

FY2026 Budget Request

South Carolina Office of Resilience
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Our Mission

SCOR lessens the impact of disasters on the communities and citizens of South Carolina by planning and coordinating statewide **resilience, long-term disaster recovery** and **hazard mitigation**.

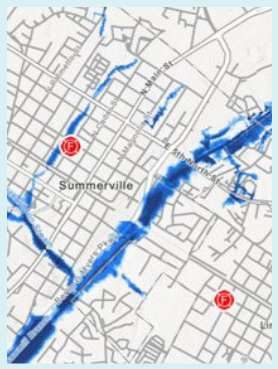
What is Resilience?

The ability of communities, economies, and ecosystems to **anticipate, absorb, recover, and thrive** when presented with environmental change and natural hazards.

Accomplishments

RESILIENCE PLANNING & COORDINATION

- Released 2024 Update to Statewide Resilience Plan with Resilience Atlas
- Completed data coordination study
- Supported the placement of 2,862 acres into state protection in the current fiscal year
 - Approved by Joint Bond Review Committee to spend \$27.4M on acquisitions in coordination with other state resource agencies this year; \$68M total to date
- Awarded EPA CPRG 4-state coalition grant: \$421M total, \$50M to SCOR for conservation of natural working lands
- Awarded \$124.4M EPA Solar for All Grant



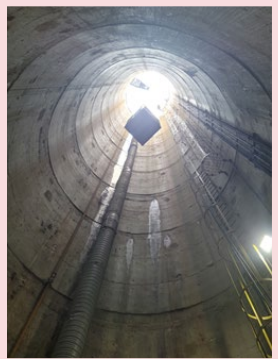
DISASTER RECOVERY

- Closed Out 2016 Hurricane Matthew Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant – repaired or replaced 1,142 homes
- Built last home of 2018 Hurricane Florence CDBG-DR grant – repaired or replaced 488 homes
- To date, SCOR has completed 3,459 homes in all 3 CDBG-DR programs totaling \$293M (on time, on budget, no findings)



MITIGATION

- Managing 44 infrastructure projects, 6 buyout programs (190 homes) , 22 plans and studies, 8 matching grants
- Completion of Ehrhardt Tunnel, Isle of Palms, and Mingo Pond Stormwater Infrastructure Projects
- Closed on 69 homes in voluntary buyout program to date
- Award of \$19,705,915 in Additional Stormwater Infrastructure Projects
- Start of USS Yorktown Phase II: Cleanup and Remediation; anticipated completion early 2026
- 6 stormwater/hydrologic & hydraulic studies completed

