



County Method of Distribution for 2015 Floods CDBG-Disaster Recovery Allocation

Summary Information

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Allocation Summary

County Allocation for All Activities:	\$2,756,457
Housing Activities Total:	\$882,066
Non-Housing Activities Total:	\$1,874,391

Citizen Participation

Below is a description addressing how the County complied with the Citizen Participation Plan regarding citizen and non-governmental organization outreach, and any efforts exceeding GLO minimum public participation requirements:

Harris County's citizen participation efforts included a kick-off meeting, attending several local community events, surveying participants, electronic surveys, one-on-one interviews, and public hearings. On August 18, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. Harris County hosted local jurisdictions to a meeting to discuss possible Disaster Recovery related CDBG funding for the May/June 2015 FEMA 4223 and October 2015 FEMA 4245 flood events.

The county also conducted in-person surveys to 153 county residents. This survey asked about the level of damage the resident sustained to their home and what they observed in their community. Of those residents reporting damage, water damage to flooring and walls was the most reported and roof damage from wind event during the October storm was the second most reported damage. One percent of residents reported that their home was destroyed or uninhabitable due to flood water damage. Almost half of those surveyed observed heavy build up of household debris (furniture, carpet, and tree limbs) littering the curbs post-storms and over 25 percent reported flood waters blocking area/neighborhood street for more than 48 hours after the storms. Many surveyed mentioned the need for more/better drainage systems to surveyors.

A survey of over 500 local service and housing providers was also sent via Facebook, twitter, and on the HCCSD website inquiring about the organization's recovery after the two storm events and their clients' experiences and needs in recovery.

County staff also conducted interviews with key local organizations that included local Housing Authorities, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Organizations that support persons with disabilities, local Fair Housing advocates, Housing

providers, health providers, food pantry, Interfaith groups, and recovery assistance groups. The county also surveyed local jurisdictions regarding their level of damage from the 2015 storms. Most organizations fared well from the storms. One of the housing authorities mention minor roof damage, but other aurtheries listed no damage. Most organizations interviewed reported increased client interact after each storm in 2015. One organization noted clients having trouble accessing transportation for the two to three days after the storms. When asked if any clients reported fair housing discrimination, organizations reported that: there was not enough emphasis on providing housing for people who are disabled; several landlord disputes; and high barriers for temporary housing, particularly for limited English speakers and those households with children.

Post Memorial Day floods, county staff conducted a door to door canvassing of highly impacted flood areas, particularly low-income areas. Canvasors reached out to approximately 710 homes. Many residents mentioned to canvasor where that drainage system failed or that better drainage was needed.

Harris County will conduct two public hearings on November 9, 2016 at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm. These hearings will be published in the Houston Chronicle and La Voz (Spanish) newspapers. The county will also send email notification to over 500 local organizations and cities as well as posted to HCCSD website, Facebook page and twitter account.

First Public Hearing Information

Date/Time: Nov. 9, 2016 10:30am & 6pm Location: HCCSD; 8410 Lantern Point; Houston, TX 77054

Attendance: _____

Personal Notice. As required, personal notice was sent to eligible entities at least **five** days in advance of the public hearing using the following method(s) (at least one must be selected):

	Method	Date Sent	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Mail		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivery		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certified Mail		

Internet Notice. As required, public notice was distributed on the Internet at least **five** days in advance using the following method:

	Method	Date Published	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Website		

Published Notice. As required, notice of the public hearing was published in at least one regional newspaper at least **three** days in advance. Notice of public hearing was published in the following regional newspaper(s):

	Newspaper Name	Date Published	Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/>			

Citizen Comment Documentation

<input type="checkbox"/>	The required copy of a sign-in sheet from the public hearing is attached.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A summary of the citizen comments and meeting discussion is attached.

Describe any efforts to notify and accommodate those with modified communication needs, such as posting information and providing interpretive services for other languages.	
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Long-Term Planning and Recovery

Below is an explanation of how the region’s method of distribution fosters long-term community recovery that is forward-looking and focused on permanent restoration of infrastructure, housing and the local economy.

