2016 Housing Project Application
(DR-4266, DR-4269 and DR-4272)

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Harris County
APPLICANT NAME

Harris
COUNTY
INSTRUCTIONS

1. This application is for housing activities.

All activities must have documented proof of an impact by DR-4266, DR-4269, and/or DR-4272 disaster declarations in 2016. Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds must be used for disaster-related expenses in the most impacted and distressed areas. An activity underway prior to a Presidential disaster declarations will not qualify unless the disaster impacted the project.

All eligible activities must be directly related to DR-4266, DR-4269, and/or DR-4272 disaster declarations in 2016 through actual direct damage and allowed under the State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery.

2. Applicants are encouraged to develop their community recovery projects in a manner that considers an integrated approach to housing, Fair Housing obligations, economic revitalization, and overall community recovery. Applicants also must document how the use of these funds will address long-term recovery.

3. For detailed information regarding application instructions, see Community Development and Revitalization (CDR) Housing Project Application Guide.

PROJECT INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEED(S) ADDRESSED IN THIS APPLICATION

Provide full and complete answers to each of the questions below. Descriptions should include the cause of the damage, current condition of the activity, and a detailed description of the project that coincides with the information contained in both Table 1 and 2.

All activities must have documented proof of an impact by the floods and storms. CDBG-DR funds must be used for disaster-related expenses in the most impacted and distressed areas.

1. Describe the specific flood and storm-related condition that caused direct damage:

   The severe rainfall and storms from Hurricane Harvey DR 4332 caused extreme flooding to homes, business, and community facilities. Many of these homes have experienced repetitive flooding in past disasters and heavy rain events.

2. Describe the impacts on the community that resulted from the direct damage:

   After Hurricane Harvey, the total reported FEMA Individual Assistance for Harris County amounted to approximately $650 million and an unmet needs of approximately $220 million to approx. 86,000 single family housing units. It is estimated that these amounts represent only 50-60% of actual damage in Harris County and does not truly account for rental unit damage. Much of the damage was due to flooding, particularly to housing that have flooded in previous disaster events. The county experience extensive street flooding damaging roads and vehicles. Drainage in several areas failed to function causing flood waters to back up into homes, businesses and community facilities. Many of the hardest, repetitively flooded areas such as in Aldine, Airline and Greenbranch/Gatewood are also "hopelessly deep" in the floodplain and are areas were drainage improvements will have little impact that buyouts are to best option. Several community facilities were sustained repetitive flood damage includes community buildings in Mercer and Bear Creek.

3. Describe how the proposed activities will address damage affected by the floods and storms:

   The Buyout program will acquire repetitively flooded homes in designated areas and allow homeowners to move to an area out of high flood risk housing, while also minimizing and eliminating slum and blight. This program will seek relocate families to areas of reduce risk of future floods and assists to eliminate future flood damages and improve the health and safety risks for owners and rescuers.

4. List materials submitted as documentation of the flood and storm-related condition:

   FEMA damage data and pictures of flooded areas.
5. Describe the proposed project:

Harris County, through the Harris County Flood Control District will operate a buyout program, which will acquire 160 LMI single-family housing dwelling units and assist (with housing incentives and case management) residents to move out of high flood risk areas. Areas acquired will be used for floodplain preservation, future drainage improvements, or community park facility or infrastructure use.

**LONG-TERM PLANNING**

Applicants must develop their community recovery projects in a manner that considers an integrated approach to housing, Fair Housing obligations, infrastructure, economic revitalization, and overall community recovery. Applicants must also document how the use of these funds will address long-term recovery.

1. Provide a brief description of how the project addressed in this application forms part of an integrated approach to recovery.

As this allocation is the first of the Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR funding and is directed by Congress for the express purpose of residential buyout, the allocation will be an integrated part of future recovery activities that will focus on key systems, which will have an affect to correct damage, alleviate future disasters, particularly flooding and/or increases public safety and mitigation. In addition to residential buyout, future housing activities will include single family rehabilitation, reconstruction and new construction, multi-family rehabilitation and new construction, drainage improvements, repairs to critical infrastructure, and rental assistance and case management. The Harris County Flood Control District Buyout program will leverage CDBG-DR funding with its existing Hazard Mitigation grant program to work with the county to buyout repetitively flooded housing, particular low to moderate income homeowners. The non-housing funding will correct damage or failure to function of critical infrastructure such as drainage, improve flooded roadways systems and relocate/elevate community assets out of the 100 yr floodplain in the area for the long-term protection to housing and businesses. These projects are a part of a long term improvement project for these low-income and or minority neighborhoods.
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

LIST OF ALL IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY NEEDS/PROBLEMS

1. Need to buyout repetitively flooded housing.
2. Repair damaged housing - single family and multi-family.
3. Need for add'l new affordable housing to met the need of bought-out and/or displaced households.
4. Improvement of drainage systems to protect communities (housing, business, and institutions)
5. Need to improve roadways flooded in disaster event.
6. Need to elevate, reconst or relocate com. facilities to reduce flood risk/improve drainage systems.

