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GEORGE P. BUSH, COMMISSIONER

October 3, 2018

Tom Wilkinson
Executive Director
Brazos Valley Council of Governments
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Bryan, TX 787805

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

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

The Texas General Land Office Community Development and Revitalization program (GLO-CDR) has completed its review of materials submitted in support of Brazos Valley Council of Governments' (BVCOG) 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 BVCOG's MOD submitted on July 13, 2018, with supplemental material submitted on August 10, 2018, is approved.

GLO-CDR approves BVCOG'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. BVCOG'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.

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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

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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): **Brazos Valley Council of Governments**

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Allocation Summary

COG Allocation for All Programs: **\$8,848,603**

Local Buyout and Acquisition Program Total: **\$5,840,778**

Local Infrastructure Program Total: **\$3,007,825**

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:

The Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG) encouraged citizen participation in Method of Distribution (MOD) for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds, DR-4332, in response to Hurricane Harvey. BVCOG hosted two public hearings in accordance with to the guidelines provided in the Hurricane Harvey-Round 1 Councils of Governments Method of Distribution Guidelines. The first public hearing held June 13, 2018 focused on available funding opportunities, eligibility criteria, and MOD plan development. The second public hearing was conducted June 28, 2018 to receive public comment on the draft MOD.

BVCOG followed the BVCOG Citizen Participation Plan for Citizen and Non-Governmental Organizational outreach. Citizens and Non-Governmental Organizations were informed of the opportunity to participate in the Method of Distribution planning and development through several messaging means. Public meeting information was distributed by utilizing multiple local newspapers/medias, mass emails through normal BVCOG channels, letters to local organizations that provide services or housing for low to moderate income persons, public housing authorities, and such, and posting on the BVCOG website. BVCOG encouraged jurisdictions to inspire participation as well. Citizens, jurisdictions, and organizations had the availability to provide comments either orally during meetings, mail, or electronically to BVCOG.

Two forms, emails, letters and other methods were used to collect information and recommendations to the Method of Distribution. These forms were recorded as the Public Comment form and the other was the Commitment form. Jurisdictions completed commitment forms that addressed eligible needs which served as a foundation for drafting

MOD allocation justifications. BVCOG did not receive any Public Comment forms; however BVCOG did receive two public comments via email. The first public comment addressed a need for an animal shelter. This public comment was reviewed during the public hearing and was deemed inelible. The second public comment by email offered comments for strengthening BVCOG's draft MOD. The comments were reviewed with no additional action taken.

BVCOG's partnership with the jurisdictions, multiple public hearings, public service announcements, mass emails, and postings provided opportunities for the public to respond and address the Brazos Valley Method of Distributions for Hurricane Harvey.

First Public Hearing Information

Date/Time: June 13, 2018/1:30 p.m. Location: Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Board Room
 Attendance: 23 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Mail	6.7.18	Email date stamp of 6/7/2018 9:28 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivery		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mail	6.1.18	Letters were mailed to designated agencies and organizations: see attachment-mail merge

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	June 2, 2018	http://www.bvcog.org/programs/hurricane-harvey/ http://www.bvcog.org/programs/hurricane-harvey/

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"/>	<i>Brenham Press</i>	June 5, 2018	Clipping proof
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Eagle</i>	June 7, 2018	Affidavit of Publication
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Madisonville Meteor</i>	June 6, 2018	Affidavit of Publication
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Navasota examiner</i>	June 6, 2018	Affidavit of Publication

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 BVCOG uses on a daily basis a number of methods to communicate with non-English speaking citizens. BVCOG has Spanish speaking employees who can provide translation services. Plus, BVCOG subscribes to a phone service that

	provides translation services for multiple languages. If needed, BVCOG will provide in person translator services for Spanish and sign language if notified within 3 days of the meeting if services are requested. Information provided in mail outs, notices, and emails.
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Second Public Hearing Information¹

Date/Time: June 28, 2018 2:30 p.m. Location: Brazos Valley Council of Governments

Attendance: 11 (9) sign-in; (2) no-sign in 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Mail	6.14.18	Email date state 6/14/2018 4:48 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivery		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certified Mail		

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

	Method	Date Published	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	COG Website	6.14.18	http://www.bvcog.org/programs/hurricane-harvey/

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"/>	<i>Brenham Press</i>	June 19, 2018	Clipping Proof
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Eagle</i>	June 23, 2018	Affidavit of Publication
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Madisonville Meteor</i>	June 20, 2018	Affidavit of Publication
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Navasota Examiner</i>	June 20, 2018	Affidavit of Publication

Citizen Comment Documentation

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A summary of the citizen comments, responses, and meeting discussion is attached.	
	Describe any efforts to notify and accommodate those with modified communication needs, such as posting	The BVCOG uses on a daily basis a number of methods to communicate with non-English speaking citizens. BVCOG

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

information and providing interpretive services for other languages.

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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.

Four out of seven counties totaling (18) jurisdictions in the Brazos Valley were impacted by Hurricane Harvey due to severe flooding which damaged infrastructure, homes, business, and such. The Brazos Valley Council of Government's Method of Distribution focused on low-to-moderate income affected areas to restore infrastructure, housing, and increase the local economy. As every disaster is at the local level, each jurisdiction suffered differently requiring special attention to address those unmet needs. The MOD provided jurisdictions the flexibility of utilizing the much needed funding to address those specific shortfalls.

The MOD addressed providing equal funding opportunities as long as eligibility requirements were met; specifically for low-to-moderate income impacted areas and funding eligibility requirements. Sixteen out of eighteen jurisdictions met those infrastructure requirements whereas only one county was able to use the buyout/acquisition allocations. The equal allocation aligned with non-participating jurisdictions would then be augmented at the county level to continue distributing to the most impacted areas.

Due to the limited amount of Disaster Recovery CDBG funding to address all unmet needs, the MODs focused on ensuring citizens will be placed out of harm's way in case of future disasters, address damage roadways through drainage improvements, improve water and sewer systems, flood and drainage improvements, and other eligible activities. All activities will be focused on doing the most good for its citizens in preventing, preparing, and mitigating the effects of major disasters.

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 Buyout/Allocation program will enable jurisdictions to assist citizens especially those low-to-moderate income areas the ability to move away from flooding hazards. This program will improve resiliency, prevent repetitive loss, and reduce extreme risk to human health and safety.