<p>Due to the limited amount of Disaster Recovery CDBG funding available, the Method of Distribution encourages a focus on key systems, which will have an affect to correct damage, alleviate future disasters, particularly flooding and or increases public safety and mitigation. Under the housing category, the Harris County Flood Control District will leverage CDBG-DR funding with its existing Hazard Mitigation grant program to work with the entire county to buyout repetively flooded housing, particular low-income homeowners. The non-housing funding is encouraged to correct damage or failure to function of critical infrasture and or improve drainage systems in the area for long term projection to housing and bussinesses.</p>
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Non-Housing Method of Distribution Detail

The County is required to prepare a method of distribution for non-housing activity funds between the eligible entities. The GLO has directed the County to use a direct allocation technique based on objective, verifiable data. The Method of Distribution will identify how it meets benefiting 70% low-to-moderate persons requirement, the entities eligible to serve as grantees and contract with the GLO, supports minimum allocation amounts that help ensure project feasibility, and provides an explanation of the distribution factors selected.

Distribution Factors

The County has selected the following distribution factors:

Distribution Factor*	Weight	Documentation Source	Explanation of Factor Selection and Weighting
FEMA/SBA/TDEM Damage Reports	50%	FEMA Invidual and Public Assistance Reports, SBA recovery assistance and TDEM grant allocations for damage/mitigation	Reports of actual individual housing/household assistance and public damage reported for FEMA 4223 and 4245 demonstrate damage level by jurisdiction.
Low- to Moderate-income percentage for jurisdiction	40%	HUD Low- to Moderate-income Data Tables, 2016	CDBG-DR must be expended to benefit 70% LMI population
Number of times effected by Declared Disaster in 2015	10%	FEMA FEMA/SBA/TDEM reporting	Those jurisdiction who have reports of damage for both events demonstrate a higher level of possible need.

Jurisdictions in the MOD, must meet or exceed \$300,000 in FEMA/SBA/TDEM reported damage for the jurisdiction to be considered for funding. All allocations must meet or exceed a floor of \$200,000 to help ensure sufficient funds for at

least one eligible project. Per the GLO/HUD beneficial requirement, 70 percent of the jurisdictions' allocation must benefit low- to moderate-income persons. Any funding not applied for or used by the entity allocated funding will be returned to the county to be used in their allocation. If the county can not expend the funding, the funding will be returned to the State for re-allocation.

Eligible Activities

Grantee activities must be specifically related to 2015 disaster(s), and must meet the following criteria:

- Activity must be a CDBG-eligible project;
- Activity must be in response to a 2015 disaster(s)related impact in one of the following ways:
 - Direct verifiable damage from the disaster(s) that requires improvement of conditions, or
 - The facilities must have failed to function in the normal capacity as a result of the disaster(s).
- The County has added a stipulation that projects must meet a regionally-established recovery priority.

The County has addressed prioritization of eligible activities as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	The County has chosen not to limit Grantees in the region to projects meeting regional priority activities.		
-OR-			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The County has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specially Authorized Public Facilities & Improvements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sewer Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Public Utilities (gas, et al)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clearance & Demolition Activities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Street Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Code Enforcement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flood and Drainage Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specially Authorized Assistance to Private Utilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Debris Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Centers & Emergency Shelters (Existing)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planning and Urban Environmental Design
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Centers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire Protection Facilities and Equipment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parks, Playgrounds and other Recreational Facilities		

Housing Method of Distribution Detail

The County is required to prepare a method of distribution for housing activity funds between the eligible entities. The GLO has directed the County to use a direct allocation technique based on objective, verifiable data, including Needs Assessment data provided by the GLO. The Method of Distribution will identify how it meets benefiting 70% low-to-moderate persons requirement, the entities eligible to serve as grantees and contract with the GLO, supports minimum allocation amounts that help ensure project feasibility, and provides an explanation of the distribution factors selected.

