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# Public Hearing: Harris County Method of Distribution

November 9, 2016

# Overview

- ▶ HUD CDBG-DR allocation has been made to the State of Texas for impacted counties from the Presidential Declared Disasters (June 16, 2016 in Federal Register):
  - ❖ 2015 Memorial Day Floods FEMA Disaster 4223 (event dates May 4-June 23, 2015) and
  - ❖ 2015 Halloween Flood FEMA Disaster 4245 (event dates October 22-31, 2015).
- ▶ Total CDBG-DR allocation for Texas (\$142,336,000)
  - ❖ \$22 million for the 4 most impacted counties (Hays, Travis, Harris, and Hidalgo Counties)
  - ❖ Harris County was allocated by the State, \$2,756,457 in CDBG-DR funding
- ▶ In July, Harris County was contacted by the TEXAS General Land Office (GLO) to develop a Method of Distribution (MOD) for CDBG-DR for the balance of Harris County outside the City of Houston



# Method of Distribution

## Housing and Non-Housing Allocation

- ▶ Per HUD, 2015 CDBG-DR funding must be prorated to match the damage for Non-housing and Housing. The GLO has determined that 68% of an allocation will fund non-housing activities and 32% for housing activities.
- ▶ The MOD allocates a Harris County housing allocation of \$882,066 to be set-aside to meet the unmet funding need for eligible single family relocation from flood plains or identified environmental hazards and Buyouts.
- ▶ The balance of funding, \$1,874,391, will be allocated for eligible non-housing projects, including improvements to infrastructure and public facilities, clearance, and planning.

## Low- to Moderate-income Beneficiary Requirement

Per the GLO/HUD beneficial requirement, 70 percent of the jurisdictions' allocation must benefit low- to moderate-income persons.



# Citizen Participation

As a part of its citizen participation plan, Harris County performed the following outreach activities:

- ▶ Post Memorial Day floods, county staff conducted a door to door canvassing of highly impacted flood areas, particularly low-income areas. Staff reached out to approximately 710 homes.
- ▶ MOD Kick-off meeting on August 18, 2016 with local jurisdictions to discuss disaster recovery and possible MOD for 2015 Flood events.
- ▶ Conducted over 200 in-person surveys (in English and Spanish) to over 200 county residents regarding housing and community damage levels and needs for recovery.
- ▶ Interviews with 15 local organizations, including Fair Housing Advocates, social service providers, faith-based service providers, housing providers, local housing authorities, chamber of commerce, community health providers, organizations that support persons with disabilities, and recovery assistance groups.
- ▶ Provided MOD and recovery information and surveys to over 500 local service and housing providers was also sent via Facebook, twitter, and on the HCCSD website.

# Needs Assessment

Based on damage data and outreach efforts, the county found:

- ▶ Resident damage was mainly due to water damage to flooring and walls (most reported) followed by wind damage to roofs.
- ▶ Heavy build up of household debris (furniture, carpet, tree limbs) reported post storms in neighborhoods.
- ▶ Several area roads blocked by flood waters more than 48 hours after the storms.
- ▶ Many residents during survey and canvassing mentioned need for improved drainage particularly in North and Northwest parts of the county and near the reservoirs on the west side.
- ▶ The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) indicated that several homes in the county, particularly in Northern and Western portions of the county, who suffered repetitive flooding in past events were once again flooded.





## Needs Assessment (cont.)

- Based on FEMA/SBA assistance reports, Harris County's Unincorporated Area sustained the highest damage for the two events at just over \$6 million. The below table shows the top ten jurisdiction with the highest reported damage.

