



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
GEORGE P. BUSH, COMMISSIONER

October 17, 2017

The Honorable Robert E. Hebert
County Judge
Fort Bend County
401 Jackson Street
Richmond, TX 77469

Re: Fort Bend County's Method of Distribution

Dear Judge Hebert:

The Texas General Land Office Community Development and Revitalization program (GLO-CDR) has completed its review of all materials submitted to date in support of Fort Bend County's (the County) proposed Method of Distribution (MOD) for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds reserved for the most impacted counties affected by the 2016 flood events. We are happy to inform you that the County's MOD has been approved. The terms of the approval are noted below:

GLO-CDR approves the County's proposed formula-based allocation of infrastructure and housing funds to the identified entities.

1. Acceptance of the MOD does not indicate eligibility or approval of funding for any proposed projects.
2. The County's allocation must meet the requirement that 70 percent of funds benefit low- to moderate-income persons. Projects that do not meet HUD's national objective for benefitting low- to moderate-income persons may not be approved until this allocation requirement is met.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (512) 417-5057; alternatively, you may contact Ellen Kinsey, Manager, Program Development, at (512) 475-5007 or ellen.kinsey@glo.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Heather Lagrone, Deputy Director
Community Development and Revitalization

cc: Marilyn Kindell, Director, Community Development



County Method of Distribution for 2016 Floods CDBG-Disaster Recovery Allocation

Summary Information

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Allocation Summary

County Allocation for All Activities: **\$17,022,677.00**

Housing Activities: **\$9,362,472.35**

Non-Housing Activities: **\$7,660,204.65**

Citizen Participation

Below is a description addressing how the County complied with the Citizen Participation Plan regarding citizen and non-governmental organization outreach, and any efforts exceeding GLO minimum public participation requirements:

Fort Bend County encouraged citizen participation in the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Method of Distribution (MOD) development process for DR 4269 (April 2016 flooding) and DR 4272 (May/June 2016 flooding) by means of two public planning meetings, two public meetings, attending several local community based network meetings, surveying local community based organizations and affected residents via surveys and social media, and two public hearings.

Two public planning meetings were held to discuss disaster recovery in relation to CDBG-DR funding. The first planning meeting was held on April 26, 2017 for affected jurisdictions, County departments, and elected officials. The second planning meeting was held April 27, 2017 for local community based organizations involved in the response and recovery efforts from the 2016 disasters. An additional planning meeting was held on May 24, 2017 at 6:30pm for the public at large to offer input on unmet needs and the MOD. 14 representatives of 8 jurisdictions and County departments attended the planning meeting for governmental entities and a total of 16 of agencies were represented by 18 individuals at the local community based organizations’ meeting. At the public meeting, 5 members of the public attended.

County staff also discussed the potential CDBG-DR funding at several local community based network meetings, including Fort Bend Recovers (Fort Bend County’s long term recovery group), Fort Bend CONNECT (a monthly networking group of individual, groups, agencies, or organizations that strives to address the multiple needs in Fort Bend County), and Coalition for the Homeless in Fort Bend County.

Two surveys were developed to solicit comments about unmet needs following the 2016 disasters. The first survey was geared towards affected residents (aka the public survey) and the other for local community based organizations. The public survey asked questions regarding level of damage the resident sustained, whether they received assistance (insurance or FEMA), and what the residents observed in their community following the disasters. The local community based organization survey asked if the organization itself was impacted and the type and level of impact the disasters on its clients as well as if there was any increase in client interactions following the disasters. The surveys were available in English and Spanish both online and hardcopy. In total, 58 of public surveys were collected as well as 3 from local community based organizations.

Fort Bend County also solicited potential infrastructure projects from the Fort Bend County jurisdictions and County departments related to the 2016 disasters. These potential projects document the non-housing unmet disaster needs within the County and the Fort Bend County jurisdictions.

The draft MOD was made available for public commenting beginning June 2, 2017 and ending June 16, 2017. Fort Bend County conducted one public meeting to receive comments on the MOD and two public hearings during the public comment period. The public meeting was held on June 3, 2017 at 10:30am. The public hearings were held on June 6, 2017 at 1:00pm and June 13, 2017 at 1:00pm during Fort Bend County Commissioners Court.

Public Planning Meeting #1 (Jurisdictions and County Departments)

Date/Time:	<u>Wednesday, April 26, 2017</u> <u>9am-11am</u>	Location:	<u>Gus George Law Enforcement Academy</u> <u>1521 Eugene Heimann Circle Richmond, TX 77469</u>
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Public Planning Meeting #2 (Long-Term Recovery Group, Non-Profits, Housing Authorities, Etc.)

Date/Time:	<u>Thursday, April 27, 2017</u> <u>9am-11am</u>	Location:	<u>Fort Bend County Travis Building – 7th Floor Meeting Room</u> <u>301 Jackson Street, Richmond, TX 77469</u>
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Public Planning Meeting #3 (Public)

Date/Time:	<u>Wednesday, May 24, 2017</u> <u>6:30pm-8pm</u>	Location:	<u>Bud O'Shieles Community Center</u> <u>1330 Band Rd, Rosenberg, TX 77471</u>
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Public Planning Meeting #4 (Public Commenting Meeting)

Date/Time:	<u>Saturday, June 3, 2017</u> <u>10:30am-12pm</u>	Location:	<u>George Memorial Library</u> <u>1001 Golfview Drive, Richmond, TX 77469</u>
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First Public Hearing Information

Date/Time:	<u>Tuesday, June 6, 2017</u> <u>1pm</u>	Location:	<u>Fort Bend County Historic Courthouse – Commissioners Court Room</u>
Attendance:	<u>7</u>		<u>401 Jackson Street, Richmond, TX 77469</u>

Second Public Hearing Information

Date/Time:	<u>Tuesday, June 13, 2017</u> <u>1pm</u>	Location:	<u>Fort Bend County Historic Courthouse – Commissioners Court Room</u>
Attendance:	<u>2</u>		<u>401 Jackson Street, Richmond, TX 77469</u>

Personal Notice. As required, personal notice was sent to eligible entities at least **five** days in advance of the public hearings using the following method(s) (at least one must be selected):

	Method	Date Sent	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Mail	6/1/2017	Copy of outgoing message.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivery		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certified Mail		

Internet Notice. As required, public notices was distributed on the Internet at least **five** days in advance using the following method:

	Method	Date Published	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Website	6/2/2017	Print out from website with date of posting.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Website	6/2/2017	Print out from website with date of posting.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County OEM Facebook	6/8/2017	Print out from website with date of posting.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County OEM Twitter	6/8/2017	Print out from website with date of posting.

Published Notice. As required, notice of the public hearings was published in at least one regional newspaper at least **three** days in advance. Notice of public hearing was published in the following regional newspaper(s):

	Newspaper Name	Date Published	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Fort Bend Herald</i>	5/14/2017 and 5/21/2017	Affidavits from publisher.

