



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
GEORGE P. BUSH, COMMISSIONER

October 3, 2018

John Buckner
Executive Director
Coastal Bend Council of Governments
2910 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78408

**Re: Coastal Bend Council of Governments Method of Distribution (MOD) — 2017
Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR Funds**

Dear Mr. Buckner:

The Texas General Land Office Community Development and Revitalization program (GLO-CDR) has completed its review of materials submitted in support of Coastal Bend Council of Governments' (CBCOG) proposed MOD for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds reserved for communities affected by Hurricane Harvey. We are happy to inform you that CBCOG's MOD submitted on July 13, 2018, with supplemental material submitted on August 21, 2018, is approved.

GLO-CDR approves CBCOG's proposed allocation of Local Buyout and Acquisition Program and Local Infrastructure Program funds to the identified entities. The terms of the approval are noted below:

1. As part of the application process, subrecipients are required to hold a public hearing and conduct outreach to local governments; housing advocacy organizations; faith-based organizations; community groups representing protected classes and vulnerable populations; groups interested in fair housing issues; and limited English proficient (LEP) persons.
2. Acceptance of the MOD does not indicate eligibility or approval of funding for any proposed projects.
3. CBCOG's allocation must meet the requirement that 70 percent of funds benefit low- to moderate-income persons. Projects that do not meet HUD's national objective for benefitting low- to moderate-income persons may not be approved until this allocation requirement is met.

4. Acceptance of the MOD does not indicate approval of any proposed re-allocation recommendations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (512) 475-5027, or Alexandra Gamble, Manager, Policy Development, at alexandra.gamble.glo@recovery.texas.gov or (512) 475-5021.

Sincerely,



Heather Lagrone, Deputy Director
Community Development and Revitalization
Texas General Land Office

cc: Richard Bullock, Director of Planning, CBCOG
Alexandra Gamble, Manager, Policy Development, GLO-CDR
Shawn Strange, Program Manager, Policy Development, GLO-CDR
Zachary Stern, Planner, Policy Development, GLO-CDR
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MOD Summary Form



Council of Government (COG) Method of Distribution for 2017 Hurricane Harvey CDBG-Disaster Recovery Allocation

Summary Information

Contact Information

Council of Government (COG): **Coastal Bend Council of Governments**

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City, State, Zip: **Corpus Christi, Texas 78408**

Allocation Summary

COG Allocation for All Programs: **\$160,179,933.00**

Local Buyout and Acquisition Program Total: **\$34,375,695.00**

Local Infrastructure Program Total: **\$125,804,238.00**

Citizen Participation

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

CBCOG' participation efforts included a long term economic recovery workshop attended by local community officials representing local citizens in affected areas. This workshop took place on May 23, 2018 at the Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center, Texas A& M University, Corpus Christi, Texas. The purpose of the workshop was to establish relationships between key local officials and federal and state officials who can help local jurisdictions with their long-term recovery.

The CBCOG held four additional meetings at the CBCOG Office where information on Public Hearings was presented. The Coastal Bend Regional Review Committee met on June 6, 2018 and distributed "Save the Day" notice of the public hearings to the Committee members. The Area Council on Aging met on June 11, 2018 and a presentation was made on the notice of the public hearings to the Committee Members. The CBCOG held its membership meeting on June 29, 2018. A presentation was made on the MOD and how it was developed. Members were encouraged to attend the July 10, 2018 Public Hearing or provide comments through email, telephone or correspondence. On July 5, 2018, CBCOG's CEDs committee met and a presentation was made to this economic development group. CBCOG staff sent electronic emails to local Housing Authorities. Also, CBCOG staff sent certified return receipt letters to local jurisdictions regarding the public hearings.

CBCOG conducted first public hearings on June 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. The third public hearing was held on July 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Announcement of these hearings were published in the Corpus Christi Caller Times, Port Aransas South Jetty and Rockport Pilot newspapers.

First Public Hearing Information

Date/Time: June 19,2018 @ 10:00 AM Location: The Aquarium Education Center at Rockport Harbor, 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, Texas 78382

Attendance: 38 Public Planning Meeting:

Personal Notice. As required, personal notice was sent to eligible entities at least **five** (5) days in advance of the public hearing using the following method(s) (at least one must be selected):

	Method	Date Sent	Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Mail		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivery		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certified Mail	6/12/18	Copy of letter

Internet Notice. As required, public notice was distributed on the Internet at least **five** (5) days in advance using the following method:

	Method	Date Published	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	COG Website	7/3/18	Internet copy

Published Notice. As required, notice of the public hearing was published in at least one regional newspaper at least **three** (3) days in advance. Notice of public hearing was published in the following regional newspaper(s):

	Newspaper Name	Date Published	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corpus Christi Caller Times	6/13/18 and 7/8/18	Copy of newspaper notice of hearing
<input type="checkbox"/>			

Citizen Comment Documentation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The required copy of a sign-in sheet from the public hearing is attached.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A summary of the citizen comments, responses,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 (persons with Limited English Proficiency).	The CBCOG was ready to provide reasonable accommodation upon request.

Second Public Hearing Information¹

Date/Time: **June 19, 2018 @ 3:00 PM**
July 10, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

Location: **Port Aransas Civic Center, 710 West Avenue A, Port Aransas, Texas 78373**
Coastal Bend Council of Governments, 2910 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408.

Attendance: **24**
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Public Planning Meeting:

Personal Notice. As required, personal notice was sent to eligible entities at least **five (5)** days in advance of the public hearing using the following method(s) (at least one must be selected):

	Method	Date Sent	Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Mail		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivery		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certified Mail	June 12, 2018	Copy of letters

Internet Notice. As required, public notice was distributed on the Internet at least **five (5)** days in advance using the following method:

	Method	Date Published	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	COG Website	7/3/18	Copy of website public notice

Published Notice. As required, notice of the public hearing was published in at least one regional newspaper at least **three (3)** days in advance. Notice of public hearing was published in the following regional newspaper(s):

	Newspaper Name	Date Published	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port Aransas South Jetty and Rockport Pilot	6/13/18 and 6/14/18	Copy of publication notice
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corpus Christi Caller times	6/13/18 and 7/8/18	Copy of publication notice

Citizen Comment Documentation

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¹ If COG held third public hearing, insert information after second public hearing information.

Long-Term Planning and Recovery

Below is an explanation of how the COG'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 and primarily, how these activities will contribute to the long-term recovery and restoration of housing in the HUD-identified most impacted and distressed areas and/or other impacted areas.

This MOD provides guidance for the restoration of housing and local infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The funding allocated in this MOD addresses these housing and infrastructure needs by allocating funds in a manner that ensures that those who suffered the most damage will have the resources to recover. The CBCOG is aware of the many long-term planning activities taking place in the Region and this MOD will help to support those activities by providing funding to turn planned projects into reality. To provide focused participation in these planning efforts, the CBCOG has obtained a grant to hire a Regional Disaster Recovery Manager (RDRM) who will work with these communities in their recovery planning. As part of the RDRM's resources to help these planning efforts will be the information already produced like the MOD. The RDRM will serve as staff on the CBCOG's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee which is responsible for the economic development planning. The RDRM will also serve on the Emergency Management Preparedness Committee that addresses disaster mitigation planning. The CEDS Committee has a subcommittee that focuses on affordable housing that will consider the MOD when it is establishing recommendations and plans with regard to housing development. This subcommittee will also provide guidance regarding where Acquisition and Buyout programs would be effective. The Local Infrastructure portion of the MOD will be considered by the CEDS Committee as it develops its program of planning for future economic development activities. The CBCOG will be working with local communities to promote long-term recovery. The MOD will provide input into this effort and help identify where assistance is needed. The CBCOG will be providing technical assistance and capacity building to member governments, chambers of commerce, and other eligible applicants for project development activity which will include investment opportunities that incorporate resilience and sustainability in the project planning to better prepare the community for future disasters. We feel that the MOD will provide guidance in this effort.

Unmet Housing Needs

Below is an explanation of how unmet housing needs will be addressed or how economic revitalization or infrastructure activities will contribute to long-term recovery and restoration of housing in the HUD-identified most impacted and distressed areas and/or other impacted areas.

The need for affordable housing is one of the main concerns in the areas that received the major impact of Hurricane Harvey. The MOD identifies these areas and will provide funding to provide the infrastructure and acquisition of houses in the flood plain and facilitate making more housing available. Infrastructure projects funded through the infrastructure program must show how that project will help provide long-term housing. The CBCOG's CEDS Housing Subcommittee has as its focus developing a housing plan for the Region. While this effort is in its early stages, the importance of providing affordable housing was recognized by this subcommittee especially in support of the local economies of the communities directly hit by Hurricane Harvey. These communities have a tourist-based economy and provide jobs that are filled by employees that need housing that is affordable. The rural parts of the counties that were heavily impacted also need housing that is affordable due to the types of employment that is available and the skill levels of the workforce. The long-term economic recovery of these areas is based upon addressing these housing needs to provide the residents with adequate shelter. Helping in the development of an answer to this housing need will be one of the goals of the new long-term recovery employee that the CBCOG is in the process of hiring.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Statement

All 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 of projects. 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.

Low-to Moderate Income Requirement

Below is an explanation of how the method of distribution meet the 70 percent low-to moderate income (LMI) requirement for each program. This means that 70 percent of the funds must benefit areas that are 51% or more LMI households or benefit households with incomes below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

The MOD identifies the amount of the allocation under each program that must go to projects that benefit the LMI population. This is a HUD requirement that must be met in the distribution of the CDBG-DR funds. The MOD provides the GLO with the amount allocated for LMI projects for each jurisdiction that is eligible to participate. In working with the local communities, the CBCOG staff will stress the need to develop projects that meet the LMI requirements.

Local Buyout and Acquisition Program Method of Distribution Detail

The COG is required to prepare a method of distribution for the local buyout and acquisition program funds between the eligible cities, counties, and entities with eminent domain authority. The GLO has directed the COG to use a direct allocation technique based on objective and verifiable data.

Distribution Factors

The COG has selected the following distribution factors:

Distribution Factor*	Weight	Documentation Source	Explanation of Factor Selection and Weighting
Population, Median Value, FEMA Verified Loss, FEMA count of unmet needs, Resiliency, and Social Vulnerability.	100% applied to the first tranch providing county level	IA Residential Buyout Fund Allocation	A percentage for each geographic county area was derived from IA Residential Fund Allocations Provided by the General Land Office (GLO). Funds left to be divided in second 80% tranch (\$63,437,059.81) were divided between counties by applying the original distribution percent to the amount. Fund shortage after the second 20% tranch (\$63,496.00) was subtracted from the least affected county (Jim Wells). Applicant list was derived from eligible entity with eminent domain

			powers, listed as an impacted area, and listed with flood damage claims in FEMA Online IA Data 5-15-18 provide by GLO. The numbers of flood claims per zip code were applied, as a percent of the county total, to each city and a 10% of the total was applied to each county to account for structures in unincorporated area. Cities with a low number of flood claims, not allowing them to reach the \$1,000,000.00 awarded level, had their flood claims added to the county's total.
Number flood Claims by zip code for DR4332	100% applied from the second traunch providing jurisdiction allotment	Online IA Data 5-15-18	A percentage for each geographic county area was derived by taking the total Amount of Federal Share Obligated for Public Assistance to the Coastal Bend Area from the Texas General Land Office Report "Short-Term Housing Comprehensive Report" Dated 5/31/2018. Within each county each jurisdictions were awarded a percentage of county totals based on their percentage DR4332 Texas Project Cost data provide by the GLO on 5/19/2018. Jim Wells and Kleberg County are not included in the Local Infrastructure Program because they did not meet the minimum number of Public Assistance claims.

*Add more rows if needed

All allocations must meet or exceed a floor of \$1,000,000 to help ensure sufficient funds for the Local Buyout and Acquisition program.

Eligible Activities

Activities must be specifically related to Hurricane Harvey, and must meet the following criteria as outlined in the State of Texas Plan for Disastery Recovery: Hurricane Harvey (Section IV.F.2.d).

The COG has addressed prioritization of eligible activities as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	The COG has chosen not to limit Grantees in the region to projects meeting regional priority activities.		
-OR-			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The COG has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Buyout	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activities designed to relocate families outside of floodplains

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service within the 15 percent cap (e.g. housing counseling, legal counseling, job training, mental health, and general health services)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Relocation Assistance with buyout or acquisition activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) cost share
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demolition only		

Ineligible Activities

Incentive payments to households that move to disaster-impacted floodplains. Activities located within the city limits of Houston and/or within Harris County are ineligible to participate in the program.

Local Infrastructure Program Method of Distribution Detail

The COG is required to prepare a method of distribution for the local infrastructure program funds between the eligible cities and counties. The GLO has directed the COG to use a direct allocation technique based on objective and verifiable data.

Distribution Factors

The COG has selected the following distribution factors:

Distribution Factor*	Weight	Documentation Source	Explanation of Factor Selection and Weighting
Amount of Federal Share Obligated for Public Assistance	100% applied to the first traunch providing county level	Comprehensive Report for Short Term Recovery 5-25-18	This data was used as representation the Infrastructure damage distribution. Data provides amount of regional total applied to each geographic county.
Approximate cost data was to in the distribution of infrastructure damage within the counties.	100% applied from the second traunch providing jurisdiction allotment	DR4332 TX Project Cost 2.1.2018 COGs	This data was used as representation the Infrastructure damage distribution. Data provides amount of county total applied to each Jurisdiction.

*Add more rows if needed

All allocations must meet or exceed a floor of \$100,000 to help ensure sufficient funds for at least one eligible project.

Eligible Activities

Activities must be specifically related to Hurricane Harvey, and must meet the following criteria as outlined in the State of Texas Plan for Disastery Recovery: Hurricane Harvey (Section IV.F.7.d).

Each infrastructure activity must demonstrate how it will contribute to the long-term recovery and restoration of housing.

The COG has addressed prioritization of eligible activities as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The COG has chosen not to limit Grantees in the region to projects meeting regional priority activities.
-OR-	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The COG has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:

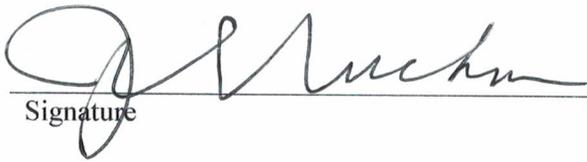
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specially Authorized Public Facilities & Improvements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewer Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Public Utilities (gas, et al)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clearance & Demolition Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Street Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Code Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flood and Drainage Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Centers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Debris Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Centers & Emergency Shelters (Existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks, Playgrounds and other Recreational Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Protection Facilities and Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other CDBG-DR eligible activities related to infrastructure

Ineligible Activities

Ineligible activities for the local infrastructure program are outlined in the State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey (Section IV.F.7.e) and should be referenced accordingly.

Approval and Signatory Authority

A Resolution of the COG 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

08/22/2018

 Date

John P. Buckner

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Executive Director

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 Telephone Number

Section C. Subsection 3

LONG-TERM PLANNING AND RECOVERY

The MOD provides the guidance as to where the need is regarding housing in the flood plain and damaged local infrastructure from Hurricane Harvey. It provides funding to address these needs. The CBCOG is aware of the long-term planning activities taking place in the Region. To provide focused participation in these planning efforts, the CBCOG has obtained a grant to hire a Regional Disaster Recovery Manager (RDRM) who will work with these communities in their recovery planning. As part of the RDRM's resources to help these planning efforts will be the information already produced like the MOD. The RDRM will serve as staff on the CBCOG's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee which is responsible for the economic development planning. The RDRM will also serve on the Emergency Management Preparedness Committee that addresses disaster mitigation planning. The CEDS Committee has a subcommittee that focuses on affordable housing that will consider the MOD when it is establishing recommendations and plans with regard to housing development. This subcommittee will also provide guidance regarding where Acquisition and Buyout programs would be effective. The Local Infrastructure portion of the MOD will be considered by the CEDS Committee as it develops its program of planning for future economic development activities. The CBCOG will be working with local communities to promote long-term recovery. The MOD will provide input into this effort and help identify where assistance is needed. The CBCOG will be providing technical assistance and capacity building to member governments, chambers of commerce, and other eligible applicants for project development activity which will include investment opportunities that incorporate resilience and sustainability in the project planning to better prepare the community for future disasters. We feel that the MOD will provide guidance in this effort.

Section C. Subsection 5

UNMET HOUSING NEEDS

The need for affordable housing is one of the main concerns in the areas that received the major impact of Hurricane Harvey. The MOD identifies these areas and will provide funding to provide the infrastructure and acquisition of houses in the flood plain and facilitate making more housing available. Infrastructure projects funded through the infrastructure program must show how that project will help provide long-term housing. The CBCOG's CEDS Housing Subcommittee has as its focus developing a housing plan

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Section C. Subsection 6

LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME REQUIREMENTS

The MOD identifies the amount of the allocation under each program that must go to projects that benefit the LMI population. This is a HUD requirement that must be met in the distribution of the CDBG-DR funds. The MOD will provide GLO with the amount allocated for LMI projects for each jurisdiction that is eligible to participate. In working with the local communities, the CBCOG staff will stress the importance of developing projects that meet the LMI requirements.

Resolution

COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 3018

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION (MOD) DEVELOPED TO DISTRIBUTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE REGION TO ADDRESS THE ACQUISITION AND BUYOUT PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE HARVEY.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$5.024 billion in Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery funds to the State of Texas in response to Hurricane Harvey, and

WHEREAS, the Texas General Land Office has submitted the State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery to HUD for approval and this plan described the proposed use of all funds, including criteria for eligibility and how these funds will address long-term recovery and restoration of infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas, and

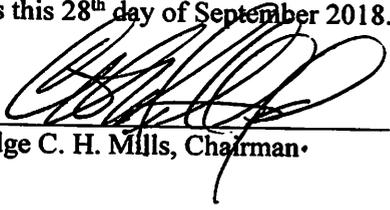
WHEREAS, the Texas General Land Office has given the responsibility of developing a Method of Distribution (MOD) for the Acquisition and Buyout Program and the Local Infrastructure Program to the Council of Governments (COGs) impacted by Hurricane Harvey, and

WHEREAS, the CBCOG staff has developed a Method of Distribution (MOD) for funds for these two programs in the Coastal Bend Region and conducted three public hearings and two public comment periods to receive input from entities impacted by these programs, and

WHEREAS, the MOD has met the requirements of the process established by the Texas General Land Office and has received the approval of the Texas General Land Office to be used to allocate HUD CDBG-DR funds for the two programs Acquisition and Buyout Program and the Local Infrastructure Program in the Coastal Bend Region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coastal Bend Council of Governments approves and adopts the Method of Distribution (MOD) to distribute Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds allocated to the Coastal Bend Region for the Texas General Land Office's Acquisition and Buyout Program and Local Infrastructure Program.

Duly adopted at a meeting of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments this 28th day of September 2018.



