CDBG MITIGATION CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Virtual Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2025
3 – 4 p.m.
Teams Meeting
Meeting ID: 262 512 427 273 4
Passcode: eP7w3Yd9
Note: This meeting will be recorded

Committee Purpose: Each committee shall adopt the following statement of purpose: "The purpose of this committee is to advise the Texas General Land Office (GLO) on the implementation of programs using first-of-its-kind Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding."

Meeting Objective: GLO Updates

Agenda

3:00-3:10 p.m. Welcome & Introductions

- *Attendance: Keith Downey, Jaimie Masterson, Shelly Stuart, Margaret Adams, Jet Hays, Cecilio Ortiz-Garcia*

3:11-3:20 p.m. Updates from GLO

- Call to fill a seat
  - *Derek has stepped down as secretary, will send an email requesting a volunteer to fill the position.*
- Updated rules to address absenteeism
  - *Discussed the rule change that has been on the agenda for the last couple of meetings. Margaret talked about the process: anyone who misses two meetings without notifying us will get an email asking if they still want to participate. If they don't, we'll ask for recommendations for replacements.*
  - *A new membership roster will be created based on the number of members who resign from the committee. Margaret reminded the attendees that state law caps the number of participants on a committee, so GLO created two to accommodate the number of volunteers. The new roster may have only one committee or two small committees.*
- Amendments
  - *None since last meeting*
- Program updates (*see slides below*)
  - Regional Mitigation Program (COG MOD)
    - *The website and list of approved projects for the MOD were posted in the chat.*
    - *Members had questions about future funding for this program. Margaret noted that the reallocation process hasn't been determined yet but there are several options. Discussed the setup of the Disaster*

Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP) to use CDBG-DR funds from earlier grants and the MOD reallocation process from Harvey using the already approved MOD. Said regardless of structure, the end goal is to use all recovery money in impacted communities.

- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - *Members discussed concerns for colonias in counties that are not current on their hazard mitigation plan (HMP). Margaret talked about the eligible areas for the program and mentioned the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has a colonias study ongoing.*
- Resilient Communities
  - *Members were interested in learning about opportunities for funding through Resilient Communities Program (RCP). Jet said the program was developed to fit a FEMA plan to get credits for Community Ratings System (CRS) for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Discussion about resiliency efforts in CAC member areas; Margaret will forward emails from FEMA that may be useful.*

- Public comments
  - written comments
    - *none received by GLO prior to the meeting*
  - public comments

3:21-3:56 p.m. **Discussion and questions**

3:56-4:00 p.m. **Next Steps**

Citizen Advisory Council Update

July 2025

Texas General Land Office • Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.

Updates to Bylaws

- Bylaws updated in August 2024 for discussion with the CAC
- "Replacement after missing two consecutive meetings without cause"
  - Without cause = no notice
  - We'll reach out by phone and email to confirm you want to resign
  - We encourage recommendations for replacement

CDBG-MIT Citizen Advisory Committee updates

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Regional Mitigation Program

- 206 applications received
- 180 awarded (+32)
- 180 Awarded Projects
  - Alamo Area COG – 10 projects
  - Brazos Valley COG – 30 projects
  - Capital Area COG – 18 projects
  - Central Texas COG – 2 projects
  - Coastal Bend COG – 22 projects
  - Deep East Texas COG – 26 projects
  - Golden Crescent RPC – 19 projects
  - Houston-Galveston AC – 49 projects
  - South East Texas RPC – 4 projects

Program Updates:

Regional Mitigation Program

Harris County Method of Distribution

- Harris County submitted 29 applications (+3)
  - 22 have been approved
- Harris County Flood Control District submitted 17 (+1) applications
  - 10 pending add'l information
  - 7 are being reviewed

Program Updates:

Harris County Method of Distribution

Local Hazard Mitigation Program

- 125 applications received so far (+23)
  - 69 under contract
  - 14 completed
  - Average ask: $75,633

Resilient Communities Program

- 240 applications received so far (+38)
  - 106 under contract (+54)
  - Average ask: $223,981

Program Updates:

Local Hazard Mitigation Program & Resilient Communities Program

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