

**South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles  
Public Notice**

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) submitted an application for federal grant funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to purchase hurricane shutters for coastal SCDMV branch offices.

Hurricane shutters are the first line of defense against hurricanes and help maintain building integrity by protecting windows and doors from windborne debris during hurricanes and tornadoes.

The hurricane shutters will provide protection for glass doors and windows against windborne debris, which often occurs during hurricanes and tornadoes. Keeping the building intact (no window or door breakage) is vital to the integrity of a building. If debris breaches the windows or doors, sudden pressurization of the interior may result in major structural or non-structural damage (roof loss) and will lead to significant interior and equipment damage from wind-driven rain. The addition of shutters will not eliminate the potential for wind-driven rain entering the building, but will improve the building's resistance to it. Hurricane shutters help prevent intense winds that may come through windows potentially causing an "uplift" pressure on the roof. Pressure inside the building, along with the speed of the wind above the roof's surface, could lift the roof and cause catastrophic damage to the building, its contents, and anyone working inside. The hurricane shutters will be installed with corrosion-resistant attachment hardware and will be anchored permanently on the building.

The SCDMV does not have hurricane shutters on any facility right now. The agency is responsible for administering South Carolina's motor vehicle licensing and titling laws. The number one priority is establishing identification for individuals in need immediately after natural disasters such as Hurricanes Hugo (September 1989), Bonnie (August 1998), Floyd (September 1999), Charley (August 2004), Joaquin (October 2015), Matthew (October 2016), and Irma (September 2017).

The SCDMV received the American Association of Motor Vehicles Administrators (AAMVA) annual Community Service Award for the efforts the agency made in supporting the recovery from Hurricane Matthew when it impacted South Carolina. Because of the state's coastal position and threat of natural disasters, hurricane shutters on exterior windows and doors at eight coastal SCDMV facilities will protect these facilities and allow the agency to perform most transactions for citizens like replacing driver's licenses or identification cards for customers who may have lost theirs in the storm. By allowing citizens to purchase post-disaster identity documents, the community can expedite the recovery process. In addition, a valid license or ID provides FEMA and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) an immediate verification of a person's identity to reduce opportunities for fraud.

According to US Census data, South Carolina has an estimated population of 4,961,119.

This project would benefit an estimated 22% of the 1,076,341 licensed drivers on the coast and 1,072,540 registered vehicles in the seven coastal counties served by eight SCDMV offices in those counties. The addition of hurricane shutters will help provide immediate services like the issuance of licenses and IDs or vehicle documents to restore communities after a disaster and aid in recovery assistance.

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the project. For more information or to comment on the proposed action, please contact Lauren Phillips, Chief of Strategic Communications & Community Affairs, at [DMVCommunications@scdmv.net](mailto:DMVCommunications@scdmv.net) within 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice.

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