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE:

Describe the jurisdiction's current supply of affordable housing (Public Housing, Section 8 assisted, RHS assisted, HOME program assisted, TDHCA assisted, Local Housing Development Corp. assisted, etc.).

The Kinder Institute reports that the county has roughly 90,000 subsidized rate units. Harris County has 29,500 Section 8 vouchers from HHA and HCHA and 4,153 LIHTC units within its service area. The area has 12 project based subsidized multi-family complexes with over 1,200 affordable units. The county's Community Services Department provided 119 homeownership opportunities via its Downpayment Assistance Program to low-income households over the last 3 years. Between 2015 and 2017, there was a 16% decline in inventory of affordable housing units for sale that met the Downpayment Assistance Program's qualification including maximum house price, age, and other criteria. This decline has made it more difficult for low-to-moderate income homebuyers to find affordable housing.

Describe the applicant's past efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing.

The county's Community Services Department provided 119 homeownership opportunities via its Downpayment Assistance Program to low-income households and provided housing rehabilitation to 106 households over the last 3 years. Harris County Public Health has performed 66 lead based paint abatements to low-income units during the same period. The county also provided rental assistance to 680 households.

Describe any future efforts that the applicant plans to undertake to increase the supply of affordable housing.

The county will continue to offer its downpayment assistance program serving an estimated 50 low income households and housing rehab program serving 30 low income households. It is expected that four multi-family apartment complexes (new) will complete construction and provide approximately 550 affordable units and 127 affordable units will be renovated.

Describe any instances, within the last 10 years, where the applicant has applied for affordable housing funds and did not receive the funding.

The county recently applied to the Texas Veterans Commission for rental assistance funding but was not awarded.

Describe any instances, within the past 5 years, where the applicant has not accepted funds for affordable housing.

No instances

Describe any current and/or future planned compliance codes to mitigate hazard risks.

As a county, Harris County has limited authority to adopt and enforce codes per State Statutes. The county does enforce compliance codes for building in floodplains, drainage standards, and participates in the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) which promotes initiatives above minimum standards. The Fire Marshal also enforces codes and has inspection authority with Fire Standards.
AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

Any locality receiving CDBG-DR funds must certify that it will affirmatively further fair housing. Using the below drop-down box, please identify the activities presently undertaken to affirmatively further fair housing, and which new activities will be undertaken if an award is made by GLO-CDR. Localities should be aware that, in the event of funding, these fair housing efforts will be monitored. Other activities may be eligible, and the applicant should contact GLO-CDR to determine eligibility.

What methods and criteria were used to prioritize the project in the application, including affirmatively furthering fair housing?

After the Hurricane, the county conducted a survey and attended several community recovery fairs to solicit resident recovery needs. Residents identified housing repair, buyout of repetitively flooded properties and the need for drainage improvements as high priorities. HC Flood Control District has over 2,000 households who have applied for housing buyout in the county.

### Activity(ies)

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<th>Activity(ies)</th>
<th>Undertaken</th>
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<td>Develop an anti-NIMBYism action plan</td>
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<td>Publishing the contact information – at the local, state and federal levels – for report</td>
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<td>Other (Describe) Developing a Fair Housing Plan/AFH</td>
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<td>Hold a special hearing to solicit input from the community</td>
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### FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY or MULTIFAMILY PROJECT ONLY

1. Describe your public housing needs/problem:

   n/a

2. Has the applicant vetted its proposed project(s) through the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Public and Indian Housing Program (PIH)?
   
   If "yes", Have the project(s) been approved by PIH?

3. Has the applicant reviewed its proposals to ensure that the project Affirmatively Further Fair Housing using HUD’s AFFH tool (https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4867/affh-data-and-mapping-tool) or using another fair housing assessment?

4. Does the project require acquisition of property, purchase of easements, relocation or any other activity requiring compliance with the Uniform Relocation Act?

5. Will the assistance requested cause the displacement of families, individuals, farms, or businesses?

6. If FEMA or insurance funds were received for any project in this application, the use of those funds must be fully described in the project summary and included in the project budget if they are applied to project development.

### FEMA Coverage (Multifamily Rental & Public Housing Only)

1. Was FEMA contacted regarding project eligibility?

2. If FEMA was contacted, please provide FEMA response. (Attach all relevant documentation)

3. If project was determined to be eligible, were FEMA funds committed/received for the project?
4. If FEMA funds were received, please provide the amount received, explain why funds are needed above and beyond FEMA funds, and include a copy of the project worksheet.

