Mitigation Public Hearing

Texas General Land Office
Community Development and Revitalization Program
(GLO-CDR)

“We work to rebuild communities, to put Texans back in their homes, and to help businesses recover after the trauma of disaster.”

George P. Bush
Texas General Land Office Commissioner
CDBG – Mitigation Funding

• Federal Register Notice Published: August 30, 2019

• Texas Allocation: $4,297,189,000

• 140 Texas counties eligible for CDBG-MIT funding
  • Due to 2015, 2016, and 2017 (Hurricane Harvey) Disasters

• State Action Plan Due: February 3, 2020
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<td>2017 Hurricane Harvey</td>
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“Those 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.”

— CDBG-MIT Federal Register Notice (8/30/2019)
CDBG-MIT Program

- At least 50% of funds must address mitigation needs in HUD Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas
- May expend funds outside of MID areas if demonstrated how funds will mitigate within the MID areas
- 50% of allocation must be spent in 6 years
- 100% of allocation must be spent in 12 years
- 50% of all CDBG-MIT funds must benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons
- Planning Funds: Maximum 15% of total grant
• **Counties** – Aransas, Brazoria, Chambers, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Hays, Hidalgo, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Travis, Victoria, and Wharton

• **ZIP Codes** – 75979 (Tyler), 77320 (Walker), 77335/77351 (Polk), 77414/77482 (Matagorda), 77423/77493 (Waller), 77979 (Calhoun), 78934 (Colorado)
State Action Plan

- Risk Based Mitigation Needs Assessment
  - State Hazard Mitigation Plan informs needs assessment
  - Assess impacts and risks to community lifelines (7)

- Use of Funds
  - Identify programs, program criteria and grant amount
  - Develop Method of Distribution
• Promote local and regional long-term planning and implementation (including development and enforcement of building codes)

• Promote coordination and leveraging of funds

• Promote natural infrastructure

• Ensure construction standards

• Describe plans for long-term operation and maintenance

• Assure construction costs are reasonable
Action Plan Development Timeline

1. Stakeholder Outreach Begins
2. Federal Register Notice Published
3. State Action Plan Development
4. Translation
5. 45-Day Public Comment Period
6. Respond & Incorporate Public Comments
7. Submit Action Plan to HUD

Due: February 3, 2020
Stakeholder Input

- **Public Hearings**
  - Conduct at least 4 public hearings
  - Two public hearings prior to the public comment period

- **45-day Public Comment Period**

- **Citizen advisory committee**
Project Eligibility

• Does not require a “tie-back” to the specific qualified disaster
• Meets the definition of mitigation activities
• Addresses the current and future risks in the MID areas
• Are CDBG-eligible activities (HCDA)
• Meet a HUD national objective
Eligible Activities - Infrastructure

• Regional investments in risk reduction to develop disaster-resistant infrastructure

• Upgrading of water, sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health and medical, and other public infrastructure to address specific, identified risks

• Financing multi-use infrastructure

• Green or natural mitigation infrastructure development
Eligible Activities - Housing

• Elevation (which may be accompanied by rehabilitation, reconstruction, or new construction activities to support resilient housing)

• Buyouts (potentially accompanied by additional housing or homeownership assistance for relocated families)

• Flood proofing

• Wind, water, fire, earthquake retrofitting or “hardening” of single- and multi-family units to withstand future disasters
Eligible Activities – Economic Development

- Assistance to businesses for the installation of disaster mitigation improvements and technologies
- Financing to support the development of technologies, systems and other measures to mitigate future disaster impacts
- “Hardening” of commercial areas and facilities
- Financing critical infrastructure sectors to allow continued commercial operations during and after disasters
Planning/Public Services

• Development of modernized and resilient building and zoning codes, and land use plans

• Development/update of FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) and Enhanced State HMP

• Integration of mitigation planning with other local and regional mitigation community development, land use and other plans

• Upgrade mapping, data and other capabilities to better understand evolving potential disaster risks

• Planning and public service activities necessary to reduce flood insurance premiums in the NFIP voluntary Community Rating System’s (CRS) incentive program

• Education and outreach campaigns designed to alert communities and beneficiaries of opportunities to further mitigate identified risks through insurance, best practices and other strategies
Ineligible Activities

• Funding for buildings used for the general conduct of government

• Emergency response services (ERS)
  • Funds may be used to enhance the resilience of facilities

• Forced mortgage payoff

• Enlargement of dam or levee beyond original design

• Assistance to private utilities
Covered Projects

- Infrastructure project having a total project cost of $100 million or more, with at least $50 million of CDBG funds (regardless of source (CDBG-DR, CDBG-MIT, or CDBG)

- Must identify the project in the State Action Plan or Amendment(s)

- Must meet all CDBG-MIT eligibility requirements

- Demonstration of benefits through benefit cost analysis
Oral Public Comments

• Individuals - 3 minute limit

• Delegations - 5 minute limit

• State Name and Affiliation (if applicable)
Written Public Comments

- Written comments will be accepted today
- Comments also accepted via email
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