Citizen Comment Documentation

<input type="checkbox"/>	The required copy of a sign-in sheet from the public hearing is attached.	<i>Both public hearings were conducted during Fort Bend County's Commissioners Court. Due to Fort Bend County Commissioners Court being a public, open meeting, no formal sign-in sheet was passed around for individuals attending the public hearings. Meeting minutes and video of the entire Commissioner Court sessions can be found on the Fort Bend County website at http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=55.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A summary of the citizen comments and meeting discussion is attached.	
	Describe any efforts to notify and accommodate those with modified communication needs, such as posting information and providing interpretive services for other languages.	<i>Notices for the public meetings and public hearings were posted in both English and Spanish online and in a local county newspaper (the Fort Bend Herald). Public input surveys and information pertaining to the public comment period (public commenting meeting, public hearings, and commenting instructions) were posted to the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management website and social media (Facebook and Twitter) in both English and Spanish. A Spanish interpreter was available at all public meetings and public hearings for those wishing to make comments in Spanish.</i>

Long-Term Planning and Recovery

Below is an explanation of how the region's method of distribution fosters long-term community recovery that is forward-looking and focused on permanent restoration of infrastructure, housing and the local economy.

The last time Fort Bend County experienced flooding on the scale of the river flooding experienced in 2015 (DR-4223) and 2016 was in 1994. This meant that several residents were not prepared for a flooding incident of the magnitude of the 2016 disasters. On top of that, FEMA updated its Flood Insurance Study and floodplain maps in 2014. The changes in floodplain maps meant that several residents moved from being classified as living in the floodplain to living in the floodway. Unfortunately it was mainly the areas classified as floodway or not protected by levees, both of which tend to be low-to-moderate income areas, which were affected by the disasters in 2016.

To support long-term community recovery, Fort Bend County's Method of Distribution focuses on low-to-moderate income areas that were most impacted by river and flash flooding experienced in DR-4269 and DR-4272. The Method of Distribution also encourages an emphasis on projects which will have an effect to correct damage, mitigate future disasters (particularly flooding), and/or increase public safety. This is supported by Fort Bend County's Hazard Mitigation Plan which is currently being updated. Mitigation actions against flooding feature prominently in the plan. To review Fort Bend County's Hazard Mitigation Plan, please contact Doug Barnes with the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management at doug.barnes@fortbendcountytx.gov.

There is a vested interest to ensure that residents in the floodway and floodplain are not impacted by future flooding incidents. 55% of Fort Bend County's CDBG-DR funding will be directed towards county-wide housing projects. Fort Bend County will leverage CDBG-DR funding with a potential Hazard Mitigation grant program to work with the entire county to either elevate flooded residences in the floodplain and/or buyout flooded residences in the floodway and floodplain, focusing on low-income homeowners. Elevation/property acquisition of flood prone properties is a mitigation action listed in the Fort Bend County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The remaining 45% of the funding will be for non-housing projects and will be allocated to the Fort Bend County jurisdictions and County departments. This non-housing funding is encouraged to correct damage or failure to function of critical infrastructure and/or improve drainage systems in the disaster impacted areas for long-term protection of housing and businesses.

Unmet Housing Needs

Below is an explanation of how unmet housing needs will be addressed or how economic revitalization or infrastructure activities will contribute to long-term recovery and restoration of housing in the most impacted and distressed areas.

Fort Bend County, through eligible housing projects, wishes to ensure that residents are not impacted by future flooding disasters, but at the same time are able to live in affordable, safe, secure, and sanitary housing. Lack of affordable housing was (and remains) a major challenge in Fort Bend County following the 2016 disasters. This was confirmed by the DR-4272-TX Direct Housing Assessment conducted by FEMA and the State of Texas following the May/June 2016 flooding. By working to ensure that damaged housing is repaired properly and homes are elevated means that residents are able to stay in existing affordable housing. Proposed plans also include relocating affected residents out of the floodway and floodplain to existing or new affordable housing. Fort Bend County has also reached out to the Houston Area Urban League Fair Housing Center and Greater Houston Fair Housing Center to explore additional options to meet unmet housing needs in the county.

Increased flooding in affected areas of the county has led to a decrease in property values, which affects both the local tax base and the local economy. Infrastructure activities, such as improving drainage systems, will contribute to long-

term recovery and restore housing in the most impacted areas because proposed projects are designed to mitigate excess water from flood prone areas. This will reduce the number of homes and businesses that incur flood damage and therefore not decrease property values. These infrastructure projects will also decrease the cost that Fort Bend County and its jurisdictions expend on emergency response efforts.

Method of Distribution Detail

The County is required to prepare a method of distribution between the eligible entities or projects. The GLO has directed the County to use a direct allocation technique based on objective, verifiable data. The Method of Distribution will identify how it meets benefiting 70% low-to-moderate persons requirement, supports minimum allocation amounts that help ensure project feasibility, and provides an explanation of the distribution factors selected.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Statement

All subrecipients will certify that they will affirmatively further fair housing (“AFFH”) in their grant agreements, and will receive GLO training and technical assistance in meeting their AFFH obligations. Additionally, all project applications will undergo AFFH review by GLO before approval. Such review will include assessment of a proposed project’s area demography, socioeconomic characteristics, housing configuration and needs, educational, transportation, and health care opportunities, environmental hazards or concerns, and all other factors material to the AFFH determination. Applications should show that projects are likely to lessen area racial, ethnic, and low-income concentrations, and/or promote affordable housing in low-poverty, non-minority areas in response to natural hazard related impacts.

Distribution Factors

Housing and housing assistance was noted as one of the largest unmet needs in Fort Bend County from the 2016 disasters. Because of this, 55% of Fort Bend County’s CDBG-DR allocation (\$9,362,472.35) will be allocated to housing projects and will be administered by the County on behalf of all affected Fort Bend County jurisdictions, including unincorporated Fort Bend County.

The remaining 45% of Fort Bend County’s CDBG-DR allocation (\$7,660,204.65) will be allocated to non-housing projects. The County has selected the following distribution factors to allocate this remaining funding (for a detailed explanation of these distribution factors, see Appendix C):

Distribution Factor*	Weight	Documentation Source	Explanation of Factor Selection and Weighting
Low to Moderate Income (LMI) percentage for jurisdiction	30	FY2014 LMISD Data, 2006-2010 American Community Survey	The percentage of individuals within each jurisdiction who are low to moderate income as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. This factor is included because CDBG-DR funds are intended to benefit low to moderate income individuals. It has been weighted less heavily than the Damage Level

			Distribution Factor because the LMI data encompasses the entire jurisdiction and is not directly tied to areas affected by the 2016 disasters.
Damage Level (Includes FEMA Public Assistance, FEMA Verified Loss, FEMA Individual Assistance (Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance), and Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan Amounts)	70	General Land Office Report DR 4269 and DR 4272 as of 1/11/2017	Reports of actual verified loss (as determined by FEMA), individual housing/household assistance and public damage reported by FEMA for DR 4269 and DR 4272 demonstrate damage level by jurisdiction. This Distribution Factor was weighed more heavily because the damage reports tie directly to areas most impacted by the 2016 disasters.

All allocations must meet or exceed a floor of \$100,000 to help ensure sufficient funds for at least one eligible project.

Eligible Activities

Grantee activities must be specifically related to 2016 disaster(s), and must meet the following criteria:

- Activity must be a CDBG-eligible project;
- Activity must be in response to a 2016 disaster(s)related impact in one of the following ways:
 - Direct verifiable damage from the disaster(s) that requires improvement of conditions, or
 - The facilities must have failed to function in the normal capacity as a result of the disaster(s).
- The County has added a stipulation that projects must meet a regionally-established recovery priority.