5. Report any/all sources of funding available for the proposed project:

   Funding Source(s):
   
   Amount(s):

   Insurance Coverage (Multifamily Rental & Public Housing Only) Yes No N/A

   1. Did the applicant have insurance coverage on the proposed project? If YES, please provide the following information:

   Name of the insurance company:

   3. Did the applicant file a claim with the insurance company?

   4. Amount of coverage:

   5. Amount of insurance proceeds received or anticipated from the insurance company:

   6. Was there a deductible?

      If yes, how much was the deductible?

   7. If the applicant had insurance coverage and a claim was not filed, why did the applicant not file a claim?

   8. The situation addressed in this application first occurred:

   9. Are local or other funds available to completely address the situation instead of CDBG-DR funds?

   10. What other state and/or federal agencies has the applicant contacted concerning funding of this project, and what were the results?

   11. Describe the impact of taking no action:

   CITIZEN PARTICIPATION DETERMINED THE NEEDS IN THIS APPLICATION BY:

   Did the applicant provide reasonable advance notice for citizen participation? Yes No

   List all opportunities where citizens, especially low-to-moderate income citizens of the target area, were given to participate in the determination of these needs:

   Assessment Type: Community Survey Assessment Date: Sept-Nov 2017

   Date of resolution authorizing application submission:

   Assessment Type: Community Meeting Assessment Date: Feb. 20, 2018

   Date of resolution authorizing application submission:

   Assessment Type: Public Hearing Assessment Date: May 17, 2018

   Date of resolution authorizing application submission: May 22, 2018

Harris County Harris
The Project Summary consists of 4 parts for each target area and/or activity: (1) Summarize Problem(s) (2) Location and Acquisition (3) Detailed Actions to Address Problems and 4) Disclosure on Non-CDBG-DR Funds.

1. Summarize the problem(s) to be addressed within the application by target area.

Harris County sustained significant damage from Hurricane Harvey that resulted from severe storms, straight-line winds and flooding. FEMA reported over 86,500 damaged single family housing units with a verified loss of over $633 million to the county’s housing with many classified as repetitive flooding housing units. FEMA estimates place the unmet need for single family housing as $219 million in the county. Under the housing category, HCCSD will partner with HC Flood Control District to buyout repetitively flooded housing and assist households to relocate out of the high flood risk housing, particularly in low to moderate income neighborhoods.

2. Identify the location of each activity/target area and any acquisition activity.

   The spelling and capitalization of the Target Area name(s) listed here must match Table 1, e.g., "Green Acres" should not appear elsewhere as "green acres subdivision."

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<th>Project Title/Target Area</th>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Harris County</th>
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<td>Provide a brief description of the location of the activity/target area, if possible.</td>
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3. Identify the action(s) to resolve the problem(s) and their anticipated outcomes. Include specific materials and quantities.

   Buyout of Flooded housing to reduce flood risk in future flood disasters and provide housing incentives and case management assistance to 160 LMI households

4. Disclose source(s) and use(s) of non-CDBG-DR funds:

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<th>Source of Funds</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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   1. Are there any persons with a reportable financial interest to disclose?

   Yes ☐ No ☑
# PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Enter the projected length in months of each phase below. If a phase is not applicable, enter "0" in the field. Most projects should be completed in 24 months, once the project contract between the applicant and the GLO is executed.

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<td>Housing Guidelines Development/Outreach Plan, as applicable</td>
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<td>Broad Environmental Review</td>
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<td>Bid Advertisement/Contract Award</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
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<td>General Administration</td>
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<td>Audit &amp; Closeout</td>
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If the proposed project requires a schedule longer than 24 months, justification must be provided:
Identify the target area for this project. Only one Table 1 is needed if the same target area, beneficiaries, and national objective apply. If any of these are different, add a new Table 1. Refer to the Application Guide for instructions.

**Project Title/Target Area:** Housing Buyout Program

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<th>Activity Description</th>
<th>Act Code</th>
<th>Total Units</th>
<th>LMI Units</th>
<th>LMI %</th>
<th>National Objective</th>
<th>CDBG-DR Amount</th>
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**ACTIVITY TOTALS:** 0 0 0.00% 0 35,465,600 0 35,465,600
### TABLE 2 - GRANT PROJECT BUDGET BREAKDOWN

**Project Title/Target Area:** Housing Buyout Program

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<th>Description of Task</th>
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**SAMPLE: Single Family Homeowner Assistance**  
HAP  General Administration  
Oversight and Coordination of the CDBG-DR Grant  
$xxxxxxxxx
1. Activities benefiting low-to-moderate income persons.

Method(s) used to determine the beneficiaries:

LMH Housing Activity: ☐  LMHI Housing Incentive: ☑  LMB Buyout: ☑

2. Prevention/Elimination of Slums or Blight.

3. Urgent Need

Justification of Beneficiary Identification Method:

Households will be individually reviewed for income eligibility.
Service Area Map
Documentation of Damage
Ruined possessions that line entire neighborhoods cover estimated 8 million cubic yards, enough to fill Texas NRG Stadium twice.