



TRI-COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.
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June 25, 2025

Tri-Community Center, Inc.

C/O Caldwell Pinckney 2509 Hwy 311
Cross, SC 29436-3526

Re: Final Summary of Fund Usage
Tax ID: 57-0929247
Entity Type: Nonprofit
Summary Report: P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism
Amount of Funding: \$50,000.00
Purpose of Funding: Tri-Community Center, Inc. Upfit for National Shelter System Site Designation

Tri-Community Center, Inc sought funding to have a qualified contractor complete the designated area flooring upfit - demo and replacement. The flooring upfit was necessary per a South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental (SC DHEC), now South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SC DES), assessment completed in 2022 for designation as designation as a National Shelter System Site.

The previous flooring was carpet and identified as a less ideal for shelters when compared to hard, non-porous surfaces like vinyl, tile, or laminate. A summary listing of carpet disadvantages were noted as difficulties in maintaining hygiene, cleaning efficiently, and the potential for reduced indoor air quality - traps allergens and pollutants, difficulty with sanitization, moisture retention, harbors bacteria and germs, etc.

Some of the goals achieved with the funding and project completion are noted below:

- To meet the standards and expectations for emergency shelter site approval - certification and recognition as a shelter site.
- To have an emergency shelter/facility located in the community to benefit the residents of rural communities in Northwestern Berkeley County - a resources desert for local hazards mitigation capacity and services.
- Offer a wider range of access to movement to a safe environment option for residents during emergency and hazard events/situations.
- To promote and build back community resiliency based on the census and epi-profile of the local communities. Individuals and families were leaving for safety, resources and other concerns. Many in the communities would permanently relocate (voluntarily) or be removed by family, systems, etc.
- Improved resident safety and wellbeing by having more mobility continuum options that included less travel time, less cost and less emotional stress to seek shelter - promoting greater adherence and likelihood to comply with evacuation and other advisories issued by the authorities.

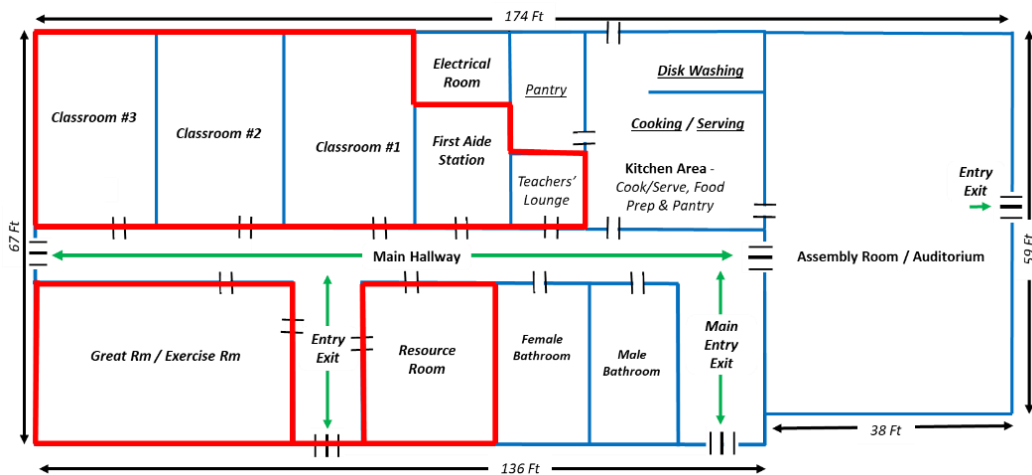
In summary, the local communities and area residents will benefit from this project by having a fully functional community (or local) shelter and point of distribution site for safety and resources during times of hazards and disasters.

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The scope of work for the project included the following:

- Demo (remove carpet, and other floor covering material); prepare floor surface, then apply new flooring of approximately nine thousand (9,000) square foot space/area. See red outlined area of Figure 1 below.

Figure 1



- The project was complete on schedule (within 10 months) and budget (\$50,000) of when the funds were received.

