708,257) and ERA 2 (\$8,300,000). In June 2022, Horry County received an additional \$10,000,000 in reallocated ERA 1 funds. In order to implement this program, Horry County has partnered with the Eastern Carolina Housing Organization (ECHO). To date, Horry County has utilized ERA funding to provide in excess of 16,047 months of rental assistance to over 2,432 households.

Cummulative to date, Horry County has expended \$1,842,762.26 in ESG-CV funds to prevent, prepare

for, and respond to the Coronavirus. Activities included homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, HMIS, and administration. Accomplishment reporting for ESG-CV has been submitted through SAGE on a quarterly basis, in accordance with guidance and ESG-CV reporting requirements.

#### **HOME Accomplishments**

During the 2021-2022 program year, the Horry County HOME Consortium spent \$352,414.64 in total. These funds were used toward the construction of thirteen (13) new homeownership units, of which seven (7) units are completed. Two (2) owner-occupied rehabilitation units were also completed this program year. Additionally, three (3) rental new construction units were completed this program year and are currently occupied with income eligible tenants.

#### CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted). 91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME	ESG
White	8	2	13
Black or African American	7	10	13
Asian	0	0	1
American Indian or American Native	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Total	15	12	27
Hispanic	0	0	3
Not Hispanic	15	12	24

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

#### **Narrative**

Horry County Community Development provides assistance to a diverse group of beneficiaries that are low to moderate income. Beneficiary data for housing rehabilitation projects are measured at the household level, while beneficiary data for infrastructure projects is analyzed at the block group level. For 2021-2022, beneficiaries of completed home rehabilitation activities are 46.7% African American and 53.3% Caucasian. Additionally, households assisted were 13.3% very low income, 53.4% low income, and 33.3% moderate income. Total beneficiary figures for CDBG-funded projects indicated that 53.16% of beneficiaries were Caucasian, 38.95% of beneficiaries were African American, 0.53% were American Indian/Alaskan Native and White, 5.26% were African American and Caucasian, and 0.53% were American Indian/Alaskan Native and African American. Total beneficiary figures for CDBG-funded projects indicated that 83.68% were extremely low income, 12.63% were low income, and 3.68% were moderate income. Total beneficiary figures for ESG indicated that 44.4% of beneficiaries were Caucasian, 48.1% of beneficiaries were African American, 3.7% were of Asian descent, 3.7% were of other descent.

#### CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

#### Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	2,054,908	1,628,527
HOME	public - federal	1,054,820	352,415
ESG	public - federal	168,039	48,723

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

#### **Narrative**

Horry County Community Development expended \$1,628,527 in CDBG funds during the 2021-2022 program year, which encompassed multiple years of grant funding. The pace of spending was slower than previous grant years due to a priority placed on response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as COVID impacts experienced by beneficiaries and contractors.

During the 2021-2022 program year, Horry County made remarkable progress in addressing its waiting list of over 200 applicants for rehabilitation assistance. Currently, the County's waiting list totals approximately 44 households. In order to maximize the effectiveness of HUD funding, CDBG funds were leveraged with USDA Housing Preservation Grant funds in rural areas of Horry County. This strategy allowed for additional households to be assisted that might not otherwise have been served. Additionally, the County identified referral agencies where possible to more quickly serve the households on its waiting list.

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#### Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned	Actual	Narrative
	Percentage of	Percentage of	Description
	Allocation	Allocation	
Bennett Loop - Horry County		3	
Brooksville - Horry County			
Bucksport - Horry County		5	
Cedar Branch - Horry County			
City of Conway - Horry County		1	
City of Conway - Rebuild Conway			
Revitalization Area - Horry County			
City of Georgetown - West End			
Neighborhood - Georgetown County			
City of Myrtle Beach - Central City			
Revitalization Area - Horry County			
City of Myrtle Beach - Horry County		9	
Freemont - Horry County			
Georgetown County			
Goretown - Horry County			
Horry County		80	
Racepath - Horry County		2	
Socastee - Horry County			
Town of Andrews - Georgetown County			

Town of Greeleyville - Williamsburg		
County		
Town of Kingstree - Williamsburg County		
Williamsburg County		

Table 4 - Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

#### Narrative

Horry County focuses on concentrated redevelopment efforts in identified local target areas. One such area, the Racepath community of Myrtle Beach, was designated as a Revitalization Area by Horry County Council in 2014. A County Revitalization Plan was developed with citizen input and through staff analysis of housing and income data, demographic trends, and more. The plan details revitalization activities for the area including housing rehabilitation, roadway improvements, code enforcement, and policing efforts. The plan also identifies funding sources including HUD grants, state funds, and local dollars. Phase II of these improvements is currently in the procurement stage. The County is working to identify a contractor to complete the improvements and anticipates initiation of construction shortly after identification of a contractor. Phase II will include drainage enhancements and roadway improvements, as well as the addition of sewer service along an additional section of Racepath Street. Phase III of the project is currently in the design and easement acquisition phase. Phase III will include drainage enhancements and roadway improvements along an additional section of Racepath Street subject to SCDOT jurisdictional oversight.

The following communities currently have Council-approved revitalization plans: Racepath, Bennett Loop, "Rebuild Conway" Revitalization Plan, and Central City Revitalization Plan (Myrtle Beach). Additional local target areas are expected to benefit from the revitalization plans in upcoming years. Development of a revitalization plan is anticipated for the Bucksport community of unincorporated Horry County as well. Emphasis on these target areas and their plans enables greater impact of redevelopment efforts through leveraging of diverse resources.

#### Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The County seeks to leverage CDBG funds with local, state, and private dollars. Federal resources are an important element for many of the County's housing, infrastructure, and neighborhood revitalization efforts. As a part of the sub-recipient application process, agencies are required to identify their leveraged funding amounts and sources.

Total leveraged funds for CDBG 2021-2022 was: \$668,442.35.

Types/examples of additional resources are:

- Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization \$15,000 in salary and benefits for a case manager.
- **SOS Care** \$9,100 in salary and benefits for a life skills instructor.
- Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach \$525,373 in Mainstream rental vouchers.
- Horry County Housing Rehabilitation USDA Housing Preservation Grant provided rehab assistance for low income households in rural areas of Horry County \$118,969.35.