Judge C. H. Mills, Chairman

ATTEST:



Commissioner Nina Trevino, 2nd Vice Chairman

Allocation Summary Spreadsheet

COG: Coastal Bend Council of Governments
Discussion Draft Based on IA Claims, Vulnerability Index, and Unmet Needs

<i>Required</i>	Local Buyout and Acquisition Program		Local Infrastructure Program		Total	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
	<i>Required</i>		<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>		
City, County or Eligible Entity	Allocation	Percentage of Allocation	Allocation	Percentage of Allocation	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Regional Allocation	70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement
Most Impacted HUD							
Aransas County	\$1,666,063	4.85%	53,860,274.00	42.81%	\$55,526,337	34.66%	\$38,868,436
City of Rockport	\$7,586,624	22.07%	8,320,696.00	6.61%	\$15,907,320	9.93%	\$11,135,124
City of Fulton	\$1,148,014	3.34%	4,759,465.00	3.78%	\$5,907,479	3.69%	\$4,135,235
Nueces County	\$1,307,268	3.80%	4,644,430.59	3.69%	\$5,951,698	3.72%	\$4,166,189
City of Port Aransas	\$2,831,316	8.24%	4,930,189.98	3.92%	\$7,761,506	4.85%	\$5,433,054
City of Corpus Christi	\$1,319,559	3.84%	7,234,755.43	5.75%	\$8,554,314	5.34%	\$5,988,020
City of Robstown		0.00%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$100,000	0.06%	\$70,000
City of Bishop		0.00%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$100,000	0.06%	\$70,000
City of Petronila		0.00%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$100,000	0.06%	\$70,000
San Patricio County	\$1,590,140	4.63%	2,037,215.00	1.62%	\$3,627,355	2.26%	\$2,539,148
City of Sinton		0.00%	475,228.00	0.38%	\$475,228	0.30%	\$332,660
City of Mathis		0.00%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$100,000	0.06%	\$70,000
City of Odem		0.00%	432,863.00	0.34%	\$432,863	0.27%	\$303,004
City of Portland		0.00%	2,540,072.00	2.02%	\$2,540,072	1.59%	\$1,778,050
City of Gregory		0.00%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$100,000	0.06%	\$70,000
City of Taft		0.00%	283,664.00	0.23%	\$283,664	0.18%	\$198,565
City of Aransas Pass	\$2,795,919	8.13%	10,696,302.00	8.50%	\$13,492,221	8.42%	\$9,444,555
City of Ingleside	\$1,215,968	3.54%	1,954,326.00	1.55%	\$3,170,294	1.98%	\$2,219,206
City of Ingleside on the Bay		0.00%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$100,000	0.06%	\$70,000
Town of Refugio	\$6,039,685	17.57%			\$6,039,685	3.77%	\$4,227,780
Most Impacted State							
Kleberg County	\$1,384,055	4.03%			\$1,384,055	0.86%	\$968,839
Jim Wells County	\$1,320,559	3.84%			\$1,320,559	0.82%	\$924,391
Refugio County	\$2,510,786	7.30%	11,957,845.00	9.51%	\$14,468,631	9.03%	\$10,128,042
Town of Refugio			8,419,112.00	6.69%	\$8,419,112	5.26%	\$5,893,378
Town of Woodsboro			1,245,322.00	0.99%	\$1,245,322	0.78%	\$871,725
Town of Austwell			591,701.00	0.47%	\$591,701	0.37%	\$414,191
Town of Bayside			720,132.00	0.57%	\$720,132	0.45%	\$504,092
Bee County	\$1,659,739	4.83%	100,645.00	0.08%	\$1,760,384	1.10%	\$1,232,269
	\$34,375,695	100.00%	125,804,238.00	100.00%	\$160,179,933	100.00%	\$112,125,953
					Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement		

80% Allocation 220,496,713.60

HUD Most Impacted Counties and Zip Codes to Receive 80% Allocation

COG	Most Impacted Declared Disaster County or Zip Code to Receive at Least 80% Allocation	County or Zip Code July 2016 Population	Median \$ Value of Housing Units for Homeowners/ Median Value of Constructing Rental Unit for	FEMA Verified Count of Unmet Need--Major-Low Damage Severity	FEMA Verified Count of Unmet Need--Major-High Damage Severity	FEMA Verified Count of Unmet Need--Severe Damage	Total FEMA Verified Count of Unmet Need Units	Unmet Need \$ Amount Derived Using Severity Levels	15% Resiliency	Unmet Need \$ Amount, Plus 15% Resiliency Derived Using Severity Levels	Unmet Need Plus Resiliency Removing Any Overlap	Raw SoVI	Positive SoVI (1+SoVI - Min SoVI)	Estimated Unmet Need Plus Resiliency Amount per Capita	Distribution Percentage Based on Unmet Need plus Resiliency	Distribution Percentage Based on 1+(Raw SoVI - Min(Raw SoVI))	Distribution Percentage Based on Per-Capita Unmet Needs	Percentage Distribution Based on Model with 50% (Unmet Need plus Resiliency), 40% (1+SoVI - MinSoVI), and 10% (Unmet Need Per Capita)	\$ Allocation Amount Using The 50-40-10 Model Without Imposed Distributional Constraints	Shortfall: (Unmet Need Plus Resiliency) - Funding Amount x (Percentage Allocation Using Unconstrained 50-40-10 Model)	First Tranche Allocation - Constrained by a \$2 Million Minimum and a Maximum of 200% of [Unmet Need Plus Resiliency]	Funds Left to be Allocated in Second Tranche	Maximum Allocation Reached?	Original Distribution n % for Counties Not Hitting Max in First Tranche	New Distribution n % for Second Tranche	Second Tranche \$ Allocation Using New Distribution n % for Second Tranche	Total \$ Allocation From First and Second Tranche	Maximum Allocation Reached?
CBCOG	Aransas	25,721		643	715	378	1736	164,355,401.71	24,653,310.26	189,008,711.97	189,008,711.97	0.922979	8.72	7,348.42	3.01%	5.08%	11.71%	4.71%	10,376,572.53	178,632,139.44	10,376,572.53	0.00	No	4.71%	4.71%	0.00	10,376,572.53	No
CBCOG	Nueces	361,350		463	437	59	959	62,767,864.01	9,415,179.60	72,183,043.61	72,183,043.61	0.203131	8.00	199.76	1.15%	4.66%	0.32%	2.47%	5,445,443.65	66,737,599.95	5,445,443.65		No	2.47%	2.47%	0.00	5,445,443.65	No
CBCOG	San Patricio	67,655		360	284	93	737	43,916,137.38	6,587,420.61	50,503,557.98	50,503,557.98	0.849408	8.65	746.49	0.80%	5.04%	1.19%	2.53%	5,589,327.84	44,914,230.15	5,589,327.84		No	2.53%	2.53%	0.00	5,589,327.84	No
CBCOG	78377 Refugio	3821		60	17	6	83	4,192,544.04	628,881.61	4,821,425.64	4,821,425.64	2.90640	10.71	1,261.82	0.08%	6.23%	2.01%	2.73%	6,025,715.79	-1,204,290.15	6,025,715.79		No	2.73%	2.73%	0.00	6,025,715.79	No
Totals For Most Impacted Counties and Zip Codes									41,284,792.07	316,516,739.20	316,516,739.20	-6.80	36.08	9,556.49	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	220,496,713.60		220,496,713.60	100.00%		0.00	220,496,713.60			

HUD Designated Lesser Impacted Counties to Receive 20% Allocation

County to Receive 20% Allocation	County Population	Median \$ Value of Housing Units for Homeowners/ Median Value of Constructing Rental Unit for Renters	FEMA Verified Count of Unmet Need--Major-Low Damage Severity	FEMA Verified Count of Unmet Need--Major-High Damage Severity	FEMA Verified Count of Unmet Need--Severe Damage	Total FEMA Verified Count of Unmet Need Units	Unmet Need \$ Amount Derived Using Severity Levels	15% Resiliency	Unmet Need \$ Amount, Plus 15% Resiliency Derived Using Severity Levels	Unmet Need Plus Resiliency Removing Any Overlap	Raw SoVI	Positive SoVI (1+SoVI - Min SoVI)	Estimated Unmet Need Plus Resiliency Amount per Capita	Distribution Percentage Based on Unmet Need plus Resiliency	Distribution Percentage Based on 1+(Raw SoVI - Min(Raw SoVI))	Distribution Percentage Based on Per-Capita Unmet Needs	Percentage Distribution Based on Model with 50% (Unmet Need plus Resiliency) - 40% (1+SoVI - MinSoVI), and 10% (Unmet Need Per Capita)	Minimum Distribution	Amount Left to Allocate After Minimum	Allocation Amount After Minimum Using The 50-40-10 Model Without Imposed Distributional Constraints	Maximum Additional Distribution	First Tranche Supplemental Allocation After Minimum, Constrained by a Maximum of 200% of [Unmet Need Plus Resiliency]	Funds Left to be Allocated in Second Tranche	Maximum Allocation Reached?	Original Distribution n % for Counties Not Hitting Max in First Tranche	New Distribution n % for Second Tranche	\$ Allocation Using New Distribution for Second Tranche	Total \$ Allocation From Minimum and First and Second Tranches	Maximum Allocation Reached?	Funds Left to be Allocated in Third Tranche
Bee	32750		13	3	0	16	\$734,469.52	\$110,170.43	\$844,639.94	\$844,639.94	4.225500	12.02	25.79	0.83%	5.59%	0.33%	2.68%	\$1,384,055.00		\$253,510.86	305,224.89	\$253,510.86		No	2.68%	2.92%	\$22,173.44	\$1,659,739.00	No	
Kleberg	31690		6	2	0	8	\$388,402.88	\$58,260.43	\$446,663.31	\$446,663.31	2.185830	9.98	14.09	0.44%	4.64%	0.18%	2.09%	\$1,384,055.00		\$197,858.07	0.00	\$0.00		Yes		0.00%	\$0.00	\$1,384,055.00	Yes	
Refugio (Excluding Zip 78377 Refugio)	3500		84	57	30	171	\$9,146,689.21	\$1,372,003.38	\$10,518,692.59	\$10,518,692.59	2.906400	10.71	3,005.34	10.29%	4.98%	38.29%	10.96%	\$1,384,055.00		\$1,036,107.58	19,653,330.17	\$1,036,107.58		No	10.96%	11.92%	\$90,623.60	\$2,510,786.00	No	
Totals For Not Most Impacted and Distressed Areas									\$11,809,995.85								\$4,152,165.00		\$9,450,363.40		\$760,097.82 (State Wide)		\$112,797.03	\$5,554,580.00						

Jim Wells*	41,149	73,300	NA	\$1,320,559.00																											
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Total \$6,875,139.00

Jurisdiction	IA Flood Damage by zip	Modifier 80%	Adjusted Modifier	Base Award 80%	County Total	County Total less Base Award	Base Award 20%	Total Award 80%	Total Award 20%	Rounded to
					\$10,400,701.00	\$7,400,701.00				
Aransas County	64	9.00%	64	\$1,000,000.00				\$1,666,063.09		\$1,666,063.00
Rockport	632	89.00%	632	\$1,000,000.00				\$7,586,623.89		\$7,586,624.00
Fulton	8	2.00%	8	\$1,000,000.00				\$1,148,014.02		\$1,148,014.00
Refugio County	49						\$1,000,000.00		\$2,510,786.00	\$2,510,786.00
Refugio 78377	8							\$6,039,685.00		\$6,039,685.00
					\$5,458,143.00	\$2,458,143.00				
Nueces County	122	12.50%	167	\$1,000,000.00				\$1,307,267.88		\$1,307,268.00
Port A	995	74.50%	995	\$1,000,000.00				\$2,831,316.54		\$2,831,316.00
CCTX	175	13.00%	175	\$1,000,000.00				\$1,319,558.59		\$1,319,559.00
					\$5,602,027.00	\$2,602,027.00				
San Patricio County	37	22.68%	93	\$1,000,000.00				\$1,590,139.72		\$1,590,140.00
Aransas Pass	283	69.02%	283	\$1,000,000.00				\$2,795,919.04		\$2,795,919.00
Ingleside	34	8.30%	34	\$1,000,000.00				\$1,215,968.24		\$1,215,968.00
Kleberg County							\$1,000,000.00		\$1,384,055.00	\$1,384,055.00
Bee County							\$1,000,000.00		\$1,659,739.00	\$1,659,739.00
Jim Wells County							\$1,000,000.00		\$1,320,559.00	\$1,320,559.00
	Total Available	\$34,375,695.00	80% Total	\$27,500,556.00	20% Total	\$6,875,139.00				
							Sub Totals	\$27,500,556.00	\$6,875,139.00	
							Total Allotted		\$34,375,695.00	\$34,375,695.00

Jurisdiction	PA Claim < 100K share	PA Claim > 100K share	% of Share	% of share with minimum	%Award	Minimum Award
Nueces County		\$53,810,672.29	27.63%		\$4,644,430.59	
Corpus Christi		\$83,830,874.52	43.04%		\$7,234,755.43	
Port Aransas		\$57,114,144.73	29.33%		\$4,930,189.98	
Robstown (less than 100K)	\$513,775.03		0.00%			\$100,000.00
Bishop (less than 100K)	\$96,303.79		0.00%			\$100,000.00
Banquete (less than 100K)	\$119,918.75		0.00%			\$100,000.00
	\$729,997.57	\$194,755,691.54	100.00%			
Sub Totals					\$16,809,376.00	\$300,000.00
County Award 1st Traunch minus \$300,000.00 minimum	\$16,809,376.00					
Total	\$17,109,376.00					

Jurisdiction	PA Claim < 100K share	PA Claim > 100K share	% of Share	Award
Rockport		\$15,256,398.08	12.43%	\$8,320,696.07
Fulton		\$8,732,751.16	7.11%	\$4,759,464.93
County		\$98,761,521.26	80.46%	\$53,860,274.00
		\$122,750,670.50		\$66,940,435.00

Total \$66,940,435.00

Jurisdiction	PA Claim < 100K share	PA Claim > 100K share	% of Share	Award
Refugio County		30,552,804.26	52.14%	\$11,957,846.00
Town of Refugio		21,511,454.40	36.71%	\$8,419,112.52
Town of Austwell		1,513,909.28	2.58%	\$591,700.09
Town of Bayside		1,838,700.00	3.14%	\$720,131.12
Town of Woodsboro		3,181,183.00	5.43%	\$1,245,322.28
		58,598,050.94	100.00%	\$22,934,112.00

Total	\$22,934,112.00			
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Jurisdiction	PA Claim < 100K share	PA Claim > 100K share	% of Share	% Award	Minimum Award
San Patricio		\$6,399,315	11.06%	\$2,037,215.50	
Aransas Pass		\$33,602,825	58.07%	\$10,696,302.37	
Ingleside		\$6,139,364	10.61%	\$1,954,326.99	
IOB (Less Than 100k)	\$198,924		0.00%	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Gregory (Less Than 100k)	\$366,196		0.00%	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Portland		\$7,980,020	13.79%	\$2,540,072.49	
Sinton		\$1,490,148	2.58%	\$475,227.49	
Mathis (Less Than 100k)	\$65,297		0.00%	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Odem		\$1,359,039	2.35%	\$432,862.25	
Taft		\$886,225	1.54%	\$283,662.92	
	\$630,417	\$57,856,937	100.00%		
Award Sub Totals				\$18,419,670.00	\$300,000.00
County Award 1st Traunch minus \$300,000.00 minimum	\$18,419,670.00				
Total	\$18,719,670.00				

Citizen Participation Plan



Citizen Participation Plan

COG Method of Distribution

Hurricane Harvey CDBG-Disaster Recovery Allocation

Summary Information

Contact Information

Council of Government (COG): **John P. Bucker**

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Principle Contact Address: **2910 Leopard Street**

City, State, Zip: **Corpus Christi, Texas**

Citizen and Non-Governmental Organization Outreach

The COG will encourage citizens, with particular emphasis on persons of low-to-moderate income and other vulnerable populations to submit their views regarding community development and housing needs resulting from the disaster(s) in the following ways:

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The CBCOG will ensure that all citizens have equal access to information regarding community development and housing needs, including persons with disabilities (vision and hearing impaired) and limited English proficiency (LEP). A Spanish version of the Action Plan can be available (CBCOG consulted the "Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI, Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons," published on January 22, 2007, in the Federal Register (72 FR 2732), to comply with citizen participation requirements).

The CBCOG encouraged the participation of local and regional organizations, businesses, developers and nonprofit organizations. In collaboration with the Coastal Bend Housing Authorities, the CBCOG will encourage the participation of residents of public and assisted housing developments, resident advisory boards, resident councils, and resident management corporations.

The CBCOG is prepared to provide documents in a format accessible to persons with disabilities upon request (e.g. providing oral, electronic or large print copies for the visually impaired and delivering copies to their homes if unable to travel). All public hearings will be held at locations accessible to people with disabilities, and provisions will be made for

people with disabilities when requests are made at least five working days prior to a hearing. Public hearings will be held at a time and location convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries. The CBCOG will accept and consider comments regarding the time and location of a hearing provided that such comments are received by the CBCOG at least ten days prior to a hearing.

The CBCOG will provide the public, public agencies, and other interested parties with reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to the community development and housing needs resulting from the disaster. Such information and records shall be provided in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

The following local organizations that provide services or housing for low-to-moderate income persons, including but not limited to, the local Public Housing Authorities, the local Health and Human Services offices, the local mental health and MHMR offices, Community Development Corporations and Community Housing Development Organizations, will receive written notification concerning the date, time, location and topics to be covered at the method of distribution public hearings:

The Coastal Bend Council of Governments will provide electronic and/or written notification to the following local organization concerning public hearings:

- Housing Authority Corpus Christi – 3901 Ayers, Corpus Christi, Texas Corpus Christi Housing Authority Gary Allsup 3701 Ayers Corpus Christi 78415 (361) 889-3300 gary_allsup@hacc.org
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- Ingleside Housing Authority

The following organizations interested in fair housing issues and representing protected classes of individuals will be contacted to gain additional perspective on fair housing and civil rights issues in the region, and how the people they represent were affected by the disaster(s). Approaches beyond simple written notification of public hearings are required and detailed below:

The Coastal Bend Council of Governments will request presentations at the following organizations interested and representing protected classes of individuals to gain additional perspective on fair housing and civil rights issues in the region:

- City of Corpus Christi Human Relations Division- 1201 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 (361) 826-3190
- CBCOG's Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center 2910 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404 (361) 883-3935

The COG acknowledges that language differences may play a role in effectively reaching non-English speaking residents. The COG will address these potential barriers by providing notification efforts as follows:

The CBCOG's bilingual staff will provide pertinent information to requested non-English residents regarding community development and housing needs.

Public Hearing Content

The public hearings will include a discussion of the following topics:

- The development of housing and community development needs resulting from the disaster(s);
- The amount of funding available;
- All eligible activities under the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery program, including linking activities to the disaster(s) through direct damage or failure to function;
- Proposed objective factors;
- The COG's draft Method of Distribution.

