

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

- ➤ <u>No funds</u> 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 <u>regional</u> 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