Local Infrastructure projects will address drainage, sewer and water systems, road repair, and other activities. Efforts to address these needs will foster long term recovery for the communities that were impacted by the damage caused from the hurricane event. These projects will improve community continuity relieving the common stressed functionalities in providing the basic standard of care needs. The Local Infrastructure program will contribute to long-term recovery and restoration of housing in the HUD identified most impacted and distressed areas and all other areas by restoring, repairing and enhancing critical infrastructure that provides services and access to homes.



Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Statement

All sub recipients 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).

This Method of Distribution requires that all sub recipients to which funds are allocated must adhere to all program rules as established by GLO and/or HUD. The rules currently include a requirement that at least 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). Each sub recipient is responsible for meeting the LMI requirements within their jurisdiction.

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
1. Priority Needs with 70% dedicated to LMI 2. Redistribution	100%	Project Commitment Form Minutes	Grimes County is the only county in BVCOG that opted to utilize the program for Buyout and Acquisition. Grimes County was approved to use the full \$5,840,778 to address the needs in the county. Grimes County identified that only \$1,212,129 would be needed to complete projects in the jurisdiction. **The city of Todd Mission requested \$300,000 however does not meet the

			<p>minimum threshold. Grimes County will assist Todd Mission by increasing request amount to \$1,512,129. Grimes county will be managing the project as impacted areas may overlap.**</p> <p>Burleson, Madison, and Washington Counties opted-out of the Buyout & Acquisition program. The remaining unused funding, \$4,328,649 should be returned to the state to reallocate to the most impacted areas.</p> <p>Attendees during the public hearings and the public and Brazos Valley Board of Director's meeting approved the method.</p>
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*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 Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey (Section IV.F.2.d).

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"/>	Buyout	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activities designed to relocate families outside of floodplains
<input 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
Equal allocations for Priority Needs with 70% dedicated LMI	100%	Project Commitment Forms Minutes	The following counties and cities were deemed eligible to receive an equal portion of the \$3,007,825 funding: Burleson county, Cities of Caldwell, Snook, and Somerville; Grimes County, Cities of Anderson, Bedias, Iola, Navasota, Plantersville, and Todd Mission; Madison County, Cities of Madisonville, Midway, and Normangee; Washington County, Cities of Brenham and Burton. Each jurisdiction is eligible for up to \$167,101.39. Counties will receive unused or partial allocations from incorporated eligible city jurisdictions to reallocate within the county. Two jurisdictions, city of Plantersville and city of Burton, declined allocation. This will increase allocation funding based on the MOD methodology to Grimes and Washington County to receiving \$334,202.78 each. Funding unused by the county will be reallocated to a jurisdiction within the eligible BVCOG region. "Reallocation of funds from de-obligated funds and/or cost savings from completed projects will be the discretion of the GLO within the region" (p. 85 & 93,) IV. State Administered Disaster Recovery Program, F. GLO Use of Funds, 6. Local Infrastructure Sections, a. Local MOD Requirements, vii. The GLO will strongly consider the COG and County's suggestions for reallocation of funds within the region.

*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 Disaster 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:

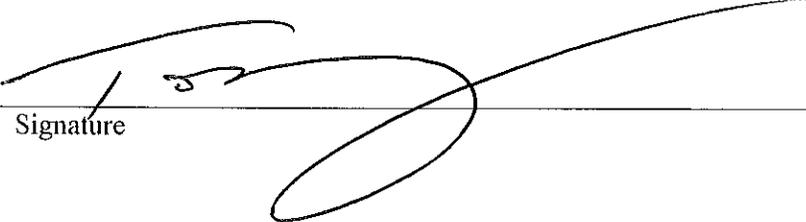
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The COG has chosen not to limit Grantees in the region to projects meeting regional priority activities.	
-OR-		
<input type="checkbox"/>	The COG has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:	
<input type="checkbox"/>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

9/5/18

 Date

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Brazos Valley Council of Governments
Method of Distribution
for
Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Programs
June 28, 2018

Background

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$5.024 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to the state of Texas in response to Hurricane Harvey, DR-4332, through the publication of the Federal Register, Vol. 83, No. 28, Friday, February 9, 2018. This allocation was made available through the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2017 that allocated \$7.4 billion in CDBG-DR funds in response to major disasters declared in 2017. The GLO has been designated by the Governor to administer the CDBG-DR funds on behalf of the State of Texas.

The State of Texas completed a needs assessment to identify long-term needs and priorities for CDBG-DR funding allocated as a result of Hurricane Harvey. This assessment takes into account a comprehensive set of data sources that cover multiple geographies and sectors and was completed according to the guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Federal Register, Vol. 83, No. 28. The information focuses on the statewide impacts and the impacts on the 49 CDBG-DR eligible counties. The information for the assessment was compiled using federal and state sources, including information from FEMA, HUD, TDEM, SBA, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and other federal and state agencies. These need assessments include specific details about unmet needs within the eligible and most impacted and distressed communities.

The Texas General Land Office determined that four out of seven counties in the Brazos Valley region met the eligibility requirements: Burleson, Grimes, Madison, and Washington counties. The Brazos Valley has been budgeted for a combined \$19,548,511 through three programs to address unmet needs. The three programs are the Homeowner Assistance Program, Local Buyout/Acquisition Program, and the Local Infrastructure Program.

- **Homeowner Assistance Program** (\$10,699,908) will rehabilitate and reconstruct owner-occupied single family homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. As recommended by HUD, the GLO will use a state-run model for the Homeowner Assistance Program. The GLO will administer this program with the assistance of state-approved builders and contractors.
- **Local Buyout and Acquisition Program** (\$5,840,778) offers local governments the opportunity to buyout or acquire eligible homes at a pre-storm or post-storm fair market value to move homeowners out of harm's way to a lower-risk area. Local units of government (cities and counties) and entities with eminent domain authority will administer

this program. BVCOG will develop a method of distribution (MOD) for the following funds for eligible cities and counties.

- **Local Infrastructure Program** (\$3,007,825) provides funding relief for repairs, enhancement and restoration of infrastructure for communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey as part of a comprehensive long-term recovery program. Match for FEMA Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs may be eligible. BVCOG will develop a method of distribution (MOD) for the following funds for eligible cities and counties.