The County has addressed prioritization of eligible activities as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The County has chosen not to limit Grantees in the region to projects meeting regional priority activities.		
	The MOD recommends prioritization of projects that benefit low to moderate income areas over urgent need projects. The County will administer funds in area outside of the boundaries of the Fort Bend County jurisdictions noted in this MOD.		
-OR-			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The County has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:		
Non-housing Activities			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specially Authorized Public Facilities & Improvements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewer Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Public Utilities (gas, et al)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clearance & Demolition Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Street Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Code Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flood and Drainage Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specially Authorized Assistance to Private Utilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Debris Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Centers & Emergency Shelters (Existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning and Urban Environmental Design
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Protection Facilities and Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks, Playgrounds and other Recreational Facilities		
Housing Activities			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family repair and rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-family repair and rehabilitation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-family replacement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family elevation of homes in flood plains	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Multi-family to replace multi-family stock

<input type="checkbox"/>	Single family relocation from flood plains or identified environmental hazards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buyouts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning related to housing		

Reallocation of Funds

The county must identify the process of reallocation of funds from de-obligated funds and/or cost savings from completed projects:

Subgrantees are required to notify the Fort Bend County Community Development Department of any de-obligated projects under the CDBG-DR program and/or cost savings from completed projects.

The reallocation of CDBG-DR funds from de-obligated projects and/or cost savings from completed projects will be used to fund the County-wide housing program. Any increase in CDBG-DR program allocations will be applied to housing projects.

Approval and Signatory Authority

A Resolution of the County is attached approving the method of distribution and authorizing its submittal to the Texas General Land Office. I certify that the contents of this document and all related attachments are complete and accurate.



Signature

July 11, 2017

Date

Robert E. Hebert

Printed Name

County Judge

Title

county.judge@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Email Address

281-341-8608

Telephone Number

Fort Bend County – Non-Housing Allocation

City, County or Housing Authority	First Distribution Factor: LMI Percentage				Second Distribution Factor: Damage Level				Entity Weighted Factor Total (EWFtot)	Weighted Factor Total (WFtot)	Proportional Weighted Factor (PWF) EWFtot/WFtot	Allocation for Formulaic Distribution (A)	Proportional Distribution PWF x A
	Maximum Factor Measure:		59.5500		Maximum Factor Measure:		\$26,817,971.29						
	Factor Weight:		30		Factor Weight:		70						
	Factor Measure (FM)	Factor Measure Maximum (FMmax)	Weight (W)	Weighted Factor Wx(FM/FMmax)	Factor Measure (FM)	Factor Measure Maximum (FMmax)	Weight (W)	Weighted Factor Wx(FM/FMmax)					
Fort Bend County	24.92	59.5500	30	13	\$26,817,971.29	\$26,817,971.29	70	70	83	327.227351	0.25228379	\$7,660,204.65	\$1,932,545.46
Arcola	54.55	59.5500	30	27	\$1,440.99	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.003761258	27	327.227351	0.083993192	\$7,660,204.65	\$643,405.04
Fulshear	34.36	59.5500	30	17	\$174,336.56	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.455051542	18	327.227351	0.05428909	\$7,660,204.65	\$415,865.54
Katy	33.17	59.5500	30	17	\$272,832.89	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.712145676	17	327.227351	0.053242717	\$7,660,204.65	\$407,850.11
Kendleton	59.55	59.5500	30	30	\$220.21	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.00057479	30	327.227351	0.091681135	\$7,660,204.65	\$702,296.25
Missouri City	24.79	59.5500	30	12	\$134,090.70	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.350002202	13	327.227351	0.039234701	\$7,660,204.65	\$300,545.84
Richmond	57.49	59.5500	30	29	\$1,419,602.03	\$26,817,971.29	70	3.705430997	33	327.227351	0.099831654	\$7,660,204.65	\$764,730.90
Rosenberg	49.66	59.5500	30	25	\$2,076,448.81	\$26,817,971.29	70	5.419925882	30	327.227351	0.093016547	\$7,660,204.65	\$712,525.78
Simonton	21.37	59.5500	30	11	\$7,508,293.38	\$26,817,971.29	70	19.59807216	30	327.227351	0.09279119	\$7,660,204.65	\$710,799.50
Stafford	35.3	59.5500	30	18	\$6,372.87	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.016634401	18	327.227351	0.054396461	\$7,660,204.65	\$416,688.02
Sugar Land	17.29	59.5500	30	9	\$839,622.02	\$26,817,971.29	70	2.191572985	11	327.227351	0.033315982	\$7,660,204.65	\$255,207.24
Thompsons	31.25	59.5500	30	16	\$478,022.95	\$26,817,971.29	70	1.247730715	17	327.227351	0.051923544	\$7,660,204.65	\$397,744.97
									327.227351		1.00		\$7,660,204.65

Key

LMI

Percentage Low to Moderate Income - Percentage of Jurisdictional Population that is considered Low to Moderate Income according to HUD

Damage

Level FEMA Public Assistance + FEMA Verified Loss + FEMA Individual Assistance (Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance) + Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan Amounts

County: FORT BEND

Non-Housing

<i>Required</i>	Total	\$7,660,204.65	
	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
City, County or Public Housing Authority	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Regional Allocation	70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement
Fort Bend County	\$1,932,545.46	25.23%	\$1,352,781.82
Arcola	\$643,405.04	8.40%	\$450,383.53
Fulshear	\$415,865.54	5.43%	\$291,105.88
Katy	\$407,850.11	5.32%	\$285,495.07
Kendleton	\$702,296.25	9.17%	\$491,607.38
Missouri City	\$300,545.84	3.92%	\$210,382.09
Richmond	\$764,730.90	9.98%	\$535,311.63
Rosenberg	\$712,525.78	9.30%	\$498,768.05
Simonton	\$710,799.50	9.28%	\$497,559.65
Stafford	\$416,688.02	5.44%	\$291,681.61
Sugar Land	\$255,207.24	3.33%	\$178,645.07
Thompsons	\$397,744.97	5.19%	\$278,421.48
	\$7,660,204.65	100.00%	\$5,362,143.26
	Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement	70%	\$5,362,143

Housing

<i>Required</i>	Total	\$9,362,472.35	
	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
City, County or Public Housing Authority	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Regional Allocation	70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement
Fort Bend County	\$9,362,472.35	100.00%	\$6,553,730.65
	\$9,362,472.35	100.00%	\$6,553,730.65
	Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement	70%	\$6,553,731

Appendix A: Resolution

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORT BEND COUNTY METHOD OF
DISTRIBUTION FOR TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF FORT BEND TEXAS CERTIFYING THAT THE COUNTY HAS DEVELOPED A METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION FOR TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas via the Texas General Land Office (GLO) was allocated approximately \$222 million in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) (Public Law 114-223 and Public Law 114-245 funding to be used in the recovery of the five most impacted counties (including Fort Bend County) and other counties within the State of Texas by Presidential Declared Disasters in April 2016 and May/June 2016.

WHEREAS, the GLO has allocated \$17,022,677 in CDBG-DR to the County and required the submission of a county method of distribution to the GLO; and

WHEREAS, the County is responsible for establishing and developing the Method of Distribution for CDBG-DR funding allocated by GLO for the county, including both housing and non-housing activities, specifically related to 2016 Presidential declared disasters FEMA 4269 and FEMA 4272.

