



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

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Dear Chairs,

Let me begin by thanking you and the entire General Assembly for your commitment to returning the families devastated by Hurricanes Matthew and Florence to their homes.

This letter is in response to the notice received last week regarding NCORR's non-compliance with requirements outlined in SL 2025-2, Section 2B.3.(a)(3). As you are aware, NCORR exceeded the 40-project benchmark for July 1, 2025, as we reported 42 unawarded projects remaining. The delay is a result of the limited number of remaining projects that are eligible to be awarded. There are several reasons why fewer projects were eligible to be awarded, including:

1. Some projects are subject to project holds (e.g., a hold while NCORR works through issues related to the project's title/deed). Projects on active holds are not awarded to a vendor until the holds have been cleared. NCORR is diligently working to resolve the remaining project holds to prevent future participant withdrawals.
2. Some projects are rehabilitation projects (as opposed to reconstruction). Experience has taught NCORR that rehabilitation projects often have cost overruns due to older damage assessments and/or unforeseen scope. To control costs and ensure NCORR stays within its budget, NCORR is completing updated damage assessments for these rehabilitation projects. All updated damage assessments should be completed within the next few weeks.

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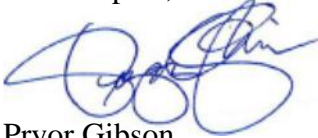
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3. As previously communicated, homes in steps 4 and 5 will not proceed until all existing awarded projects reach sufficient maturity such that we are able to assess whether adequate funding remains to complete more homes. At this time, we have been able to move 26 homes from steps 4 and 5 forward to prepare for bid and award. An additional 16 homes remain in steps 4 and 5 and we expect to have more information on their status by this fall.
4. Finally, there are a small number of projects held in contingency for vendors who have projects pulled from their queue due to issues beyond their control. This allows for vendor resources to remain engaged on the ground and to absorb potential sunk costs from the previous project. These homes will soon proceed to award.

NCORR continues to make steady progress towards completing homes and closing out the program. We will continue to actively manage costs and timelines to maximize the number of homes we can complete. We continue to anticipate that we will close out the Homeowner Recovery Program in 2026. If you have any additional questions, we are happy to discuss further.

With respect,



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