BVCOG Responsibility

Local MOD guidelines will require that BVCOG follow a citizen participation process. BVCOG is required to publish notice of any public hearings prior holding the hearings. Notices shall be published in all newspapers of record for all eligible counties in the region, posted on the COG website at www.bvco.org and provided to all eligible cities and counties in the region. Hearings must fully comply with Texas Open Meetings Act. BVCOG will provide reasonable accommodations for persons attending BVCOG functions. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by BVCOG staff 48 hours prior to a meeting. The public hearing will be conducted in English and requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Participants should call 979-595-2800 assistance.

The MOD shall be posted on BVCOG's website for public comment prior to submission to the GLO. The public comment period shall be no less than 14 days. Each comment shall be responded to and any changes made to the final MOD shall be noted in the response section for GLO review. The MOD will be presented to the board of directors for final review and approval.

Public Notification and Input Process

BVCOG will conduct a series of public hearings with local leaders and Brazos Valley Citizens for requesting input on planning priorities and public comments for the Buyout & Acquisition program and the Infrastructure program Method of Distribution. BVCOG has scheduled two formal public hearings on June 13, 2018 and June 28, 2018 for planning and receiving public comments on the proposed method of distribution. The meetings will be held at the Brazos Valley Council of Governments located at 3991 East 29th St. Bryan TX.

BVCOG used a variety of methods to disseminate information to the Brazos Valley citizens. These methods included local newspaper announcements in local newspapers, mass email distributions, public service announcements, written letters to agencies and organizations that provide direct contact with citizens in the low to moderate income categories and BVCOG social media outlets. Both meetings were posted with the Secretary of State's Texas Register/Open meetings webpage. These notices were published between June 7 and June 10, 2018.

Public comments and questions can be received by BVCOG either by written statements addressed to BVCOG Attn: Public Comments for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recover, 3991 East

29th St, Bryan, TX 77802, by email listed on the BVCOG website, or by phone to Roger Sheridan at (979) 595-2801 ext 2040.

Method of Distribution

BVCOG held a MOD workgroup meeting June 5, 2018 and hosted a Public Hearing “Planning Meeting” June 13, 2018 to develop the Methods of Distribution for the Buyout and Acquisition Program and Infrastructure Program for the eligible jurisdictions. The MOD recommendations focused on jurisdictional needs and each jurisdiction receiving funding opportunities. Jurisdictions will adhere to the State Action Plan and Method of Distribution guidance set forth by the Texas General Land Office.

Buyout and Acquisition MOD:

- Burleson, Madison, and Washington Counties opted to not use the Buyout and Acquisition program.
- Grimes County opted to utilize the program for the Buyout and Acquisition.
- Grimes County may use the full \$5,840,778 as need to address needs in the county.
- All funds not used by Grimes County will be released back to the state to assist other impacted jurisdictions to address unmet needs.

Infrastructure MOD:

- All eighteen (18) eligible jurisdictions will receive equal allocations of the \$3,007,825 regional allocation.
- Jurisdictions will receive \$167,101.38 in infrastructure funding to address water/waste water management, all eligible funding matches, and infrastructure restoration priorities.
- The following counties and cities were deemed eligible to receive funding
 - Burleson County; Cities of Caldwell, Snook, and Somerville
 - Grimes County; Cities of Anderson, Bedias, Iola, Navasota, Plantersville, and Todd Mission
 - Madison County; Cities of Madisonville, Midway, and Normangee
 - Washington County; Cities of Brenham and Burton
- Counties will receive unused or partial allocations from incorporated eligible city jurisdictions to reallocate within the county.
- Funding unused by the county will be reallocated to a jurisdiction within the eligible BVCOG region with the greatest need based on project priorities.

Resolution

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION FOR THE ALLOCATION OF HURRICANE HARVEY DISASTER FUNDING

- WHEREAS, the Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG), a regional planning commission organized under provisions of chapter 570, Acts, 59th Legislature, Regular Session 1965 (codified as Article 1011m V.T.C.S.), is given area wide planning responsibility for Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington counties; and,
- WHEREAS, on February 9, 2018 the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the allocation of \$5.024 billion dollars in disaster recovery assistance to the State of Texas; and
- WHEREAS, The Texas General Land Office (GLO) developed an Action Plan approved by HUD on June 25, 2018, which allocated funds to local governments for the local residential buyout/acquisition and local infrastructure programs through Methods of Distributions (MODs) developed by the COGs, of which, \$5,840,778 was allocated for the local buyout/acquisition program and \$3,007,825 was allocated for the infrastructure program in the Brazos Valley; and
- WHEREAS, in June 2018 the BVCOG conducted two public hearings and established the Method of Distribution of disaster recovery assistance to local governments within the Brazos Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BRAZOS VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

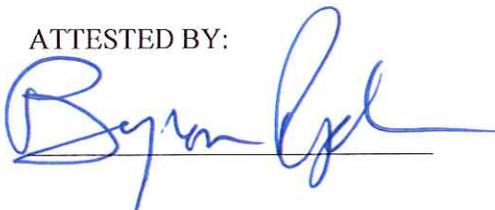
1. That the Brazos Valley Council of Government accepts and approves the Method of Distribution (MOD) for Hurricane Harvey – Round 1.
2. That the Brazos Valley Council of Government reviewed and accepts into the MOD, the comments made during the public meetings held to review the MOD.
3. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Brazos Valley Council of Governments Meeting, this 11th day of July, 2018.



BVCOG Chair

ATTESTED BY:



Allocation Summary Spreadsheet

**BVCOG MOD Hurricane Harvey
Buy Out Acquisition**

City, County or Eligible Entity	First Distribution Factor:				Entity Weighted Factor Total (EWftot)	Weighted Factor Total (WFtot)	Proportional Weighted Factor (PWF) EWftot/WFtot	Housing - Allocation for Formulaic Distribution (AFD)	Proportional Distribution PWF x AFD	70% Allocation to LMI
	Maximum Factor		1.0000							
	Factor Weight:		100							
	Priority Need (FM)	Factor Measure Maximum (FMmax)	Weight (W)	Weighted Factor Wx(FM/FMmax)						
Grimes County	1	18.0000	100	5.555555556	5.555555556	5.555555556	1	\$1,512,129.00	\$1,512,129.00	\$1,058,490.30
Weighted Factor Total:					5.555555556		1.00	\$1,512,129.00	\$1,058,490.30	

*Grimes County will request \$1,512,129. All other jurisdictions opted out of the Buyout and Acquisition Program.