WHEREAS, the County through the Community Development Department has developed, through a citizen participation plan, a method of distribution consistent with GLO guidelines and that utilized an objective scoring criteria that included FEMA/SBA assistance data and low-to moderate-income data to allocate funding.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY:

The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court hereby approves and authorizes submittal of the Method of Distribution and associated forms and worksheets for Texas CDBG-DR funding in the amount of \$17,022,677 to the State of Texas, General Land Office.

Introduced, read, and passed by the affirmative vote of the County on this 11 day of July, 2017.



Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

Appendix B: Needs Assessment

Fort Bend County staff reviewed FEMA damage assessment (FEMA Verified Loss) and FEMA/SBA assistance figures by jurisdiction to determine the areas affected by the 2016 disasters. See Map 1 at the end of this appendix for FEMA Verified Loss damage assessment numbers by address and jurisdiction. Refer to Map 2 at the end of this appendix for FEMA Individual Assistance and SBA Assistance by address and jurisdiction.

These maps show that the majority of damage as well as federal assistance provided was concentrated in areas along the Brazos River: City of Simonton, City of Rosenberg, City of Richmond, Town of Thompsons, and the areas surrounding these jurisdictions that fall within unincorporated Fort Bend County. Apart from river flooding, street and flash flooding was also experienced, mainly during DR 4269, in City of Missouri City, City of Stafford, City of Houston, and the areas surrounding these jurisdictions that fall into unincorporated Fort Bend County. Several of the damage affected areas are considered low-to-moderate income, especially in the unincorporated portions of City of Rosenberg, City of Richmond, and Town of Thompsons.

To assess ongoing unmet needs in the community, Fort Bend County staff received input from public surveys, social media, local community based organizations, and Fort Bend County jurisdictions and County departments.

A public survey distributed to affected residents asked questions regarding level of damage the resident sustained, whether they received assistance (insurance or FEMA), and what the residents observed in their community following the disasters. 58 public surveys collected with the majority of the respondents were from the Richmond and Rosenberg areas, both within city limits and in unincorporated Fort Bend County.

Of the respondents that indicated that they sustained damage as a result of the disasters, the vast majority (24) stated that they had water damage to their floors and walls. This was supported by community observations of an excess of flooring, furniture (mattress, couches, etc.), and vegetation being put out for debris collection following both disasters. Two thirds of the residents indicated that they experienced severe flooding in their neighborhoods with roads being un navigable for more than two days. Several of the comments in the survey and on social media mentioned the need for better drainage systems in the disaster affected areas.

The need for ongoing housing assistance for residents to recover was made apparent through the surveys. 55% of the respondents indicated that they had not applied for FEMA assistance or filed a claim with an insurance company. Further, even a year after DR 4272 May/June 2016 flooding, at least 12 residents reported that their property had not yet been repaired. Several residents indicated a need for assistance with elevations (14), minor home repairs (10), and complete building of the home (6).

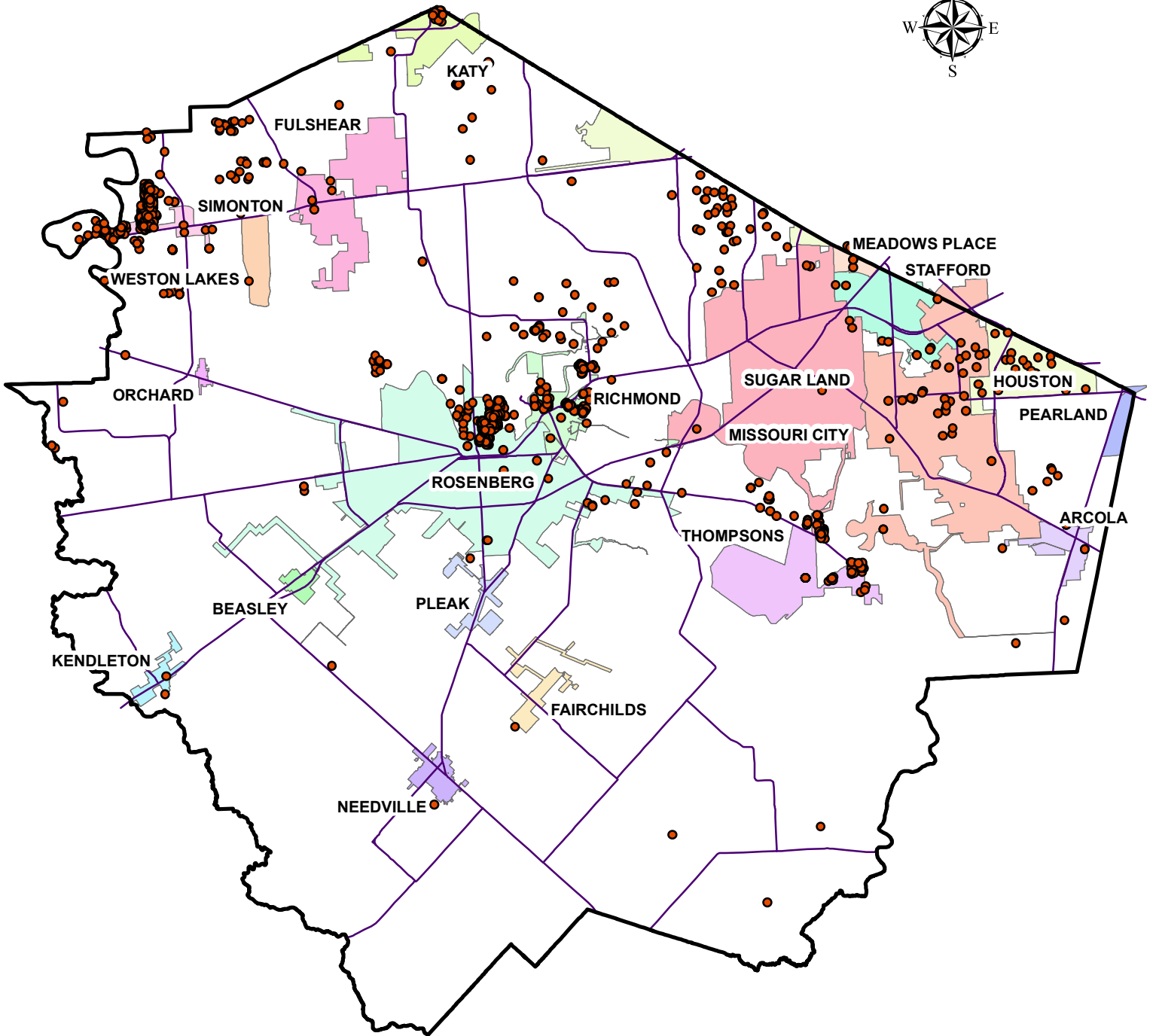
Local community based organizations and the Fort Bend County jurisdictions and County departments, through surveys and conversations with County staff, confirmed these public survey findings. City of Rosenberg, for example, had 90 homes affected by the May/June 2016 (DR 4272) flooding. Of those 90 homes, approximately 20 homes have either applied for permits for repairs or signed up for the hazard mitigation elevation/buyout grant (404 grant) that Fort Bend County is pursuing. This implies that there are as

many as 70 homes in the City of Rosenberg alone that potentially still need assistance with repairs or elevations. The Repair/Rebuild Work Group of Fort Bend Recovers (the county's long-term recovery group) has assisted with several repairs and demolitions of homes but is now noting several residents that are stuck in the recovery process. These residents need to elevate their homes in order to complete their repairs, but without assistance with elevations, the residents are unable to do so.

