

Public Hearing Notice – State of Texas 2021 Winter Storms Action Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Texas General Land Office (GLO) is seeking input on the development of the State of Texas 2021 Winter Storms Action Plan for \$43,632,000 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. These funds were allocated to Texas by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for disaster recovery for areas affected by the 2021 Winter Storms (DR-4586) from February 11, 2021 - February 21, 2021. Per federal requirements, the GLO will consider and respond to all public comments before the final Action Plan is sent to HUD. The Action Plan proposes distributing the funds through the following programs:

- **The 2021 Winter Storms (21WS) HUD MID Counties Program** (\$30,459,000) - Provides funding for infrastructure improvements and/or the rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of affordable multifamily housing within the HUD MID counties. This program will allow for specific projects in the HUD designated “most impacted and distressed” counties of Dallas, Harris, and Tarrant. Included in these program funds are the Mitigation Set-aside funds (\$5.691 million) HUD provides for CDBG-DR grantees to mitigate against future similar disasters in the affected areas.
- **The 2021 Winter Storms (21WS) Fire Facilities and Protective Measures (FFPM) Program** (\$7,500,000) - Provides funding for disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of fire protection facilities for the remaining 251 Secondary MID counties impacted by the 2021 Winter Storms. This program will allow for the recovery of fire protection facilities and allow for improvements and equipment, while also allowing for permanently affixed power generator public facility needs that are essential during winter storm events.

Public comments may be emailed to the GLO at cdr@recovery.texas.gov, mailed to P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or faxed to 512-475-5150. The deadline to submit public comments on this proposed Action Plan is **December 6, 2023, by 5 p.m. Central Time (CT)**. Additionally, the GLO will field public comments at a virtual public hearing on **Thursday, November 16, 2023**, which will start at 6:00 p.m. (CT).

The Action Plan can be found on the following page: <https://recovery.texas.gov/public-notices/index.html>

Virtual Public Hearing via Zoom:

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://txglo.zoom.us/j/86722234406?pwd=VEk4T29aeWFnd3ZVeG0ySUI2amtUdz09>

Meeting ID: 867 2223 4406

For those who wish to call-in rather than utilize the Zoom link, please use the following information:

Dial-In Number: +1 346 248 7799, +1 719 359 4580, +1 253 205 0468 US

Meeting ID: 867 2223 4406

You may also click here to find your local number: <https://txglo.zoom.us/u/kbtrIvV4Fn>

For those interested in speaking at the virtual public hearing, please fill out the following survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/21WS_Public_Hearing

Reasonable Accommodations:

The GLO will provide reasonable accommodations for persons attending the virtual public hearing. The public hearing will be conducted in English and requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs must be made at least 48 hours prior to the virtual public hearing. Please call 512-475-5139 or toll free at 844-893-8937 or email cdr@recovery.texas.gov to request specific reasonable accommodations.