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News from SCOR

January 2023

Happy New Year!

As we reflect on the successes of 2022 and plan for the year ahead, we can't help but be grateful. This year, we surpassed 3,200 homes rebuilt for citizens affected by the 2015 Severe Storm, Hurricane Matthew in 2016, and Hurricane Florence in 2018. We celebrated groundbreaking on historic mitigation projects including the Ehrhardt Tunnel Drainage Project in Charleston. We initiated a study to determine a path forward for remediating the USS Yorktown. Significant progress has been made on the forthcoming statewide Resilience Plan, including identification of statewide vulnerabilities to flooding. SCOR team members participated in numerous conferences statewide and across the country, assisting others in the disaster recovery and resilience fields with implementing solutions in their towns, cities, counties, and states.

None of this would be possible without the support and assistance from each of you. We are grateful to Governor McMaster and the General Assembly for their continued support of resilience and recovery efforts in South Carolina. We are grateful to work with and serve our fellow state agencies, counties and municipalities, nonprofits, volunteer organizations, advocacy groups, and of course our outstanding team here at SCOR. We look forward to continued coordination in the new year to further resilience in our great state.

In Case You Missed It

Construction Complete for Hurricane Matthew Housing Recovery

SCOR celebrated its final key turnover for the Hurricane Matthew program with homeowner Mary Bryan. 1,138 homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew were repaired or rebuilt in this program. [Read more](#)

SCOR Receives Grant from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

The agency will use this grant to develop resilience and flood risk reduction plans for the Salkehatchie River Basin as a pilot program for future watershed-based planning efforts. [Read more](#)

Hurricane Ian Assistance Available

Assistance is available to residents of Horry, Georgetown, and Charleston counties who have unmet needs as a result of Hurricane Ian. Teams of SCOR Disaster Case Managers are available to connect disaster-impacted individuals with resources to assist with unmet needs caused by Hurricane Ian.

Disaster case managers can be reached at **(803) 898-2511**.

SCOR Accepting Public Comments on Flood Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Chapter

The draft [Flood Vulnerability Assessment](#) and draft [Climate Chapter](#) are available for review on the SCOR website. SCOR welcomes comments and questions from the public about the draft documents. Submit feedback [here](#), or send an email to resilience@scor.sc.gov.

Grants & Funding

SCOR is working on and assisting with grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service (**AmeriCorps'** parent organization), the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** with the SC Department of Insurance, and the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** to increase resilience efforts in South Carolina.

Check out external funding opportunities below:

FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program

Interested in receiving Technical Assistance including vulnerability risk assessments, community engagement, partnership building, mitigation and adaptation planning? The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [**Building Resilience Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) program, BRIC Direct Technical Assistance \(DTA\) Program**](#) will work with selected applicants who will receive wide-ranging support from FEMA including vulnerability risk assessments, community engagement, partnership building, mitigation and adaptation planning. Cities, towns, counties, special district governments, and federal recognized tribal governments are eligible to apply. Deadline to apply: Friday, January 27, 2023 at 3:00 PM ET. [Learn more](#)

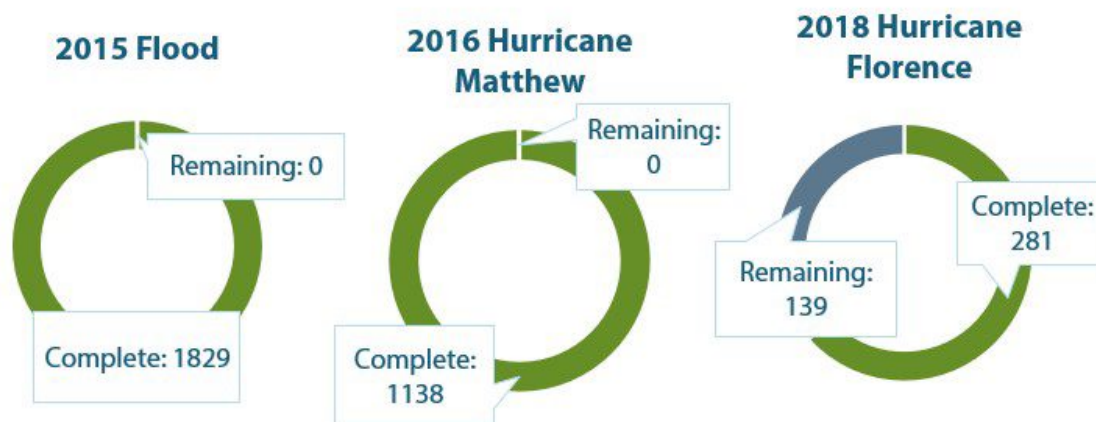
Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE)

Funding is available through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for large-scale, regional economic transformation through multi-state collaborative projects across Appalachia. The next application window closes February 28, 2023. [Learn more](#)

Have questions or need assistance with grants or funding opportunities? Contact SCOR Grants Manager Fran Varacalli at (803) 354-1261 or fran.varacalli@scor.sc.gov.

Disaster Recovery

SCOR has now completed construction and expended all funds for both the 2015 Housing Recovery Program and 2016 Hurricane Matthew Housing Recovery Program. Construction continues at a steady pace in the 2018 Hurricane Florence Housing Recovery Program. Detailed information on active projects can be found through the [project dashboard](#).



Mitigation

The Mitigation program currently has **58 active projects** across its 17-county area of operation.

Four **new [buyout projects](#)** were recently added:

1. Town of Nichols (Marion County)
2. Dillon County
3. Darlington County
4. City of Mullins (Marion County)

Detailed information on active projects can be found through the [project dashboard](#) or at scor.sc.gov/mitigation-projects.

Mitigation Programs Accepting Applications

The Mitigation Department is accepting applications year-round for its [Plans & Studies](#) program. The program is designed to help communities identify the causes of flooding in their area and identify practical solutions.

The next application window for the Mitigation Infrastructure program will be April 1 - May 30. Learn more and apply [here](#).

ARPA Stormwater Infrastructure Award Notification

The Mitigation Department closed its application window for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stormwater Infrastructure Projects on November 30th, 2022. We received a total of 76 applications with more than \$200 million funds requested across the state. Due to this outstanding response, we are announcing that we have moved the official Award Notification date to **Friday, February 17th, 2023**.

We want to ensure that each project is reviewed with appropriate and timely consideration. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to complete this process. For questions or more information, contact SCOR at MIT_Infrastructure@scor.sc.gov.





Calendar

Below is a preview of upcoming events SCOR will be involved in this spring:

- **January 18:** [Nature-Based Exchange](#)
- **January 26:** SCOR Monthly Stakeholders Briefing
- **January 30 - February 1:** [SC Beach Advocates Conference](#)
- **February 10:** [Intergovernmental Roundtable on Disaster Mitigation](#)
- **March 2:** SC Association of Stormwater Managers Conference
- **March 13:** SC Environmental Conference
- **March 29-30:** [Just Economy Conference](#)
- **April 24-27:** [ResCon International](#)

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