#### **ESG Match**

Eastern Carolina Housing Organization utilized its Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF) grant award through the Veterans Administration (VA) as match for the Horry County Emergency Solutions Grant program. ECHO matched 100% of the ESG grant expenditures (\$48,723) with the SSVF grant. The SSVF grant funds the components of Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, HMIS, and Administration. The SSVF grant components include Personnel/Labor, Temporary Financial Assistance, Other Non-Personnel Provision and Coordination of Supportive Services, and Administrative Expenses.

#### **HOME Match**

HOME match requirements are typically 25% per funding year. While the HOME match requirement was waived for this program year, Horry County HOME consortium continues to make contributions to its match bank. Match for the HOME program was derived primarily from construction costs leveraged with private funding, donated items, and sweat equity from

volunteers through the development of new homeownership units by Habitat for Humanity of Horry County and Habitat for Humanity of Georgetown County.

#### **Public Lands**

No publically owned land was utilized to address the needs in the plan during the program year.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match					
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	269,147				
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	894,085				
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	1,163,232				
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0				
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	1,163,232				

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

	Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year							
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non- Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match
IDIS #598 -								
Grand								
Strand								
Housing -								
2100 9th								
Ave	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	27,751	0	27,751
IDIS #599 -								
Grand								
Strand								
Housing -								
905 Blount								
St	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	27,751	0	27,751
IDIS #600 -								
Grand								
Strand								
Housing -								
712 Hill St	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	27,751	0	27,751
IDIS #617 -								
Habitat								
Horry - 144								
Hopes								
Crossing Ct	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	94,791	0	94,791
IDIS #625 -								
Habitat								
Georgetown								
- 1908								
Legion St	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	89,454	0	89,454
IDIS #681 -								
Habitat								
Georgetown								
- 1914 Butts								
St	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	74,737	0	74,737
IDIS #686 -								
His Hands -								
405 Live								
Oak St	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	2,487	0	2,487

	Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year							
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non- Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match
IDIS #717 -								
Habitat								
Horry - 139								
Hopes								
Crossing Ct	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	112,866	0	112,866
IDIS #719 -								
Habitat								
Horry - 128								
Hopes								
Crossing Ct	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	112,749	0	112,749
IDIS #720 -								
Habitat								
Horry - 136								
Hopes								
Crossing Ct	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	117,201	0	117,201
IDIS #722 -								
Habitat								
Horry - 108								
Hopes								
Crossing Ct	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	104,174	0	104,174
IDIS #724 -								
Habitat								
Horry - 132								
Hopes								
Crossing Ct	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	100,843	0	100,843
IDIS #730 -								
His Hands -								
917 Forest								
Loop Rd	06/30/2022	0	0	0	0	1,530	0	1,530

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

#### **HOME MBE/WBE report**

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period							
Balance on hand at begin-ning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$			
17,370	0	0	0	17,370			

**Table 7 – Program Income** 

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period Total **Minority Business Enterprises** White Non-Hispanic Alaskan Asian or **Black Non-**Hispanic Native or **Pacific** Hispanic **American** Islander Indian Contracts Dollar 308,879 0 Amount 0 44,750 26,935 237,194 0 0 Number 20 3 14 **Sub-Contracts** Number 0 0 0 0 0 0 Dollar Amount 0 0 0 0 0 0 Total Women Male **Business Enterprises Contracts** Dollar Amount 308,879 187,406 121,473 Number 20 16 **Sub-Contracts** Number 0 0 0

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0 **Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises** 

0

Dollar

Amount

**Minority Owners of Rental Property** – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted

	Total		White Non-			
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar						
Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 - Minority Owners of Rental Property

**Relocation and Real Property Acquisition** – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition

Parcels Acquired	0	0
Businesses Displaced	0	0
Nonprofit Organizations		
Displaced	0	0
Households Temporarily		
Relocated, not Displaced	0	0

Households	Total Minority Property Enterprises					White Non-
Displaced		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

#### CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be		
provided affordable housing units	46	7
Number of Non-Homeless households to be		
provided affordable housing units	32	27
Number of Special-Needs households to be		
provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	78	34

Table 11 - Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through		
Rental Assistance	46	7
Number of households supported through		
The Production of New Units	7	10
Number of households supported through		
Rehab of Existing Units	25	17
Number of households supported through		
Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	78	34

Table 12 - Number of Households Supported

### Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

In 2021-2022, the ninth year of its ESG program, Horry County targeted \$48,723.01 on administration, rapid re-housing, and homeless prevention efforts via the provision of affordable rental units.

In 2021-2022, the fourth year of the HOME program, Horry County HOME Consortium spent \$352,414.64 in HOME funds to create and retain affordable housing units. During the 2021-2022 program year, the Horry County HOME Consortium spent \$352,414.64 in total. These funds were used toward the construction of thirteen (13) new homeownership units, of which seven (7) units are completed. Six (6) additional new homeownership units are currently under construction and will be completed in 2022-2023. Two (2) owner-occupied rehabilitation units were also completed this program year. Additionally, three (3) rental new construction units were completed this program year and are currently occupied with income eligible tenants.

In 2021-2022, Horry County spent \$771,600.39 in CDBG funding, along with \$109,890.52 in USDA funding, on housing rehabilitation. The County completed fifteen (15) housing rehabilitation projects during the program year. Ten (10) more are currently underway across the entitlement. Of the fifteen (15) completed rehabilitations, four (4) projects included the completion of essential repairs to the units, e.g., plumbing, roofing, electrical systems. Essential repair projects typically range from \$15,000-\$25,000.

Horry County has maintained progress toward key objectives for housing rehabilitation. A projection of 105 rehabilitated units was proposed for the five (5) year period of the Consolidated Plan. During the 2021-2022 program year, Horry County completed fifteen (15) homeowner rehabilitation units. With the addition of the ten (10) units currently in progress, Horry County totaled twenty-five (25) rehab units, which is on pace with the Consolidated Plan goal for owner-occupied rehabilitation.