In addition to assistance needed with elevations and home repairs/rebuilds, there is an interest in property buyouts. A substantial number of damaged homes from the 2016 disasters reside in the floodway. Residents and Fort Bend County jurisdictions have discussed a property buyout program as a mitigation measure against future flooding incidents. The City of Richmond, for example, has a neighborhood of at least 50 homes that are located in the floodway and has flooded at least three times between 2015 and 2016 when the Brazos River rose. This neighborhood predates the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and its residents are not eligible for flood insurance. By buying out these properties and relocating these families would prevent future life and safety threats from flooding incidents and would prevent damage to homes in this area.

Apart from housing assistance, residents and the Fort Bend County jurisdictions and County departments highlighted several non-housing recovery needs, most notably assistance with drainage projects and elevation of critical infrastructure, including roads, water treatment plants, and lift stations. This is reflected in the proposed non-housing projects that Fort Bend County jurisdictions and County departments shared with County staff about unmet infrastructure needs. These unmet non-housing needs are also reflected in the types of Public Assistance projects that the Fort Bend County jurisdictions, County departments, and other political subdivisions have put forth for FEMA reimbursement. Regarding drainage issues particularly, it was noted several times that if drainage systems could be fixed or improved, it could prevent the level of damage from future flooding incidents that was experienced during the flooding in 2016.

Fort Bend County FEMA Verified Loss DR-4269 & DR-4272



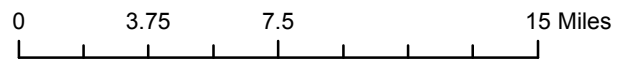
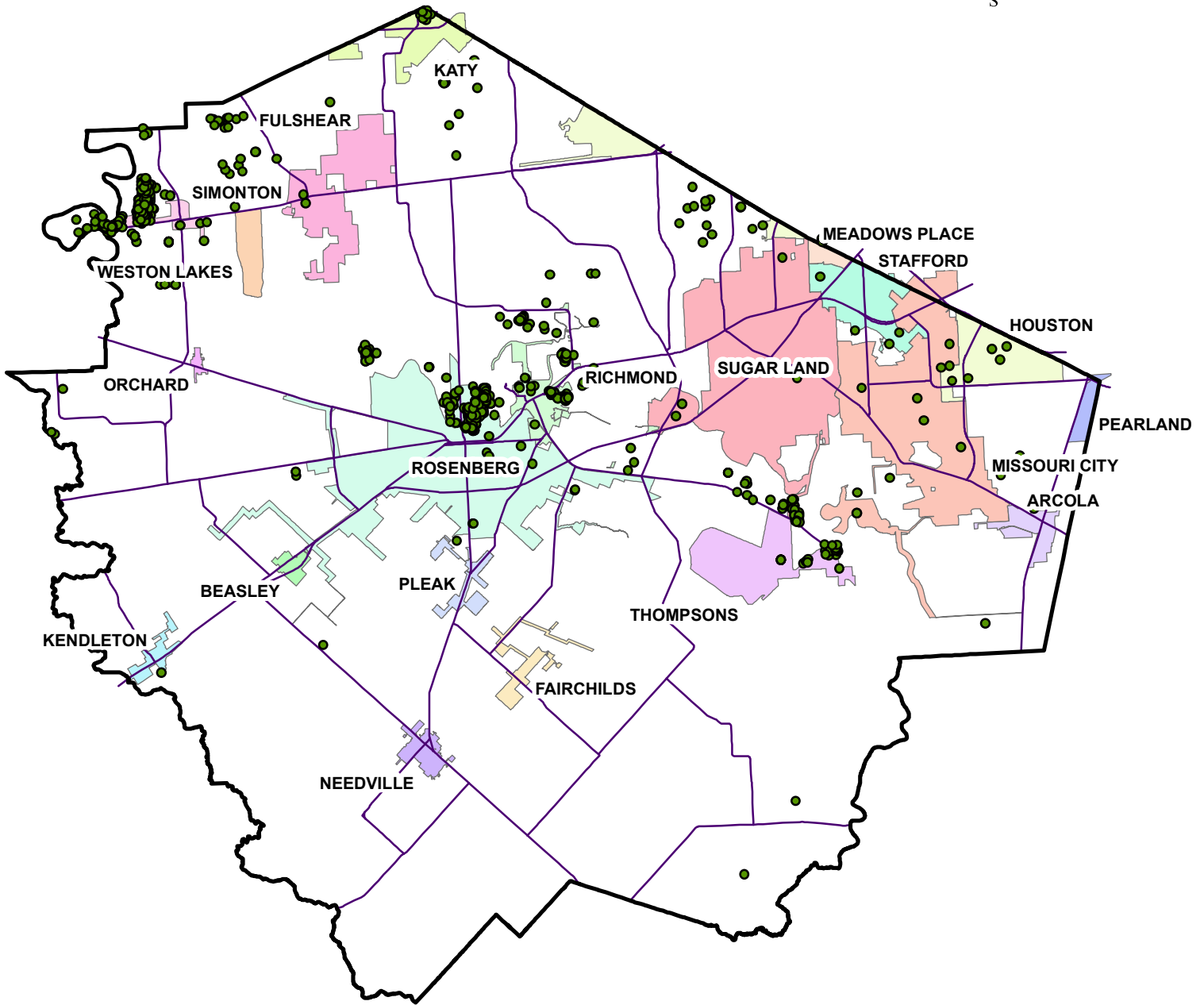
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Appendix C: MOD Allocation Methodology

Several planning meetings were held between the Fort Bend County Community Development Department and the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management regarding the CDBG-DR 2016 funding and the Method of Distribution (MOD) development process. With overarching input provided by the Fort Bend County Judge, the Community Development Department and the Office of Emergency met to determine the direction of the Method of MOD and available data for potential distribution factors. Soliciting public feedback and comments from the affected Fort Bend County jurisdictions, the two County departments developed a draft MOD. The MOD was then opened for public commenting.

Eligible Entities to Receive Funding

According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the eligible entities to receive CDBG-DR funding are counties, cities, and housing authorities located in an impacted county from DR 4266, DR 4269, and DR 4272. HUD has designated Fort Bend County, including the jurisdictions there within, and public housing authorities in the county, as a “most impacted and distressed area”.

Eligible Jurisdictions

Fort Bend County experienced two Presidentially declared disasters in 2016 – DR 4269 and DR 4272. Not all jurisdictions in the county were affected while some jurisdictions were affected by both disasters. It was decided to include all jurisdictions with documented damage (as determined by data provided by the General Land Office) in the MOD in the allocation for the Non-Housing funding. These jurisdictions include Fort Bend County (unincorporated), Arcola, Fulshear, Katy, Kendleton, Missouri City, Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, Stafford, Sugar Land, and Thompsons.

Public Housing Authorities

Fort Bend County has only one public housing authority, the Rosenberg Housing Authority. It was decided that CDBG-DR funding for housing would be administered at the County level (see explanation below under Housing).

Distribution Factors

Housing

According to damage assessment numbers, FEMA and Small Business Administration (SBA) assistance numbers, and feedback provided by affected residents, community-based organizations, and the affected Fort Bend County jurisdictions, housing was the most mentioned unmet need in the county following the 2016 disasters. The lack of temporary, or even affordable, housing following the disasters was (and remains) a challenge faced by the county. This was confirmed by the State of Texas and FEMA’s Direct Housing Assessment performed following DR 4272.