*Todd Mission request \$300,000 which does not meet minimum threshold

*Grimes County will augment initial request of \$1,212,129 with Todd Mission for a total of \$1,512,129

*Remaining regional allocation will be returned to the state for reallocating to jurisdictions with greater needs

*Total return to the state is \$4,328,649

**BVCOG Method of Distribution
Infrastructure**

City or County	First Distribution Factor: Want				Second Distribution Factor: Redistribute				Entity Weighted Factor Total (EWFtot)	Weighted Factor Total (WFtot)	Proportional Weighted Factor (PWF) EWFtot/WFtot	Infrastructure - Allocation for Formulaic Distribution (AFD)	Proportional Distribution PWF x AFD	70% LMI Benefit Requirement
	Maximum Factor	1.0000			Maximum Factor Measure:	1.0000								
	Factor Weight:	89.89			Factor Weight:	11.11								
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Caldwell	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Snook	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Somerville	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Grimes County	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5	1	2	11	5.5	11	99	0.111111111	\$3,007,825.00	\$334,202.78	\$233,941.94
Anderson	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Bedias	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Iola	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Navasota	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Plantersville	0.00	18.0000	99	0		2	11	0	0	99	0.000000000	\$3,007,825.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Todd Mission	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Madison County	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5	0	2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Madisonville	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Midway	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Normangee	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Washington County	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5	1	2	11	5.5	11	99	0.111111111	\$3,007,825.00	\$334,202.78	\$233,941.94
Brenham	1.00	18.0000	99	5.5		2	11	0	5.5	99	0.055555556	\$3,007,825.00	\$167,101.39	\$116,970.97
Burton	0.00	18.0000	99	0		2	11	0	0	99	0.000000000	\$3,007,825.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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*Plantersville and Burton opted out of the Local Infrastructure Program. The second distribution factor, "reallocation of unused funds" shows their portion of the money going to their counties.

*Due to rounding the total is \$0.02 over. To adjust for this the two counties that are getting the reallocated money will be deducted \$0.01 each.

Citizen Participation Plan



Citizen Participation Plan

COG Method of Distribution

Hurricane Harvey CDBG-Disaster Recovery Allocation

Summary Information

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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:

BVCOG will use the following primary methods to communicate with citizens:

- Local newspaper advertisements
- Email lists available through normal BVCOG channels
- Public service announcements delivered to local media
- BVCOG social media outlets and website

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:

BVCOG will send written notice to the following entities:

- BVMHMR
- BV Affordable Housing Corporation
- Navasota Public housing authority
- Madisonville Public Housing Authority
- Brenham Public Housing Authority
- Local Health and Human Service Organizations
- United Way of the Brazos Valley
- Red Cross
- Faith Mission
- Twin City Mission

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:

BVCOG will make personal phone calls to appropriate staff at the following agencies:

- Brazos Center for Independent Living
- Legal Aid of the Brazos Valley

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 BVCOG uses on a daily basis a number of methods to communicate with non-English speaking citizens. BVCOG has Spanish speaking employees who can provide translation services. Plus, BVCOG subscribes to a phone service that provides translation services for multiple languages. If needed, BVCOG will provide in-person translator services for sign language.

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: 12:00 pm June 14, 2018 Website Address: BVCOG.ORG

Public Hearings Scheduling Information

Public Planning Meeting – 1st Public Hearing

Date/Time: 1:30pm June 13, 2018 Location: Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Board Rm

2nd Public Hearing During Comment Period

Date/Time: 2:30pm June 28, 2018 Location: Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Brazos Rm A

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 7, 2018

Dates Notice of Hearings will be published on the COG's Website: June 7, 2018

Dates Notice of Hearings will be published in regional newspaper(s): June 10, 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:

The BVCOG has a long tradition of public meetings and is in full compliance with the ADA. BVCOG is located in Bryan, TX and is centrally located within the region. BVCOG is on Brazos Transit District bus routes and is served by Brazos Transit District paratransit service.

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:

The BVCOG uses on a daily basis a number of methods to communicate with non-English speaking citizens. BVCOG has Spanish speaking employees who can provide translation services. Plus, BVCOG subscribes to a phone service that provides translation services for multiple languages. If needed, BVCOG will provide in person translator services for Spanish and sign language if notified within 3 days of the meeting if services are requested.

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:

BVCOG staff has taken the opportunity to correspond with local media. We have encouraged local print, radio and TV to support the outreach effort.

Meeting #1 Materials

AGENDA

**Brazos Valley Council of Governments
Hurricane Harvey Method of Distribution
Buyout and Acquisition
&
Local Infrastructure
Public Planning Meeting
1:30 June 13, 2018**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Public Planning Meeting Objectives**
- IV. Texas General Land Office: Community Development and Revitalization Program Overview**
- V. Funding Allocation Methodology**
- VI. Public Comments**
- VII. Important Dates**
 - A. Local Infrastructure MOD Public Comments Posting 1200 June 14, 2018
 - B. Public Hearing “2” June 28, 2018
 - C. Local Infrastructure MOD Public Comments Closing 1200 June 29, 2018
- VIII. Adjourn**

Roger Sheridan

From: Robert Santarsiero
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 8:45 AM
To: Roger Sheridan
Subject: FW: S.O.S. Acknowledgment of Receipt

Here's the receipt from the State. I'll drop a copy into the Public Hearing file on the Z drive.

-----Original Message-----

From: TexReg@sos.texas.gov [mailto:TexReg@sos.texas.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 8:44 AM
To: Robert Santarsiero <Robert.Santarsiero@bvcog.org>
Subject: S.O.S. Acknowledgment of Receipt

Acknowledgment of Receipt

Agency: Brazos Valley Council of Governments

Liaison: Robert Santarsiero

The Office of the Secretary of State has posted

notice of the following meeting:

Board: Brazos Valley Council of Governments

Committee: Hurricane Harvey MOD Public Planning Meeting

Date: 06/13/2018 01:30 PM "TRD# 2018005859"

Notice posted: 06/07/18 08:43 AM

Proofread your current open meeting notice at:

[http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/pub_om_lookup\\$.startup?Z_TRD=2018005859](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/pub_om_lookup$.startup?Z_TRD=2018005859)



Hurricane Harvey



**Method of Distribution
Planning Meeting**

June 13, 2018



AGENDA



- I. Call to Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Planning Meeting Objectives**
- IV. Texas GLO: Community Development and Revitalization Program Overview**
- V. Funding Availability**
- VI. Developing Funding Method of Distributions**
- VII. Important Dates**