Several homeowner occupied rehabilitations resulted in drastic life changing improvements in a low income household. Of note, the following repairs demonstrate the vital nature of housing rehabilitation:

#### Horseshoe Circle - Conway

The assisted homeowner was a single woman. The unit was deteriorated and did not contain a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. A new HVAC system and associated duct work was installed to service the unit. The home also suffered from extensive termite damage and the unit's flooring system was severly deteriorated including damage to approximately 50% of the joists, girder, and sill plate. This was very evident in the utility room and kitchen due to sagging floors. CDBG funds were utilized to repair the floor system to current building codes. Additionally, windows were upgraded from single-pane wood frame to double-pane energy-efficient vinyl windows. The repairs resulted in a safe living environment for the assisted homeowner.

#### <u>Lincoln Heights Road – Little River</u>

The assisted homeowner was a single mother with two children. This substantial renovation included an extensive scope of work. The unit's front porch was demolished and rebuilt to alleviate safety concerns. Additionally, the non-functioning HVAC system was replaced with a new unit. An ADA-compliant ramp was also installed to provide unit accessibility for a disabled family member. The unit's windows were replaced with new double-paned energy-efficient vinyl windows. The home's roof was also replaced. Finally, the unit's kitchen was renovated including new counter tops, flooring, refinished cabinets, and paint. The repairs resulted in a safe living environment for the assisted homeowner.

#### Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Over 2021-2022, Horry County HOME Consortium increased the prevalence of new affordable units through the construction of seven (7) units for homeownership throughout the Consortium service area. Six (6) additional homeownership new construction units are currently under construction through

subrecipient agreements with Habitat for Humanity of Georgetown County and Habitat for Humanity of Horry County. These units are expected to be completed in the 2022-2023 Program Year.

Additionally, Horry County was able to prevent the loss of fifteen (15) affordable units in the current housing stock through rehabilitation activities. This strategy has been effective in the past in assisting low income households maintain their residences. However, the need for assistance greatly exceeds the resources available for homeowner rehabilitation. In fact, over 44 applicants are currently on the Horry County Community Development homeowner rehabilitation waiting list. In order to address this growing need and to maximize the amount of resources available to assist households, Horry County leveraged CDBG with USDA Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) funds in rural areas of Horry County. This partnership has allowed for additional beneficiaries to receive assistance that may not have otherwise been served during the program year. Within the reporting period, Horry County was awarded an additional \$163,417 in USDA HPG funds. Additionally, Horry County will submit an application for the 2022 USDA HPG funding round to continue this leveraging partnership.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	2	0
Low-income	8	5
Moderate-income	5	7
Total	15	12

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

#### **Narrative Information**

Horry County remains committed to its Affordable Housing initiatives. Over the next program year, it will partner with Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization (ECHO) as its ESG subrecipient to offer affordable rental opportunities to extremely low-income residents and those at-risk of homelessness.

## CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c) Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

## Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Horry County is a member organization of the regional Continuum of Care (CoC), which is administered by the Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization (ECHO). ECHO currently serves as a subrecipient of ESG funds for Horry County. Over 2021-2022, ECHO provided ESG-funded services to a total of 10 homeless and at risk of homelessness individuals. ESG funding for the program year was directed toward homelessness prevention activities, rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, and HMIS administration. In all, 6 beneficiaries were served through homelessness prevention activities, while 4 beneficiaries were served through rapid rehousing. Two case managers also provide outreach at community events, Continuum of Care meetings, and to landlords to locate and assist homeless and at risk of homelessness individuals. ECHO staff are trained in intake assessment skills and proper recording in the CoC's Coordinated Entry System. ECHO staff work to assist the needs of clients and provide referrals to other service providers as appropriate.

#### Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Horry County currently partners with ECHO as a subrecipient of ESG funding. ECHO directed \$12,179.98 in ESG funding toward rapid rehousing of homeless individuals. Horry County participates in the regional Continuum of Care, working with local public service agencies to implement a coordinated strategy to serve the needs of homeless individuals.

Through a subrecipient agreement with ECHO, individuals from across the County were provided with case management services during 2021-2022 (\$20,000.00). ECHO provided supportive services and benefit connections assistance, enabling recipients to receive assistance in obtaining the services that they desperately need to maintain permanent housing.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Horry County Community Development partners with ECHO, New Directions of Horry County, and SOS Care to address the needs of the homeless and individuals with Autism and other developmental

disabilities. ECHO assisted individuals from across the County with homeless case management services (\$20,000.00). New Directions utilized CDBG funds to bunk shelter beds to increase capacity at their facility (\$7,957.00). SOS Care utilized CDBG funding to continue a program to provide life skills training for individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities (\$8,668.94). Participants received instruction in critical skills necessary to function in an independent living environment. The program assisted a total of fifteen participants with life skills training during the program year.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

ECHO's 2021-2022 ESG data indicate that 92.6% of its 2021-2022 ESG-served clients have left its delivery system. As mentioned earlier in this report, the remaining tend to be elderly, ill/disabled individuals or struggling veterans who rely on benefits such as social security or social security disability for income. These clients require more supportive services, and while they remain in the system longer, they are just as likely as those who have left in 2021-2022 to secure rental housing without subsidy. Horry County and the CoC remain committed to analyzing homelessness data, services and outcomes in order to continue to improve service delivery and shorten individuals' and households' length of stay in the homeless delivery system.

Key to the CoC's success are its partnerships with providers of critical services that target the needs of area homeless. In Horry County, these services include mental health and health care, veterans and senior services, services for the disabled, and case management.

#### CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

#### Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Horry County HOME Consortium works with four (4) Public Housing Authorities within its jurisdiction: The Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach (HAMB), the Conway Housing Authority (CHA), the Georgetown Housing Authority (GHA), and the Kingstree Housing Authority (KHA). Each housing authority administers the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, which provides subsidies for privately owned housing for eligible applicants in the Housing Authority's Service Area. Tenants are required to pay 30% of their income toward the rent and the housing authority subsidizes the difference up to the Fair Market Rent, which is established by HUD annually. Eligibility is primarily based on income and is established by HUD and adjusted each year.

