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**From:** Haley, Nikki  
**Sent:** Friday, October 11, 2013 5:38 PM  
**To:** Schimsa, Rebecca; Pitts, Ted  
**Subject:** Re: EMD Update - Georgetown Fire

You may need to be there to represent the office.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 11, 2013, at 4:43 PM, "Schimsa, Rebecca" <[RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov](mailto:RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

Governor,

Below are a few key updates on old and new matters:

- Front Street Fire Relief Fund – The Fund has collected nearly \$75,000, and the Disbursement Committee has given over \$55,000 to those directly affected by the fire.
- SBA Loans – The SBA has serviced 14 businesses (out of 22) and 4 residents (out of 11). The SBA has forwarded 4 complete applications (2 residences and 2 businesses) to the Processing and Disbursement Center. The physical deadline to submit SBA application is December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- DNR/FEMA Loans – DNR discovered a possible grant opportunity that was newly created this year from FEMA called a Mitigation Reconstruction Grant, which can provide a 25% match up to \$150,000 per property for owners to rebuild to current flood elevation standards. Because the buildings are so old (built in the 1880s), past insurance records are difficult to locate, making it almost impossible for Georgetown to qualify the buildings to apply. *\*\*\*Per Ted's suggestion, I have drafted a letter for your signature asking the federal delegation to request that FEMA make an exception for the properties in the "Georgetown Historic District" on the National Historic Registry.*
- Senator McGill's Meeting – I was notified today that Senator McGill has called a meeting next Wednesday at 10am in Georgetown to discuss funding opportunities and issues surrounding the recent fire. Representatives from DNR, Commerce, Archives, and DOT were invited along with the entire Delegation. Kim Stenson will be in attendance to report back to our office.

Per your request, your return visit has been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Cabinet directors have been notified, and we will begin inviting local officials on Monday.

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**From:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Friday, October 04, 2013 4:48 PM  
**To:** 'Haley, Nikki ([govhaley@gov.sc.gov](mailto:govhaley@gov.sc.gov))'  
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Governor,

Below is the latest update of action items. On Monday, after a short meeting with you regarding the Executive Order, we will be able to package these efforts together for public release.

- Front Street Fire Relief Fund – More than **\$60,000** has been donated to the Fund. The Disbursement Committee has formed and has already given a portion for the immediate relief for food, clothing, and shelter to affected citizens. The website was created this week for donations as well: <http://georgetownfirerelief.com/>
- SBA Declaration – The SBA Disaster Declaration was approved this afternoon. The temporary Disaster Loan Outreach Center will open on Tuesday for affected individuals to apply for loans.
- Executive Order (Commerce and DEW) – An Executive Order can be issued to trigger two methods of relief: (1) CBDG funds from Commerce could be reallocated to the city to rebuild public property, such as sidewalks and water/sewer; and (2) UI taxes to affected businesses with displaced workers would not be charged. A draft Executive Order has been prepared and will be ready for signature on Monday.
- PRT – Duane has compiled a marketing support plan for Georgetown, which includes allocating \$20,000 of PRT's marketing money to market Georgetown in the spring.
- DOR – Upon request, a restaurant owner whose business burned has already made plans to reopen nearby. DOR has expedited his liquor license so that he can open prior to the Wooden Boat Show on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Letters – Your signed letters to the injured firefighters and police officer were mailed earlier this week.

If you have any questions or concerns over the weekend, please let me know. Thank you.

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**From:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2013 4:09 PM  
**To:** 'Haley, Nikki ([govhaley@gov.sc.gov](mailto:govhaley@gov.sc.gov))'  
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Governor,

I've touched base with numerous local and state officials today, and the City seems to have transitioned well into recovery mode. Below are updates on the recovery efforts you have helped put into place.

**Front Street Fire Relief Fund:** More than **\$15,000.00** has been donated to the Fund thus far with many commitments, mostly corporate, still outstanding. The local committee governing this fund will meet for the first time tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

**State Agency Recovery Actions:**

- **DEW's Visit:** Cheryl Stanton and DEW Officials visited on Friday to meet with the affected business owners (all but one business attended the meeting), and DEW is returning on Wednesday to meet with the displaced workers. My understanding from both sides is that DEW's presence was appreciated and well-received.
- **PRT's Visit:** Duane Parrish and PRT officials are visiting this afternoon. Duane will be dedicating tourism resources to the City and presenting a donation of \$1,200.00 to the Fund, which was

collected over the weekend from visitors at the Atalaya Arts and Crafts Festival at Huntington Beach State Park.

- **EMD's Actions:** EMD is helping with the SBA Declaration (see below).
- **Commerce's Actions:** Commerce is helping with the CDBG funding (see below) and has also requested assistance from various business groups, including the SC Small Business Development Centers Director Janet Graham as well as the Grand Strand SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) District Director Norman Paige.

**Possible Federal and State Funding:**

1. **SBA Declaration Status:** Federal and state officials are conducting the Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment today to see if affected businesses can qualify for SBA funding.
2. **CDBG Status:** The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides a condition for declared disasters and emergencies where funds can be used to acquire real property, conduct construction, or make improvements to public and private property. Procedural Steps: (1) The Governor must declare a disaster; and (2) the Secretary of Commerce must issue a mandate ordering up to 10% of the unobligated allocation to be set aside. (At this time, as much as \$1 million could be reallocated to assist the affected property owners.)

**Next Steps:**

- **Issuing an Executive Order:** You will most likely need to issue an executive order declaring a disaster in order to trigger SBA and CDBG funding streams that might be available. More updates on this are expected within the next 24 hours.
- **Publicizing Upcoming Georgetown Events:** Two events were mentioned to you during your visit – the **Georgetown Bridge2Bridge Half Marathon and 5K** on Saturday, October 12, 2013 ([www.bridge2bridgerun.com](http://www.bridge2bridgerun.com)) and the **Georgetown Wooden Boat Show** on Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. ([www.woodenboatshow.com](http://www.woodenboatshow.com)). I will send a reminder out the week before each event so that these can be Facebooked.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Rebecca