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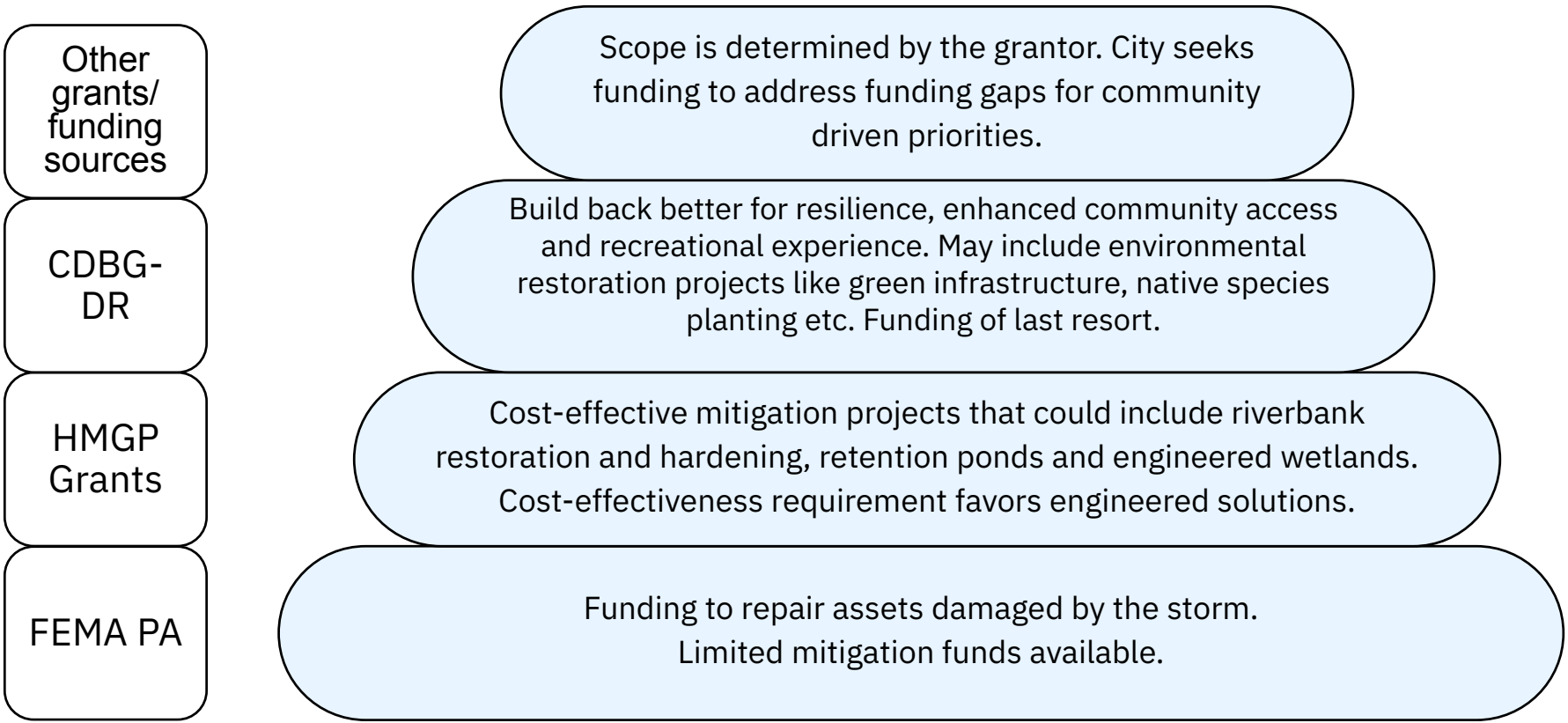
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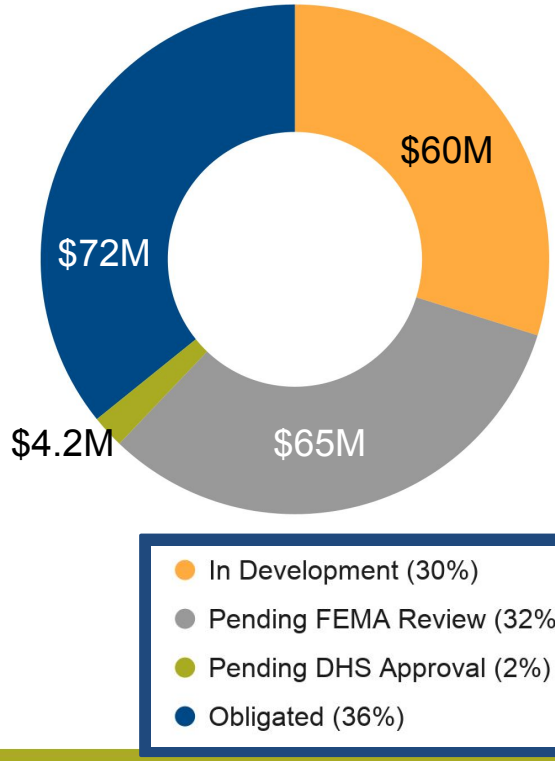


Recovery Funding Recap



FEMA Public Assistance (PA) by the Numbers

- Total number of damage inventory Items: **135**
  - Grouped into **50** total FEMA PA projects
- To date, the City has received **$34M** in reimbursed expenses
- This is **54%** of projected PA funds spent to date.



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- City submitted over $400M in City planning and infrastructure projects:
  - 3 applications under review by FEMA totalling over $300M
    - North Fork Potable Water System Utility Mitigation
    - North Asheville Flood Risk Reduction Project
    - Critical Facility Secondary Power Systems
  - 6 applications under review by North Carolina Emergency Management
    - Resilience Enhancements to Codes & Standards
    - Flood Risk Early Warning System
    - Open Space Management Plan
    - French Broad Riverfront Infrastructure
    - Swannanoa, Azalea Road and Park Infrastructure
    - Critical Facilities Multi-Hazard Mitigation

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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- Private property applications continue to see an uptick in FEMA review and approval
- North Carolina Emergency Management is working diligently to complete appraisals and offers to property owners
- 26 acquisitions in city limits have been FEMA approved
  - 8 residential, 18 commercial
  - Addresses remain confidential until the offer is accepted and executed

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CDBG-DR: Small Business Support Program

- Over $15M in CDBG-DR dollars activated in small business support through Asheville Recovers Together and Optimist Ventures Disaster Recovery Accelerator
  - **June 11 information session 9:30-11:00 am**
    YMI Cultural Center Auditorium
    39 South Market Street
  - **June 15 Applications open**
  - Get ready! Applications available to view online now!

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Shaping Our Recovery

- June 14:
  - Deadline to submit Action Plan Amendment to Increase Support to Single-Family Housing Repair
  - Public Comment Hearing tonight!
  - Written comments and questions may be submitted by 5pm June 14 to: cdbg-dr@ashevillenc.gov or on publicinput.com/b82874
  - Discussion at the June 3 Housing Recovery Board and June 23 Infrastructure Recovery Board meeting

- June 23:
  - Next round of planning project recommendations will be heard by People and Environment
  - Unified concept design of French Broad Riverfront parks will be heard by both Infrastructure and People and Environment

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Recent Recovery Accomplishments

- Permanent pretreatment system at Debruhl Water Treatment Plant deemed eligible for FEMA PA
- State submitted $260M+ HMGP application for North Fork permanent pretreatment and alternate transmission line to FEMA
- First home repaired through Renew NC
- $8.39M awarded for two multifamily housing projects that will add over 200 affordable units

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