OBJECTIVES



- 1. Understand available programs**
- 2. Identify eligible jurisdictional “unmet” needs**
- 3. Develop a Method of Distribution (MOD) plan that addresses “unmet” needs**



GLO STATE ACTION PLAN



- **Total Allocation: \$5,024,215,000**
 - ▶ **\$4,019,372,000 (80%) to HUD Most Impacted Areas**
- **GLO Programs**
 - ▶ **Homeowner Assistance**
 - ▶ **Local Buy and Acquisition**
 - ▶ **Homelessness Prevention**
 - ▶ **Affordable Rental**
 - ▶ **Local Infrastructure**
 - ▶ **Economic Revitalization**
 - ▶ **Local, Regional, & State Planning**



GLO STATE ACTION PLAN



- **Local needs assessments and affirmative marketing outreach plans to be developed for Homeowner Assistance Program.**
- **COGs will develop local MODs for buyout and infrastructure funds to determine allocations to local units of government**



GLO STATE ACTION PLAN



➤ **General Requirements per Federal Register**

- ▶ **70% of funds must be spent on low-to moderate income projects**
- ▶ **CDBG-DR funds must be spent within 2 years of the date HUD obligated funds; expend 100% on eligible activities in (6) years**
- ▶ **CDBG-DR funds may be used as the match for federal programs**



Funding Availability



- **Home Owners Assistance: \$10,699,908**
 - ▶ Provides funding for rehabilitation and reconstruction of owner-occupied single-family homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey.
 - ▶ GLO will administer the program
 - ▶ Assistance from state-approved builders and contractors



Funding Availability



- **Local Buyout & Acquisition: \$5,840,778**
 - ▶ Local governments may buyout or acquire eligible homes at a pre-storm or post-storm fair market value
 - ▶ Move homeowners out of harm's way outside of a floodplain to a lower-risk area.
 - ▶ Cities, Counties & Eminent Domain will administer programs
 - ▶ COG will develop the MOD



Funding Availability



➤ **Local Infrastructure: \$3,007,825**

- ▶ **Repairs, enhances and restores infrastructure for local communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey as part of a comprehensive long-term recovery program.**
- ▶ **Match for FEMA Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs may be eligible.**



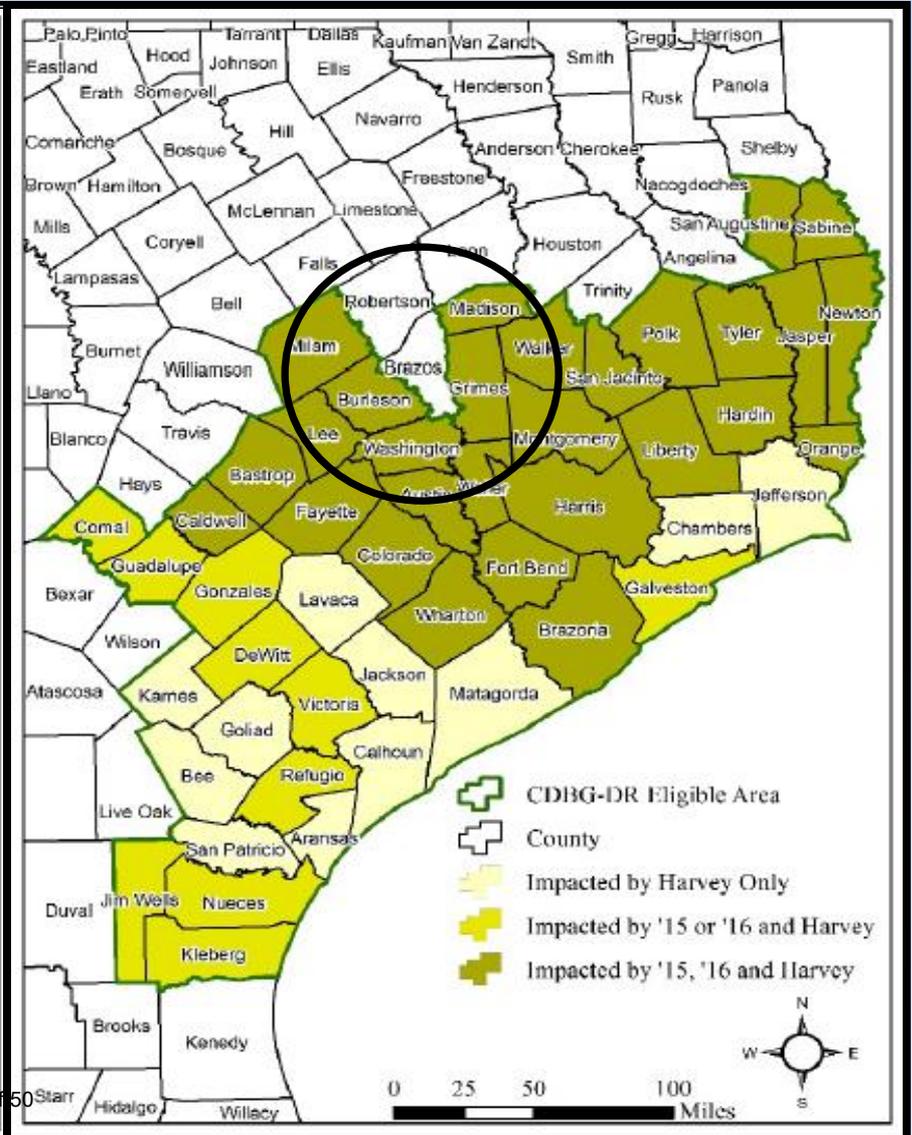
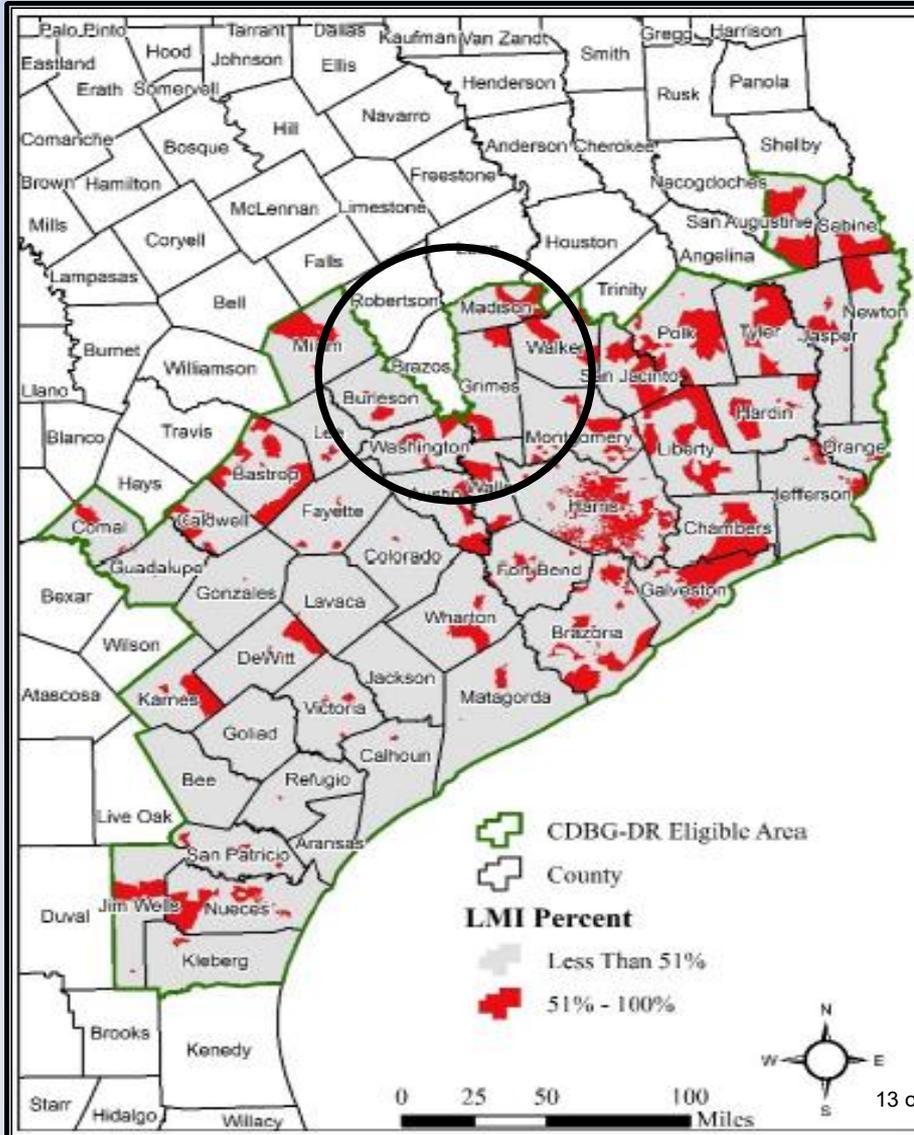
City/County Impacted