Additionally, HAMB offers a Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program to housing voucher participants who have been receiving assistance for at least one year and who are currently enrolled in the authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS). Program participants not enrolled in the FSS Program who wish to participate in the Homeownership Program must enroll in the FSS before they are eligible to receive a homeownership voucher if they are approved for a mortgage. Additionally, HAMB administers vouchers for eligible veterans through the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program. CDBG and HOME funds are not eligible to be used to improve public housing units.

Horry County and its sub-grantees work with local housing authorities to develop plans for affordable housing units, and to encourage other public and private entities to invest in affordable housing.

## Actions taken to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Public housing residents are encouraged to provide input to their respective PHAs and are also invited to participate in the citizen participation process carried out by the Consortium. The Consortium encourages Public Housing residents to learn about their Fair Housing rights and provides Fair Housing materials to interested individuals. All of Consortium's public housing authorities solicit resident input during the creation of their annual plans and other long-range planning documents.

#### Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

There are no troubled housing authorities in the Horry County HOME Consortium service area.

#### CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

Horry County Community Development works closely with the County's Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement Departments to ensure that low-to-moderate income residents have an opportunity to participate in the development of local priorities. Through collaboration with housing officials, developers, agencies, and housing non-profits including Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), the County continues to develop mechanisms to identify and eliminate barriers to affordable housing.

#### Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Many households experiencing poverty are able to remain in their homes, but live in unsafe or decrepit conditions after years of deferred maintenance on their homes. The potential loss of longstanding homeowners jeopardizes neighborhood stabilization efforts and places homeowners at risk of becoming homeless. Over the last program year, the County continued a program recently implemented through changes to the Housing Rehabilitation program to meet the growing variety of rehabilitation needs throughout the County. This program consists of a mobile home repair and replacement program to serve a previously underserved population. Prior to the initiation of the program, mobile home assistance was limited to repairs on units less than 25 years old. The implementation of this program allowed for an evaluation of repair feasibility, and a subsequent determination to repair or replace the unit. Additionally, Horry County added a USDA rehabilitation grant to its funding portfolio, which allowed for additional housing repair needs to be addressed. The USDA funding was leveraged with CDBG, when possible, to assist eighteen (18) low-income households in rural areas of Horry County, allowing additional rehabilitation activities to be conducted.

Community Development's partnership with the Housing Authorities, and the CoC, has provided opportunities to identify and overcome barriers. For example, the County partners with ECHO to identify and address barriers to homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing, as part of the ESG program.

Recognizing the fundamental need for economic development in the community to serve residents' needs for employment and living wages, Horry County partners with the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation (MBREDC) as a key resource for development programs. The MBREDC has assisted in the creation of over 1,910 jobs since 2012 and \$1.7 billion in capital investments in the area since 2006.

#### Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

To address lead-based paint hazards, Horry County Community Development ensures that all pre-1978 housing units undergoing rehabilitation, and any public facilities undergoing renovation, have a lead inspection/risk assessment before any physical work begins on the unit. If lead is present and a danger to the occupant, the presence of lead in the unit is mitigated.

Information about lead-based paint is distributed to all participants of housing rehabilitation programs across the entitlement. Horry County Community Development performs lead inspections for all housing units assisted with CDBG funds with a pre-1978 construction date. During the 2021-2022 program year, one (1) unit was identified to contain lead-based paint hazards and was remediated as a component of the owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. The County also continues to support programs available through the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to address the presence of lead in housing.

#### Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The County's anti-poverty strategy is the unifying thread that combines housing and infrastructure development, homelessness prevention and reduction efforts, and public service delivery strategies into a comprehensive plan for the reduction of poverty. The key principles of Horry County's anti-poverty strategy are evident throughout the Consolidated Plan in its prioritization of housing, homelessness prevention and reduction, and infrastructure development in key target/revitalization areas.

The County has targeted CDBG, HOME, and other resources toward the low-income target areas described in the Consolidated Plan. These resources act as a catalyst to cultivate additional public and private investment of capital and services within targeted areas. The County actively seeks compatible funding opportunities to augment project funding when feasible. A past example of this strategy includes the use of Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) funding, coupled with CDBG entitlement funds, for the construction of drainage improvements in the Racepath Community.

This approach also invites a plethora of activities and programs into target areas. Public services are provided in conjunction with target area service providers. The County works over time with residents and providers to develop the capacity of non-profit organizations to provide services. The redevelopment of infrastructure and the construction of new affordable housing units, the rehabilitation of existing housing stock, and the homelessness assistance programs that provide support for area shelters and supportive services are key elements of the County's strategy in these target/revitalization areas as well.

#### Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Fundamental to the County's institutional structure for Community Development activities is the intergovernmental agreement among Horry County, the City of Myrtle Beach and the City of Conway, executed on October 1, 2008 in order to establish the entitlement. The agreement allows each jurisdiction to maximize the amount of CDBG funding received and to proportionately allocate benefits from the funding allocation countywide. Under this agreement, Horry County assumed responsibility for program administration, monitoring, compliance, and evaluation of all CDBG programs as the lead agency. Horry County's percentage of the annual CDBG allocation was set at 54%; Myrtle Beach's percentage of the allocation was 29%; and the City of Conway's allocation was 17%. Both Myrtle Beach and Conway are considered sub-grantees. The entities meet on a regular basis to benchmark progress. In May 2019, the City of Conway declined to renew the CDBG intergovernmental agreement for the upcoming three year period. Horry County has continued to administer agreements established with the City of Conway under previous funding years. Under the new intergovernmental agreement, Horry County's percentage of the allocation is 75% while the City of Myrtle Beach's allocation is 25%.

The County also coordinates and leverages its efforts with other local, state, and federal institutions to address specific needs or to implement new programs. The County understands the importance of integration and cooperation among housing providers, community development and social service agencies, and private entities, in order to fill the gaps in its delivery system. Through active engagement with partners, the County works to ensure efficiencies in delivery of programs and services, and to avoid duplication of efforts.