Fort Bend County has applied for \$17,110,007.93 in hazard mitigation grant funds from FEMA to facilitate a property acquisition and elevation program for residents in disaster affected areas. At the request of the Fort

Bend County Judge, at least \$4,277,501.98 will be included in the CDBG-DR Housing portion of the MOD to cover the 25% match that the County must contribute towards the hazard mitigation grant if awarded.

Since housing issues were identified as the biggest unmet need in the county, it was decided to allocate 55% of Fort Bend County’s total allocation for housing activities. (This 50% will include \$4,277,501.98 to meet the 25% match of the hazard mitigation grants, if awarded.) In order to best use resources across the county to address housing needs, it was decided to facilitate a county-wide housing program administered by the Fort Bend County Community Development Department.

The funds allocated for housing activities under this MOD total \$9,362,472.35.

Non-Housing

As mentioned above, all jurisdictions in Fort Bend County with documented damage are considered in the MOD. The funds allocated for non-housing activities under this MOD total \$7,660,204.65. The following distribution factors were used to determine the Non-Housing allocations per jurisdiction:

Low to Moderate Income (LMI) Percentage

Data Set: U.S. HUD Low-Moderate Income Summary Data (2014)

This data set includes the percentage of individuals within each disaster affected jurisdiction who are low to moderate income as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The data was sorted by jurisdiction. Refer to Table 1 for disaster affected jurisdictions’ population percentage that is considered low to moderate income.

Table 1: LMI % by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	% of Jurisdiction's Population that LMI
Fort Bend County (unincorporated)	24.92%
Arcola	54.55%
Fulshear	34.36%
Katy	33.17%
Kendleton	59.55%
Missouri City	24.79%
Richmond	57.49%
Rosenberg	49.66%
Simonton	21.37%
Stafford	35.30%
Sugar Land	17.29%

Source: U.S. HUD Low to Moderate Income Data, 2014

This Low to Moderate Income Percentage distribution factor is weighted 30 (out of a possible 100) due to this data being applicable to the entire jurisdiction and not being directly tied to areas affected by the disasters.

Damage Level

Data Set: Provided by GLO staff by File Transfer Site on May 30, 2017

"FORT BEND - 4269 - FIDA_27843_FSA_TX_GLO 1-11-17";

"Fort Bend - CMF Projections DR 4269 1-9-2017";

"FORT BEND - 4272 - FIDA_27843_FSA_TX_GLO 1-11-17"; and

"Fort Bend - CMF Projections DR 4272 1-9-2017"

This data set includes the total value of (by address) FEMA Verified Loss, FEMA Individual Assistance by address, and Small Business Administration (SBA) loan assistance, as well as FEMA Public Assistance by jurisdiction for both DR 4269 and DR 4272. For a table summarizing the total damage for both DR 4269 and DR 4272, refer to Table 2.

Table 2: Total Individual/Public Assistance from FEMA/SBA + FEMA Verified Loss Amount

JURISDICTION	ALL DAMAGE for DR 4269	ALL DAMAGE for DR 4272	COMBINED TOTAL
Fort Bend County, unincorporated	\$5,761,986.88	\$21,055,984.41	\$26,817,971.29
Arcola	\$1,440.99	\$0.00	\$1,440.99
Fulshear	\$0.00	\$174,336.56	\$174,336.56
Katy	\$272,832.89	\$0.00	\$272,832.89
Kendleton	\$0.00	\$220.21	\$220.21
Missouri City	\$50,741.19	\$83,349.51	\$134,090.70
Richmond	\$63,997.41	\$1,355,604.62	\$1,419,602.03
Rosenberg	\$45,092.08	\$2,031,356.73	\$2,076,448.81
Simonton	\$86,846.74	\$7,421,446.64	\$7,508,293.38
Stafford	\$5,775.47	\$597.40	\$6,372.87
Sugar Land	\$98,599.28	\$741,022.74	\$839,622.02
Thompsons	\$0.00	\$478,022.95	\$478,022.95

Source: "FORT BEND - 4269 - FIDA_27843_FSA_TX_GLO 1-11-17"; "Fort Bend - CMF Projections DR 4269 1-9-2017"; "FORT BEND - 4272 - FIDA_27843_FSA_TX_GLO 1-11-17"; and "Fort Bend - CMF Projections DR 4272 1-9-2017", provided by GLO staff

Staff mapped the FEMA and SBA data and determined which jurisdictions the individual addresses fell into. Any address that fell outside an affected jurisdiction was considered to be in the unincorporated area of the County.

This Damage Level distribution factor is weighted at 70 (out of a possible 100) because the data is tied directly to the areas impacted by the 2016 disasters.

Appendix D: Notices for Public Participation

Public Meeting – 06/03/2017

- Email
- Newspaper (English and Spanish)
- Sign-In Sheet

Public Hearings – 06/06/2017 and 06/13/2017

- Email
- Newspaper (English and Spanish)
- Website (Fort Bend County & Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management – English and Spanish)
- Social Media (English and Spanish)

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Good Afternoon – Please see important reminder below:

The second public meeting to discuss the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) and the development of a Method of Distribution for these funds will be:

When: Saturday, June 3, 2017

Where: George Memorial Library
1001 Golfview Drive
Richmond, Texas 77469

Time: 10:30 A.M.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Warm Regards,

Debra Watson

Administrative Assistant
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Community Development Department
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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." –Maya Angelou

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The Honorable Robert E. Herbert

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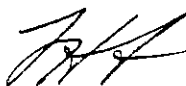
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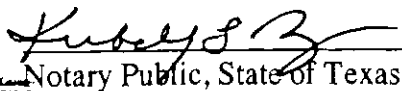
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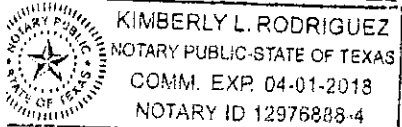
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**FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS
FY 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR)**

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) has notified Fort Bend County of their actual FY 2016 allocation amounts for the Community Development Block Grant Program Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program. These funds are available to assist communities with long-term recovery from the floods of 2016. Through a public process, Fort Bend County will develop a Method of Distribution (MOD) recommending allocations for CDBG-DR funds. Two public meetings will be held to receive comments from the public regarding

- The development of housing and community development needs resulting from the disaster(s)
- The amount of funding available
- All eligible activities, under the Texas Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery program, including linking activities to the disaster(s) through direct damage or failure to function
- The County's draft Method of Distribution

Public Meetings will be held on:

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Rd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471.

Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview Dr., Richmond, Texas 77469.

The public is encouraged to attend and to submit comments to Marilyn Kindell, Community Development Director, 301 Jackson St., Suite 802, Richmond, Texas 77469. Comments will be incorporated into the draft Method of Distribution (MOD), as appropriate.

Persons with vision or hearing impairments or other individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and services may contact the department at (281) 341-4410 regarding reasonable accommodations for the meeting. This venue is accessible for persons with physical disabilities. Spanish language translators are available at the meeting for persons with Limited English Proficiency. Persons requiring other language translators must contact the department at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (281) 341-4410, to request translation services for the meeting.

