CDBG MITIGATION CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1
Virtual Committee Meeting
Friday, October 29, 2021
3 – 4 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting Objective: Discuss results from the *CDBG-MIT Program Challenges Survey* and determine next steps.

Agenda

3-3:15 p.m. **Welcome & Introductions**

3:15-3:30 p.m. **Presentation of Survey Results**
Amanda presents results from the *CDBG-MIT Program Challenges Survey*

3:30-3:35 p.m. **Feedback & Comments from GLO**

3:35-3:55 p.m. **Discussion: Committee Workplan**
Committee discusses a prioritized program of work. Challenges the Committee may investigate will be assessed according to their:

- Feasibility to address (in-whole or in-part) within the timeframe and existing capacity of the Committee
- Potential impact to benefit Texas CDBG-MIT grantees and citizenry
- Potential impact to benefit the state Texas CDBG-MIT program
- Potential impact to benefit the federal CDBG-MIT program

3:55-4 p.m. **Next Steps**

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Meeting Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Amanda Fenwick (chair), Christa Lopez, Kalyn Scott, Melissa Washington, Charles Burchett, Jennifer Harris, Elijah Casas, Sylvea Jones, Phillip Natsios, Kristie Hadnot, Randall Freeze, Andrew, Lee Coggins, Glen Smith, Carey Vorholt, Sirley Rouse, Simone Sanders

3-3:15 p.m. Welcome & Introductions

Amanda Fenwick called the meeting to order. Committee members introduced themselves.

3:15-3:30 p.m. Presentation of Survey Results

Amanda Fenwick presented results from the CDBG-MIT Program Challenges Survey. Ms. Fenwick highlighted the key data points in the survey and discussed the priority challenges noted by the respondents.

3:30-3:35 p.m. Feedback & Comments from GLO

Ms. Fenwick combined this agenda item with the next one, and opened the floor for comments and feedback from the committee. Comments included:

- *The need for more information on how the GLO expects citizens to navigate the red tape; need something more simplified such as a step by step document*
    - *Challenge here is that there are multiple entities and so many assistance programs within each entity (ex: FEMA, SBA, long-term assistance entities, TDEM, HUD, etc.) and each has different processes and procedures, deadlines, timelines, etc.*
- *Need better contacts with the GLO (there is currently no continuity, subject matter experts)*
- *Question about whether or not local entities can use mitigation funding for local non-profits (as a sub contractor or interlocal agreement)*
    - *GLO response: It is possible if it can be done through a procurement process*
- *LMI stipulations make it difficult for entities and are different among agencies*

Christa Lopez with the GLO spoke to the committee:

- *Presented the survey and results to GLO team*
- *Discussion with the GLO team about what is and is not within scope for GLO to handle*
- *Dr. Lopez presented document that the GLO is working on that listed different buckets of work and the continuing work of the organization*
- *Dr. Lopez mentioned some things the GLO is able to quickly implement such as website updates / additions and new training opportunities for entities*

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Ms. Fenwick stated she would share the survey results with the committee. She and Dr. Wowk (committee 2 chair) will sync and determine if a full committee meeting is warranted or if further work could be handled through e-mail.