The Tri-Community Center, Inc board, resident, and greater community members are extremely appreciative of the funds to complete this vital project. The facility has completed several other upgrades and is on track to becoming a certified and approved emergency shelter and point of distribution site in rural Northwestern Berkeley County. We have also attached some pictures of the flooring upfit.

Sincerely,

Bernard Gilliard

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Executive Board Chair

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Floor Demo



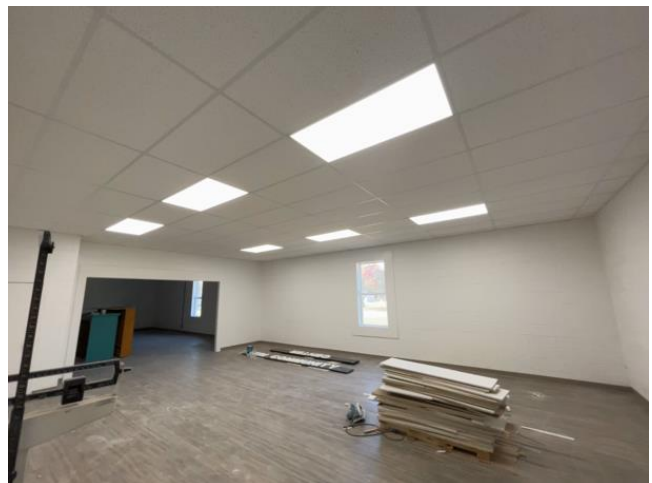
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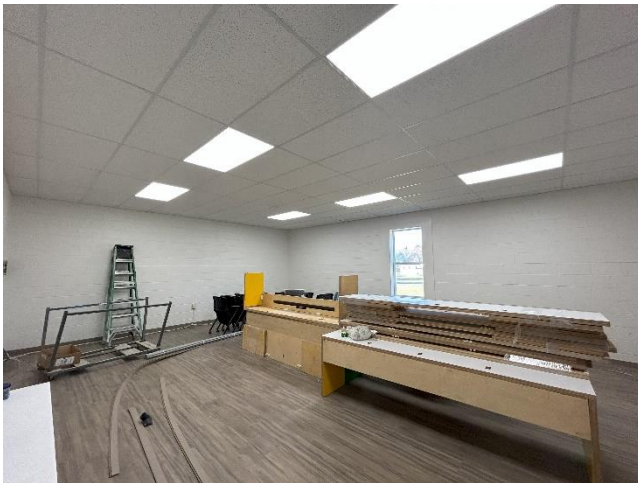
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Floor and Side Molding Upfit



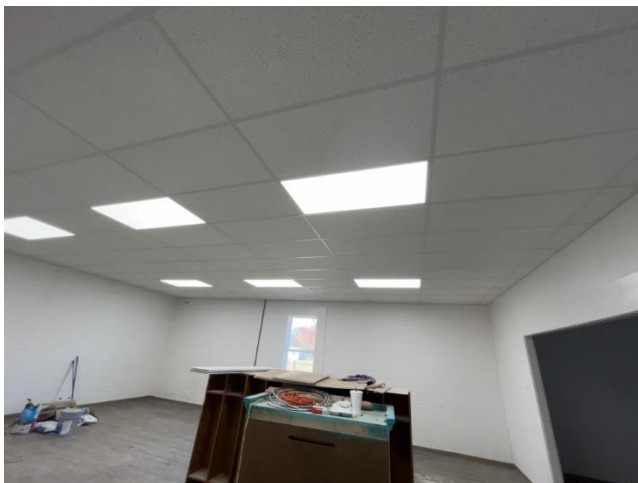
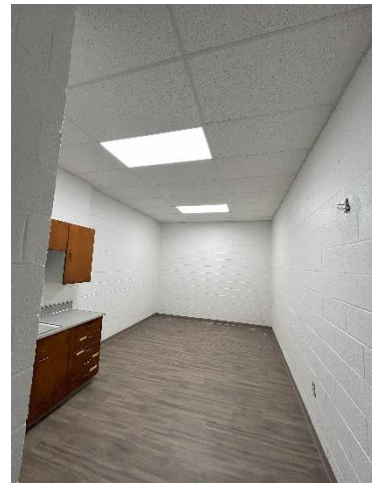
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