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To: Schimsa, RebeccaRebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov
CC: Veldran, KatherineKatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov
Batson, Stevensbatson@emd.sc.gov
Date: 9/15/2014 2:09:45 PM
Subject: RE: Emails

Rebecca,

Talked to the primary action officer in Greenville, Paula Gucker (Assistant County Administrator), on this issue and she is very knowledgeable of the existing FEMA programs. She is working hard to solve both short term and long term issues associated with this summer's flooding. As with previous discussions, the flooding did not reach the level of impact for any sort of federal declaration (including SBA). The two or more house criteria quoted by the FEMA representative was most likely a misunderstanding as there are no programs to meet immediate disaster needs based on this particular incident. For two of the homeowners (those with flood insurance), there is the possibility of a long range acquisition of their properties through Greenville County who can either handle the acquisition through existing internal programs (they have acquired numerous properties and plan to do more in the future) or applying through FEMA mitigation grants. In both cases, Greenville will have to conduct feasibility studies which will help determine eligibility but those studies will not be completed in time to take advantage of any current FEMA funding.

Bottom line is that there is currently no available immediate needs funding through FEMA for those homeowners affected by the flooding this summer but there is the possibility of long-term assistance for two of them.

Let me know if you have any questions or need further help with this.

Regards,

Kim

From: Schimsa, Rebecca [mailto:RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 5:05 PM
To: Stenson, Kim
Cc: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: RE: Emails

Thanks, Kim. We'll look forward to hearing back from you once you get a hold of the local director. Have a great weekend.

From: Stenson, Kim [mailto:Kstenson@emd.sc.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 4:39 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Cc: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: RE: Emails

Rebecca,

I was able to contact Greenville EMD but will have to follow up with them on Monday. Want to confirm through their primary person on this issue but it sounds like the homeowners Greenville County have talked to would not be eligible for any acquisitions which would be consistent with our earlier guidance. Will follow up on Monday.

Regards,

Kim

From: Schimsa, Rebecca [<mailto:RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 1:01 PM
To: Stenson, Kim
Cc: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: FW: Emails

Kim – Please take a look at the email below from Rep. Nanney and give me a call back this afternoon when you can. Our office has been contacted by constituents about this issue as well. I know we have discussed it previously and determined there was nothing that could be done, but it appears like we should revisit this and reach out to the county emergency manager. Many thanks.

From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 12:59 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: FW: Emails

From: Wendy@nanneyfamily.net [<mailto:Wendy@nanneyfamily.net>]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 11:42 AM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: RE: Emails

Katherine,

We have been working closely with the county. I was told there was a \$4million dollar threshold but homeowners have contacted FEMA directly and they have been told by FEMA that even if two houses had damage, there is a federal grant out there to assist them. There were more then two houses affected. Several houses have \$80,000 plus worth of damage and cannot get any loans to help with repairs.

FEMA said they had to apply for the grants with the President. They would like the governor to help them do that. Is there anyone that might know more about the grants and if that is even a possibility? We really need to try to do something for a few of these homeowners. They have basically been left homeless and have no way to recover their property.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Emails

From: "Veldran, Katherine" <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>

Date: 9/12/14 11:09 am

To: "Wendy Nanney (wendy@nanneyfamily.net)" <wendy@nanneyfamily.net>