CONDADO DE FORT BEND, TEXAS

**PROGRAMA DE VIVIENDAS Y DESARROLLO DE LA
COMUNIDAD DE DESASTRES
(CDBG-DR)**

AVISO PÚBLICO

La Texas General Land Office (GLO) ha comunicado al Condado de Fort Bend la cantidad de fondos para el programa de Viviendas Y Desarrollo de la Comunidad de Desastres (CDBG-DR). Estos fondos son disponibles para ayudar las comunidades con la recuperación de los desastres del año 2016. El Condado en un proceso público tiene que recomendar aportaciones de fondos en el Método de Distribución. Las audiencias públicas serán para recibir comentarios del público sobre:

Las necesidades de viviendas y del desarrollo de la comunidad resultando del desastre

La cantidad de fondos disponibles

Todas las actividades elegibles según el programa CDBG-DR incluso de actividades en relación del desastre por danos directos o de fallar de funcionar

El Método de Distribución (MOD) del Condado borrado.

Las audiencias públicas están programadas para el

Miércoles, 24 de Mayo de 2017 a las 6:30 pm en el Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Rd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471.

Sábado, 3 de Junio de 2017 a las 10:30 a.m. en la George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview Drive, Richmond, Texas 77469.

Se invita al público asistir y enviar comentarios orales y escritos a Marilyn Kindell, Directora del Desarrollo de la Comunidad, 301 Jackson St., Suite 802, Richmond, Texas 77469. Todos los comentarios apropiados que son recibidos pueden ser incorporados en Método de distribución (MOD) final.

Si usted tiene una incapacidad o es una persona que no habla inglés y necesita acomodaciones (incluyendo un traductor de idiomas) para participar en estas audiencias públicas, por favor póngase en contacto con la oficina al número 281-341-4410 por lo mínimo 48 horas antes de la audiencia. Las audiencias estarán en edificios accesibles para personas con incapacidades físicas.

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS: CDBG-DR PUBLIC MEETING

June 3, 2017

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June 1, 2017

Good Evening!

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Comments on the Method of Distribution will be accepted for 14 days beginning **Friday, June 2, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.** and ending **Friday, June 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** The public is encouraged to submit comments to Marilynn Kindell, Community Development Director, 301 Jackson St., Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469 or email comments to communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytx.gov. Comments will be incorporated into the draft Method of Distribution (MOD), as appropriate.

In addition, the public can provide comments at several upcoming meetings:

- **Public Meeting** – Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 10:30am at the George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview Drive, Richmond, Texas 77469
- **Public Hearing #1** - Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, 2nd Floor, Fort Bend County Courthouse, 401 Jackson St., Richmond, Texas 77469
- **Public Hearing #2** - Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, 2nd Floor, Fort Bend County Courthouse, 401 Jackson St., Richmond, Texas 77469

The formal notice for the public hearings is attached in both English and Spanish.

Thanks,

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Fort Bend County
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The formal notice for the public hearings is attached in both English and Spanish.

Thanks,

Caroline Egan | Disaster Recovery Manager
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Fort Bend County
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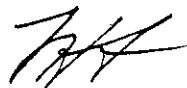
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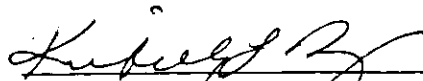
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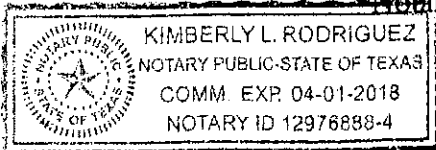
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POSTED BY: CAROLINE EGAN MARCH 22, 2017

Flood recovery efforts are underway for businesses and residents affected by the severe storms of 2016.

Hazard Mitigation Grants (Buyouts and Elevations)

Grant Update (last updated 5/22/2017): Fort Bend County has been informed that our grant applications have not been selected for funding yet. As soon as any additional information is provided to the County, it will be posted here and passed on to the residents that applied.

Residents affected by the 2016 Floods were eligible to apply for either a property buyout or home elevation through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

For residents interested in the buyout/elevation programs that did not apply prior to January 2017, contact Doug Barnes at

doug.barnes@fortbendcountytexas.gov. You could possibly be placed on the *Alternate Property List*.

“Alternate” properties serve as possible replacements for properties that may be determined as ineligible later on in the grant process, or choose not to accept the mitigation offer and move forward in the project.

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery

Fort Bend County is seeking input on the **Method of Distribution for \$17,022,677** in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Funds offered by the Texas General Land Office through the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development. These dollars are for long term recovery needs related to the **2016 Tax Day Floods (DR 4269) and 2016 May/June Flooding (DR 4272)**.

Comment Period and Draft Document

Comments will be accepted for 14 days beginning **Friday, June 2, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.** and ending **Friday, June 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. As of Friday, June 2, 2017**, a draft of the proposed Method of Distribution is available for download on the Fort Bend County Community Development Department webpage at www.fortbendcountytexas.gov or available for review at the Fort Bend County Community Development Department, located at 301 Jackson Street, Suite 602, Richmond, TX 77469. The draft of the proposed Method of Distribution can also be viewed below at the link:

2016 FBC County MOD – DRAFT 1

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Thank you for your feedback last month! We used your survey responses when we developed a draft Method of Distribution (MOD) for over \$17 million in Community Development Block Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds.

Now we need your feedback on the draft we developed. The draft is posted on the Community Development page of the Fort Bend County website: <http://fortbendcountytx.gov/index.aspx?page=327>.

All input must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, June 16, 2017. Please send your comments to:

Marilynn Kindell
Community Development Director
301 Jackson St.,
Suite 602,
Richmond, Texas 77469

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You also have a chance to share your oral and written comments at the upcoming public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 1:00pm at Fort Bend County Commissioners Court. Court is held on the 2nd Floor of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early so you can sign-in to comment.



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Chris McGuffin IMO, the folks in Simonton, who live near the Oxbow, should be relocated to a more suitable location. Turn that water logged development into a park or something. I am not talking about tossing them out in the street, find/build housing that is equal to what they have now.

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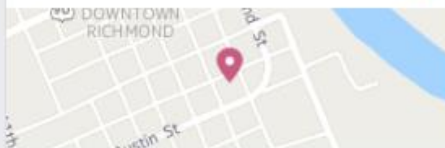
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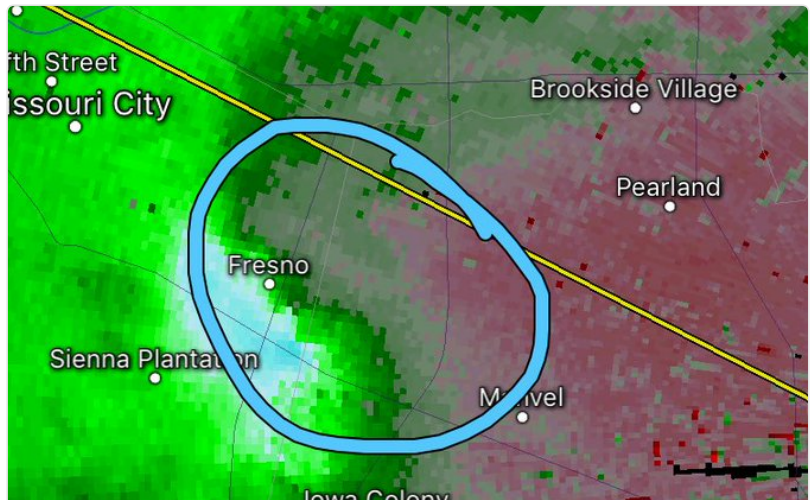
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Appendix E: Public Comments

The draft Fort Bend County MOD was released on Friday, June 2, 2017 for a two week comment period, ending Friday, June 16, 2017. Below is a summary of the comments received regarding the draft MOD as well as responses.