Required Meeting and Public Hearing Information

To the extent possible, the COG will adhere to the following schedule of hearings and notifications:

Posting of Draft Method of Distribution for Public Review

Date/Time: 7/3/18 Website Address: <http://cbcog98.org>

Public Hearings Scheduling Information

Public Planning Meeting – 1st Public Hearing

Date/Time: June 19, 2018 @10:00 AM Location: The Aquarium Education Center at Rockport Harbor, 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, Texas 78382

2nd Public Hearing During Comment Period

Date/Time:	June 19, 2018 @3:00 PM	Location:	Port Aransas Civic Center, 710 West Avenue A, Port Aransas, Texas 78373
	July 10, 2018@10:00 AM		Coastal Bend Council of Governments, 2910 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Notification consistent with GLO requirements will be provided on or before the following dates:

Dates Personal Notice of Hearings will be sent to entities:	June 12, 2018
Dates Notice of Hearings will be published on the COG's Website:	July 3, 2018
Dates Notice of Hearings will be published in regional newspaper(s):	June 13, 2018, June 14, 2018 and July 8, 2018

The COG understands public hearings shall be held at a time and location compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries. The hearing must include accommodations for persons with disabilities. The COG will accommodate these needs in the following ways:

All public hearings will be held in a public facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. In addition to direct public contact, information regarding the CBCOG's Method of Distribution can be disseminated through the use of printed material available in alternate methods, if requested as reasonable accommodations. Also, the CBCOG uses "The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center of Corpus Christi" (5151 McArdle Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411 (361) 993-1154) as a vendor in providing interpreter services. These two methods can be used if reasonable accommodations are requested.

The COG understands its responsibility to provide interpretive services when a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate in the public hearing. If these services are determined to be necessary, the COG will address this need as follows:

Translators will be provided for people who do not speak English when requests are made at least ten working days prior to a hearing. This will allow time for the CBCOG staff to contact the Corpus Christi Translation Service through their email account at spanish@linguavox.net and request their services. Also, several CBCOG staff members are fluent in Spanish and will interpret or translate during public hearings.

Efforts Exceeding Minimum Participation Requirements

The GLO has encouraged the COG to seek public participation when developing the method of distribution. In pursuit of this goal, the COG held additional meetings and took other additional actions as follows:

Prior to the public hearings, CBCOG staff will provide presentations in public places to inform and seek public participation when developing the method of distribution. One such meeting took place on May 23, 2018 at the Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center, Texas A& M University, Corpus Christi, Texas. The purpose of the workshop was to establish relationships between key local officials and federal and state officials who can help local jurisdictions with their long-term recovery. Another meeting took place on June 6, 2018 at the CBCOG Office to the Coastal Bend Regional Review Committee. Additionally, another meeting took place on June 11, 2018 at the CBCOG Office to the Area Council on Aging monthly meeting. The CBCOG held its membership meeting on June 29, 2018. A presentation was made on the MOD and how it was developed. Members were encouraged to attend the July 10, 2018 Public Hearing or provide comments through email, telephone or correspondence. On July 5, 2018, CBCOG's CEDs committee met and a presentation was made to this economic development group. CBCOG staff sent electronic emails to local Housing Authorities. Also, CBCOG staff sent certified return receipt letters to local jurisdictions regarding the public hearings. Public hearings will be held only after there has been adequate notice as described in the Public Notice part of this Citizen Participation Plan.



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- Texas Health and Human Services, Regional Civil Rights Office San Antonio/Edinburg Area Manager (888) 388-6332
- Behavioral Health Center of Nueces County 1630 S. Brownlee, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411 (361) 886-6900
- Coastal Plains Community Center 200 Marriott Drive, Portland, Texas 78374 (361) 777-3991
- City of Corpus Christi, Housing and Community Development, 1201 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
- Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi 615 Oliver Ct., Corpus Christi, Texas 78408 (361) 884-0651

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- Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living 1537 7th Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411 (361) 883-8461
- City of Corpus Christi Human Relations Division- 1201 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 (361) 826-3190
- Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division (Housing Discrimination Complaints) 1-888-452-4778
- Functional Needs Assessment Team (FNST) – Crystal Lyons, Chairperson
- CBCOG’s Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center 2910 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404 (361) 883-3935

The COG acknowledges that language differences may play a role in effectively reaching non-English speaking residents. The COG will address these potential barriers by providing notification efforts as follows:

The CBCOG’s bilingual staff will provide pertinent information on Television, Channel III, The Domingo Show and on Spanish Language Television and Radio stations regarding community development and housing needs.

Public Hearing Content

The public hearings will include a discussion of the following topics:

- The development of housing and community development needs resulting from the disaster(s);
- The amount of funding available;
- All eligible activities under the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery program, including linking activities to the disaster(s) through direct damage or failure to function;
- Proposed objective factors;
- The COG’s draft Method of Distribution.

Required Meeting and Public Hearing Information

To the extent possible, the COG will adhere to the following schedule of hearings and notifications:

Posting of Draft Method of Distribution for Public Review

Date/Time: _____ Website Address: _____

Public Hearings Scheduling Information

Public Planning Meeting – 1st Public Hearing

Date/Time: _____ Location: _____

2nd Public Hearing During Comment Period

Date/Time: _____ Location: _____

Notification consistent with GLO requirements will be provided on or before the following dates:

Dates Personal Notice of Hearings will be sent to entities: _____

Dates Notice of Hearings will be published on the COG's Website: _____

Dates Notice of Hearings will be published in regional newspaper(s): _____

The COG understands public hearings shall be held at a time and location compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries. The hearing must include accommodations for persons with disabilities. The COG will accommodate these needs in the following ways:

All public hearings will be held in a public facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. In addition to direct public contact, information regarding the CBCOG's Method Of Distribution is disseminated through the use of printed material available in alternate methods. Also, reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request, such as certified sign interpreters. The CBCOG uses the The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center of Corpus Christi (5151 McArde Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411 (361) 993-1154) as a vendor in providing interpreter services.

The COG understands its responsibility to provide interpretive services when a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate in the public hearing. If these services are determined to be necessary, the COG will address this need as follows:

Translators will be provided for people who do not speak English when requests are made at least ten working days prior to a hearing. This will allow time for the CBCOG to contact the Corpus Christi Translation Service through their email account at spanish@linguavox.net and request their services. Also, several CBCOG staff members are fluent in Spanish and will interpret or translate during public hearings.

Efforts Exceeding Minimum Participation Requirements

The GLO has encouraged the COG to seek public participation when developing the method of distribution. In pursuit of this goal, the COG held additional meetings and took other additional actions as follows:

The CBCOG included a comprehensive strategy for implementing the method of distribution. Prior to the public hearings, CBCOG staff will inform affected citizens with Public Services Announcements, Television/Radio station appearances informing the citizens of the public hearing time, date and location. Outreach presentations will be conducted in places of faith based organizations, community centers, schools and “other” places of public gatherings to inform and seek public participation when developing the method of distribution. Public hearings will be held only after there has been adequate notice as described in the Public Notice part of this Citizen Participation Plan.

Meeting #1 Materials

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

First Public Hearing

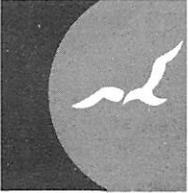
This Public Hearing and Public Planning Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 19 at 10:00 A.M. at The Aquarium Education Center at Rockport Harbor, 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, Texas 78382. There were 38 persons in attendance. The CBCOG staff had four staff in attendance and representatives from GLO were present. Individuals were provided an agenda, form to provide public comment, and a copy of pages 6 through 10 of the Hurricane Harvey – Round 1 Council of Governments Method of Distribution Guidelines which described the Method of Distribution the CBCOG had to follow. The CBCOG staff described how the GLO had to develop an Action Plan which contained the programs that would be implemented to distribute the HUD CDBG-DR funds that the state would receive. There was an explanation as to how the MOD was developed followed by an opportunity for questions and public comment. There was only one person to make a public statement. There were several questions that were answered by the CBCOG staff and representatives of GLO who were present.

Second Public Hearing

The second Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, June 19 at 3:00 P.M. at the Port Aransas Civic Center, 710 West Avenue A, Port Aransas, Texas 78373. There were 25 persons in attendance. The CBCOG had four staff in attendance and there were representatives from GLO. Individuals were provided an agenda, forms to provide public comment, and a copy of pages 6 through 10 from the Hurricane Harvey – Round 1 Council of Governments Method of Distribution Guidelines which described the Method of Distribution the CBCOG had to follow. The CBCOG staff described how the GLO had to develop an Action Plan which contained the programs that would be used to distribute the HUD CDBG-DR funds that the state would receive. There was an explanation of how the MOD was developed followed by an opportunity for questions and public comment. There were several questions that were addressed by CBCOG staff and the GLO representatives.

Third Public Hearing

The third Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, July 10 in the Large Conference Room of the CBCOG at 2910 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408. There were five persons in attendance. There were three CBCOG staff in attendance. This Public Hearing was held to address comments from the first two Public Hearings and any comments received during the 14 day Public Comment period. In response to several comments, the MOD was recalculated and an explanation of the changes and the basis for these changes was presented at this meeting. There was no additional comments from those present.



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2. Doreen McPherson	FORBES Fulton 724-8803
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4. PAUL LIPPIKE	Phila Donna McPherson paul1@kcrv.com
5. Kathryn Langford	John Cornejo
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7. John Hobson	City of Sinton - sintonmanager@sinton.texas.org
8. JAVIER SALINAS	SEN. TED CIZUL OFFICE
9. SUSAN COFF	Texas Glo
10. Hannah Dyal	Texas Rio Grande legal aid
11. JESUS A. LEJA	The LEJA GROUP
12. Pamela Larson	
13. Craig Thompson	Hanson Professional Services
14. Amelia Lopez Saltarelli	Rockport Assoc. Area Realtors Amelia Lopez consulting
15. LUIS BUENFLO	TX-27 CONGRESSMAN'S DISTRICT
16. Ashley Bennis	TX SG ashmarie@tamu.edu
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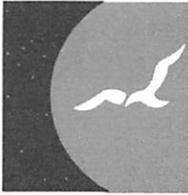
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MINUTES FROM PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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1. Richard Bullock opened the meeting by introducing the CBCOG staff who were present: John Buckner, Executive Director; R.J. Thomas, Director of Emergency Management and David Ramos, Housing Specialist. Richard explained that the meeting was about HUD CDBG-DR funds that were made available to Texas. To obtain these funds, the state had to develop an Action Plan that described the need and identify programs that the GLO would implement to address the damage from Hurricane Harvey. The \$5.02 billion allocated to the state was divided between Houston and Harris County receiving about half the funds and GLO working with the rest of the counties that received damage. GLO has 8 programs they will implement. Five address housing; one addresses Economic Revitalization and the two that we are discussing today is Acquisition and Buyout and Local Infrastructure. The COGs were given the responsibility to develop a Method of Distribution for the funds allocated to the Region in these two programs. The Region has been allocated \$125 million in Local Infrastructure funds and \$35 million in Acquisition and Buyout funds. The State's Action was submitted to HUD in April and we are awaiting HUD's approval that will release the funds to the state. A GLO representative, Shelby O'Brien stated that once the Action Plan is approved GLO will be posting applications on Texas Rebuilds.org in the Fall for jurisdictions to use to submit projects under the eight programs. Richard explained the process that the MOD will follow. First, two public hearings, followed by a 14 day comment period (June 19 to July 5). Any comments received will be responded to and these comments and responses will be sent to GLO to evaluate. A third Public Hearing will be held on July 10 to go over comments received and responses to those comments. A five page summary of the MOD process was handed out at the Public Hearing. The COG identified 28 jurisdictions eligible for the Acquisition and Buyout Program and 25 jurisdictions eligible for the Local Infrastructure Program. Under the Acquisition and Buyout program, each jurisdiction had to receive a minimum allocation of \$1 million and under the Local Infrastructure, each jurisdiction must be allocated a minimum of \$100,000.

Under the Acquisition and Buyout Program, agencies with the power of Eminent Domain could be allocated funds. An allocation was made to four counties under the designation of "Other Eminent Domain". Because the funds are from HUD, 70% of the funds must go to projects that serve LMI population. Eligible and ineligible activities under the Acquisition and Buyout were presented. The purpose of this program is to buy houses in the flood plain and relocate the owners outside the flood plain. If the person wants to sell and move out of the flood plain, they receive the value of the home prior to the hurricane. If they want to sell their home and rebuild on the site, they receive the value of the home after the hurricane. The Local Infrastructure Program is available to local jurisdictions. If a navigation district had a project, the local jurisdiction could apply on behalf of the navigation district. There was a question from Amelia Salteralli regarding the \$5 billion Texas will receive and only \$125 million is going to the Coastal Bend Region. The GLO representative replied that it is based upon HUD's formula to distribute the funds. Ms. Salteralli wanted to know why a HUD representative was not present to defend the distribution of the \$5 billion. She wanted the person who made the funding decision at the HUD national level. Shelby O'Brien from GLO explained that Texas had a \$100 billion in damage and that the three allocations from HUD of \$58 million, \$5 billion and \$4 billion would not be enough to cover all the damage costs. She said that the funds for all eight programs will run out and will be distributed on a "first come, first served" basis. She did not know who to contact at HUD and recommended that people contact their federal representative. MS Salteralli expressed concern about requirements to apply for grants. Richard went over the eligible and ineligible activities under the Local Infrastructure Program. He said that the MOD was developed by using objective criteria made available through GLO.

2. R. J. Thomas, Director of Emergency Preparedness, was introduced to explain how the MOD was developed. He referred to the handout that had the MOD and an explanation of the criteria that was used to determine the distribution. In the Acquisition and Buyout Program, the applicant list was derived from GLO's Report "Short-Term Housing Comprehensive Report" dated 5/31/2018. The factor that was considered was the NFIP Settlements listed in this report. The funds were divided between HUD Most Impacted Areas (80% of the funds) and State Most impacted Areas (20% of the funds). A minimum of \$1 million was required to be allocated to each applicant. The remainder was then divided equally. In the State Most Impacted Area, the 20% was divided equally between the four counties in this category. The second area is the Local Infrastructure Program and the same GLO report dated 5/31/2018 was used to determine the distribution. Within each county the jurisdictions were awarded a percentage of the county's total based upon their percentage of the DR4332 Texas Project Cost data provided by GLO on 5/19/2018. Where necessary a \$100,000 was awarded to meet the minimum grant award. The amount awarded to each county was based upon the public assistance received by each county. The FEMA report that identified projects

funded was used to determine the percentage of funds allocated to each county. The percentage allocated to each jurisdiction was based upon the amount of the funds received in relation to what the county received. R.J. explained how the allocations were based upon damage experienced instead of population. He explained how the whole county had to be identified in the "HUD Most Impacted Area" to be included in the 80% category. Only one zip code in Refugio County was identified in this manner, so the whole county was included in the 20% category. R.J. said that the highlighted columns on the handout were provided by GLO and they show the total allocation to the jurisdiction and the 70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement. R.J. asked if there were any questions. A member of the audience asked who will deal with handling the projects. The answer was that GLO will be receiving the applications and work with the applicants to implement them. There was a question when the applications would be available. The answer was that GLO will make the applications available several months after the Action Plan is approved. There was a question as to how long it will take to get an application approved. The answer was that it was unknown. There was a question about jurisdictions that have an allocation, but do not intend to use it. The answer was that the CBCOG would hope they would let us know, so the funds could be reallocated. Another question was what happens to funds that are not used in the Region. Do they go to other parts of the state. The answer is we do not know. Question whether a community could get reimbursed for expenses for a project they undertook after the storm. The answer said it may depend upon whether the facility was damaged by the storm. A question was asked about whether funds could be used to provide access and facilities to a site where affordable housing would be developed. The answer was that we did not know. A question about whether the use of Historically Underutilized Businesses will be required. The answer was you needed to contact them, but did not have to use them. A question on what would be a realistic time frame for the funds getting down to Aransas County, so affordable housing can be built to enable the work force to return. Funds were made available to Rockport in the \$58 million that was allocated in December 2017. There was a question about whether GLO had contacted other states that had dealt with government funding regarding weather damage. Mayor Kendrick said that the local officials have been meeting with the state agencies that have been trying to develop these programs and get the money down to the local level. Richard said that there is a two week public comment period and that forms were made available at this meeting for the audience to write down comments that we would respond to. Karen Mella said she would like to make a statement. (see attached). Ms Mella emphasized that the workforce is needed to come back because this is a tourist area and depends on having a workforce. Another person expressed concern about the discrepancy between the area and how much Houston gets. Richard closed the meeting reminding everyone that the public comment period is open for two more weeks.



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 2. Linales Boston *Mayor Port Aransas*
 3. John Ruckner *ACIA*
 4. Julie Covington *Aransas* *361 205 1207*
 5. Nathan Morris *Aransas* *361 727 6057*
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 7. Donny *Pedernales County* *361-543-8558* *gloper@10080*
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2. R. J. said a handout of the MOD had been distributed when people signed in to the hearing. He explained the layout of the MOD. The first column

identifies the eligible entities and the list is divided between Most Impacted HUD Areas and the Most Impacted State Areas. The next two columns address the distribution of the Acquisition and Buyout Program and provides the allocation per eligible entity and percentage of allocation. Since agencies with power of eminent domain were eligible, an allocation for these agencies were added in the four counties. A \$1 million required minimum was allocated to each eligible entity and the remaining funds were equally divided among all eligible entities in the 80 percent HUD Most Impacted Areas. In the State Most Impacted Areas, the 20 percent of the funds available were evenly divided between the four eligible counties due to the limitation imposed by the \$ 1 million minimum required per eligible entity. The Local Infrastructure Program distribution was based upon the GLO report that provided the Amount of Federal Share Obligated for Public Assistance to the Coastal Bend Area. Within each county, each jurisdiction was awarded a percentage of the county's total allocation based upon the jurisdiction's percentage of DR4332 Texas Project Cost data. The amount of funds was based upon reported damage to infrastructure in the jurisdiction. The eligible entities were determined by claims for Public Assistance. If there were no claims filed, like in Jim Wells County, that jurisdiction was not allocated funds. R.J. then asked if there were any questions about the MOD. There was a question if a jurisdiction does not want to use their funds. Richard said that there is a Public Comment period until July 5 and the CBCOG staff would be sharing the comments and the staff's response with GLO. If it comes up, this issue about reallocation will be addressed. He said a third public hearing will be held on July 10 and comments and responses will be presented. A question was raised about the MOD waiving the LMI restrictions and reducing the amount of funds directed to LMI projects. R.J. replied that he had not seem any documents stating that the MOD could lower the amount of funds that go to LMI projects. There was a question how to identify LMI in regard to a project. One way is to conduct a survey of who the project serves. There was a question on which documents were used to develop the MOD. R. J. explained that for the Local Infrastructure Program the basis for an allocation was the reported infrastructure damage not population. The information came from FEMA reports that the GLO had provided. This gave an indication of the level of damage the entity had received and how it related to the total damage to the Region. A question was asked regarding reallocation of funds not used. R.J. said these funds may or may not come back to the Region. In response to a concern expressed about GLO's role, Shelby O'Brien explained that HUD's requirements were reflected in the State's Action Plan. GLO will be developing applications based upon HUD regulations for the various programs in the Fall. Richard asked if there were any more questions or comments. There being none the hearing was adjourned.

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THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

~ MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 AT 2:00 PM ~

2910 LEOPARD STREET; CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78408

(361) 883-3935

Call to Order: 2:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

1. National Flag
2. Texas Flag

Minutes of the May 14, 2018 Meeting.