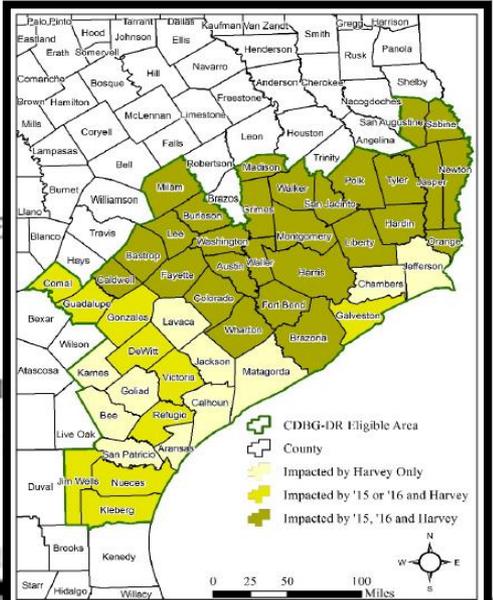
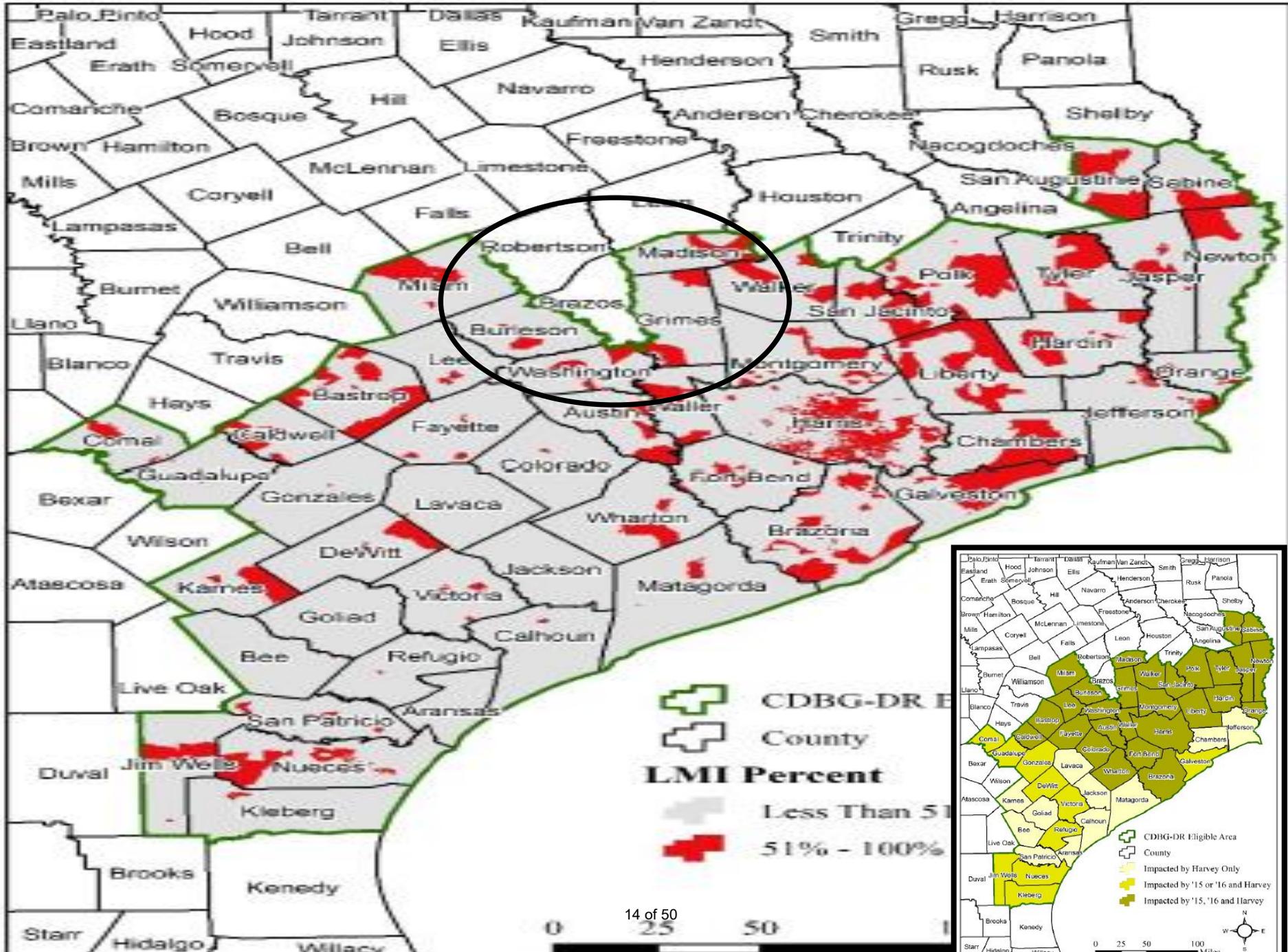