One of the strengths of the current delivery system is the existing collaborative network of providers. The structure requires strong participation by local organizations and stakeholders. Horry County Community Development focuses on a data-driven approach, and evaluates feedback and ideas from multiple sources, customers and stakeholders, in order to identify needs and develop solutions.

The Horry County HOME Consortium will continue to work with local non-profits and housing organizations to facilitate the development and retention of affordable housing units. Staff participated in ongoing URA compliancetraining, as well as other available opportunities to increase organizational capacity. Staff continues to participate in HUD-provided trainings for HOME and other funding sources when possible.

## Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Horry County targets significant CDBG, HOME, and other resources within the low-income areas described in the Consolidated Plan. These resources spur additional public and private investment of capital and services, in order to increase the quantity and quality of affordable housing and infrastructure and to help low-to-moderate income residents in the areas to acquire needed services. The County continues to support local housing organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, Grand

Strand Housing and Community Development Corporation, and His Hands of Horry County, in providing affordable housing opportunities and housing rehabilitation. CDBG funding for housing rehabilitation projects totaled \$771,600.39 for this program year. Community Development also continues to work with local lenders to identify changes or patterns in lending practices, especially those that impact low-income residents, minorities, Section 3 residents, and special populations, and their ability to become homeowners.

## Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

Horry County received approval of its plan for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in November 2017, which replaced the prior Analysis of Impediments. The issues identified in the plan informed the goals that were identified in the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan. A team comprised of Horry County Community Development staff, Conway and Myrtle Beach staff members, CoC staff, and representatives from the Housing Authorities of Myrtle Beach and Conway participated in the development of the plan. Horry County is one of approximately thirty jurisdictions with a HUD-approved AFFH plan in place.

#### CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Horry County's Monitoring Policies and Procedures enables staff to monitor all activities and accomplishments against goals and objectives, and to identify specific monitoring activities for each subrecipient based on factors including general grant experience, experience with HUD funding, activity type, staffing, and more. Information gained from the reviews helps County staff to identify programs, activities, and strategies that have been successful. Best practices are then shared. When corrective actions are identified, measurable action plans are developed and tracked with subrecipients.

The monitoring and evaluation process includes:

- Initial subrecipient workshop and training. Topics include CDBG regulations and standards for the eligible activity and national objective, plus requirements for procurement, reporting, financial systems, and federal contract provisions. Staff identifies any ongoing monitoring and training needs.
- Periodic phone contacts and emails, in order to offer guidance and check on progress.
- Formal desk review at reimbursement request. (These typically occur every 30-60 days.) The
  review checks for allowable costs, adherence to agreement, accomplishments and beneficiaries,
  timeliness/rate of spending, and compliance with policies and procedures. Horry County
  reimburses only when the agency has complied with the requirements of the contract.
- Annual on-site monitoring session. Letters are sent in advance of these sessions, with an
  enclosed monitoring checklist. After the session, a formal report is delivered to the sub-recipient
  and filed. Any corrective action plans are developed with the subrecipients and tracked. Internal
  monitoring is also conducted to determine if there is a need for amendments to the policies and
  procedures, which are implemented as appropriate.
- As required, Davis-Bacon site visits are conducted on capital improvement projects (\$2,000 or more) to ensure adherence to regulations, and to provide for Davis-Bacon wage rates and fringes to workers. County staff ensures its attendance at all pre-bid and pre-construction meetings for projects requiring Davis-Bacon, in order to inform and train.
- As required, Section 3 compliance is ensured on all capital improvement projects (\$200,000 or more). County staff attends all pre-bid and pre-construction meetings requiring Section 3 compliance.

For housing rehabilitation activities, County staff monitors compliance at specific milestones, including: property verification, income verification, project estimation, procurement, construction (onsite inspections), reimbursement/draw, and closeout.

Horry County will include expenditure timeliness monitoring as a reviewed element with the City of Myrtle Beach for monitoring of the 2021-2022 Program Year. This review will include an analysis of the current level of spending, as well as a review of project status to determine progress toward spend down milestones. Horry County did not meet the CDBG timeliness requirements for 2021-2022; however, HUD has established modified procedures for enforcement actions and penalties for timeliness noncompliance for the program year. Horry County was untimely for the first time under these guidelines in 2021-2022 and received a warning letter. Horry County will closely monitor its rate of expenditure and work with its partner municipality to ensure that compliance is met at the test date in May 2023.

The Horry County HOME Consortium will monitor its subrecipients and CHDOs for the 2021-2022 program year as a part of its annual monitoring process. Monitoring activities for the 2021-2022 Horry County HOME Consortium program year will focus on projects currently under construction, as well as a review of progress completed by subrecipients during the previous program year.

#### Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

## Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

For the 2021-2022 CAPER, Horry County HOME Consortium advertised a 15-day comment period (August 5th – August 19th, 2022), during which residents were offered the opportunity to provide written comments on this CAPER. In addition, one (1) virtual public hearing was held August 16th, 2022 to allow citizens throughout the HOME Consortium service area an opportunity to provide verbal comments as well. No comments were received.

The CAPER was presented at the Horry County Council Administration Committee meeting on August 22nd, 2022, and was presented at the regular County Council meeting on September 6th, 2022. There were no comments.

All residents of the Horry County HOME Consortium service area were invited to attend and comment at all meetings.

#### CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There are no changes in Horry County's program objectives and goals as a result of its experiences. While Horry County continues to monitor feedback of residents as a result of its Citizen Participation Plan, no experiences or analysis has warranted a change in programs.

Over the last program year, some new developments have supported and/or expanded current programs and approaches:

• In order to expand its ability to address the growing homeowner rehabilitation waiting list, Horry County leveraged CDBG funds with USDA Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) funding to conduct homeowner rehabilitations. Although this funding has specific eligible areas and different income restrictions than CDBG funding, Horry County was able to leverage USDA funding for components of larger rehabilitation activities. Utilization of this funding source has allowed Horry County to enhance its ability to address its waiting list of approximately 44 applicants. Horry County has submitted an application for the 2022 round of USDA HPG funding in anticipation of expanding this partnership.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

#### CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

The regulation at 24 CFR 92.504(d) requires inspection of units at project completion and annually during the affordability period for rental projects. Inspections were performed for completed units by the Consortium housing inspector. All units met required construction standards for the type of activity completed. Three (3) rental units were completed in February 2022. Due to the recent completion date for the units, no additional on-site inspections have been conducted at this time. Grand Strand Housing is compiling rent rolls and confirming current income information. Units will be scheduled for onsite inspections in the future in accordance with the requirements of affordability period compliance monitoring.

## Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

As required by HUD, Horry County HOME Consortium and its subrecipients follow the Affirmative Marketing Regulations. Printed materials designed to educate the public, owners, or potential tenants wishing to participate in the HOME Program include a statement regarding Horry County's Affirmative Marketing Plan as well as the applicable fair housing laws. All newspaper and other media announcements, as well as any printed materials, include the Equal Housing Opportunity logo, slogan, or statement. Fair Housing Posters are also displayed in the Horry County Community Development office.

Six (6) homeownership units are currently under construction through subrecipient agreements with Habitat for Humanity of Georgetown County and Habitat for Humanity of Horry County. Both Habitat for Humanity affiliates have implemented affirmative marketing plans and comply with the applicable regulatory requirements. Habitat reaches out to those who are least likely to apply for assistance through advertisements and informational brochures available at local service organizations. All other subrecipients and CHDOs funded through HOME have implemented programmatic affirmative marketing plans as well. Currently, only Habitat for Humanity of Horry County's Hope's Crossing project triggers the regulatory requirement for project-specific affirmative marketing plans. Staff will work with Habitat to ensure that all affirmative marketing requirements are fulfilled with current and future HOME-funded units.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

No program income was received during the 2021-2022 Program Year.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)

During the 2021-2022 Program Year, Horry County HOME Consortium staff explored opportunities to expand its ability to foster and maintain affordable housing. The County continues to place great emphasis on training and expansion of capacity in environmental requirements. Staff participated in ongoing URA compliance training in order to increase organizational capacity. Consortium staff will continue to provide technical assistance in the upcoming program year to develop construction-ready projects for HOME funding. In September, Staff coordinated with the Center for Heirs Property Preservation to conduct an information session on issues associated with heirs property. Additional heirs property educational sessions and workshops are currently being planned for the 22-23 program year and will be held in the near future.

#### CR-58 - Section 3

#### Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	2	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours	4,819	0	0		
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0	0		
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0	0		

Table 14 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing	0	0	0		
Targeted Workers	U	U	U		
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding	1	0	0		
Targeted Workers.	'		Ů		
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0	0	0		
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for,	,	0			
off-site training.	1	0	0		
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g.,	_	0			
resume assistance, coaching).	0	0	0		
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business	0	0	_		
concerns.	0	0	0		
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and	0	0	_		
bid on contracts.	0	0	0		
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section	0	0	0		
3 business concerns.	U	U	0		
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment					
including: drafting resumes,preparing for interviews, finding job	1	0	0		
opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.	0	0	0		
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide					
direct services or referrals.	0	0	0		
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one					
or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview	0	0	0		
clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0	0	0		
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year					
educational institution.	1	0	0		
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.	1	0	0		
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	0	0	0		
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids		•			
from Section 3 business concerns.	0	0	0		
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online					
·	0	0	0		
technologies.  Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities					
for disadvantaged and small businesses.	0	0	0		
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as					
designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and	0	0	0		
Opportunity Act.					
Other.	1	0	0		
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Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

#### Narrative

Horry County, as a recipient of HUD funding, makes significant efforts to comply with the Section 3 regulation. Horry County incorporates Section 3 compliance language into all of its subrecipient agreements. In the 2021-2022 program year, Horry County funded a public service program that conducts employability boot camps, primarily targeted toward low-income fathers. The program focuses on the development of employment soft skills such as interviewing skills and resume development. Additionally, Horry County just began a vocational skills development program in partnership with Horry Georgetown Technical College through the use of American Rescue Plan funding. The program provides targeted educational opportunities for low income citizens with an emphasis on serving several local LMI areas. Additionally, Horry County is utilizing CDBG-CV funding to assist small and disadvantaged business enterprises with business development classes. Horry County also coordinated with the Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach to update its listing of Section 3 residents seeking employment. This list was made available to bidders submitting bids for Section 3 applicable projects. Of note, Horry County seeks to include Section 3 businesses in its rehabilitation and infrastructure projects. Horry County uses an Invitation for Bids system to procure contractors for its construction projects. Bid advertisements are placed on South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) and Construction Journal to maximize exposure to potential Section 3 contractors. Although no Section 3 contractors were identified and selected during the 2021-2022 Program Year, Horry County continues to encourage Section 3 businesses to bid on projects. No Section 3 businesses are currently registered within HUD's search utility within Horry County, Georgetown County, or Williamsburg County, which presents a barrier to identification of potential contractors.

#### CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

#### ESG Supplement to the CAPER in e-snaps

#### **For Paperwork Reduction Act**

#### 1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

**Basic Grant Information** 

**Recipient Name**HORRY COUNTY **Organizational DUNS Number**093876811

UEI

**EIN/TIN Number** 576000365 **Indentify the Field Office** COLUMBIA

Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or Myrtle Beach/Sumter City & County CoC subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance

**ESG Contact Name** 

**Prefix** Ms

First Name Elizabeth

Middle Name A

Last Name Tranter

Suffix

**Title** Director

**ESG Contact Address** 

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**Street Address 2** 

City Conway
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ZIP Code -

Phone Number 8439157036

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**ESG Secondary Contact** 

PrefixMrFirst NameMichaelLast NameDobson

**Suffix** 

TitleDeputy DirectorPhone Number8439157041

**Extension** 

Email Address dobson.michael@horrycountysc.gov

#### 2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date 07/01/2021 Program Year End Date 06/30/2022

#### 3a. Subrecipient Form - Complete one form for each subrecipient

**Subrecipient or Contractor Name: ECHO** 

City: Myrtle Beach

State: SC

**Zip Code:** 29577, 3635 **DUNS Number:** 965206555

UEI:

Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N

**Subrecipient Organization Type:** Other Non-Profit Organization

**ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount:** 161292

#### **CR-65 - Persons Assisted**

#### 4. Persons Served

#### 4a. Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 16 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

#### 4b. Complete for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

Number of Persons in	Total
Households	
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 17 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

#### 4c. Complete for Shelter

Number of Persons in	Total
Households	
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

**Table 18 – Shelter Information** 

#### 4d. Street Outreach

Number of Persons in	Total
Households	
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 19 - Household Information for Street Outreach

#### 4e. Totals for all Persons Served with ESG

Number of Persons in	Total
Households	
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 20 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG

#### 5. Gender—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Male	0
Female	0
Transgender	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

**Table 21 – Gender Information** 

#### 6. Age—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Under 18	0
18-24	0
25 and over	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 22 – Age Information

#### 7. Special Populations Served—Complete for All Activities

#### **Number of Persons in Households**

Subpopulation	Total	Total Persons Served – Prevention	Total Persons Served – RRH	Total Persons Served in Emergency Shelters
Veterans	0	0	0	0
Victims of Domestic				
Violence	0	0	0	0
Elderly	0	0	0	0
HIV/AIDS	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless	0	0	0	0
Persons with Disabilit	ies:			
Severely Mentally				
III	0	0	0	0
Chronic Substance				
Abuse	0	0	0	0
Other Disability	0	0	0	0
Total				
(Unduplicated if				
possible)	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Special Population Served

#### CR-70 – ESG 91.520(g) - Assistance Provided and Outcomes

#### 10. Shelter Utilization

Number of New Units - Rehabbed	0
Number of New Units - Conversion	0
Total Number of bed-nights available	0
Total Number of bed-nights provided	0
Capacity Utilization	0.00%

Table 24 - Shelter Capacity

11. Project Outcomes Data measured under the performance standards developed in consultation with the CoC(s)

#### CR-75 – Expenditures

#### 11. Expenditures

#### 11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2019	2020	2021
Expenditures for Rental Assistance	0	0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and			
Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance	0	0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation &			
Stabilization Services - Services	0	0	0
Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under			
Emergency Shelter Grants Program	0	0	0
Subtotal Homelessness Prevention	0	0	0

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

#### 11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2019	2020	2021
Expenditures for Rental Assistance	0	0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and			
Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance	0	0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation &			
Stabilization Services - Services	0	0	0
Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under			
Emergency Shelter Grants Program	0	0	0
Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing	0	0	0

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

#### 11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

	Dollar Amount	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2019	2020	2021	
Essential Services	0	0	0	
Operations	0	0	0	
Renovation	0	0	0	
Major Rehab	0	0	0	
Conversion	0	0	0	
Subtotal	0	0	0	

Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

#### 11d. Other Grant Expenditures

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year			
	2019 2020 2021			
Street Outreach	0	0	0	
HMIS	0	0	0	
Administration	0	0	0	

**Table 28 - Other Grant Expenditures** 

#### 11e. Total ESG Grant Funds

Total ESG Funds Expended	2019	2020	2021
	0	0	0

Table 29 - Total ESG Funds Expended

#### 11f. Match Source

	2019	2020	2021
Other Non-ESG HUD Funds	0	0	0
Other Federal Funds	0	0	0
State Government	0	0	0
Local Government	0	0	0
Private Funds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Fees	0	0	0
Program Income	0	0	0
Total Match Amount	0	0	0

Table 30 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

#### 11g. Total

Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities	2019	2020	2021
	0	0	0

Table 31 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities



#### **HUD ESG CAPER**

Grant: ESG: Horry County - SC - Report Type: CAPER

#### Report Date Range

7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022

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#### Project types carried out during the program year

Components	Projects	Total Persons Reported	Total Households Reported	
Emergency Shelter	1	5	3	
Day Shelter	0	0	0	
Transitional Housing	0	0	0	
Total Emergency Shelter Component	1	5	3	
Total Street Outreach	0	0	0	
Total PH - Rapid Re-Housing	1	7	5	
Total Homelessness Prevention	1	15	7	

#### Grant Information

Emergency Shelter Rehab/Conversion	
Did you create additional shelter beds/units through an ESG-funded rehab project	No
Did you create additional shelter beds/units through an ESG-funded conversion project	No
Data Participation Information	
Are there any funded projects, except HMIS or Admin, which are not listed on the Project, Links and Uploads form? This includes projects in the HMIS and from VSP	No
How many of the VSP projects have a HUD approved plan and are using a template rather than a comparable database report uploaded?	0

#### **Project Outcomes**

Project outcomes are required for all CAPERS where the program year start date is 1-1-2021 or later. This form replaces the narrative in CR-70 of the eCon Planning Suite

From the Action Plan that covered ESG for this reporting period copy and paste or retype the information in Question 5 on screen AP-90: "Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG."

The ESG Program, previously referred to as the Emergency Shelter Grant program, is authorized by Subtitle B of Title IV of the Stewart B.

McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. Horry County's ESG performance standards reflect the federal regulations of Title 24 Code of Federal
Regulations Part 576 as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH) that governs
ESG, and the procedures used by Horry County in administration of this grant as directed by HUD.

In addition, standards for financial management and internal controls reflect federal regulations at 2 CFR 200. The County is also responsible for compliance with federal regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. These federal laws and regulations are included by reference in Horry County policies and procedures.

Horry County complies fully with all federal, state, and local non-discrimination laws, and with rules and regulations governing Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in housing and employment, including Title VI of the CRA of 1964, Title VIII of the CRA of 1968, EO 11063, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the ADA, VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2005, and Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Final Rule.

Horry County's standards call for all participants in its ESG programs to be entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). ESG funds may be used to pay for the cost of collecting and entering data into HMIS in compliance with HUD standards, and for tracking performance standards.

In addition, Horry County measures whether all participants meet the HUD definition of homelessness in order to qualify, i.e. as Literally Homeless, or as Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence. All participants must have an income of 80% of median family income, or as determined by HUD annually. Households must also demonstrate a reasonable prospect that they will be able to sustain themselves after the period of assistance ends. Horry County ESG guidelines require that the participant selection process be documented to ensure performance standards are met. Documentation must include: income documentation, homeless status, proof of sustainability, Request for Tenancy Approval, unit inspection to ensure Minimum Habitability Standards (MHS) with a Housing Quality Standards inspection, and more.

