The Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development and Revitalization (CDR) program oversees the administration of Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for long-term disaster recovery from Hurricane Harvey.

▷ Application and Submission Requirements

Applications for the Hurricane Harvey Local Infrastructure Program and Local Buyout and Acquisition Program are available online at http://recovery.texas.gov/. Applicants needing additional assistance should contact the GLO at cdr@recovery.texas.gov or a grant manager listed on the back of this document.

All applications, along with the completed and signed Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 form and other accompanying documentation, must be electronically submitted by January 31, 2019. Extensions for this deadline may be considered.

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▷ Eligible Applicants and Locations

Cities and counties in declared disaster (DR 4332) areas who have received funding through the Councils of Government (COGs) method of distribution (MOD) are eligible to apply. Visit http://recovery.texas.gov/ for details of each approved MOD.

▷ Guidance

▷ Procurement

All applicants are required to follow the procurement process guidelines set forth in 2 CFR 200.318-200.326. The procurement requirements must be followed for reimbursement from the Hurricane Harvey (P.L. 115-56) allocations of CDBG-DR funds provided by HUD.

Procurement guidance, including a helpful checklist, is available online at http://recovery.texas.gov/ and on the HUD exchange website.

▷ National Objectives

Each proposed project for CDBG-DR funds must meet **one of the three national objectives.**

1. Low-to Moderate-Income (LMI) Persons

Principally benefit LMI persons.

2. Slum and Blight (SB)

Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

3. Urgent Need (UN)

Meet needs which represent an immediate threat to health and safety of residents.

▷ Participation Plan and Needs Assessment

A community must follow the Citizen Participation Plan and conduct a Community Needs Assessment. A citizen participation plan provides for and encourage citizen participation, at all stages of the disaster recovery program and requires outreach efforts, public hearing provisions and complaint procedures.

A community needs assessment requires the collection of data to determine all disaster-related needs still unmet. The assessment must provide a description of damage, housing and infrastructure unmet needs, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) considerations, and other factors relevant to the application process.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities are projects that are directly related to the major disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey, through actual damage or subsequent indirect damage.

The following categories are NOT exhaustive. Your grant manager is available to discuss and assess potential projects.

- Buyouts and Acquisitions

- Debris removal

- Restoration of infrastructure
  (such as water facilities and sewer facilities and streets)

- Flood control/drainage system repair/improvements

- Water/sewer system improvements

- Road/street improvements

- Gas system improvements

- Fire protection facilities

- Neighborhood facilities
  (community/senior centers and shelters)

- Public services
  (such as job training and employment services)

Beneficiaries

Applicants should consider all persons that will benefit from a project to accurately document LMI beneficiaries. Beneficiaries will be documented using surveys or census data. Supporting documentation should include projects site maps identifying census tract, block group, city/county boundaries and project limits.

Project Schedule

A schedule must be provided for each project. Projects are expected to be completed in 24 months once the project contract between the applicant and the GLO is executed. If the proposed project requires a schedule longer than 24 months, justification must be provided.