Chairman's Report:

1. Welcome Visitors/Guests – **Viola Monrreal**
2. Advisory Council Provider Performance Review Report-Explanation of services rendered and completed objectives for FY18 Status Report- **Kleberg County Human Services-- Evelyn Cothorn** **Attachment A**

Action Item(s):

1. United Healthcare Long Term Support Services Agreement-Viola Monrreal **Attachment B**

Staff Report(s):

1. Aging In Texas Conference Update – **Viola Monrreal**
2. RTZ Training – **Viola Monrreal** **Attachment C**
3. WellMed Charitable Foundation Contract-Viola Monrreal **Attachment D**
4. Tivity Health Interviews- **Viola Monrreal** **Attachment E**
5. Solicitation for Public Comment-David Ramos **Attachment F**
6. Benefits Counseling~ "Medicare Hot Topic" of the Month- Letty Ochoa **Handout 1**

Committee Report(s):

- TSHL/Advocacy Committee.
- a. Texas Silver Haired reports-Mark Walsh

New Business:

Birthday Wishes Made by: **Viola Monrreal/Monzeratt Silgero**

1. Happy Birthday to June: Becky Mays, June 3- Deborah Gagnon, June 20- Rudy Cantu, June 21-Annita West, June 29-Inez Garcia

Announcements:

1. Reminders and Misc. – **Monzeratt Silgero.**
Next meeting will be held August 13, 2018 at 2:00pm.
2. Other Announcements

Adjournment:



Cindy Payne, 2018 Chairperson

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SUB-COMMITTEES WILL MEET AS FOLLOWS ~

ACoA Membership Committee 1:00pm-1:30pm **Small Conference Room**
TSHL/Advocacy Committee 1:30pm

Members: Inez Garcia~ Advocate, Carolyn Dorsey, Ruben Saenz Frances Morrow ~ TSHL Rep., and Mark Walsh ~ TSHL Rep. & Comm. Co-Chair
(1) *Resolution Update* (2) *Outreach/Advocacy Efforts*

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Gene Delauro – Development Svc
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SUBCOMMITTEES
ARP-Accessible Recreational Parks
CVI-Community Volunteer Involvement
PSA-Public Service Announcements
ENG-Engineering

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AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order @ _____
2. Moment of Reflection
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
 - A. Requests and Approvals for Excused Absences
5. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 04.11.18 (No quorum on 5.02.18)
6. Public Comments (Limited to 3 Minutes)

Be advised that the Open Meetings Act prohibits the Committee from responding and discussing your comments at length. The law only authorizes them to: 1. Make a statement of factual information; 2. Recite an existing policy in response to the inquiry; and 3. Advise the citizen that this subject will be placed on an agenda at a later date.
7. Presentations (Limited to 10 Minutes)
 - A. David Ramos, Coastal Bend Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging
 - B. Renissa Garza Montalvo, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation – New Parks Master Plan
 - C. Michael Salinas, Owner, AcoustiCoast Music-Therapy
 - D. Doug Wayland, St. Marks Access Plus Ministry
8. Staff Reports/Comments
 - A. Human Relations Division – Performance Report – Evacuation Drill at CC Gym on June 21, 2018
 - B. Development Services Department – Department Overview
 - C. Engineering Services – Update on ADA improvements
 - D. Parks and Recreation Department – Report on accessibility concerns at Water's Edge
 - E. CCPD Parking Control Department – ADA Citation Trend Update
9. Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Engineering Subcommittee – Update
 - B. Public Service Announcement Subcommittee – Update
 - C. Accessible Recreational Playground Subcommittee – Update on Phase 2 of Playground for All Park
 - D. Community Volunteer Involvement Subcommittee – Update on Better Speech & Hearing Month @ Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center (5.18.18), National Night Out at Salinas Park (10.2.18)
10. Chairperson's Report
 - A. Round table discussion
11. Identify Items to be placed on next Agenda
12. Adjournment @ _____

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Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

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Sylvia V. Wilson
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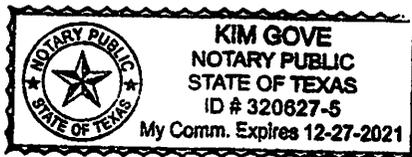
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Publisher, Mike Probst

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 15th day
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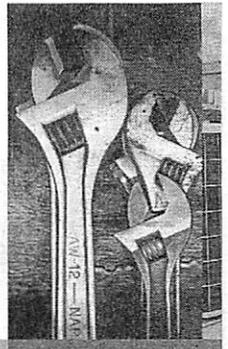
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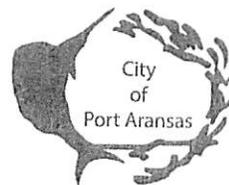
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FILE ACTION NO: 18-22
It is given that the herein named Complainant filed a verified complaint pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 1505, for exoneration or limitation of liability for all claims for any loss, damage, or injury, arising out of or occurring in connection with the S/Y Morgan. HIN: MRY00031M73HG. On or about August 25, 2017, the Complainant more fully described in the complaint.

Persons having such claims must file their respective claims, as provided in Rule 6 of the Supplemental Rules of Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with the Clerk, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 1001 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77002, and must serve on the Complainant, the Defendant, Freeman, Wilson Elser Berkebile & Edelman, P.C., 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 3300, Houston, Texas 77010, a copy of the complaint on or before the 9th day of July 2018 at 5:00 p.m. or the complaint defaulted.

If the claimant desires to assert either the right to exoneration from or the right to limitation of liability, he/she shall file and serve on the attorney listed above a verified answer to the Complaint before the aforesaid deadline unless a claim has been denied an answer, so denied, or be defaulted.

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PM on June 22, 2018 in the Purchasing Office, Nueces County Courthouse, 901 Leopard Street, Room 106, Corpus Christi, TX 78401. The Bidder must submit bid, performance and payment bonds. A pre-bid conference has been scheduled for 9:30 AM on June 14, 2018 at the Nueces County McKinzie Jail Annex, main lobby, located at 745 North Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78406. See bid package for details. County will pay for this contract by check method and will be a Lump Sum bid. Specifications and Drawings are available in the Purchasing Office during regular working hours from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM or call 361-888-0426. Specifications may be viewed online at: www.publicpurchase.com.

Elsa N. Saenz
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Proposed Service Changes Effective September 10, 2018
The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) is conducting a public hearing regarding proposed fixed route service realignment, schedule modifications, and bus stop changes effective on September 10, 2018. The proposed changes will optimize the overall passenger experience by increasing Sunday frequency, improving transfer connections, and offering customers more efficient travel options.

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How to Comment on Proposed Service Changes
• In person: public hearing, July 11th 2018, 602 N. Staples St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401 (2nd floor).
• Remote comments: must be received by July 17, 2018.
• Write us:
• ATTN: CCRTA Planning Department
• September 10, 2018 Services Changes
• 602 North Staples Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401
• Fax: (361) 882-1807
• ATTN: CCRTA Planning Department

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At which time the appropriate proposal will be opened and only the names of the vendors will be read publicly. For additional information call (361) 695-97350 and refer to the corresponding bid number. For more information regarding this RFB visit the CCISD Website at www.ccsid.us click on Bidding Opportunities.

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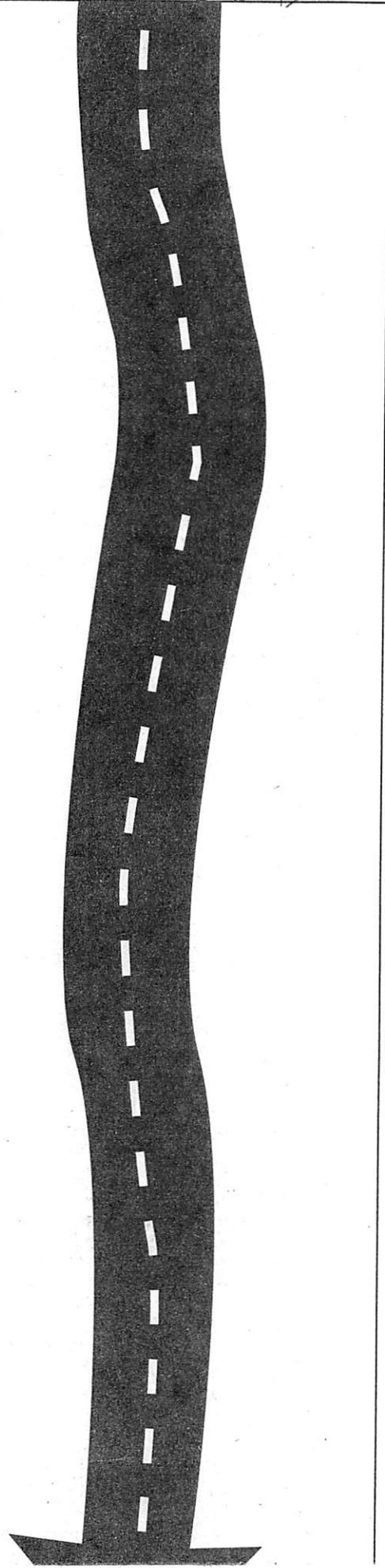
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Subject: Karen Mella's public statement
From: Karen Mella <karenmellaconsulting@gmail.com>
Date: 6/19/2018 11:55 AM
To: richard@cbcog98.org

Thank you Richard.

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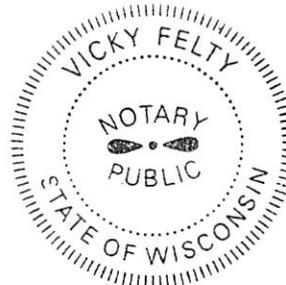
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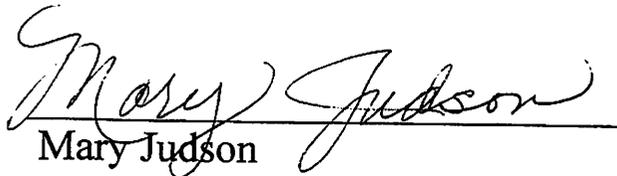
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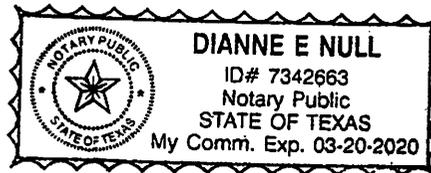
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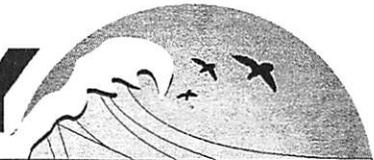
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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

TUESDAY JULY 10, 2018 10:00 A. M.
CBCOG LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
2910 LEOPARD STREET
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. REVIEW OF PROCESS AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF MOD
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION
5. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE EFFORTS REGARDING MOD
6. ADJOURNMENT

The staff of the CBCOG acting in response to its role in preparing a Method of Distribution (MOD) for funds allocated to the Coastal Bend Region to address the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey in regard to Acquisition and Buyout of homes in flood plains and Local Infrastructure damaged presents the latest MOD that has been developed in response to public comments received. This public hearing is to review the proposed MOD and to receive public comment on it.

PUBLIC HEARING
10:00 A.M. TUESDAY JULY 10, 2018
COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
2910 LEOPARD STREET
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Coastal Bend Council of Governments

**MINUTES FROM PUBLIC HEARING
10:00 A. M. TUESDAY JULY 10, 2018
Coastal Bend Council of Governments
Large conference room
2910 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78408**

- 1. Richard Bullock opened the Public Hearing at 10:05 A. M. He explained that the purpose of this hearing was to review what had happened in regard to the development of a Method of Distribution for the Region for the two programs of Acquisition and Buyout and Local Infrastructure. He described the process that included two public hearings; a fourteen day public comment period and the option of providing comment through telephone, mail and e-mail. He said that the CBCOG had received letters from one county judge, four mayors and one city manager. There was also a letter from a legal agency. We had to respond and share our responses with the GLO so they could evaluate how we responded. The county judge and two of the mayors said they accept the allocation and would be willing to take additional funds if other jurisdictions decided not to use what is allocated to them. One mayor said that their jurisdiction would not be using funds allocated to it. Two mayors said they felt their jurisdictions should get a larger allocation. The one legal agency said we should make a stronger effort to make sure the LMI population get more funds. Since HUD requires that 70% of the funds go to serving the LMI, we felt that this addressed that part of the population. They pointed out that the Social Vulnerability Index should be included in the allocation formula.**
- 2. RJ Thomas explained how he developed the allocation formula. He said that he used how funds were allocated to geographic entities in the state. However, the data used did not indicate whether a person was in an incorporated jurisdiction. The allocation under the Acquisition and Buyout was based upon zip codes, individual assistance claims, social vulnerability index, population and unmet needs. The funds are divided between “the most impacted HUD areas” that get 80% of the funds and “the most impacted state area” that gets 20% of the funds. The County of Refugio is split where the zip code for the Town of Refugio is in the 80% and the rest of the county is in the 20% area. The allocations were based upon number of flood claims for each jurisdiction. For the Local Infrastructure Program, we looked at the percent of the federal share of obligated to each county for public assistance projects. The number per county came from a GLO report. We then looked**

at a FEMA report that gave the amount provided for public assistance projects that are infrastructure type projects. Since they are broken up by applying entity, these were totaled up by city and county. The percentage that each city had of the county total was used to determine the city's allocation. Since a whole county has to be designated under HUD's most impacted area, Refugio County ends up in the 20% category. To get the LMI allocation in each category the amount allocated is multiplied by 70%. RJ opened the hearing up to questions. The first question asked the identity of the legal agency. RJ said it was Texas RioGrande Legal AID, Inc. that operates locally. There was a follow-up question as to whether the current MOD took into consideration the Social Vulnerability Index. RJ said it did and that the concern expressed by two mayors was addressed also. The Social Vulnerability Index takes into consideration the LMI in Corpus Christi. RJ pointed out that the mitigation program can also be used for Acquisition and Buyout. Richard said that one community was concerned that they could not participate because they did not have a large LMI population. GLO has indicated that this community could may be able to use Urgent Need criteria to fund a project. A question was raised as to using the HUD funds for local match in other federal programs. This is possible depending on the program. Richard said there is an Opportunity Zone Program that may be used based upon LMI. There was a question about lowering overhead by using a company that would apply for several communities. Members of the audience said that it would be too complicated. Another question expressed concern about the Buyout Program in this Region. The concern was that there is not much interest in using this program; the tax base has already suffered and that a lot of repetitive loss situations are scattered. Therefore, if these funds are not used can they be reallocated. The answer was there are two years to develop projects and six years to implement them. GLO has not indicated if a new MOD can be developed in this period. There is some indication that funds can be reallocated within the Region. If the funds are not used in the Region, they will probably go back to GLO to be used in the programs that GLO is responsible for. RJ said that in the Acquisition and Buyout Program, funds can be used to clear a site that is 50% damaged, but to rebuild you would have to meet more stringent requirements. There was a question as to agencies that help businesses redevelop. A national agency was identified that has send representatives into the Region. In response to a request for other public comment, it was pointed out that it would be helpful if only 50% of the funds would go to LMI projects. It was pointed out there have been changes due to Hurricanes Sandy and Ike. Richard said the Public Comment period would remain open because the MOD will not go to the CBCOG for approval until the end of August. This should not be a problem since GLO has not developed the applications yet for most of the programs. There will be a workshop in Rockport for the fix and repair apartment program. Hearing adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, August 13, 2018
2:00 P.M.
Large Conference Room

Coastal Bend Council of Governments
Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend
2910 Leopard Street; Corpus Christi, TX 78408

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order. 2:00 p.m.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the National flag was led by Council Members.

 1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State flag was led by Council Members.
- III. **Minutes of the June 11, 2018 Meeting.**

Vice-Chair Jesus Leija motioned for the approval of the June 11, 2018 Minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes made by Tony Ferguson, seconded by Chuck Schulz, motion passed without opposition.
- IV. **Chairman's Report.**
 1. **Welcome Visitors/Guests –Viola Monrreal**

Acknowledged Gloria Bigger, Evelyn Cothorn from Kleberg County Human Services, and Josette Spencer from Nueces County.
 2. **Advisory Council Provider Performance Review Report–Explanation of services rendered and completed objectives for FY17 Closeout Report& FY18 Status Report- Kleberg County Human Services-Evelyn Cothorn**

Ms. Cothorn directed members to Attachment A. Nutrition Coordinator and handles Meals on Wheels, Congregate centers, intakes, work closely with Gilbert Guajardo and Janie Garcia. Kleberg County Human Services is under new management now, Judge Rudy Madrid has taken over the day to day operations of the agency. Ms. Cothorn explained that they have undergone a Compliance review from the State. The last time one was conducted by the State was in 2016 and the score was 74.55% in comparison to score a 98.36% this go-round. Anyone over 60 years of age can eat free for Congregate meals, for Home delivered there is a score system for eligibility. They serve about 350-400 clients total and serve Kleberg and Kenedy Counties. Total funding for 2018 was \$67,717 for Congregate, and for Home Delivered meals funding in the amount of \$55,516. Total proposed units for FY18 is 26,370 meals per year, 15,139 units anticipated. HHS annual benchmark is 12,801 for congregare and 11,215. For home delivered. Estimated persons served by HHS, 192 persons served with congregare and 317 persons with home delivered were served. Kleberg County Human Services tries to have educational field trips for seniors. Taking seniors to the Mother Julia chapel in Kingsville, went to the Mathis river and took seniors fishing. Diabetes MOB classes were offered. Ms. Cothorn explained that the transportation program has grown. *Mr. Jesus Leija asked if they use their own vehicles for Home delivered meals and Ms. Cothorn responded that they do and that they use Nutrition specific vehicles. States that they are looking for vehicles to replace current vehicles. Current vehicles were purchased through TxDoT grants. Ricardo and Rivera centers also have meals and activities.*
- V. **Action Item(s).**
 1. **United Healthcare Long Term Support Services Agreement- Viola Monrreal**

Ms. Monrreal directed members to attachment B. Explained agency was approached a couple of months ago by United Healthcare looking for partners across Texas. CBAAA/ADRC was one of 6 chosen as pilot sites. United Healthcare is requesting our agencies assistance in finding clients that they cannot find or keep track of. Many are Medicaid recipients and end up losing benefits when they do not fill out renewals. Clients will come in trying to get assistance and since many clients are already receiving the assistance through the AAA/ADRC United Healthcare asked to partner with finding these clients. We will be reimbursed \$75 for finding clients. If clients are not in our systems, staff will make 3 different calls at 3 different times at 3 different dates. If contact is unable to be made, reimbursement will be \$50 per client. The state has notified all AAA/ADRC that funding is changing, so AAAs should look into becoming more self-sufficient by looking at other funding avenues. This pilot project is one possibility. Any funds coming in could be put right back into the program. Asking for permission to proceed with grant. *Ms. Josette Spencer asks about confidentiality.* Mrs. Monrreal explains there is a signed form giving permission to be contacted and assisted. *Ms. Larson asks about expense involved.* Mrs. Monrreal explains that

there is an allocation of time that could be charged and covered by the funds that would be coming in. This project has the potential to move forward and to produce revenue.

Motion to accept the United Healthcare Long Term Support Services made by Annita West, seconded by Richard Alonzo, motion passed without opposition.

