



CITY OF SUGAR LAND

# **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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**Receive And Hear All Persons Desiring To Be Heard On The Submission Of An Application To The Texas General Land Office (GLO) For A Texas Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Regional Method Of Distribution (MOD) Program**

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## **BACKGROUND**

- **Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated \$448,762,000.00 to (H-GAC) to develop a Method of Distribution (MOD)**
- **The allocation is part of the State Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Action Plan (CDBG-MIT)**
- **City of Sugar Land is a potential recipient of \$4,063,600.00**
- **COSL accepted the allocation distribution on June 15, 2022**
- **The grant requires a Public Hearing with citizen participation**
- **COSL encourages citizens to participate in the development of this CDBG-MIT application and to make their views known at this public hearing**

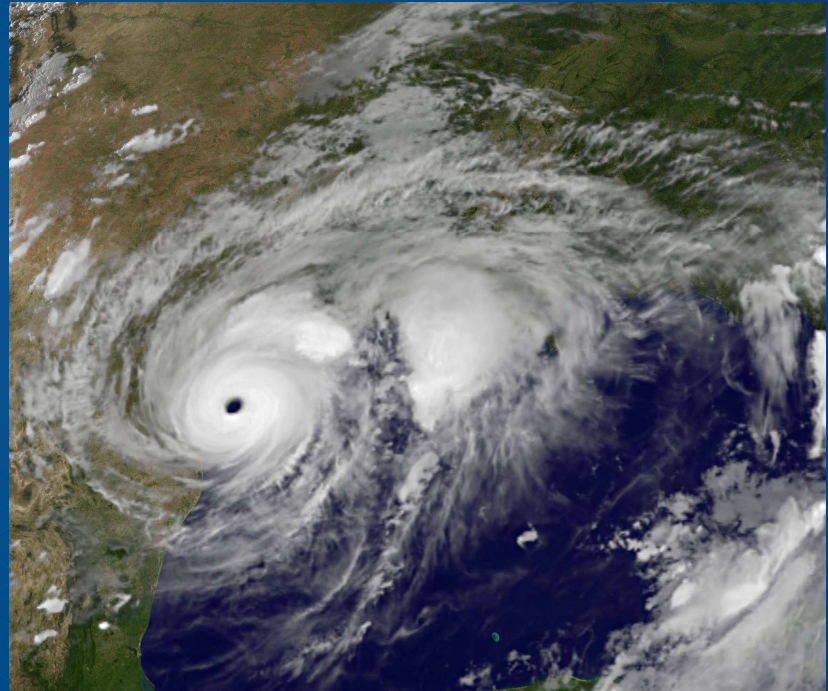
## BACKGROUND

- Texas GLO CDBG-MIT MOD program requires COSL to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss:
  - Citizen participation plan
  - Development of local housing or long-term recovery needs
  - Amount of CDBG-MIT funding available
  - Explanation of eligible CDBG-MIT activities
  - Past disaster recovery or mitigation funds use
  - Amount of funds available to benefit LMI income persons
  - Minimizing displacement of residents by project activities
  - Discussion of the application process
  - Citizens views, proposals, questions, and comments



## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

- **Multi-phase process for the development of the application**
- **Provide opportunity for public comment**
- **Address comments & develop application**



## **EXPLANATION OF ELIGIBLE CDBG-MIT ACTIVITIES**

- **Flood control & Drainage improvements**
- **Infrastructure improvements (water, sewer lines/facilities, streets, generators, bridges, debris removal, etc.)**
- **Natural or green infrastructure**
- **Communications infrastructure**
- **Public facilities**
- **Economic development activities**
- **Buyouts or Acquisition with or without relocation assistance, down payment assistance, housing incentives, and demolition**

# THE USE OF PAST DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS

- No funds were previously allocated to the COSL
  - 2016 Flood Fort Bend County MOD
  - 2018 Hurricane Harvey HGAC MOD



## AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BENEFIT LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME (LMI) PERSONS

- HGAC MOD states that “at least” 50% of the regional allocation needs to benefit LMI persons
- \$2,031,800 has been identified to benefit LMI persons
- Regional allocation is heavily weighted to prioritize applications that will benefit LMI populations



# **MINIMIZING DISPLACEMENT OF PERSONS BY PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

- **Primary objective will be to limit the displacement of individuals and families**
- **Project development should consider a variety of alternatives to ensure protection of life and property**

# DISCUSSION OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications are due on January 9, 2023
- Public Hearing is Phase I of Citizen Participation
- Once an application is developed it will be posted for Public Comment (minimum of 14-day comment period)
- City Council will officially authorize application for submission by resolution in December 2022
- Estimated grant approval date on Summer 2023

## TONIGHT'S ACTIONS

- **Hold a Public hearing on the City's CDBG-MIT Funding Application**
- **Encourages citizens to participate in the development of this CDBG-MIT application**
- **Allow citizens to make their views known at this public hearing**



# **CITIZEN VIEWS, PROPOSALS, QUESTIONS, AND COMMENTS**

# CONCLUSION OF PUBLIC HEARING

# CLARIFYING QUESTIONS FOR STAFF