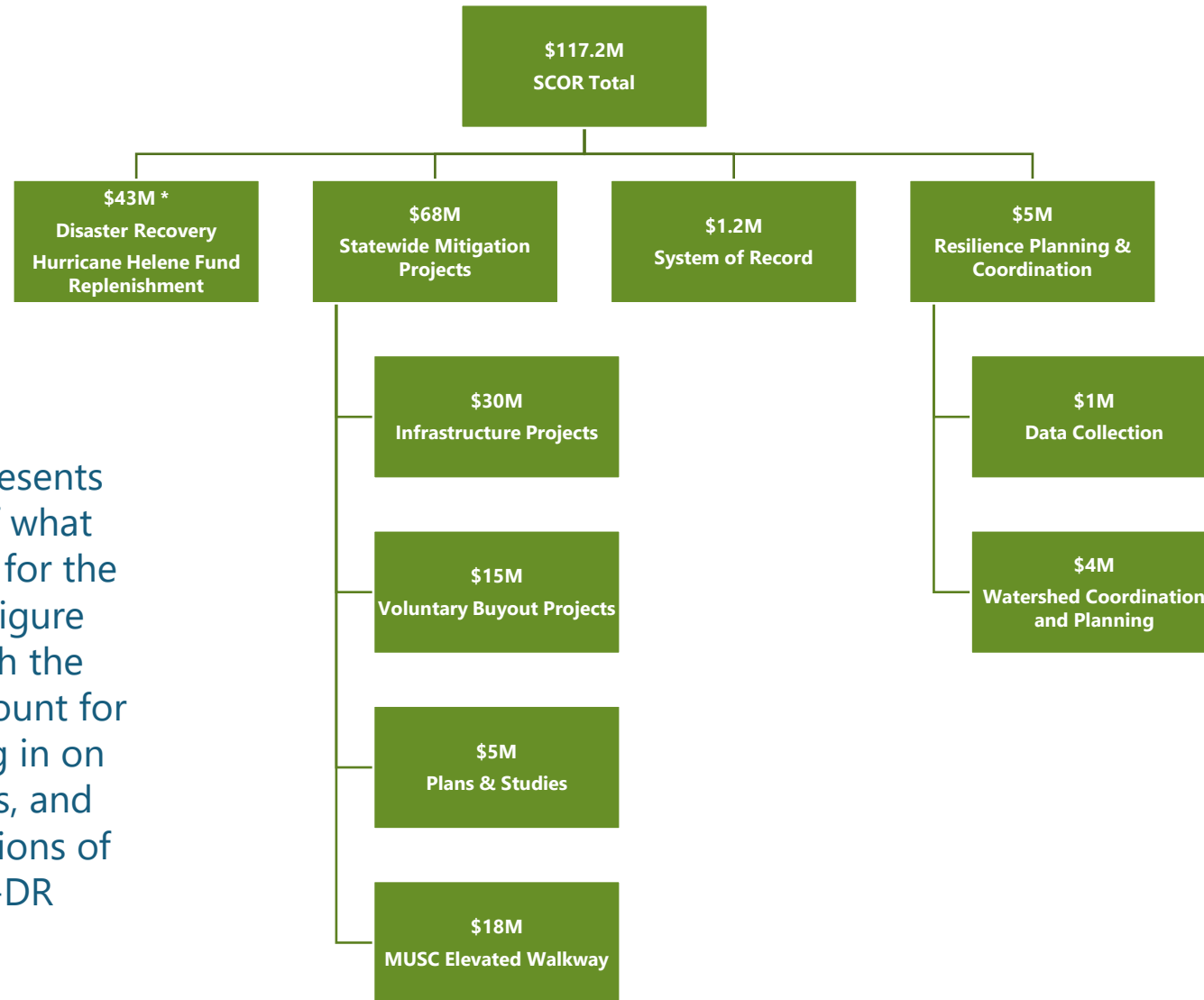


Budget Requests

SCOR Recurring Budget Request

- SCOR is not requesting an increase in recurring funds or additional FTEs this year.

SCOR Overall Non-Recurring Budget Request



***NOTE:** \$43M Disaster Recovery Request represents a placeholder figure of what we can make available for the Helene recovery. This figure may be revised through the budget process to account for additional data coming in on damages, unmet needs, and considering the limitations of the recent HUD CDBG-DR allocation.

Disaster Recovery

Budget Request Non-Recurring Funding

SCOR Requests \$43M to Replenish Reserve Fund Balance Following Hurricane Helene

- SCOR has held a large portion of funds in the Reserve Fund to jumpstart recovery following a disaster. We need to be prepared for the next disaster as well.
- Helene, by SCOR's standards, is larger than the last 3 disasters the State has experienced combined (2015, 2016, 2018).
 - 28 declared counties, with over 430,000 individual assistance applications (FEMA intake ongoing)
- SCOR quickly deployed disaster case managers to assist citizens with unmet disaster needs (Disaster Recovery Reserve Corps) – The Office received a Notice of Funding of \$22.2M from FEMA for the Disaster Case Management Program.
 - Over 2,662 total contacts (applications and resource referrals) – as of 1/6/25
- SCOR Has Started Coordinating Housing Recovery
 - Coordination with SCEMD, SC Housing, voluntary organizations & One SC Fund
 - Allocation of \$150,354,000 in CDBG-DR grant funds
 - Rapid Rebuild Program development
 - Anticipate need will outpace current resources, especially among low to moderate income



Mitigation

Budget Request Non-Recurring Funding

SCOR Requests \$68M for Mitigation Infrastructure Projects, Buyouts of Repeatedly Flooded Homes, and Flood Reduction Plans & Studies