VI. Staff Reports.

1. Aging in Texas Conference Update- Viola Monrreal

Mrs. Monrreal explained the Aging in Texas Conference will be hosted by our Area Agency on Aging and will be at the Omni Hotel on July 11-13. Deadline coming up in June. Great workshops are scheduled. Normally the conference is held in other areas of the state and staff that attend have to pay for travel and hotel as well as per diem. Because it is being held locally it gives the opportunity for more AAA/ADRC to attend a conference that normally they wouldn't due to budget restraints. In addition, the AAACB will also pay for the ACoA Chairperson to attend. Mrs. Monrreal announced if anyone was interested in volunteering as room monitors please contact Viola. To attend a fee of \$275 per person will be charged.

2. WellMed Charitable Foundation Contract-Viola Monrreal

Mrs. Monrreal explained the AAA/ADRC was waiting for the \$20,000 check from a grant received from the WellMed Foundation for assistance with Hurricane Harvey consumers that are on a wait list for assistance.

3. Tivity Health Interviews-Viola Monrreal

Mrs. Monrreal spoke on how AAACB received \$10,000 from the Tivity Hope Foundation from Tennessee. At the National Conference on Aging this year they will be showing a video they produced by interviewing staff and clients who were affected and assisted with these funds. David Ramos, Sylvia Alvarado and Viola Monrreal were interviewed alongside clients who received assistance. Tivity is a Health organization clinic foundation.

4. New staff person- Viola Monrreal

Mrs. Monrreal introduced Ms. Edna Ramirez, the new Managing Local Ombudsman.

5. Solicitation for Public Comment-David Ramos

David Ramos directed members to the end of the agenda. Attachment F shows public meetings that will be held through the General Land Office and HUD referencing the Hurricane Harvey programs. Our COG will be responsible for submitting to GLO a Local Buyout Acquisition and Local Infrastructure program. These funds will be divided in several percentages for those counties that qualify under the GLO guidelines. Most affected areas were San Patricio, Aransas, Nueces and Refugio but only by certain zip codes. There will be 2 public hearings. First meeting Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 10:00 am at Aquarium Education Center at Rockport Harbor and the second hearing held at 3:00 pm at Port Aransas Civic Center.

6. Benefits Counseling~ "Medicare Hot Topic" of the Month-Sylvanna Gonzalez

Flyer was distributed about the new Medicare card. Sylvanna explained that old Medicare cards should be destroyed. As soon as you receive your new card start using it. Doctors/providers are aware of new Medicare cards coming out. If you have not received it yet, you can go to Medicare.gov and sign up for an alert as to when you may receive it. Feel free to take mini flyer's that were made available to pass out.

VII. Committee Reports.

1. TSHL / Advocacy Committee Report- Mark Walsh

Mr. Walsh addressed the ACoA about the TSHL booth that will be displayed at the AiTC (Aging in Texas Conference). Mr. Saenz is providing a display, and scheduling will be made to man the table. Ms. Morrow and Mr. Walsh will be there.

VIII. New Business

1. Birthdays- Monzeratt Silgero

Becky Mays-June, Deborah Gagnon- June 3rd, Rudy Cantu- June 20th, Annita West- June 21st, and Ms. Inez Garcia- June 29th

IX. Announcements.

1. Reminders and Misc.- Monzeratt Silgero

Meeting August 13th at 2:00pm. No July meeting due to conference.

X. Adjournment.

Mr. Jesus Leija adjourned the ACoA meeting at 3:20pm.

AGENDA

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
~ **Monday, August 13, 2018 AT 2:00 PM** ~
2910 LEOPARD STREET; CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78408
(361) 883-3935

Call to Order: 2:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

1. National Flag
2. Texas Flag

Minutes of the June 11, 2018 Meeting.

Chairman's Report:

1. Welcome Visitors/Guests – **Viola Monrreal**
2. Advisory Council Provider Performance Review Report-Explanation of services rendered and completed objectives for FY18 Status Report- **Contracted Dietician--Jean Fields** Attachment A

Action Item(s):

1. AAA Working Budget-**Viola Monrreal** Attachment B
2. FY18 Contracting Plan Summary- **Viola Monrreal** Attachment C

Staff Report(s):

1. Aging In Texas Conference Update – **Viola Monrreal**
2. RTZ Update – **Viola Monrreal**
3. WellMed Charitable Foundation Update-**Viola Monrreal**
4. ADRC Update
5. United Health Care Update
6. Benefits Counseling~ "Medicare Hot Topic" of the Month- Letty Ochoa

Committee Report(s):

- TSHL/Advocacy Committee.
a. Texas Silver Haired reports-**Mark Walsh**

New Business:

Birthday Wishes Made by: Viola Monrreal/Monzeratt Silgero

1. Happy Birthday to August: Carolyn Dorsey-Aug 9, Pamela Larson- Aug 21, Stephanie Garcia- Aug 29, Anna Marie Silvas- Aug 30

Announcements:

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2. **Other Announcements**

Adjournment:



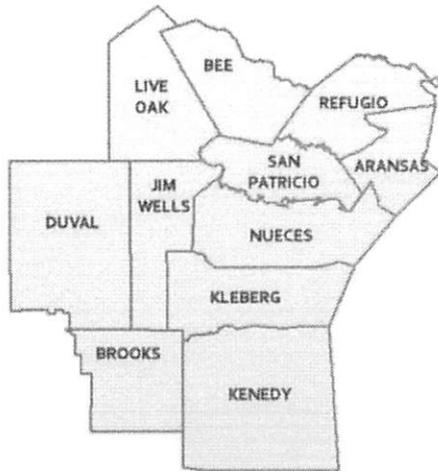
Cindy Payne, 2018 Chairperson

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SUB-COMMITTEE(S) WILL MEET AS FOLLOWS ~

ACoA Membership Committee	1:00pm-1:30pm Small Conference Room
TSHL/Advocacy Committee	1:30pm

Members: Inez Garcia~ Advocate, Carolyn Dorsey, Ruben Saenz Frances Morrow ~ TSHL Rep., and Mark Walsh ~ TSHL Rep. & Comm. Co-Chair
(1) Resolution Update (2) Outreach/Advocacy Efforts

Public Comments



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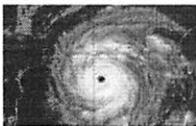
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[Texas General Land Office - State Action Plan Summary](#)

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Kari's Law

Governor Abbott signed Kari's Law into effect on September 15, 2015. This law is the result of the murder of Kari Hunt in a motel room in Marshall, Texas. The problem is that many operations have a multi-line telephone system in place that requires an initial number or digit to access an outside line. For example, 9-911 in an emergency situation. The caller may not know this and will never get out by just dialing 911 in an emergency situation.

**CBCOG RESPONSES TO PUBLIC
COMMENTS ON METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION
FOR ACQUISITION AND BUYOUT AND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE CDBG-DR
FUNDS**

COMMENT RECEIVED: CBCOG should conduct a regional needs assessment to better understand the extent of damage in the CBCOG eligible counties and meet its goal of equitable regional recovery.

STAFF RESPONSE: In preparing the Draft MOD, the CBCOG reviewed and considered available information that reflected identified need and the unmet need in the Region affected by Hurricane Harvey. While recognizing that LMI households face a greater challenge in responding to disaster recovery, the HUD requirements focuses 70% of allocated funds on meeting LMI needs. Local applicants for these funds will need to propose projects that address LMI needs to be successful.

COMMENT RECEIVED: The MOD should establish criteria for areas to qualify for buyout programs.

STAFF RESPONSE: The CBCOG followed the criteria that in allocating funds for Acquisition and Buyout that a minimum of 1 million dollars must be made available to any jurisdiction. In the initial Draft MOD, we distributed funds to all eligible jurisdictions. After the two Public Hearings, we wrote to each eligible county judge or mayor letting them know what was allocated to their jurisdiction and requested that they let us know if they plan to use these funds. Out of 31 letters sent, we received three replies saying they intended to use funds allocated, two that said they felt they should receive additional funds and one who said they did not intend to use the funds and that we should redistribute them to other jurisdictions in the Region. We took these comments into consideration and adjusted the allocations to meet these concerns.

COMMENT RECEIVED: The MOD should standardize the benefits provided in the buyout program.

STAFF RESPONSE: The Acquisition and Buyout Program has requirements that must be met to implement this program. The CBCOG staff felt that these requirements provide the guidelines that need to be followed and would result in a standardized approach in the Region.

COMMENT RECEIVED: The MOD should use a Social Vulnerability Standard in its program design.

STAFF RESPONSE: After the two Public Hearings, we received Public Comments that we considered when preparing a revised Draft MOD. Social Vulnerability was added to our allocation process. This resulted in some shift in how the funds were allocated.

COMMENT RECEIVED: Program guidelines for the Acquisition and Buyout Program must be developed in a transparent process with extensive community input.

STAFF RESPONSE: The CBCOG staff addressed this program with consideration of the requirement that allocations to jurisdictions must have a minimum of 1 million dollars per allocation. We considered all jurisdictions with flood insurance claims and made allocations on that basis. We followed up by sending a letter to all the possible applicants notifying them of what was allocated to their jurisdiction and requesting if they intended to use these funds. We informed them that we were having a third Public Hearing and that they could also provide Public Comment through e-mail, telephone or correspondence.

COMMENT RECEIVED: Local Acquisition and Buyout programs must prioritize LMI households in floodways and flood plains.

STAFF RESPONSE: The HUD requirements are that 70% of CDBG-DR funds must go to projects that benefit LMI persons. This applies to this program. There are also requirements on how to implement this program that includes funds to provide additional benefits besides just buying the home. While we see the need to include these benefits, we do not feel that we can require local communities in our Region to do more than is required by HUD.

COMMENT RECEIVED: Local Infrastructure programs must prioritize the needs of low-and middle-households and ensure that jobs generated by recovery projects and programs are filled with local workers.

STAFF RESPONSE: The HUD requirement that 70% of funds go to projects that benefit LMI households places an emphasis on local applicants to develop projects that address the needs of LMI households. We recognize the need that jobs created by recovery projects go to local workers, however, matching up skills of persons who lost jobs do to Harvey and jobs created can be a challenge. The Texas Workforce Commission has a variety of training programs that can be used to prepare local workers for available jobs. This agency has been very active in areas that were damaged by Harvey.

COMMENT RECEIVED: There is a concern that the data and formula used to determine unmet need results in a distribution that does not accurately reflect the critical needs of LMI populations.

STAFF RESPONSE: While we are aware that unmet needs are difficult to determine, we feel that the MOD we are required to develop with regard to Local Infrastructure will address projects that focuses on resiliency and repair of damaged infrastructure that can make additional housing possible. These projects must meet an LMI requirement of 70%. Our concern is that all jurisdictions have an opportunity to address their needs caused by Harvey. The only program that we are addressing that deals directly with housing is the Acquisition and Buyout Program. The balance of housing programs is being addressed through the state.

COMMENT RECEIVED: The City of Corpus Christi does not feel that a uniform distribution of Acquisition and Buyout funds across the Region does not prioritize the high hazard areas, especially Port Aransas and Corpus Christi.

STAFF RESPONSE: After receiving this comment, the staff reviewed the way it had determined the allocation and revised how the funds were allocated based upon flood claims. This resulted an increase in funds to Port Aransas and the removal of several cities that had only a few flood claims. These changes are reflected in the final Draft MOD.

COMMENT RECEIVED: Why is it taking so long to get funding to rebuild our community and why is HUD not represented at this Public Hearing.

STAFF RESPONSE: We had not invited HUD to attend the Public Hearing because we would be discussing a Draft MOD that was required by GLO and for which we used HUD requirements to develop. It was pointed out that the way to get HUD to change the requirements was through Congressional involvement at the national level.



Terry Simpson

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July 6, 2018

Coastal Bend Council of Governments
Attention: Mr. Richard Bullock
2910 Leopard Street
P. O. Box 9909
Corpus Christi, TX 78469

RE: HUD CDBG-DR FUNDS

Mr. Bullock,

I am writing in response to your letter dated June 22, 2018; concerning the proposed allocation of funds for San Patricio County under the HUD CDBG-DR (Harvey) programs.

San Patricio County does intend to use the funds allocated for Buy Out/Acquisition and Infrastructure in conjunction with programs such as HMGP – DR. We are in the process of developing a list of projects for which we may use these funds. If more funds were to become available because other entities are unable to utilize these funds, we are willing and able to use additional funds.

If you, or your staff, have any questions; please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Simpson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Terry Simpson
San Patricio County Judge



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July 5, 2018

Richard Bullock
Coastal Bend Council of Governments
2910 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Mr. Bullock,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Method of Distribution for the HUD CDBG-DR funds allocated to the Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG) under the Texas General Land Office's State Action Plan.

Under the Local Buyout and Acquisition category, the City of Corpus Christi (City) believes the percentage allocation and thus dollar allocation needs to be reconsidered. According to the adopted State Action Plan:

The MOD developed through the COGs allows for the opportunity for local control for the distribution of funds. Given the size of the impacted area and how Hurricane Harvey impacted each region differently, local control through a regional approach is vital to long-term recovery.

A uniform four percent (4%) allocation among counties and municipalities within the CBCOG does not prioritize high hazard areas which are more likely to flood, actual flooding realities of Hurricane Harvey and population data. In Nueces County, for example, more upland, rural parts of the county did not receive as much flooding as did coastal areas, such as Port Aransas and Padre Island and Flour Bluff in Corpus Christi. The largest number of flooded homes during Hurricane Harvey occurred in Port Aransas and Corpus Christi. The uniform allocation also does not factor the capabilities of the local governments to successfully implement the program. Some of the smaller municipal governments may have to rely on the county to successfully execute a buyout. Those entities rely on Nueces County to prepare the Hazard Mitigation Plan, so it is unlikely they have the capacity to implement a buyout program. The City recommends increasing the percentage of allocation for both Corpus Christi and Port Aransas for the Local Buyout and Acquisition Program to at least seven percent (7%) each, if not higher.

The City has the loss data to demonstrate flood-prone neighborhoods, has the housing supply to successfully relocate homeowners willing to voluntarily sell, and has the personnel to implement and complete the transaction. The City encourages the CBCOG to adjust allocation percentages accordingly.

If you have additional questions or need more information, I encourage you to contact the following:

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Joe McComb
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Burt Mills, Chairman, CBCOG
John Buckner, Executive Director, CBCOG
The Honorable S. Loyd Neal, County Judge, Nueces County
The Honorable Charles Bujan, Mayor, City of Port Aransas



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July 2, 2018

Coastal Bend Council of Governments
Attn: Richard Bullock
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78469

Mr. Bullock,

The Town of Refugio was delighted to receive your letter notifying us that we had funds allocated to us under the HUD CDBG-DR program. A total of \$1,143,211 in Acquisition and Buyout monies, along with \$8,419,112 in Local Infrastructure Funds for the Town of Refugio. We will gladly accept these funds.

The Town of Refugio would also would like to respectfully request the first right of refusal on any UNUSED or DEOBLIGATED funds from other entities within our County, including: Refugio County, Town of Bayside, Town of Woodsboro, and the Town of Austwell - before it is made available to other entities within the Coastal Bend Council of Governments region.

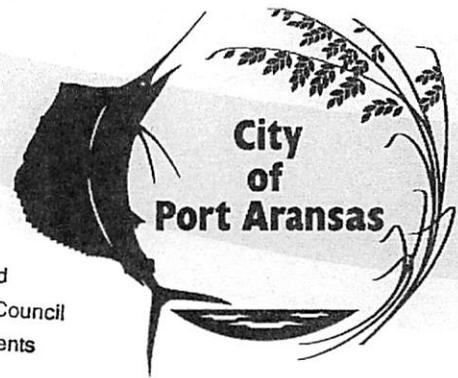
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Wanda Dukes
Mayor
Town of Refugio

City of Port Aransas



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June 25, 2018

Richard Bullock
P O Box 9909
Corpus Christi, TX 78469

Dear Mr. Bullock,

The City is in receipt of your letter dated June 22, 2018, outlining the method of distribution for the Acquisition and Buyout funds and the Local Infrastructure fund programs. At this time, the City is interested in these programs and if additional funds become available the City would be able to use more funds. The City can definitely use Infrastructure funds as the City has much more than \$4,942,200 in damaged infrastructure.

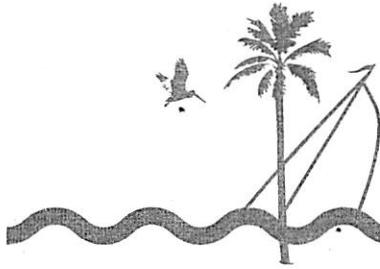
Thank you for your correspondence regarding these programs.

Sincerely,

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Charles Bujan
Mayor

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July 10, 2018

Mr. Richard Bullock
Coastal Bend Council of Governments
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Corpus Christi, TX 78469

RE: HUD CDBG-DR fund allocation

Dear Mr. Bullock,

The City of Ingleside on the Bay will not be using the funds allocated in the General Land Office's Action Plan for HUD CDBG-DR. We would like to have them allocated to the other entities in our COG region.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Ehmann
Mayor

Cc: Judge Terry Simpson
Sara Williams



CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

Gary Edwards, City Manager

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June 26, 2018

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Mr. Richard Bullock
Coastal Bend Council of Governments
P.O. Box 9909
Corpus Christi, Texas 78469

Dear Mr. Bullock,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter pertaining to the CDBG-DR funds allocated to our Region under the General Land Office's Action Plan for Acquisition and Buyout of Homes, and for Local Infrastructure projects impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Both Mayor Gomez and myself attended the hearing for Local and Regional Methods of Distribution for CDBG-DR funding on June 19th, and were very pleased to learn that Aransas Pass was allocated a total of \$11,839,513. As you are aware, the City of Aransas Pass was impacted greatly by Hurricane Harvey and intends to use the funds allocated to our city.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (361) 758-5301.

Sincerely,

Gary Edwards
City Manager



July 10, 2018

Coastal Bend Council of Government
ATTN: Richard Bullock
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78469
Submitted via email to: richard@cbcog98.org

Re: Comments on CBCOG's MOD for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey

Dear Mr. Bullock,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the CBCOG's Method of Distribution (MOD) covering \$160.2M in Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds allocated by the State of Texas in its Action Plan.

Texas Appleseed is a public interest justice center that works to change unjust laws and policies that prevent Texans from realizing their full potential. Since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, Texas Appleseed has worked with a network of organizations in Texas, including housing advocates, policy experts, and grassroots community groups, to ensure that all Texas families are able to recover in the wake of a natural disaster, that communities are rebuilt to be more resilient, and that all families have the opportunity to live in safe, decent neighborhoods with equal access to educational and economic opportunity.

We do not believe that CBCOG's MOD is compliant with GLO requirements as it does not follow the MOD form provided by GLO and consists only of data and allocation tables, with no explanation on method of distribution. According to the "Councils of Government Method of Distribution Guidance" issued by GLO, allocation tables do not constitute a MOD. Additionally, with no MOD Summary form, the draft does not document:

- The Citizen Participation Plan and its implementation;
- An explanation of how the MOD fosters long term planning and recovery;
- An explanation of how unmet housing needs will be met; or,
- How CBCOG will meet its LMI benefit and affirmatively furthering fair housing obligations.

