



**Mitigation Survey** (*open until September 15, 2019*): [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GLO\\_Mitigation](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GLO_Mitigation)

**U.S. Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) definition of mitigation:** Activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

**Summary:**

- **\$4,383,085,000** in total HUD Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds allocated to Texas.
  - Texas General Land Office will administer \$4,297,189,000:
    - \$4,074,456,000 for Hurricane Harvey
    - \$169,748,000 for 2016 Floods
    - \$52,985,000 for 2015 Floods
  - Direct allocations:
    - \$61,884,000 to City of Houston for 2015 Floods
    - \$24,012,000 to City of San Marcos for 2015 Floods
- In total, 140 Texas counties eligible for CDBG-MIT funding.
  - Due to 2015, 2016, and 2017 (Hurricane Harvey) disasters.
- At least 50% of this allocation must address mitigation needs in the HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) counties and ZIP codes (*see map*).
  - Remaining 50% may address mitigation needs in State MID counties.
- At least 50% of CDBG-MIT funds must benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.
- Must spend 50% of allocation in six (6) years and 100% in twelve (12) years.
- CDBG-MIT state action plan due to HUD: **February 3, 2020**.

**Highlights:**

- CDBG-MIT funds do not require a disaster “tie-back.”
- CDBG-MIT funds cannot be used for emergency response services. May be used for mitigation activities to enhance the resilience of facilities.
- HUD emphasized importance of broad based, local and regional mitigation priorities that will have long-lasting effects on community risk reduction.
- HUD expects grantees to enhance the impact of HUD-funded investments with “more stringent building and zoning codes which will help to limit damage from future severe weather events.” This is an eligible cost under CDBG–DR or CDBG–MIT funding.
- Heavy dependence on State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- New National Objective: **Urgent Need Mitigation** (UNM).
- May expend funds outside of MID areas if the funds will mitigate within the MID areas.
- Planning Funds: Maximum 15% of total grant.

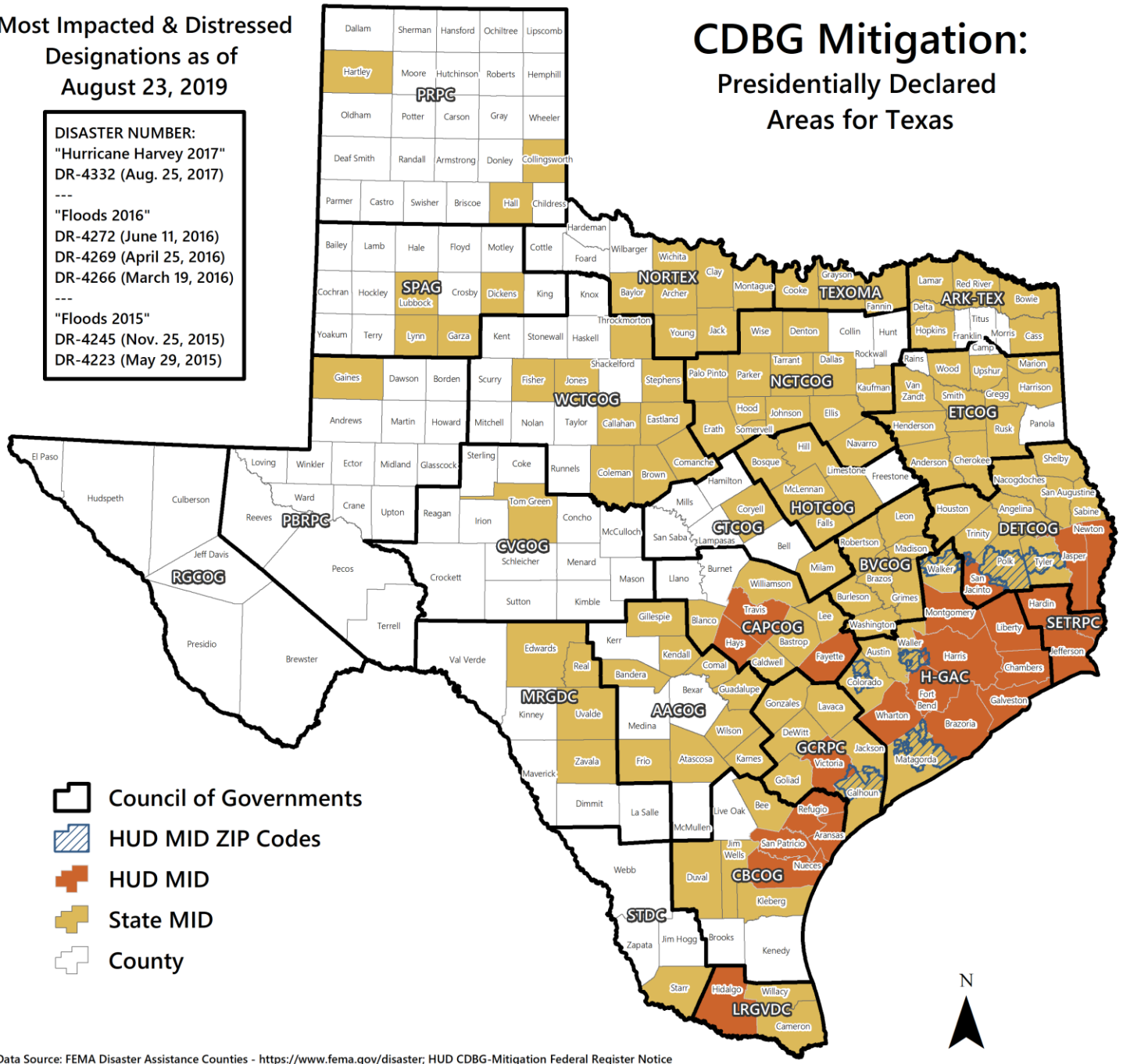
**Public Engagement Highlights:**

- At least four (4) public hearings — two (2) prior to the public comment period.
- 45-day public comment period.
- Citizen advisory committee.

**Most Impacted & Distressed Designations as of August 23, 2019**

**DISASTER NUMBER:**  
 "Hurricane Harvey 2017"  
 DR-4332 (Aug. 25, 2017)  
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 "Floods 2016"  
 DR-4272 (June 11, 2016)  
 DR-4269 (April 25, 2016)  
 DR-4266 (March 19, 2016)  
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 "Floods 2015"  
 DR-4245 (Nov. 25, 2015)  
 DR-4223 (May 29, 2015)

**CDBG Mitigation: Presidentially Declared Areas for Texas**



Data Source: FEMA Disaster Assistance Counties - <https://www.fema.gov/disaster>; HUD CDBG-Mitigation Federal Register Notice  
 Author: Texas General Land Office - Community Development and Revitalization Program  
 Projection: NAD 1983 Texas Statewide Mapping System