- **Infrastructure (\$30M):** SCOR estimates that there are hundreds of millions of dollars in stormwater infrastructure needs, intensified by the State's growth and the needs of lower-resourced communities that have not been studied.
 - SCOR has previously received \$400M in applications for \$157M in available funds.
- **Voluntary Buyouts (\$15M):** First Street Flood Inundation Model shows over 320k parcels that would see impacts during a 1% annual chance flood.
 - Statewide Resilience Plan recommends voluntary pre-disaster buyout to be proactive rather than reactive to reduce risk of future losses.
- **Plans and Studies (\$5M):** Many communities cannot identify their flooding causes or how to address them if known. Plans and studies create a pipeline of resilience/mitigation projects that could be funded recurring funding every year.
- **MUSC Elevated Walkway (\$18M):** Will improve MUSC's ability to continue operations during storm/flood events and improve safety, security and comfort for patients, families, staff, and the public.



System of Record

Budget Request Non-Recurring Funding

SCOR Requests \$1.2M to develop a SCOR grant System of Record and maintain it for the first year

- To date, SCOR has been awarded approximately \$1.2B in funding, with several programs about to start up, including a very large CDBG-DR allocation, FEMA-funded Disaster Case Management grant and EPA programs.
- In the past, SCOR has required implementing contractors to supply a system of record for SCOR's federally funded programs, however, with the increase in grants and programs SCOR is managing, SCOR needs an agency-owned grant management system.
- SCOR requests funding to customize a system and manage & maintain the system for 1 year.
- This will support Disaster Recovery, Mitigation, and Resilience-related grant activities by:
 - Tracking Progress
 - Collecting Project Communications
 - Tracking expenditures
 - Allowing Efficient Auditing of Project Information, etc.

Resilience Planning & Coordination

Budget Request Non-Recurring Funding

SCOR Requests \$5M for the Implementation of the Strategic Statewide Resilience through Watershed Planning & Coordination and Data Collection

- **Data Collection- \$1M**
 - The Disaster Relief and Resilience Act called for SCOR to utilize the Reserve Fund to identify informational data gaps, and to take the necessary steps to fill them.
- **Watershed Coordination and Planning- \$4M**
 - The Statewide Strategic Resilience Plan made a recommendation to establish Watershed Coordinators for the state's 8 major watersheds to assist communities in identifying risk and vulnerability and develop actionable mitigation and resilience solutions.

Proviso Requests

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- **92D.1: Catastrophic Weather Event**

- Any improvements made to real property or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, Hurricane Matthew of 2016, or Hurricane Florence of 2018, after the event and before June 30, 2026 is not considered an improvement and may not be reassessed at a higher rate as a result of the assistance provided. This provision only applies if as a result of the catastrophic weather event, the improvements made to the property were funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery program implemented by the Office of Resilience, or its predecessor the Disaster Recovery Office. This provision also applies if, at the discretion of the county and using qualifications determined by the county, the improvements were made with the assistance of a volunteer organization active in disaster, or a similar volunteer organization.

- **92D.2: Leave Balances**

- Any temporary grant employees (TGEs) transferred from the former South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office to the Office of Resilience who become full time equivalent (FTE) employees with SCOR shall retain any leave accrued prior to the transfer.

- **92D.3: Carry Forward**

- The Office of Resilience shall be authorized to carry forward unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and expend the funds for the same purposes.

Questions?