Jurisdiction	ALL DAMAGE For DR4222	ALL DAMAGE FOR DR4245	TOTAL FOR TWO FLOOD EVENTS
<b>Unincorporated</b>	\$5,305,541.80	\$1,176,598.22	\$6,482,140.02
Bellaire	\$1,942,334.45		\$1,942,334.45
Deer Park	\$532,941.40		\$532,941.40
La Porte	\$18,703.00	\$305,966.40	\$324,669.40
Pasadena	\$307,798.99	\$7,406.47	\$315,205.46
Piney Point Village	\$217,341.74		\$217,341.74
Bunker Hill Village	\$180,162.54		\$180,162.54
Hedwig Village	\$161,411.88		\$161,411.88
Baytown	\$57,009.45	\$50,326.06	\$107,335.51
<b>Webster</b>	<b>\$100,817.90</b>		<b>\$100,817.90</b>

# Method of Distribution Criteria

The following criteria will be used to distribute the balance of funds for non-housing :

- ▶ Relative share of actual damage resulting from 2015 Memorial Day Floods FEMA Disaster 4223 (event dates May 4-June 23, 2015) and or 2015 Halloween Flood FEMA Disaster 4245 (event dates October 22-31, 2015 as reported by FEMA Individual and Public assistance, SBA and Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) reports;
- ▶ Proportion of damage located within Harris County outside the City of Houston;
- ▶ Relative share of low-to-moderate income population.
- ▶ Priority will be given to Damage projects over projects that failed to function;
- ▶ Priority will be given to projects with unmet needs;



# Method of Distribution- Allocation Policy and Distribution Factors

- ▶ Minimum allocation of \$200,000 to a jurisdiction as required by the GLO has been set.
- ▶ Three distribution factors were used to determine allocations. These were:
  - ▶ Damage Reports from FEMA, SBA, and TDEM (50% weight)
  - ▶ Low- to Moderate-income Percentage of Jurisdiction (40% weight)
  - ▶ Number of times affected by Declared Disasters in 2015 (10% weight)
- ▶ Any funds not committed or expended will return back to Harris County for reallocation. If the County cannot identify any projects that can utilize funding, funding returns to GLO.
- ▶ Jurisdictions must demonstrate and document damage or failure to function from one or both of the two storm events in 2015 when they apply to GLO for allocated amount.





# Method of Distribution Summary Table

City, County or Public Housing Authority	Non-Housing	Percentage of County Non-Housing Allocation	Housing	Percentage of County Housing Allocation	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Regional Allocation	70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement
Harris County	\$706,546.83	37.69%	\$882,066	100.00%	\$1,588,613	57.63%	\$1,112,029
Bellaire	\$219,296.12	11.70%		0.00%	\$219,296	7.96%	\$153,507
Deer Park	\$243,472.41	12.99%		0.00%	\$243,472	8.83%	\$170,431
La Porte	\$283,459.00	15.12%		0.00%	\$283,459	10.28%	\$198,421
Pasadena	\$421,616.64	22.49%		0.00%	\$421,617	15.30%	\$295,132
<b>TOTAL AREA Allocation</b>	<b>\$1,874,391</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$882,066</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$2,756,457</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,929,520</b>
	Percentage of Total Allocation:	68.00%	32.00%		Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement	70%	\$1,929,520

# Next Steps

The following are the next steps to the development of the Method of Distribution:

- ▶ October 30th published draft of Method of Distribution to public for 14 day comment period via HC CSD website ([http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps\\_disasterrecovery.aspx](http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps_disasterrecovery.aspx)) and email to participating jurisdictions and GLO
- ▶ November 14<sup>th</sup> is the end of comment period
- ▶ November 15<sup>th</sup> approval by Harris County Commissions Court and submission of Method of Distribution to GLO.
- ▶ On or about November 15<sup>th</sup>, the GLO will release project application and guidebook. Those jurisdictions allocated funding under the MOD will apply directly to the GLO.
- ▶ GLO project applications are due to the GLO on February 15th

## Public Comments

Please find a copy of the Harris County Method of Distribution on our website at [http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps\\_disasterrecovery.aspx](http://www.csd.hctx.net/ps_disasterrecovery.aspx)

If you would like to make a public comment about the Harris County Method of Distribution, please send your comments to:

- ▶ Email to [plancomments@csd.hctx.net](mailto:plancomments@csd.hctx.net)
- ▶ Mail your comments for receipt by November 14, 2016 to HCCSD Planning Section at 8410 Lantern Point Dr., Houston, Texas 77054.
- ▶ Call by phone at 713-578-2000 and ask for the Planning Manager



## Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the development of the Method of Distribution or any of the tools for its development, please contact:

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