Therefore, CBCOG has not published a MOD for public comment, and must publish a compliant document for 14 days of public comment according to its Citizen Participation Plan.

Further, CBCOG must make an effort to make the MOD publicly and easily accessible throughout the entire mandatory 14 days of public comment. Public notices should inform constituents of other ways to get comments submitted other than having to physically attend public hearings. Additionally, CBCOG should make sure that a working link to the MOD is available on the official website (As of July 10, 2018, the MOD link is faulty and redirects to an error page).

While CBCOG has not yet published a draft MOD, we offer the following comments for the draft MOD:



A. Local Buyout and Acquisition Program:

Program guidelines for this program must be developed in a transparent process with extensive community input. Local communities must have a citizen participation process for drafting buyout guidelines. Regardless of whether these planned buyouts are voluntary or mandatory, relocating, away from an existing community or a home that has been in a family for generations, can be difficult and even traumatic. Without planning and community buy-in, a voluntary individual buyout program can result in a patchwork of empty and occupied homes, creating a blighted neighborhood. One of the critical issues in ensuring a successful buyout program is equity and ensuring that program rules and processes do not have a disparate impact on particular groups of homeowners.

Local buyout and acquisition programs must also prioritize LMI households in floodways and floodplains, who have the least resources with which to relocate on their own, leaving them a choice between housing instability and potential homelessness, or continuing to live in homes that may be structurally compromised or present health risks because of mold. It is particularly critical for LMI families that this buyout program includes not only acquisition and demolition, but relocation payments and other assistance and incentives as well. As the Federal Register Notice states, “a buyout program that merely pays homeowners to leave their existing homes does not result in a low- and moderate-income household occupying a residential structure and, thus, cannot meet the requirements of the LMH national objective.” (83 FR 5863) Local buyout programs should include plans to build housing in safer areas.

Low- and moderate-income households must be provided with enough funds that the choice to move is a realistic one; to ensure that they can actually move to a safer area. The worst-case scenario is that families who accept a buyout are unable to find housing in safer areas and are forced to move back into their original or less safe neighborhoods.

The decision of whether to use pre- or post-storm home value is an important one. In particular, using the pre-storm value of a home to determine disaster recovery program benefit limits often has a discriminatory impact on the basis of race or ethnicity as well. Following Hurricane Katrina, the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA), the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFAC), and African-American homeowners sued the State of Louisiana and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) alleging racial discrimination in the State’s CDBG-DR funded Road Home Program, which provided grants to homeowners to repair or rebuild their homes. The original grant formula was based on the pre-storm value of a home, which resulted in African-American homeowners receiving less repair money than White homeowners, because their homes were located in neighborhoods with lower home values based on market discrimination and the legacy of segregation. Many African-American families were left unable to complete repairs or return home or living in uninhabitable houses. As Louisiana Congressman Cedric Richmond said when the case was settled in 2011,

[e]veryone knew that the Road Home formula for calculating grant awards was deeply flawed and punished folks in neighborhoods where home values were lower. . . After all, if two families are both rebuilding a three bedroom home then their construction costs



will be the same—regardless of the neighborhood. In that case, each family deserves the same assistance from their government. Unfortunately, the flawed formula was effectively discriminatory, locking many families out of equitable assistance.

CBCOG's and local program guidelines must ensure that buyout and acquisition programs are consistent regardless of whether the cost is funded by FEMA or CDBG-DR. CDBG-DR funding could be used to provide additional funds for LMI families in FEMA programs that would not provide them with enough funding to move, for example. CBCOG should be particularly careful that they are not using a program that provides lesser benefits to serve communities and homeowners of color. **Local program guidelines must be identical, no family should have unequal access to disaster recovery simply because of where they live.** We recommend that CBCOG, in collaboration with local communities and residents, develop one buyout program with one set of guidelines that is then administered by local jurisdictions.

B. Local Infrastructure Program

Resilience is the ability to withstand and recover from disasters quickly, in a way that mitigates future damage and vulnerability, and in a way that goes beyond physical infrastructure. Low-income communities and communities of color are disproportionately affected by and have a harder time recovering from a disaster because of both geographic and social vulnerability forced on them by segregation, discrimination, and often the cumulative effects of previous disasters, on wealth and access to opportunity. For its Natural Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) HUD defined a resilient community as one which "is able to resist and rapidly recover from disasters or other shocks with minimal outside assistance," and that plan and implement disaster recovery that mitigates future threats "while also improving quality of life for existing residents and making communities more resilient to economic stresses or other shocks." Improving the quality of life for existing residents and making them more resilient to other shocks, including economic stress that can push middle and working class families into poverty following a disaster, is at the core of our concern for equity in disaster recovery.

Infrastructure programs must prioritize the needs of low- and middle-income households and communities, in particular, communities with substandard infrastructure as a result of discrimination and disinvestment. A key issue for many of these communities is environmental justice, as they were impacted not only by flooding but also by hazards related to chemicals, oils, sewage, waste or air pollution during the event. Neighborhoods that were doubly impacted by floodwaters polluted with chemicals, oils, waste, or sewage should be prioritized for mitigation as well.

Also key to economic recovery and future resilience is ensuring that the jobs generated by recovery projects and programs are filled by local workers and those who lost jobs because of Harvey to create real jobs and job training for community residents, and create additional opportunities for community businesses. An economic development program that provides loans to small business will not be successful unless that business has access to a workforce. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u; 24 C.F.R 135) requires recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, including CDBG-DR, provide job



training, employment, and contracting opportunities for low or very low income residents in connections with projects or activities in their neighborhoods to the greatest extent possible. Historically, Section 3 has not been vigorously enforced, and jurisdictions have completely failed to comply with its provisions. We urge CBCOG to fully implement and enforce Section 3, including monitoring (for example, of whether contractors are genuinely Section 3 eligible), helping to set up a training and jobs pipeline, measuring success in terms of the number of hours worked by Section-3 eligible workers, clearly defining the geographic area from which residents should get preference as locally as possible, and imposing meaningful monetary penalties on contractors who do not meet their Section 3 goals. In addition to Section 3, jurisdictions routinely impose requirements like local hiring and job production in exchange for government financial assistance or other benefits and we encourage CBCOG and its subrecipients to do so.

Other options for increasing the number of jobs going to affected individuals and communities are ensuring that contractor qualifications include a commitment to local hiring and best value bidding processes that give more points to bidders who can comply with job quality and targeted hiring standards. CDBG-DR presents an opportunity to leverage housing and infrastructure funds into economic development funds as well.

C. Needs Assessment and Funding Allocation

We are concerned that the data and formula used to determine unmet need results in a distribution that does not accurately reflect the critical needs of low to moderate income populations. We suggest that BVCOG use a weighting factor of regional share of low-to moderate-income persons to make a preliminary allocation of **both** the local buyout and infrastructure program funds. To identify this subset of people, it would be a mistake to follow the methodology provided by HUD and GLO, as it underestimates the amount of loss undertaken by low-income populations. Using this methodology will not include the severity of damage suffered by low-income homeowners and distort the geographic allocation of money based on that standard.

Using FEMA Verified Loss (FVL) of real property (owners) to determine unmet need at the State level found that 54% of affected homeowners had no unmet needs on the basis that their FVL was below the thresholds set for the FEMA damage categories. However, when this is broken down by income level, 69 percent of extremely low-income (ELI) owners were found to have no unmet needs. Conversely, only 41 percent of non-LMI owners were found to have no unmet needs. The conclusion, based on FEMA data, that families making less than 30% of Area Median Income (AMI), which, for example, is \$12,060 in the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA and \$13,100 in the Corpus Christi MSA, have been better able to recover than families making more than double that amount is simply not credible. The inaccuracy of this calculation is borne out by a study conducted by the Episcopal Health Foundation and the Kaiser Family Foundation three months after Hurricane Harvey. The study found that lower-income families and Black and Latinx Texans were less likely to have homeowners', renters', or flood insurance, and that,



[n]early half (46%) say they or someone else in their household lost job-related income as a result of the storm, such as getting fewer hours at work (32%), losing a job entirely (12%) or losing income from a small business or unpaid missed days (32%). These income disruptions affected a greater share of Hispanic (65%) and Black (46%) residents compared to White residents (31%).

Lower- and even middle-income families are less likely to have the savings and access to credit that let them access safe housing (including more immediate repairs) and are more likely to be forced to relocate far from jobs and schools, to live in overcrowded housing or double up with family or friends, remain in unsafe housing, or become homeless.

2015 Pew Charitable Trust study found that less than half (45%) of American households have even one month's income in savings in case of an emergency. Lower income households are in an even more precarious situation, with only two weeks of savings. Those at the bottom of the income scale could only survive 9 days on their liquid assets. The study also indicates that even middle-income households could only scrape together about four months of income; it has been nearly 10 months since Hurricane Harvey.

Pew also looked at disparities in liquid savings among various racial and ethnic groups and found that,

[t]he typical white household has slightly more than one month's income in liquid savings, compared with just 12 days for the typical Hispanic household and only five days for the typical African-American household. In fact, a quarter of black households would have less than \$5 if they liquidated all of their financial assets, compared with \$199 and \$3,000 for the bottom 25 percent of Hispanic and white households, respectively.

In addition, median white wealth is twelve times median black wealth, a disparity that can be traced to the history of segregation and discrimination in the United States, from government redlining to current lending discrimination.

The primary purpose of the CDBG program is to benefit LMI populations, yet the HUD methodology the State, and therefore CBCOG, is using has the clear, disproportionate effect on LMI populations of excluding them from the unmet needs assessment conclusions. This disproportionate effect is not only on low- and moderate-income Texans, but on Black and Latinx populations as well.

Using this methodology means that CBCOG would budget for unmet housing needs with the expectation that most LMI households, who fall into lower level damage categories if they are represented at all, are not severely damaged and will not need their homes rebuilt. While the average FVL for non-LMI homeowners was about twice that of ELI owners, the average income for non-LMI owners is over 14 times that of ELI owners. This methodology underrepresents LMI housing needs by income level, particularly misrepresenting the level of unmet rental housing need for ELI families. CBCOG's use of FVL damage categories to weight the geographic



distribution of CDBG-DR funds, therefore, will end up allocating resources away from areas that need them the most, affecting not only those families, but those communities as a whole.

Texas Appleseed supports the use of a data-based formula to allocate federal disaster recovery funds. But that formula must be adjusted to account for deficiencies in FEMA and other data and ensure that the needs of all Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey are taken into account. We strongly recommend that CBCOG use the methodology proposed by the Texas Low Income Housing Information Service (Texas Housers) in its comments on the draft Action Plan - or a similar methodology - which relates a household's FVL to their income, thereby considering the level of impact on a household, acknowledging the loss valuation variations produced by the FEMA/HUD methodology, and more accurately counts households with unmet housing needs that are the least able to recover and most vulnerable to housing insecurity. This method also ensures that the geographic allocation of funding addresses the actual levels of unmet housing needs in each locality.

Again we are also concerned that simply dividing the local buyout and acquisition funding equally between localities also diverts funds away from the areas with the most damage and the most critical infrastructure needs. This method of distribution also fails to take into account historical disinvestment in communities of color that left them with inadequate housing pre-storm; simply dividing the funds equally between geographies does nothing to affirmatively further fair housing.

In conclusion, we appreciate CBCOG's work on the action plan and disaster recovery, and we look forward to seeing your final MOD. Please let us know if we can provide further information or be helpful in any way.

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Texas Appleseed
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Coastal Bend Council of Government

June 19, 2018

Public Hearing

Ladies and Gentlemen

My name is Karen Mella.

My husband and I have owned property and lived in Aransas County for 21 years.

I am a real estate professional with ReMax Security Real Estate in Rockport.

I have a great passion and concern for our community. I have invested a vast number of volunteer hours as well as monetary support across our community for our citizens, visitors and future generations.

I am personally offended and appalled that there is NO representative here today from HUD. You are the decision maker that our lives are determined by and you don't even have one person here.

I am the 2017 Rockport Fulton Citizen of the Year

Past Chairman of the Board for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

Board member of the Rockport Fulton Chamber Foundation

Board member and Past President of the Aransas County ISD Education Foundation.

Lifetime Benefactor of the Rockport Center for the Arts.

Lifetime member of Ducks Unlimited and Coastal Conservation Association.

As well as various other too many to name.

Friday, August 25, 2017 changed our lives in Aransas County forever. I will remind you we took the direct hit from Hurricane Harvey. We endured over 14 hours of Hurricane force winds and tornados that ripped apart our community. You need reminding of this fact. You promised us "You will not be forgotten." Well folks it sure is apparent that you have forgotten us.

Ten months after this horrific disaster, why are we STILL standing before you asking for help. Why do we not have the funding needed to rebuild our community? Why are we still waiting? We have completed application after application, step by step – followed this bureaucratic quagmire for 10 MONTHS.

How long does this take? Tell us how to expedite our requests for this desperately needed help and we will do it. But stop leading us down this never-ending path. We are tired of the dangling carrot.

Our local businesses are in desperate need for workers. Many that HAVE been able to reopen are operating under minimal hours of operations because we don't have the workforce here. Main reason – there is no place for them to live - no affordable housing. This is the low to moderate income folks that you are targeting. Please give us the funds we need to rebuild our town. We are not asking you to do it for us. We are committed to rebuilding. Our main economic driver is tourism. That is a service industry and MUST have a viable workforce.

You say there will be \$125 million dollars for infrastructure. shared with six counties (today we hear it is now 7 counties) for infrastructure? Where did that number come from?? Aransas Country needs at least \$60 million.

Please help us. You need reminding what happened to us and it is now time to give us the help. It is your duty and responsibility to help, and I emphasize HELP, us rebuild our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to go on the public record.



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July 9, 2018

Richard Bullock
Coastal Bend Council of Governments
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Corpus Christi, TX 78408

Via email: richard@cbcog98.org

**In Re: CBCOG Method of Distribution for Community Development Block Grant –
Disaster Recovery Program Disaster Recovery Allocation for Hurricane Harvey**

Dear Mr. Bullock,

Below are comments on the Coastal Bend Council of Government (CBCOG) draft Method of Distribution (MOD) for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds.

The method of distribution has not been made publically available. It is impossible to make comprehensive comments on the method of distribution without an adequate chance to review it. Below are some general comments we have made to some other COGs. The current division of CDBG-DR funds appear to divide the funds equally between all the eligible counties. It is highly unlikely that all of the counties in CBCOG’s service area are impacted in the same way.

- 1. CBCOG should conduct a regional needs assessment to better understand the extent of damage in the CBCOG eligible counties and meet its goal of equitable regional recovery**

Data obtained by Texas Housers, an organization dedicated to supporting Texans in the pursuit of affordable and accessible housing throughout the State, indicates that the average value of FVL increases as the income of a household increases.¹ For homeowners who earn 30% or less of area median income the state-wide average for FVL was \$7,028 which is just less than half that for non-LMI households.² Any attempt to explain the discrepancy in these figures would be conjectures as very little is publicly available as to what goes into an FVL determination.³

¹ Housers SAP comments, 7.

² HSAP coms 7.

³ FEMA defines “verified loss” as “the total dollar amount of IHP-eligible real or personal property items of average quality, size, and capacity, as verified by FEMA”; an ambiguous and circuitous definition to say the least. IAPP-G, 67.

Despite the disparity in damage FVL data indicates, LMI household are just as, if not more, likely to experience devastation as a result of flooding than their wealthier counterparts.⁴ This is true for the low-income household of Texas following Hurricane Harvey. In the coastal counties impacted by the storm, households of color and low-income households were more likely to be impacted by property damage or loss.⁵

An equitable recovery plan requires an allocation methodology that recognizes the flaws in existing data sets. It should seek to correct any unintentional biases that may be present in the available figures. Instead of relying on just the FVL figures to allocate funds, it should conduct a regional needs assessment to better evaluate whether the extent to which properties were rendered inhabitable as a result of the storm. The GLO's draft Housing Guidelines permit COGs to use qualified data sources approved by GLO in advance in their needs assessments.⁶ These include SBA or Insurance awards, as well as other forms of data. CBCOG should make an effort to quantify damage beyond the flawed FVL figures it is currently relying on. In doing so has it will design a methodology that captures the full extent of damage inflicted because of Harvey.

2. The MOD should establish criteria for areas to qualify for buyout programs.

The MOD draft does not articulate criteria to determine which areas qualify for buyouts. In its State Action Plan, the General Land Office tasked the regional Councils of Government (COGs) with “establish[ing] objective criteria for allocation of funds to eligible entities and activities”.⁷ Although it appears the current MOD draft uses data to prioritize funding for the four counties in its area (the eligible entities), it establishes no criteria to allocate funds to buyout activities.

CBCOG's current method of allocation considers the total harm that each county experienced. Although this method attempts to equitably distribute funds by prioritizing those counties which experienced a greater amount of harm, the method does not give CBCOG the flexibility to determine the actual needs of the populations of each of these counties and whether buyout/acquisition programs will meet those needs.⁸ CBCOG's allocation method would be more sensible and equitable if it were tasked with allocating funds for all housing programs. However, CBCOG only needs to allocate those funds intended for only the buyout and acquisition portion of the state housing programs. The allocation methodology should therefore be structured to identify which counties are most in need of buyout and acquisition funds

Establishing program criteria for buyouts would enable CBCOG to identify areas in the counties that qualify for the buyout program based on need, prioritize those in its buyout fund allocation, and estimate the cost of a buyout program. CBCOG can then use its limited funds to target the areas that stand to benefit the most from acquisition.

⁴ <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/social-mobility-memos/2017/09/18/hurricanes-hit-the-poor-the-hardest/>

⁵ <http://files.kff.org/attachment/Report-An-Early-Assessment-of-Hurricane-Harveys-Impact-on-Vulnerable-Texans-in-the-Gulf>

⁶ HG 13.

⁷ Texas General Land Office, State Action Plan at 79.

⁸ CBCOG is required to allocate funds in a way that will satisfy “unmet needs.” SAP at 79

Buyout program eligibility criteria should focus on achieving two goals: meeting the GLO's stated objectives of the buyout program, and meeting the national objective to support lower-income households. First, According to the GLO, buyouts serve to (1) provide resiliency over rebuilding in a floodplain; (2) prevent repetitive loss; and (3) end extreme risk to health and human safety.⁹ CBCOG should establish criteria for buyouts that target these three objectives. For example, it could require that areas targeted for buyouts (1) be in a floodplain; (2) demonstrate housing damage due to Hurricane Harvey, as well as from prior recent floods; and (3) the flooding from Hurricane Harvey caused an extreme risk to health and human safety in that area from flood waters reaching several feet.

Second, buyout programs should be designed to meet the national objective that 70% of all CDBG-DR funds benefit Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Households. To do this, CBCOG could set criteria that areas are only eligible for or receive priority for buyouts if at least 70% of the households targeted for a buyout are LMI. Such criteria would help CBCOG identify those counties or cities in need of buyouts, as opposed to those in need of the individual homeownership programs available through the state.