Additional Information

Financial Update

- Budget vs. Actual for the current YTD

FY25 Period 01-06

Table

Fund		Major Cl		Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Current Budget	MTD Actual Expense	YTD Actual Expense	Balance Before Commitments	Commitments and Other Transactions	Remaining Balance
10010000	GENERAL FUND	501000	PERS SVC	\$ 3,685,729.00	\$ 471,443.00	\$ 4,157,172.00	\$ 86,320.21	\$ 939,930.65	\$ 3,217,241.35	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,217,241.35
		502000	CONTRACTUAL SVC				\$ 8,046.29	\$ 99,454.95	-\$ 99,454.95	\$ 18,848.46	-\$ 118,303.41
		503000	SUPPLY AND MATERIAL				\$ 1,211.02	\$ 98,201.45	-\$ 98,201.45	\$ 7,927.81	-\$ 106,129.26
		504000	FIXED CHGS AND CONT				\$ 34,253.21	\$ 150,036.95	-\$ 150,036.95	\$ 93,359.18	-\$ 243,396.13
		505000	TRAVEL				\$ 4,720.71	\$ 22,372.41	-\$ 22,372.41	\$ 0.00	-\$ 22,372.41
		512001	OTHER OPERATING	\$ 1,031,454.00	-\$ 86,172.26	\$ 945,281.74			\$ 945,281.74		\$ 945,281.74
		513000	EMPLOYER CONTRIB	\$ 2,026,770.00	-\$ 316,498.50	\$ 1,710,271.50	\$ 37,519.89	\$ 408,790.23	\$ 1,301,481.27	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,301,481.27
		561000	MISC OPS		\$ 11,156.50	\$ 11,156.50			\$ 11,156.50		\$ 11,156.50
Overall Result				\$ 6,743,953.00	\$ 79,928.74	\$ 6,823,881.74	\$ 172,071.33	\$ 1,718,786.64	\$ 5,105,095.10	\$ 120,135.45	\$ 4,984,959.65

Financial Update

- Budget vs. Actual for one prior fiscal year

FY24 Period 01-06

Table											
Fund		Major Cl		Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Current Budget	MTD Actual Expense	YTD Actual Expense	Balance Before Commitments	Commitments and Other Transactions	Remaining Balance
10010000	GENERAL FUND	501000	PERS SVC	\$ 1,278,395.00	\$ 473,603.00	\$ 1,751,998.00	\$ 160,657.69	\$ 861,390.53	\$ 890,607.47	\$ 0.00	\$ 890,607.47
		502000	CONTRACTUAL SVC				\$ 15,778.60	\$ 62,389.89	-\$ 62,389.89	\$ 11,594.39	-\$ 73,984.28
		503000	SUPPLY AND MATERIAL				\$ 1,754.86	\$ 28,309.16	-\$ 28,309.16	\$ 10,196.91	-\$ 38,506.07
		504000	FIXED CHGS AND CONT				\$ 6,673.16	\$ 50,992.86	-\$ 50,992.86	\$ 1,563.04	-\$ 52,555.90
		505000	TRAVEL				\$ 1,705.95	\$ 19,786.53	-\$ 19,786.53	\$ 0.00	-\$ 19,786.53
		506000	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT					\$ 18,589.84	-\$ 18,589.84	\$ 5,780.63	-\$ 24,370.47
		512001	OTHER OPERATING	\$ 831,454.00	-\$ 479,092.49	\$ 352,361.51			\$ 352,361.51		\$ 352,361.51
		513000	EMPLOYER CONTRIB	\$ 540,621.00	\$ 169,880.00	\$ 710,501.00	\$ 60,341.29	\$ 348,048.22	\$ 362,452.78	\$ 0.00	\$ 362,452.78
		520000	ASSET(NCAP)							\$ 7,231.96	-\$ 7,231.96
		561000	MISC OPS		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Overall Result				\$ 2,650,470.00	\$ 164,390.51	\$ 2,814,860.51	\$ 246,911.55	\$ 1,389,507.03	\$ 1,425,353.48	\$ 36,366.93	\$ 1,388,986.55

Financial Update

- **Current Carry Forward Balance: \$30,695.74**

FTE Information (as of 1/21/25)

- **68x** authorized positions
- **46x** filled positions
- **22x** vacant positions
 - **11x** are in the HR process of posting/application review/hiring
 - **11x** pending SCOR action

Cost Savings Plans

- **General Fund 3% reduction amount - \$202,319**
 - This reduction would impact the general day to day operations of the agency if the agency needed to make such cuts. The duties of administration coordination, policy development and legislative liaison would have to fall to other employees as additional duties.
 - By not filling the 3x open FTE positions (2x Program Coordinator IIs and 1x Administrative Coordinator II), SCOR would save approximately \$165,000 in salary and \$69,3000 in fringe benefits, for a total savings of \$234,300.



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