

Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

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Role & Responsibilities

I serve as Advisor to the Governor for Western North Carolina Recovery.

I help agencies and divisions design and implement recovery strategies based on what I've learned in North Carolina and lessons learned in past recoveries across the nation.

I've leveraged nearly two decades of experience in the private sector working with state and local governments on disaster recovery efforts.

Division of Community Revitalization (DCR) Timeline: Dec '25 - Present

Month	Day	Milestone
Dec	21	Congress passes the American Relief Act appropriating funds for disasters including Helene North Carolina immediately starts preparing required Needs Assessment and CDBG-DR Action Plan
Jan	2	Gov. Stein establishes the Division of Community Revitalization (DCR) within the Department of Commerce to lead Helene recovery efforts funded by CDBG-DR
	7	HUD announces North Carolina will receive \$1.4 billion in HUD CDBG-DR funds
Feb	18	DCR publishes the draft Action Plan for public comment
Mar	6	Dep. Sec. McGarrah and I testify before the Commission and discuss the intent, design and priorities of the CDBG-DR funds
	19	Gov. Stein signs HB 47 authorizing \$120m for home reconstruction and repair. Bill states that efforts “shall be CDBG-DR compliant”
	21	DCR issues RFP for Implementation of Helene Recovery Programs for Housing
	26	DCR is the first grantee in its class to submit the required Action Plan to HUD for approval
Apr	16	DCR issues an RFP for Residential Demolition, Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, and Manufactured Housing Unit Replacement for Hurricane Helene Impacted Counties
	25	North Carolina secures HUD approval of its Action Plan in record time
May	2	DCR issues RFP for a Grant Management System
	9	DCR awards and contracts a vendor for the Implementation of Helene Recovery Programs for Housing
Jun		DCR intends to award up to 25 builders for Residential Demolition, Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, and Manufactured Housing Unit Replacement for Hurricane Helene Impacted Counties
		DCR intends to launch program intake for single family home repair and reconstruction
		DCR intends to award a vendor for a Grant Management System
Summer		DCR intends to start construction on the first homes

Housing Implementation Procurement

Worked with a team of procurement and legal professionals from DCR and Commerce to develop the RFP

The team considered lessons learned from NCORR, other states, and input from the General Assembly to design a procurement that prioritized:

- Urgency
 - Quality
 - Value
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Evaluation committee was comprised entirely of members from Commerce and OSBM

Housing Implementation Procurement

To achieve these priorities, DCR established an evaluation strategy that emphasized experience with:

Quickly implementing CDBG-DR single-family housing programs of similar size

Launching large scale CDBG-DR housing programs

Closing out large scale CDBG-DR housing programs

Providing technology for CDBG-DR housing programs

Resumés with experience implementing CDBG-DR housing programs

References that would rehire the vendor

Outcome-based performance payments rather than time & materials fees