1. Caldwell	Burleson
2. Snook	Burleson
3. Somerville	Burleson
4. Anderson	Grimes
5. Bedias	Grimes
6. Iola	Grimes
7. Navasota	Grimes
8. Plantersville	Grimes
9. Todd Mission	Grimes
10. Madisonville	Madison
11. Midway	Madison
12. Normangee	Madison
13. Brenham	Washington
14. Burton	Washington



City/County Impacted







BUYOUT & ACQUISITION



➤ MOD Requirements

- ▶ Establish objective criteria for allocation
- ▶ \$1,000,000 minimum to any local entity
- ▶ Prioritize Projects
- ▶ 70% directed to LMI



BUYOUT & ACQUISITION



➤ Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Buyouts
- ▶ Acquisition
- ▶ Relocation assistance w/ buyout or acquisition activities
- ▶ Down-payment for activities
- ▶ Demolition only
- ▶ Activities designed to relocate outside flood plain
- ▶ 15% Cap-housing counseling, legal, job aid, ...



MOD DEVELOPMENT



➤ Buyout & Acquisition Draft MOD Methodology

- ▶ **Washington & Madison County** will not request Buyout and Acquisition funding
- ▶ **Grimes County** will request Buyout funding and submit total request
- ▶ **Burleson County** will need to declare if Buyout funding will be requested
- ▶ Any remaining Buyout and Acquisition funding not requested will be returned to the State for reallocating



LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE



➤ MOD Requirements

- ▶ Establish objective criteria for allocation
- ▶ \$100,000 minimum to any local entity
- ▶ Prioritize Projects
- ▶ 70% directed to LMI



LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE



➤ Eligible Activities

- ▶ Flood control and drainage repair/improvements
- ▶ Infrastructure Restoration such as water and sewer facilities, streets, generators, debris removal, bridges, etc..
- ▶ Demo/rehab of publicly or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings, and code enforcement
- ▶ Economic Development (small business)
- ▶ Public Service (job training...15% cap)



MOD DEVELOPMENT



➤ Infrastructure Draft MOD Methodology

- ▶ Eligible Jurisdictions will receive an opportunity for equal allocation
- ▶ Project priorities are **Water/Wastewater management** and **matching funds**
- ▶ Jurisdictions will declare need for Infrastructure Allocation
 - » Funds not allocated by a jurisdiction will roll into County allotment for reallocating
 - » Funds not used by County will be returned to the COG for reallocation based on priority type projects



MOD DEVELOPMENT



➤ Allocation: 18 Jurisdictions (\$167,101.38)

- ▶ **Burleson County; city of Caldwell, Snook, and Somerville (4)**
- ▶ **Grimes County; city of Anderson, Bedias, Iola, Navasota, Plantersville, and Todd Mission (7)**
- ▶ **Madison County; city of Madisonville, Midway, and Normangee (4)**
- ▶ **Washington County; city of Brenham and Burton (3)**



MOD DEVELOPMENT



➤ MOD Methodology

- ▶ **Weighted Formula (captured damage data)**
 - > Points-LMI
 - > Points-priority type project (flood control, drainage repair, road & bridge, generators)
 - > Points-Public Assistance Use
- ▶ **Prioritized “unmet needs”**
- ▶ **Population %**
- ▶ **??**



MOD DEVELOPMENT



➤ Divide by (4)

	Buyout	Infrastructure
➤ Burleson	\$1,460,194.50	\$751,956.25
➤ Grimes	\$1,460,194.50	\$751,956.25
➤ Madison	\$1,460,194.50	\$751,956.25
➤ Washington	<u>\$1,460,194.50</u>	<u>\$751,956.25</u>
	\$5,840,778	\$3,007,825



MOD DEVELOPMENT



➤ Estimated Populations

▶ Burleson	18,011	19%
▶ Grimes	28,082	29%
▶ Madison	14,222	15%
▶ Washington	<u>35,056</u>	<u>37%</u>
	95,371	100%



TIMELINE



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLO Workshop | May 22th |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizen Participation Plan | May 31th |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BVCOG Workshop | June 5th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing #1 | June 13th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Opening Comments | June 14th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing #2 | June 28th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Closing Comments | June 29th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BVCOG Board of Directors | July 11th |



Information



➤ Informational Links

▶ www.glo.texas.org

▶ www.Texasrebuilds.org

▶ www.bvcog.org

> <http://www.bvcog.org/programs/hurricane-harvey/>



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Brazos Valley Council of Governments

Hurricane Harvey Public Hearing

1:30 pm Wednesday, June 13, 2018

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Hurricane Harvey Public Hearing

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Olivia Alvarado	BUCOG			Olivia Alvarado
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- I. Call to Order** 1:40 p.m.
- II. Introductions**
- III. Public Planning Meeting Objectives**
- IV. Texas General Land Office: Community Development and Revitalization Program Overview**

BVCOG is creating the Method of Distribution (MOD) for the buyout and infrastructure program. GLO is working directly with individuals for the Homeowners Assistance Program. General requirements for funding include: 70% must be spent on low-to-moderate income projects, CDBG-DR funds must be spent in 2 years of it being obligated, expend 100% on eligible activities in 6 years, CDBG-DR funds may also be used as match for federal programs.