3. The MOD should standardize the benefits provided in buyout programs

According to the State Action Plan, subrecipients are required to develop guidelines, regulations, maximum assistance levels, target areas, and additional eligibility requirements for program.¹⁰ The current MOD sets no standards for the benefits required in a buyout program. In its MOD, CBCOG should establish those program requirements that ensure individual households are provided with the assistance necessary to relocate to a comparable home, such as relocation assistance, down payment assistance, and relocation consultation services. These benefits should be available to all qualified persons, but can be denied to individuals who have already received similar assistance in order to avoid duplication of benefits.

Through standardization of benefits and services, CBCOG guarantees that residents in each county are treated in the same manner and avoids potential unintentional discriminatory impacts to residents depending on their county or city.

4. The MOD should use a Social Vulnerability Standard in its program design.

If CBCOG chooses not to utilize alternative data sources to account for the disparate representation LMI household need in allocation methodologies it should, at the very least, include social vulnerability in its allocation equation.

Social Vulnerability indices identify communities that have an especially limited capability to recover from disasters. They utilize factors that correlate with less political power, historical discrimination in investment, and higher risk to injury or harm during a natural disaster to identify areas that need focused attention in preparing for and recovering from disasters. Low-income populations and populations of color have a more difficult time recovering from natural disasters than their wealthier, whiter counterparts. This includes the ability to relocate after

⁹ SAP at 17.

¹⁰ SAP at 80. The Housing Guidelines include the COGs in its definition of "subrecipients". HG at 11.

they've suffered the property damage of flooding. A study published by the National Bureau of Economic Research indicated that after serious natural disasters, and particularly after hurricanes, there is an out-migration from the impacted area.¹¹ That same study showed that after the natural disaster, poverty levels in the impacted area increased.¹² This indicates that either the wealthy are leaving, the poor are moving in, or some combination of the two.¹³ What it clearly indicates, is that the process of disaster recovery results in concentrations of the poor and the vulnerable in areas that have already been impacted by natural disasters and will likely be impacted again in the future.

One of the ways to ensure that the poor and the vulnerable are not being left without sufficient resources to survive the next disaster is to include data in allocation methodologies that accounts for the hardships these populations face. This is particularly important in buyout program allocations as the above study shows that the poor are not the ones who are able to afford to relocate after a disaster. Moreover, allowing for the deepening concentrations of poverty following a natural disaster will only likely increase the vulnerability these populations experience.

Conclusion

CBCOG has the opportunity to be on the forefront of disaster recovery planning. It has the opportunity to realize that there are communities within its region that have been ignored time and again after a storm and for whom the political will to mitigate the impacts of disasters does not exist. It has the opportunity to hear the voices of those impacted. At the very least, it should attempt to capture the needs of those populations in its calculations and utilize a social vulnerability index to allocate CDBG-DR funds. This will mean that populations ignored in past-recoveries may have the opportunity to have their needs met and to be included in the recovery process.

By taking a more considerate and inclusive look at the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, instead of using FEMA's flawed methods, CBCOG will be able to impact these communities for the better for decades to come.

I am available for questions by email at hdyal@trla.org and phone at (361) 880-5423. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

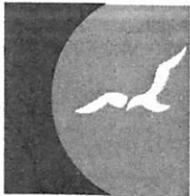
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¹¹ <https://theconversation.com/new-data-set-explores-90-years-of-natural-disasters-in-the-us-78382?sa=pg2&sq=natural+disasters&sr=1> discussing the findings of the paper *The Effect of Natural Disasters on Economic Activity in US Counties: A Century of Data*

¹² Id.

¹³ ID.

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August 14, 2018

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Dear Ms. Dyal,

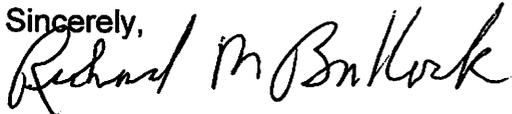
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1. Conduct Regional needs assessment: We reviewed and considered available information that reflected identified need and unmet need. While recognizing that LMI households face a greater challenge in responding to disaster recovery, the HUD requirements focuses 70 % of allocated funds on meeting LMI needs. Local applicants for these funds will need to propose projects that address LMI needs to have a successful project.
2. MOD should establish criteria for areas to qualify for buyout programs: Because there is a requirement that at least a \$1 million be allocated to each eligible entity, in the initial draft MOD, we distributed funds to all eligible jurisdictions. After two Public Hearings, we wrote to all eligible jurisdictions letting them know their allocation and requesting if they planned to use the funds. Out of 31 letters sent, we received three replies saying they would use the funds, two saying they should receive a larger allocation and one that said they would not use the funds. We took these comments into consideration and adjusted the allocations to meet these concerns.
3. The MOD should standardize the benefits provided in the Buyout Program: The HUD requirements that must be met to implement this program provide the guidelines that should result in a standardized approach in the Region.

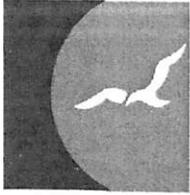
4. The MOD should use the Social Vulnerability Standard in its program design: After comments from the two Public Hearings, we did include the Social Vulnerability Index in the MOD which resulted in some shift in how funds were allocated.

We are in the process of responding to GLO's review of the Draft MOD we sent them. They have identified several changes and additions for us to make. Once we meet GLO's requirements, we will be posting the MOD on the CBCOG website for another 14 day Public Comment period. If we get additional comments, we will share our responses with GLO for their review. We will be taking the MOD to the CBCOG Membership for approval after the Public Comment period. If you have additional comments, please provide them and we will respond. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Bullock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Richard Bullock
Director of Planning and Development



Coastal Bend Council of Governments

August 16, 2018

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Dear Mr. Griffin,

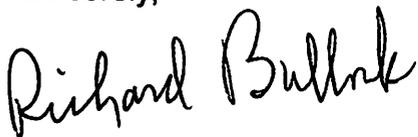
Thank you for your interest and comments regarding the Draft Method of Distribution (MOD) developed by the CBCOG for the Acquisition and Buyout Program and the Local Infrastructure Program. When we received your letter, we under a July 10 submittal deadline to send the MOD to the General Land Office for review. We were able to provide GLO your comments and how we felt that we addressed them. Prior to receiving your letter, we had conducted three Public Hearings and had a 14 day Public Comment period where we received input into our process. Between the second and third Public Hearings, we notified the county judges and mayors about the allocations made to their jurisdictions so they could respond to what we had done. We also used that time to address comments we received and how we responded to them in our planning process. Below are the issues you raised and how we felt we had addressed them.

1. Program guidelines for the Acquisition and Buyout Program should be developed through a transparent process: The CBCOG staff addressed this program with the consideration that allocations to jurisdictions must have a minimum allocation of one million dollars. We considered all jurisdictions with flood insurance claims and made allocations using that information. We followed up by sending a letter to all the possible applicants notifying them of their allocation and requesting if they intended to use these funds. We informed them that we were having a third Public Hearing and that they could provide Public Comment through e-mail, telephone or correspondence.
2. Local Acquisition and Buyout programs must prioritize LMI households in floodways and flood plains: The HUD requirements are that 70% of CDBG-DR funds must go to projects that benefit LMI persons. This applies to this program. There are also requirements on how to implement this program that includes funds to provide additional benefits besides just buying the home. While we see the need to include these benefits, we do not feel we can require local communities in our Region to do more than is required by HUD.

3. Local Infrastructure Programs must prioritize the needs of LMI and ensure that jobs generated by recovery projects are filled with local workers: The HUD requirement that 70% of funds go to projects that benefit LMI households places an emphasis on local jurisdictions to develop projects that address the needs of LMI households. We recognize the need that jobs created by recovery projects go to local workers, however, matching up skills of persons who lost jobs due to Harvey and jobs created can be a challenge. The Texas Worksource Commission has a variety of training programs that can be used to prepare local workers for available jobs. This agency has been very active in areas that were damaged by Hurricane Harvey.
4. There is a concern that the data and formula used to determine unmet need results in a distribution that does not accurately reflect the critical needs of LMI populations: While we are aware that unmet needs are difficult to determine, we feel that the MOD we are required to develop with regard to Local Infrastructure will address projects that focuses on resiliency and repair of damaged infrastructure that can make additional housing possible. These projects must meet an LMI requirement of 70%. Our concern is that all jurisdictions have an opportunity to address their needs caused by Hurricane Harvey. The only program that we are addressing that deals directly with housing is the Acquisition and Buyout Program. The balance of housing programs is being addressed through the State.

We are in the process of responding to GLO's review of the Draft MOD we submitted to them. They have identified several changes and additions for us to make. Once we meet GLO's requirements, we will be posting the MOD on the CBCOG website for another 14 day Public Comment period. If we get additional comments, we will share our responses with GLO for their review. We will be taking the MOD to the CBCOG Membership for their approval after the Public Comment period. If you have any additional comments, please provide them and we will respond. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,



Richard Bullock
Director of Planning and Development



Coastal Bend Council of Governments

August 16, 2018

Karen R. Mella
2730 Highway 35 N
Rockport, Texas

Dear Ms. Mella

Thank you for your comments at the Public Hearing in Rockport on June 19th. We have shared them with GLO when we submitted the Draft MOD. Your main expressed concern was why it was taking so long for funds to be made available to help rebuild your community. You also felt that a representative from HUD should have been present at the Public Hearing. As explained at the Public Hearing we had not invited HUD to attend because we were discussing a Draft MOD that was required by the Texas General Land Office and for which we were using HUD requirements to develop. It was pointed out that the way to get HUD to change the requirements was through Congressional involvement at the national level.

We are currently responding to GLO's review of the CBCOG's process to develop the MOD. Once we have adequately responded, GLO wants us to conduct another 14 day Public Comment period. We will again submit our responses to any comments we received to GLO for their review. We will be posting the revised MOD process on the CBCOG's website. If you have any additional comments once the MOD is posted, please share them with us.

Sincerely,

Richard Bullock
Director of Planning and Development



Coastal Bend Council of Governments

August 16, 2018

Mayor Joe McComb
City of Corpus Christi
P.O. Box 9277
Corpus Christi, Texas 78469

Dear Mayor McComb,

In response to your letter of July 5 expressing the concern that the Draft MOD developed by the CBCOG distributes Acquisition and Buyout funds in a uniform manner across the Region and does not prioritize the high hazard areas, especially Port Aransas and Corpus Christi. After reviewing your comment, the CBCOG staff reviewed the way it had determined the allocations and revised how the funds were allocated based upon flood claims. This resulted in an increase of funds to Port Aransas and the removal of several jurisdictions that had only a few flood claims. These changes were reflected in the MOD sent to GLO for review.

We are presently responding to GLO's review of the MOD we sent to them to meet a July 10 submittal deadline. They are requiring changes and additional information that we are in the process of providing. Once we meet these requirements, GLO wants that we conduct a 14 day Public Comment period for additional comments. We will be posting the MOD on the CBCOG's website. Once GLO has reviewed the responses to any new comments, we will be able to bring the MOD before the CBCOG Membership for approval. We anticipate that this will be at the September meeting. If we can provide any additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Bullock

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September 12, 2018

Richard Bullock
Coastal Bend Council of Governments
P.O. Box 9909
Corpus Christi, TX 78769

Dear Mr. Bullock,

On behalf of the City of Corpus Christi (City), I am writing to comment on the process of developing a Method of Distribution (MOD) for funds allocated to the Coastal Bend region through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for projects that address Local Acquisition and Buyout and projects that address Local Infrastructure using Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development (HUD).

The City believes the most prudent MOD for these funds is a countywide allocation rather than allocations per individual political subdivisions. In reality, there are only a handful of political subdivisions in Nueces County with the personnel capacity and professional expertise to administer Buyout and Infrastructure projects – the county and the cities of Corpus Christi, Robstown and Port Aransas. The smaller, more rural communities typically rely on the county for this type of services. The most practical means of assuring at least 70% of CDBG-DR funds are for activities benefitting “low and moderate income” (LMI) households is the countywide allocation. The county and local municipalities can tailor programs that accomplish program goals and fulfill requirements for LMI. As an example, Nueces County is anticipated to receive approximately \$5.4 million for the buyout program and more than \$17.1M in infrastructure funding from CDBG-DR. The LMI requirement countywide would be approximately \$3.8M for the buyout program and just under \$12M for the infrastructure program. The administering governments could work to cumulatively achieve this requirement rather than have a specific target to achieve, which may or may not be feasible for the specific local government.

This is a concept the Cities of Port Aransas and Corpus Christi have discussed with both the Coastal Bend Council of Governments and the Texas General Land Office. We've reached out to Nueces County through Emergency Management Coordinator Christopher Boyce and confirmed they are supportive of this change in MOD.

Please consider altering the CDBG-DR MOD within Nueces County. It may also be beneficial for neighboring CBCOG communities as well.

Sincerely,



Joe McComb
Mayor



Coastal Bend Council of Governments

September 14, 2018

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Dear Mayor McComb,

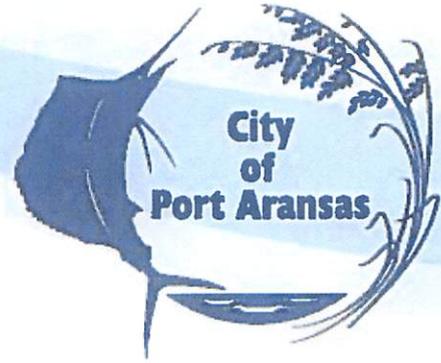
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We are forwarding your letter to the Texas GLO and requesting that they provide us with guidance in this matter. We will keep you informed with regard to their response.

Sincerely,

Richard Bullock
Director of Planning and Development

City of Port Aransas



Richard Bullock
Coastal Bend Council of Governments
2910 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

September 12, 2018

Dear Mr. Bullock,

The following are comments to the Method of Distribution for the HUD CDBG-DR funds allocated to the Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG) under the Texas General Land Office's State Action Plan.

On September 11, 2018, Mayor Charles and city staff meet in Austin with the Governor's office, GLO CDBG leaders, and TDEM's Chief Nim Kidd on CDBG funding issues, primarily, the Coastal Bend COG's MOD. They informed us that the county-wide MOD is acceptable to the CDBG program providing that the major entities in Nueces County (City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, and City of Port Aransas) wanted to participate in a "county-wide" LMI.

In working with the City of Corpus Christi staff, we are in agreement that our administering governments could work to cumulatively achieve the LMI requirement county-wide rather than having a specific target to meet within each proposed project.

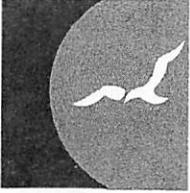
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Charles Bujan
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Burt Mills, Chairman, CBCOG
John Buckner, Executive Director, CBCOG



Coastal Bend Council of Governments

September 14, 2018

Mayor Charles Bujan
City of Port Aransas
710 West Avenue A
Port Aransas, Texas 78373-4128

Dear Mayor Bujan,

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Sincerely,

Richard Bullock
Director of Planning and Development



SAMUEL L. NEAL, JR.
County Judge

September 12, 2018

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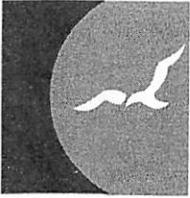
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Please consider altering the CDBG-DR MOD within Nueces County. It may also be beneficial for neighboring CBCOG communities as well.

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Neal, Jr.
County Judge



Coastal Bend Council of Governments

September 14, 2018

Judge Samuel L. Neal
Nueces County Courthouse
901 Leopard Street, Room 303
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-3697

Dear Judge Neal,

Thank you for your comments regarding the CBCOG's Method of Distribution for the HUD CDBG-DR funds in the Coastal Bend Region. While we understand your concern and can see the merit in the approach you are advocating, we are constrained by the Texas General Land Office guidelines that we were given to develop the MOD.

We are forwarding your letter to the Texas GLO and requesting that they provide us with guidance in this matter. We will keep you informed with regard to their response.

Sincerely,

Richard Bullock
Director of Planning and Development

Coastal Bend Council of Government

June 19, 2018

Public Hearing

Ladies and Gentlemen

My name is Karen Mella.

My husband and I have owned property and lived in Aransas County for 21 years. I am a real estate professional with ReMax Security Real Estate in Rockport. I have a great passion and concern for our community. I have invested a vast number of volunteer hours as well as monetary support across our community for our citizens, visitors and future generations.

I am personally offended and appalled that there is NO representative here today from HUD. You are the decision maker that our lives are determined by and you don't even have one person here.

I am the 2017 Rockport Fulton Citizen of the Year

Past Chairman of the Board for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

Board member of the Rockport Fulton Chamber Foundation

Board member and Past President of the Aransas County ISD Education Foundation.

Lifetime Benefactor of the Rockport Center for the Arts.

Lifetime member of Ducks Unlimited and Coastal Conservation Association.

As well as various other too many to name.

Friday, August 25, 2017 changed our lives in Aransas County forever. I will remind you we took the direct hit from Hurricane Harvey. We endured over 14 hours of Hurricane force winds and tornados that ripped apart our community. You need reminding of this fact. You promised us "You will not be forgotten." Well folks it sure is apparent that you have forgotten us.

Ten months after this horrific disaster, why are we STILL standing before you asking for help. Why do we not have the funding needed to rebuild our community? Why are we still waiting? We have completed application after application, step by step – followed this bureaucratic quagmire for 10 MONTHS.

How long does this take? Tell us how to expedite our requests for this desperately needed help and we will do it. But stop leading us down this never-ending path. We are tired of the dangling carrot.

Our local businesses are in desperate need for workers. Many that HAVE been able to reopen are operating under minimal hours of operations because we don't have the workforce here. Main reason – there is no place for them to live - no affordable housing. This is the low to moderate income folks that you are targeting. Please give us the funds we need to rebuild our town. We are not asking you to do it for us. We are committed to rebuilding. Our main economic driver is tourism. That is a service industry and MUST have a viable workforce.

You say there will be \$125 million dollars for infrastructure. shared with six counties (today we hear it is now 7 counties) for infrastructure? Where did that number come from?? Aransas Country needs at least \$60 million.

Please help us. You need reminding what happened to us and it is now time to give us the help. It is your duty and responsibility to help, and I emphasize HELP, us rebuild our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to go on the public record.