Public Hearings

The public hearings were conducted during Fort Bend County's Commissioners' Court regularly scheduled meetings and were held in the traditional public hearing format with oral testimony. The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court meeting minutes reflect a record that the hearing was announced, opened, comments received, and closed. Due to Fort Bend County Commissioners Court being an open, public meeting, no formal sign-in sheet was passed around for individuals attending the public hearings. That said, at least 7 people were present for the public hearing on June 6, 2017 and at least 2 people were present for the public hearing on June 13, 2017. No public comments were made during the June 6, 2017 public hearing and one individual provided comments during the June 13, 2017 public hearing. Meeting minutes and video of the entire Commissioner Court sessions can be found on the Fort Bend County website at <http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=55>.

Comment:

Mr. Cabello is concerned that the draft MOD was there was not enough public outreach in the affected areas regarding the draft MOD, it was not explained well to the public, nor was there much in the way of public input into the MOD. Mr. Cabello is concerned about residents north of the Brazos River who were affected by the flood. He stated these residents will not receive assistance from HUD due to infrastructures being in the floodway. Mr. Cabello asked if the County will assist to improve drainage on Cumings Road and provide a study to improve traffic on this road.

Commenter:

Lee Cabello
2700 Cambridge Circle,
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Staff Response:

Thank you for your comments regarding the draft Fort Bend County Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Method of Distribution (MOD) on June 13, 2017 during Fort Bend County's Commissioners Court.

Regarding your concern about a lack of public outreach to solicit input for the MOD, a public survey was shared with the public through a variety of methods. These surveys were available online in both English and Spanish via the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management website and the Fort Bend County Community Development Department's page of the Fort Bend County website. Hard copies of the public survey were made available to residents through local community organizations. The public survey was also advertised via Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management's social media (Facebook and Twitter).

In addition to the survey, feedback was provided by local community organizations and Fort Bend Recovers on ongoing unmet recovery needs.

Regarding your comments about the need for assistance for the residents in the Cumings Road area and the infrastructure in this area (including drainage and traffic light at the intersection of FM 723 and Cumings Road), you are correct in that HUD generally does not approve projects that occur in the floodway. As to whether or not the County will be providing any assistance in this area, I will pass along your concerns to the appropriate County departments (i.e. Engineering, Drainage District, and Road & Bridge) about the infrastructure in this area.

Public Meeting (6/3/2017)

A public commenting meeting was held Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the George Memorial Library in Richmond, TX. A total of 4 people attended this meeting.

Summary of Comments:

Attendees were present to better understand what the CDBG-DR funding could be used for, the MOD, how the money would be split within the county, and how the funding would affect them. One attendee (Melissa Pena) was from the City of Rosenberg and helps administer the city's regular CDBG program. Ms. Pena asked several programmatic questions regarding CDBG-DR funding, including if an engineer could be hired as a project coordinator; for a housing program, are residents funneled through the city to be deemed eligible or will the resident work directly with the County; and does CDBG-DR stipulate clear property titles are needed for housing assistance.

Staff Response:

Fort Bend County Community Development staff provided answers to Ms. Pena's program questions based on current knowledge of the CDBG-DR program. Any further questions will be answered by the State as project implementation is developed.

Other Comments Received

Email Comment (6/7/2017):

Good morning. I am reading over the MOD document for the DR-CDBG Fund Grant and would like to verify with you that I am understanding the process correctly.

- 50% of Fort Bend County's CDBG-DR allocation (\$7,234,637.73) will be for housing projects and will be administered by the County on behalf of all affected Fort Bend County jurisdictions, including unincorporated Fort Bend County
 - Simonton's individual project (rank 2) for buy-out and elevation 25% match (\$2,965,652.99) will be administered through the County
- Simonton will be allocated (if passed) \$671,310.64 for non-housing
 - Our individual projects are under this category because they are infrastructure projects related to the 2016 disasters. The non-housing funding is encouraged to correct damage or failure to function of critical infrastructure and/or improve drainage systems in the disaster impacted areas for long-term protection of housing and businesses.

- Out of the \$671,310.64, \$469,917 needs to go towards a project in Simonton that meets the 70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement
 - I am unsure if Simonton’s projects meet this requirement to use the \$469,917
- **The remainder \$201,393.64 can go towards infrastructure not directly or indirectly contributing to low/mod income (Urgent Fund Category)**
- The GLO will require:
 - Simonton to certify that they will affirmatively further fair housing (“AFFH”) in their grant agreements
 - Simonton staff member to receive GLO training and technical assistance in meeting their AFFH obligations.
 - all project applications will undergo AFFH review by GLO before approval
 - The review will include assessment of a proposed project’s area demography, socioeconomic characteristics, housing configuration and needs, educational, transportation, and health care opportunities, environmental hazards or concerns, and all other factors material to the AFFH determination.
- In conclusion, the GLO will determine if our projects meet their requirements and once approved, The Fort Bend County Community Development Department will rank housing and non-housing projects separately by evaluations scores from the highest to the lowest score. Community Development Department staff will determine which projects costs are eligible. Eligible housing and non-housing projects are funded separately according to their ranking. Funding is allocated to housing and non-housing projects until CDBG-DR funds are depleted according to the CDBG-DR program maximums and minimums. Meaning the county will determine which on the of individual projects will be funded by Simonton’s portion of the grant allocation.

Questions:

1. Do I understand the process correctly? If not, please explain
2. Simonton is in a difficult situation where our disaster impact is very high but our percentage of low/mod income is low. Is there any way that a higher percentage of “urgent need funds” can be allocated to Simonton?
3. Lastly, because of the flooding, Simonton passed a resolution to reassess the values of properties that were affected by the flood. Fort Bend Central Appraisal District has completed their reassessment. Has this changed Simonton’s position to meet the Low-to-Moderate Income?

Commenter:

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Staff Response:

Staff reply was provided verbally to the Commenter. It should be noted that the draft that the Commenter references is a previous draft of the MOD from the final version. Response included:

- *Question 1* - Yes, you understand the process correctly. On the last point, the process has been updated. GLO will work directly with the entities receiving allocated CDBG-DR funding on their non-housing projects. Related to the housing projects, Fort Bend County Community Development Department will score the housing projects and will determine which project costs are eligible.

- *Question 2* – We agree and understand that City of Simonton is in a difficult situation regarding being greatly impacted in the 2016 disasters but have a low percentage Low-to-Moderate income families. After discussing several options, it was ultimately decided to be consistent across the board and have all jurisdictions adhere to the 70/30 requirement. This means that City of Simonton will not be receiving a higher percentage of “urgent need funds”.
- *Question 3* – The answer is no. Housing assistance is based on household income, not the low to moderate income data or property values.

Facebook Comment (6/8/2017):

IMO, the folks in Simonton, who live near the Oxbow, should be relocated to a more suitable location. Turn that water logged development into a park or something. I am not talking about tossing them out in the street, find/build housing that is equal to what they have now.

Commenter:

Chris McGuffin

Staff Response:

Thanks for your comment. We are examining all of our options on how to best serve Fort Bend County (including Simonton) and its residents with this CDBG-DR funding.