Based on the information from the Action Plan response previously provided to HUD:

1. Briefly describe how you met the performance standards identified in A-90 this program year. If they are not measurable as written type in N/A as the answer.

The performance measures, as written in AP-90 of the Annual Action Plan, include few measurable. The performance standards require all beneficiaries of ESG assistance be entered into HMIS. They also require that all beneficiaries served through ESG funding meet the applicable income requirements and the appropriate definition of homeless, with appropriate documentation.

2. Briefly describe what you did not meet and why. If they are not measurable as written type in N/A as the answer.

Horry County and its subrecipient, Eastern Carolina Housing Organization, complied with all Federal regulations as outlined in section AP-90 of the Annual Action Plan. All beneficiaries of ESG assistance were entered into HMIS for comprehensive data collection and for tracking performance. All beneficiaries served through ESG funding met the applicable income requirements and definition of homeless, with appropriate documentation. While these items are measurable to some degree, additional performance measures may be incorporated in future analyses. All measurable objectives were achieved.

OR

3. If your standards were not written as measurable, provide a sample of what you will change them to in the future? If they were measurable and you answered above type in N/A as the answer.

N/A

#### **ESG Information from IDIS**

'azard Pay *(unique activity)*Volunteer Incentives *(unique activity)* 

As of 9/2/2022

FY	Grant Number	Current Authorized Amount	Funds Committed By Recipient	Funds Drawn	Balance Remaining	Obligation Date	Expenditure
2021	E21UC450006	\$168,039.00	\$168,039.00	\$29,596.39	\$138,442.61	7/28/2021	7/28/2023
2020	E20UC450006	\$180,444.00	\$180,444.00	\$180,444.00	\$0	6/17/2020	6/17/2022
2019	E19UC450006	\$175,368.00	\$175,368.00	\$175,368.00	\$0	7/23/2019	7/23/2021
2018	E18UC450006	\$182,883.00	\$182,883.00	\$182,883.00	\$0	8/22/2018	8/22/2020
2017	E17UC450006	\$191,835.00	\$191,835.00	\$191,835.00	\$0	10/19/2017	10/19/2019
2016	E16UC450006	\$203,303.00	\$203,303.00	\$203,303.00	\$0	8/3/2016	8/3/2018
2015	E15UC450006	\$199,486.00	\$199,486.00	\$199,486.00	\$0	7/6/2015	7/6/2017
Total		\$1,621,786.00	\$1,621,786.00	\$1,483,343.39	\$138,442.61		

Expenditures	2021 Yes	2020 <sub>Yes</sub>		2019 <sub>No</sub>	2018 No	2017
	FY2021 Annual ESG Funds for	FY2020 Annual E	SG Funds for			
Homelessness Prevention	Non-COVID	Non-COVID	COVID			
Rental Assistance	16,456.96	15,896.21				
Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance	0.00					
Relocation and Stabilization Services - Services	0.00	0.00				
Hazard Pay <i>(unique activity)</i>						
Landlord Incentives <i>(unique activity)</i>						
Volunteer Incentives (unique activity)						
Training <i>(unique activity)</i>						
Homeless Prevention Expenses	16,456.96	15,896.21	0.00			
	FY2021 Annual ESG Funds for	FY2020 Annual E	SG Funds for			
Rapid Re-Housing	Non-COVID	Non-COVID	COVID			
Rental Assistance	11,109.09	1,070.89				
Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance	0.00	0.00				
Relocation and Stabilization Services - Services	0.00	0.00				
Hazard Pay <i>(unique activity)</i>						
Landlord Incentives <i>(unique activity)</i>						
Volunteer Incentives <i>(unique activity)</i>						
Training <i>(unique activity)</i>						
RRH Expenses	11,109.09	•	0.00			
	FY2021 Annual ESG Funds for	FY2020 Annual E				
Emergency Shelter	Non-COVID	Non-COVID	COVID			
Essential Services	0.00	0.00				
Operations	0.00	0.00				
Renovation	0.00	0.00				
Major Rehab	0.00	0.00				
Conversion	0.00	0.00				
Hazard Pay <i>(unique activity)</i>						
Volunteer Incentives <i>(unique activity)</i>						
Training <i>(unique activity)</i>						
Emergency Shelter Expenses	0.00		0.00			
	FY2021 Annual ESG Funds for	FY2020 Annual E	SG Funds for			
Temporary Emergency Shelter	Non-COVID	Non-COVID	COVID			
Essentia <b>l</b> Services						
Operations						
Leasing existing real property or temporary structures						
Acquisition						
Renovation						

Temporary Emergency Shelter Expenses			0.00	
	FY2021 Annual ESG Funds for	FY2020 Annual E	SG Funds for	
Street Outreach	Non-COVID	Non-COVID	COVID	
Essential Services	0.00	0.00		
Hazard Pay (unique activity)	0.00	0.00		
Volunteer Incentives (unique activity)	0.00	0.00		
Training (unique activity)	0.00	0.00		
Handwashing Stations/Portable Bathrooms (unique activity)	0.00	0.00		
Street Outreach Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	FY2021 Annual ESG Funds for	FY2020 Annual E	SG Funds for	
Other ESG Expenditures	Non-COVID	Non-COVID	COVID	
Cell Phones - for persons in CoC/YHDP funded projects (unique activity)				
Coordinated Entry COVID Enhancements (unique activity)				
Training (unique activity)				
Vaccine Incentives (unique activity)				
HMIS	0.00	0.00		
Administration	1,828.96	2,360.90		
Other Expenses	1,828.96	2,360.90	0.00	
	FY2021 Annual ESG Funds for	FY2020 Annual ESG Funds		
	Non-COVID	Non-COVID	COVID	
Total Expenditures	29,395.01	19,328.00	0.00	
Match	29,395.01	19,328.00		
Total ESG expenditures plus match	58,790.02	38,656.00		

Total expenditures plus match for all years