Hurricane Harvey
Regional Method of Distribution Allocation Summary
Draft

COG: Coastal Bend Council of Governments
Discussion Draft 6/19/18

Required	Local Buyout and Acquisition Program		Local Infrastructure Program		Total		
	Required		Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
City, County or Eligible Entity	Allocation	Percentage of Allocation	Allocation	Percentage of Allocation	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Regional Allocation	70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement
Most Impacted HUD							
Aransas County	\$1,143,211	3.33%	53,860,274.00	42.81%	\$55,003,485	34.34%	\$38,502,440
City of Rockport	\$1,143,211	3.33%	8,320,696.00	6.61%	\$9,463,907	5.91%	\$6,624,735
City of Fulton	\$1,143,211	3.33%	4,759,465.00	3.78%	\$5,902,676	3.69%	\$4,131,873
Other Eminent Domain	\$1,143,211	3.33%			\$1,143,211	0.71%	\$800,248
Nueces County	\$1,143,211	3.33%	4,661,541.00	3.71%	\$5,804,752	3.62%	\$4,063,326
City of Port Aransas	\$1,143,211	3.33%	4,942,200.00	3.93%	\$6,085,411	3.80%	\$4,259,788
City of Corpus Christi	\$1,143,211	3.33%	7,205,635.00	5.73%	\$8,348,846	5.21%	\$5,844,192
City of Robstown	\$1,143,211	3.33%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$1,243,211	0.78%	\$870,248
City of Bishop	\$1,143,211	3.33%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$1,243,211	0.78%	\$870,248
City of Petronilla	\$1,143,211	3.33%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$1,243,211	0.78%	\$870,248
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San Patricio County	\$1,143,211	3.33%	2,037,215.00	1.62%	\$3,180,426	1.99%	\$2,226,298
City of Sinton	\$1,143,211	3.33%	475,228.00	0.38%	\$1,618,489	1.01%	\$1,132,907
City of Mathis	\$1,143,211	3.33%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$1,243,211	0.78%	\$870,248
City of Odem	\$1,143,211	3.33%	432,863.00	0.34%	\$1,576,074	0.98%	\$1,103,252
City of Portland	\$1,143,211	3.33%	2,540,072.00	1.97%	\$3,683,283	2.30%	\$2,578,298
City of Gregory	\$1,143,211	3.33%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$1,243,211	0.78%	\$870,248
City of Taft	\$1,143,211	3.33%	283,664.00	0.23%	\$1,426,875	0.89%	\$998,813
City of Aransas Pass	\$1,143,211	3.33%	10,696,302.00	8.50%	\$11,839,513	7.39%	\$8,287,659
City of Ingleside	\$1,143,211	3.33%	1,954,326.00	1.55%	\$3,097,537	1.93%	\$2,168,276
City of Ingleside on the Bay	\$1,143,211	3.33%	100,000.00	0.08%	\$1,243,211	0.78%	\$870,248
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Most Impacted State							
Refugio area	\$1,734,658	5.00%			\$1,734,658	1.08%	\$1,214,261
Bee area	\$1,734,658	5.00%			\$1,734,658	1.08%	\$1,214,261
Kleberg area	\$1,734,658	5.00%			\$1,734,658	1.08%	\$1,214,261
Jim Wells area	\$1,734,658	5.00%			\$1,734,658	1.08%	\$1,214,261
Refugio County			11,957,845.00	9.50%	\$11,957,845	7.47%	\$8,370,492
Town of Refugio			8,419,112.00	6.69%	\$8,419,112	5.26%	\$5,893,378
Town of Woodsboro			1,245,322.00	0.99%	\$1,245,322	0.78%	\$871,725
Town of Austwell			591,701.00	0.47%	\$591,701	0.37%	\$414,191
Town of Bayside			720,132.00	0.57%	\$720,132	0.45%	\$504,092
Bee County			100,645.00	0.08%	\$1,000,645	0.62%	\$700,452
	\$34,375,695		125,804,238.00	99.94%	\$160,179,933	100.56%	\$112,125,953

For Local Infrastructure Program

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Outreach and Contacts

**MEMORANDUM SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL
ON JUNE 12 TO ALL ELIGIBLE JURISDICTIONS
TO NOTIFY THEM OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND THE
METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION PROCESS**



Coastal Bend Council of Governments

MEMORANDUM

TO: ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

FROM: CBCOG SUPPORT STAFF

DATE: JUNE 11, 2018

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS

The Coastal Bend Council of Governments has been assigned the responsibility of developing a Method of Distribution (MOD) for the \$160,179,933 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds allocated to the Region to address damage from Hurricane Harvey for Local Buyout and Acquisition (\$34,375,696) and (\$125,804,238) for Local Infrastructure. Written and oral comments regarding the Method of Distribution will be taken at public hearings scheduled for the following date, time and location.

The first Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 10:00 A.M. at the Aquarium Education Center at Rockport Harbor, 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, Texas 78382.

The second Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. 3:00 P. M. at Port Aransas Civic Center, 710 West Avenue A, Port Aransas, Texas 78373.

Attached is the description of the Methods of Distribution instructions that we will be following. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Richard Bullock at 361 883-5743 Or at richard@cbcog98.org.

**COPY OF LETTER SENT TO ALL ELIGIBLE
JURISDICTIONS AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARINGS
TO INFORM THEM ABOUT THE DRAFT MOD AND
ALLOCATIONS TO THEIR JURISDICTION BASED UPON
THIS DRAFT MOD AND REQUESTING THAT THEY INFORM
US AS TO WHETHER THEY PLANNED TO USE THESE FUNDS.
THEY WERE ALSO NOTIFIED OF THE THIRD PUBLIC HEARING
AND HOW THEY COULD MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE MOD**



Coastal Bend Council of Governments

June 22, 2018

Judge C.H. "Burt" Mills
Aransas County Courthouse
2840 Highway 35 North
Rockport, Texas 78382

Dear Judge Mills,

The Coastal Bend Council of Governments is in the process of developing a Method of Distribution (MOD) for HUD CDBG-DR funds allocated to the Region under the General Land Office's Action Plan. The two categories of funds are for Acquisition and Buyout of homes which are located in a flood plain and Local Infrastructure projects that repairs, enhances and restores infrastructure impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The CBCOG has prepared a Draft Method of Distribution (see attached) which currently allocates to Aransas County \$1,143,211 in Acquisition and Buyout funds and \$53,860,274 in Local Infrastructure funds. We are in a Public Comment period to receive input regarding to this MOD from the cities and counties in the Region. We will be making adjustments to the MOD. We are trying to find out which cities and counties have programs to use these funds allocated to them. The concern is if a community does not plan to use these funds and we do not reallocate them to a city or county in the Region, these funds may be allocated to another Region. We have been recently informed that Acquisition and Buyout funds need not be allocated to entities that have eminent domain. It is the CBCOG staff's intention to reallocate these funds to cities or counties that will be able to use them.

The Public Comment period for this MOD is from June 19 to July 5. We are required to respond to each comment and share our response with GLO who will let us know if we have responded correctly or they will provide guidance as to how to respond to conform to their requirements. There will be another Public Hearing at 10:00 A.M. on July 10, 2018 at the CBCOG, 2910 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas to present the modified Method of Distribution and to present the Public Comments that were received and how they were addressed. There will also be a presentation at the CBCOG meeting at 2:00 P.M. on June 29, 2018 at the CBCOG offices. We are asking you to respond to this letter and let the CBCOG staff know if you intend to use the funds allocated to your jurisdiction for the two programs and if additional funds become available for these two activities, you would be able to use more funds. If you have Public Comments regarding this MOD, you may direct them to richard@cbcog98.org, call Richard at 361 883-5743 or write to the CBCOG, P.O. Box 9909, Corpus Christi, Texas 78469 and indicate the letter contains MOD Public Comments.

Sincerely,

Richard Bullock

II. Methods of Distribution

Each COG, through a public process, will develop the MOD for the local buyout and acquisition program and the local infrastructure program using objective criteria.

The proposed steps for the development of the MODs and projects is the following:

1. GLO submits State Action Plan to HUD for approval
2. GLO MOD training for COGs
3. COGs submit citizen participation plan to GLO
4. COGs conduct "Public Planning Meeting" public hearing
5. COGs draft MOD
6. COGs post draft MOD for public comment for 14 calendar days and conduct second public hearing
7. Submission of MODs for GLO review and approval (MODs are to be submitted 60 days after GLO submit the Action Plan to HUD for approval)
8. GLO reviews and approves MODs (GLO official approval of the MODs will be dependent of HUD's approval of the Action Plan)

The GLO will provide training, written guidance, and forms to the COGs for the development of the MODs. Each COG will be provided data sets produced by the GLO in partnership with the University of Texas at Austin to inform methods of distribution. Variances from these data sets will be allowable. Data sets provided by the GLO may contain information at the county, city, and/or zip code level.¹ Applicant-specific data may not be available. For COGs and communities seeking to receive applicant-specific data, an Information Sharing Access Agreement (ISAA) must be developed between FEMA and the entity. For more information on the ISAA process please contact the GLO who will provide you with the appropriate FEMA representative.

Each COG will follow a citizen participation process. A published notice of any public hearings is required prior to holding the hearings. Notices shall be published in all newspapers of record in the region, posted on the COG's website and provided to all eligible cities, counties, and other stakeholders in the region. Hearings must fully comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The draft MOD shall be posted on the COG's website for public comment prior to submission to the GLO. The public comment period shall be no less than 14 calendar days. Each comment shall be responded to, and any changes made to the draft MOD shall be noted in the response section for GLO review. The MODs are to be completed 60 days from the GLO's submission of the Action Plan to HUD.

¹ Data sets at the zip code level are *only* available for the Local Buyout and Acquisition Program, not the Local Infrastructure Program. Data for the Local Infrastructure Program will be provided at the applicant level.

Upon completion, the GLO will review and approve MOD submissions by each COG. All MODs will be wholly reviewed to ensure that each COG provides a detailed description of the methodology used to allocate and prioritize funds within their regions. If the MOD is not approved, the GLO will provide feedback and/or identify any issues with the MOD to the COG. The GLO will allow five of days for the COG to rectify or address the issues identified in their MOD by the GLO. Official approval of the MODs by the GLO will be dependent on HUD's approval of the Action Plan.

A. Program and Activity Requirements

The following are the program and activity requirements from the Action Plan for the local buyout and acquisition and local infrastructure program.

1. Local Buyout and Acquisition Program

The local buyout and acquisition program will remove homes from harm's way.

a. Local MOD Requirements:

- i. Each COG will facilitate a MOD process with support of the GLO;
- ii. Establish objective criteria for allocation of funds to eligible entities or activities (distribution based on, but not limited to, unmet need);
- iii. Citizen participation process:
 1. Develop a citizen participation plan;
 2. Conduct a minimum of two (2) public hearings prior to finalizing the MOD;
 3. One (1) public hearing shall be a "Public Planning Meeting;"
 4. Ensure a public comment period of at least 14 days.
- iv. Implement a minimum of \$1,000,000 in CDGB-DR funds to any local entity receiving funding through the MOD;
- v. Ensure a minimum percentage of funds are allocated to the HUD most impacted and distressed counties and zip codes;
- vi. Facilitate local prioritization through the MOD;
- vii. Reallocation of funds from de-obligated funds and/or cost savings from completed projects will be at the discretion of the GLO within the region;
- viii. A plan to meet the 70 percent low- and moderate-income benefit requirement;
- ix. Establish any additional parameters for eligibility beyond what is required by HUD or the GLO.

b. Allocation Amount: \$275,620,892

- i. Eighty (80) percent of funds must address unmet need in the HUD "most impacted and distressed" areas (counties and zip codes);

2. Conduct a minimum of two (2) public hearings prior to finalizing the MOD;
3. One (1) public hearing shall be a “Public Planning Meeting;”
4. Ensure a public comment period of at least 14 days.
- iv. Implement a minimum of \$100,000 in CDGB-DR funds to any local entity receiving funding through the MOD;
- v. Ensure a minimum percentage of funds are allocated to the HUD “most impacted and distressed” counties and zip codes;
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- viii. A plan to meet the 70 percent low- and moderate-income benefit requirement;
- ix. Establish any additional parameters for eligibility beyond what is required by HUD or the GLO.

b. Allocation Amount: \$413,431,338

- i. Eighty (80) percent of funds must address unmet need in the HUD identified “most impacted and distressed” areas (counties only) for applicable region;
- ii. Twenty (20) percent of funds must address unmet need in the remaining impacted counties.

c. Eligible Entities:

- i. Units of local government (cities and counties)

d. Eligible Activities:

All activities allowed under CDBG-DR, including but not limited to:

- i. Flood control and drainage repair and improvements, including the construction or rehabilitation of storm water management systems;
- ii. Restoration of infrastructure (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, provision of generators, removal of debris, bridges, etc.);
- iii. Demolition, rehabilitation of publicly or privately-owned commercial or industrial buildings, and code enforcement;
- iv. Economic development (such as microenterprise and small business assistance, commercial rehabilitation, and special economic development activities, including prioritizing assistance to businesses that meet the definition of a small business);
- v. Public service (such as job training and employment services, healthcare, child care, and crime prevention within the 15 percent cap).

e. Ineligible Activities:

- i. CDBG–DR funds may not be used to enlarge a dam or levee beyond the original footprint of the structure that existed prior to the disaster event. CDBG–DR funds for levees and dams are required to:
 1. Register and maintain entries regarding such structures with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Levee Database or National Inventory of Dams;
 2. Ensure that the structure is admitted in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers PL 84–99 Rehabilitation Program (Rehabilitation Assistance for Non-Federal Flood Control Projects);
 3. Ensure the structure is accredited under the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program;
 4. Maintain file documentation demonstrating a risk assessment prior to funding the flood control structure and documentation that the investment includes risk reduction measures.
- ii. Funds may not be used to assist a privately-owned utility for any purpose;
- iii. Buildings and facilities used for the general conduct of government (e.g., city halls, courthouses, and emergency operation centers);
- iv. No disaster recovery assistance will be considered with respect to any part of a disaster loss that is reimbursable by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), insurance, or another source due in part to the restrictions against duplication of benefits outlined in the Action Plan. An activity underway prior to the Presidential Disaster Declaration will not qualify unless the disaster directly impacted said project.
- v. By law, (codified in the HCD Act as a note to 105(a)), the amount of CDBG–DR funds that may be contributed to a USACE project is \$250,000 or less.

**CBCOG'S CONTACT LIST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD (AUGUST 31 THRU SEPTEMBER 13, 2018)**

The CBCOG does not use e-mail to contact cities, counties and interested people who have made comments on previous versions of the Method of Distribution (MOD). We use the U.S. Mail to let them know that we have another MOD for review and the Public Comment period for their submission of comments. Below is the list of addresses used to contact the impacted cities and counties. In addition, we have included the names and addresses of those individuals and organizations that have made public comment on previous versions of the MOD.

Impacted Local Jurisdictions:

**Judge C. H. Mills
Aransas County Courthouse
2840 Hwy 35 North
Rockport, Texas 78382**

**Mayor Joe McComb
City of Corpus Christi
P.O. Box 9277
Corpus Christi, Texas 78469**

**Judge Stephanie Moreno
Bee County Courthouse
105 West Corpus Christi St.
Room 109
Beeville, Texas 78102**

**Mayor Ubaldo Adamez
City of Beeville
400 N. Washington St.
Beeville, Texas 78102**

**Judge Pedro Trevino
Jim Wells County Courthouse
200 North Almond
Alice, Texas 78332**

**Mayor John Howard
City of Agua Dulce
P.O. Box 297
Agua Dulce, Texas 78330**

**Judge Rudy Madrid
Kleberg County Courthouse
P. O. Box 752
Kingsville, Texas 78364**

**Mayor Mario Rodriguez
City of Premont
P. O. Drawer 340
Premont, Texas 78375**

**Judge Loyd Neal
Nueces County Courthouse
901 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401**

**Mayor Tem Miller
City of Bishop
P.O. Box 356
Bishop, Texas 78343**

**Judge Bobby Blaschke
Refugio County Courthouse
808 Commerce, Room 104
Refugio, Texas 78377**

**Mayor Wanda Dukes
Town of Refugio
P.O. Drawer 1020
Refugio, Texas 78377**

**Judge Terry Simpson
San Patricio County Courthouse
400 West Sinton St., Room 109
Sinton, Texas 78387**

**Mayor Mary Canales
City of Austwell
P.O. Box 147
Austwell, Texas 77950**

**Mayor JoAnn Ehmann
City of Ingleside on the Bay
P.O. Box 309
Ingleside, Texas 78362**

**Mayor Cathy Skurow
City of Portland
1900 Billy G. Webb Drive
Portland, Texas 78374**

**Mayor Marcos Zavala
City of Driscoll
P. O. Box 178
Driscoll, Texas 78351**

**Mayor Celestino Zambrano
City of Gregory
P.O. Box 297
Gregory, Texas 78359**

**Mayor Kay Roach
Town of Woodsboro
P.O. Box 632
Woodsboro, Texas 78393**

**Mayor Ciri Villarreal
City of Mathis
411 E. San Patricio
Mathis, Texas 78368**

**Mayor James Kendrick
Town of Fulton
P.O. Box 1130
Fulton, Texas 78358**

**Mayor Edmund Adams
City of Sinton
P.O. Box 1395
Sinton, Texas 78387**

**Mayor Pedro Lopez
City of Taft
501 Green Avenue
Taft, Texas 78390**

**Mayor Billy Huerta
City of Odem
P.O. Box 754
Odem, Texas 78370**

**Mayor Ram Gomez
City of Aransas Pass
P.O. Box 2000
Aransas Pass, Texas 78336**

**Mayor Ronnie Parker
Mayor of Ingleside
P.O. Box 400
Ingleside, Texas 78362**

**Mayor Jolene Vanover
City of Alice
P.O. Box 3229
Alice, Texas 78333**

**Mayor Carl Srp
City of Orange Grove
P.O. Drawer 1350
Orange Grove, Texas 78372**

**Mayor Mandy Barrera
City of Robstown
P.O. Box 872
Robstown, Texas 78380**

**Mayor Charles Bujan
City of Port Aransas
710 West Avenue A
Port Aransas, Texas 78373**

**Mayor Sam Fugate
City of Kingsville
P.O. Box 1458
Kingsville, Texas 78364**

**Mayor Patrick Rios
City of Rockport
2751 State Hwy 35 Bypass
Rockport, Texas 78382**

**Mayor Sharon Scott
Town of Bayside
P.O. Box 194
Bayside, Texas 78340**

Individual or Organizations that provided Public Comment:

**Karen R Mella, Realtor
RE/MAX Security Real Estate
2730 HWY 35 N
Rockport, Texas 78382**

**Hannah Dyal
Staff Attorney
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid
3825 Agnes Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405**

**Brennan Griffin
Deputy Director
Texas Appleseed
1609 Shoal Creek Boulevard
Suite 201
Austin, Texas 78701**

**LIST OF PERSONS SENT LETTERS ON JUNE 11, 2018
AND JUNE 22, 2018**

Judge C.H. Mills	Aransas County
Judge Bobby Blaschke	Refugio County
Judge Terry Simpson	San Patricio County
Judge Loyd Neal	Nueces County
Judge Stephanie Moreno	Bee County
Judge Pedro Trevino	Jim Wells County
Judge Rudy Madrid	Kleberg County
Mayor Joe McComb	Corpus Christi
Mayor Billy Huerta	Odem
Mayor Patrick Rios	Rockport
Mayor Sharon Scott	Bayside
Mayor Pedro Lopez	Taft
Mayor Edmund Adams	Sinton
Mayor James Kendrick	Fulton
Mayor Ciri Villarreal	Mathis
Mayor Kay Roach	Woodsboro
Mayor Charles Bujan	Port Aransas
Mayor Mandy Barrera	Robstown
Mayor Ronnie Parker	Ingleside
Mayor Ram Gomez	Aransas Pass
Mayor Mary Canales	Austwell
Mayor Tem Miller	Bishop
Mayor Wanda Dukes	Refugio
Mayor JoAnn Ehmann	Ingleside on the Bay
Mayor Cathy Skurow	Portland
Mayor Celestino Zambrano	Gregory

David Ramos

From: David Ramos <david@cbcogaaa.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 4:46 PM
To: 'Housing Authority'
Subject: Public Hearings
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Please see attachment. Any comments, please send them to me.

David Ramos
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Coastal Bend Aging and Disability Resource Center
Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend
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David Ramos

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