Distribution Factors

The County has selected the following distribution factors:

Distribution Factor*	Weight	Documentation Source	Explanation of Factor Selection and Weighting
n/a			

All allocations must meet or exceed a floor of \$500,000 to help ensure sufficient funds for at least one feasible housing program. Due to the requirement to allocate at least \$500,000 to a single program and with only \$882,066, Harris County will allocate the entire amount for a housing buyout program for repetitively flooded housing operated by the Harris County Flood Control District. Per the GLO/HUD beneficial requirement, 70 percent of each jurisdiction's allocation must benefit low- to moderate- income persons.

Eligible Activities

Grantee activities must be specifically related to 2015 disaster(s), and must meet the following criteria:

- Activity must be a CDBG-eligible project;
- Activity must be in response to a 2015 disaster(s) related impact in one of the following ways:
 - Direct verifiable damage from the disaster(s) that requires improvement of conditions, or
 - The housing replaces units lost or damaged by the disaster(s).

The County has addressed prioritization of eligible activities as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	The County has chosen not to limit Grantees in the county to projects meeting regional priority activities.		
-OR-			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The County has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family repair and rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-family repair and rehabilitation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-family replacement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family elevation of homes in flood plains	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Multi-family to replace multi-family stock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Single family relocation from flood plains or identified environmental hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Buyouts

Approval and Signatory Authority

A Resolution of the County is attached approving the method of distribution and authorizing its submittal to the Texas General Land Office. I certify that the contents of this document and all related attachments are complete and accurate.

Signature

Date

Ed Emmett

Printed Name

County Judge

Title

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Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Statement

All subgrantees and/or subrecipients will certify that they will affirmatively further fair housing (“AFFH”) in their grant agreements, and will receive GLO training and technical assistance in meeting their AFFH obligations. Additionally, all project applications will undergo AFFH review by GLO before approval. Such review will include assessment of a proposed project’s area demography, socioeconomic characteristics, housing configuration and needs, educational, transportation, and health care opportunities, environmental hazards or concerns, and all other factors material to the AFFH determination. Applications should show that projects are likely to lessen area racial, ethnic, and low-income concentrations, and/or promote affordable housing in low-poverty, nonminority areas in response to natural hazard-related impacts.

County:

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<i>Required</i>	Non-Housing	\$ 1,874,391	Housing	\$ 882,066	Total	\$ 2,756,457	
	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
City, County or Public Housing Authority	Non-Housing	Percentage of County Non-Housing Allocation	Housing	Percentage of County Housing Allocation	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Regional Allocation	70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement
Harris County	\$706,546.83	37.69%	\$ 882,066	100.00%	\$1,588,613	57.63%	\$1,112,029
Bellaire	\$219,296.12	11.70%		0.00%	\$219,296	7.96%	\$153,507
Deer Park	\$243,472.41	12.99%		0.00%	\$243,472	8.83%	\$170,431
La Porte	\$283,459.00	15.12%		0.00%	\$283,459	10.28%	\$198,421
Pasadena	\$421,616.64	22.49%		0.00%	\$421,617	15.30%	\$295,132
		0.00%		0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0
	\$1,874,391	100.00%	\$882,066	100.00%	\$2,756,457	100.00%	\$1,929,520
	Non-Housing Percentage of Total Allocation:	68.00%	32.00%		Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement	70%	\$1,929,520

City, County or Eligible Entity	First Distribution Factor: Damage level				Second Distribution Factor: LMI Percentage				Third Distribution Factor: Affect in one or both ever				Fourth Distribution Factor:				Entity Weighted Factor Total (EWFtot)	Weighted Factor Total (WFtot)	Proportional Weighted Factor (PWF) EWFtot/WFtot	Non-Housing Allocation for Formulaic Distribution (NHA)	Proportional Distribution PWF x NHA
	Maximum Factor Measure:		6482140.0200		Maximum Factor:		51.4200		Maximum Factor:		2.0000		Maximum:		0.0000						
	Factor Weight: 50				Factor Weight: 40				Factor Weight: 10				Factor Weight:								
	Factor Measure (FM)	Factor Measure Maximum (FMmax)	Weight (W)	Weighted Factor Wx(FM/FMmax)	Factor Measure (FM)	Factor Measure Maximum (FMmax)	Weight (W)	Weighted Factor Wx(FM/FMmax)	Factor Measure (FM)	Factor Measure Maximum (FMmax)	Weight (W)	Weighted Factor Wx(FM/FMmax)	Factor Measure (FM)	Factor Measure Maximum (FMmax)	Weight (W)	Weighted Factor Wx(FM/FMmax)					
Unincorporated	\$ 6,482,140.02	\$ 6,482,140.02	50	50	35.82	51.42	40	27.86464	2.00	2.00	10	10			#DIV/0!	87.86464411	233.0952323	0.37694741	\$1,874,391.00	\$706,546.83	
Bellaire	\$ 1,942,334.45	\$ 6,482,140.02	50	14.982201	9.37	51.42	40	7.288993	1.00	2.00	10	5			#DIV/0!	27.27119327	233.0952323	0.116995929	\$1,874,391.00	\$219,296.12	
Deer Park	\$ 532,941.40	\$ 6,482,140.02	50	4.1108446	27.21	51.42	40	21.16686	1.00	2.00	10	5			#DIV/0!	30.2777057	233.0952323	0.129894144	\$1,874,391.00	\$243,472.41	
La Porte	\$ 324,669.40	\$ 6,482,140.02	50	2.5043381	29.24	51.42	40	22.74601	2.00	2.00	10	10			#DIV/0!	35.25035129	233.0952323	0.151227251	\$1,874,391.00	\$283,459.00	
Pasadena	\$ 315,205.46	\$ 6,482,140.02	50	2.4313379	51.42	51.42	40	40	2.00	2.00	10	10			#DIV/0!	52.43133795	233.0952323	0.224935265	\$1,874,391.00	\$421,616.64	
															Weighted Factor Total:	233.0952323		1.00		\$1,874,391.00	

RANKED BY TOTAL ASSISTANCE

City	ALL DAMAGE For DR 4222	ALL DAMAGE FOR DR4245	TOTAL FOR 2 EVENT
Unincorporated	\$ 5,305,541.80	\$ 1,176,598.22	\$ 6,482,140.02
Bellaire	\$ 1,942,334.45		\$ 1,942,334.45
Deer Park	\$ 532,941.40		\$ 532,941.40
La Porte	\$ 18,703.00	\$ 305,966.40	\$ 324,669.40
Pasadena	\$ 307,798.99	\$ 7,406.47	\$ 315,205.46
Piney Point Village	\$ 217,341.74		\$ 217,341.74
Bunker Hill Village	\$ 180,162.54		\$ 180,162.54
Hedwig Village	\$ 161,411.88		\$ 161,411.88
Baytown	\$ 57,009.45	\$ 50,326.06	\$ 107,335.51
Webster	\$ 100,817.90		\$ 100,817.90
Morgans Point	\$ -	\$ 45,894.96	\$ 45,894.96
Shoreacres	\$ -	\$ 30,596.64	\$ 30,596.64
Humble	\$ 29,590.99		\$ 29,590.99
Spring Valley	\$ 18,094.76		\$ 18,094.76
Galena Park	\$ -	\$ 17,095.47	\$ 17,095.47
Seabrook	\$ 15,584.10		\$ 15,584.10
South Houston	\$ 9,625.58	\$ 4,141.04	\$ 13,766.62
West University Place	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00
Tomball	\$ 5,643.44		\$ 5,643.44
Missouri City	\$ 4,600.94		\$ 4,600.94
Jacinto City	\$ -	\$ 799.49	\$ 799.49
Friendswood	\$ 199.99		\$ 199.99
TOTAL	\$ 8,914,402.95	\$ 1,638,824.75	\$ 10,553,227.70

Source: Texas Department of Emergency Management Public Assistance Listing report, 8/31/2016, FEMA Unmet Needs Individual report, 8/31/2016, and Small Business Administration report, 8/31/2016