- V. Funding Allocation Methodology**

Washington and Madison County opted-out of buyout funds at the workshop. Burleson County opted-out and agreed to reallocate funds Grimes County doesn't use back to the state. Everyone approved.

When discussing infrastructure funds, GLO clarified that all money through this grant needs to be given to projects in LMI areas, so each county must follow this guideline. Therefore, if enough projects are done in LMI areas in a county to reach 70% of the funds given to that county, then another project would not be required to be in an LMI area.

The priorities set for infrastructure projects at the workshop were water/wastewater management and match programs. Burleson County had roads damaged during the hurricane and wanted roads added to the priority list. Everyone approved.

The draft Method of Distribution created at the workshop divides all infrastructure funds evenly between 18 jurisdictions, which includes every city and county. If jurisdictions can't use money then it goes to the county to redistribute to other jurisdictions that have eligible projects. Everyone approved. If a county can't use the money then it gets sent to BVCOG for the board to redistribute to another jurisdiction in the region. They will choose projects based on the projects each jurisdiction submits for the MOD and the priorities approved. Everyone agreed.

- VI. Public Comments**

It was clarified that if a jurisdiction could not submit a project to BVCOG before the draft MOD is submitted for public comment then the county would get that share. GLO mentioned that funds should be distributed in the fall. They are still waiting on HUD to

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approve the agreement but they are working ahead so once it's approved they have everything in order. It was said that the state managing the Homeowner Assistance Program will not succeed. GLO does not have enough people or knowledge of regions/towns to handle each case and contractor. Also, small jurisdictions would not have the manpower or money to complete the lengthy grant process. GLO said they will have each grant administrator be someone who lives in the region.

VII. Important Dates

- A. Local Infrastructure MOD Public Comments Posting 1200 June 14, 2018
- B. Public Hearing "2" June 28, 2018
- C. Local Infrastructure MOD Public Comments Closing 1200 June 29, 2018

VIII. Adjourn 2:22 p.m.

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Hurricane Harvey

Solicitation for Public Comment

The Brazos Valley Council of Governments Method of Distribution (MOD) for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds, DR-4332 in response to Hurricane Harvey will be made available for public comment from 1200 Wednesday August 22, 2018 to 1200 Wednesday September 5, 2018. The additional (14) day Public Comment Period will enable the public an additional opportunity to review the final MOD based on the planning and recommendations of the jurisdictions for the eligible jurisdictions in the Burleson, Grimes, Madison, and Washington Counties.

The Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG) previously collected public comments for the Method of Distribution (MOD) for \$5,840,778.00 in Local Buyout/Acquisition Funds, and \$3,007,825.00 in Local Infrastructure Funds. BVCOG hosted two public hearings in accordance with to the guidelines provided in the Hurricane Harvey-Round 1 Councils of Governments Method of Distribution Guidelines. The first public hearing held June 13, 2018 focused on available funding opportunities, eligibility criteria, and MOD plan development. The second public hearing was conducted June 28, 2018 to receive public comment on the draft MOD. BVCOG followed the BVCOG Citizen Participation Plan for Citizen and Non-Governmental Organizational outreach. Citizens and Non-Governmental Organizations were informed of the opportunity to participate in the Method of Distribution planning and development through several messaging means. Public meeting information was distributed by utilizing multiple local newspapers/medias, mass emails through normal BVCOG channels, letters to local organizations that provide services or housing for low to moderate income persons, public housing authorities, and such, and posting on the BVCOG website. BVCOG encouraged jurisdictions to inspire participation as well. Citizens, jurisdictions, and organizations had the availability to provide comments either orally during meetings, mail, or electronically to BVCOG.

[BVCOG Harvey Method of Distribution Summary](#)

Quick Links

Careers
Employment Opportunities with BVCOG

GED Classes
with the Housing Choice Voucher Program

Volunteer Now!
with the Volunteer Center Brazos Valley

Making Your Mark

Roger Sheridan

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Subject: Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR Funding Final MOD for Public Comments
Attachments: Public Comment Sheet 8.22.18.docx

Brazos Valley,

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Written comments using the "Public Comment Sheet" may be submitted by hand-delivery, mail, or email by 12:00 p.m. on September 5, 2018. Public Comments will be reviewed and given consideration for action with findings provided to the General Land Office.

Correspondence should be addressed to Roger Sheridan, Public Safety Manager, 3991 E. 29th St, Bryan, TX 77802 or emailed to Recovery@bvcog.org.

Regards,

Roger O. Sheridan, MEM
Manager, Public Safety Planning
Brazos Valley Council of Governments (Region 13)

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Bryan, Texas 77802
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BRAZOS VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
P.O. DRAWER 4128 · BRYAN, TEXAS 77805-4128

Twin City Mission Attention: Sandra Hoelscher
P.O. Box 3490
Bryan, TX 77805

June 1, 2018

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Faith Mission Attention: Randy Wells
500 East Academy St
Brenham, TX 77833

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Lone Star Legal Aid Attention: Brenda Gonzalez
1714 East 29th St
Bryan, TX 77802

June 1, 2018

Dear Ms. Gonzalez;

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Brazos Center for Independent Living Attention: Shelby Catron
1869 Briarcrest Dr
Bryan, TX 77802

June 1, 2018

Dear Ms. Catron;

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Brenham Housing Authority Attention: Vince Michel
1801 Northview Cr. Dr.
Brenham, TX 77833

June 1, 2018

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Madisonville Housing Authority Attention: Robin Cornelius
601 S. Madison
Madisonville, TX 77864

June 1, 2018

Dear Ms. Cornelius;

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Navasota Housing Authority Attention: Karen LaRue
553 Allen White Drive
Navasota, TX 77868

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Dear Ms. LaRue;

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Caldwell Housing Authority Attention: Marie Norman
P.O. Box 596
Caldwell, TX 77836

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MHMR of the Brazos Valley Attention: Robert Reed
PO Box 4588
Bryan, TX 77805

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United Way Brazos Valley Attention: Alison Prince
1716 Briarcrest Dr, Ste 155
Bryan, TX 77802

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Red Cross Attention: Nate Kidwell
4244 Boonville Rd
Bryan, TX 77808

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P.O. DRAWER 4128 · BRYAN, TEXAS 77805-4128

Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corp. Attention: Paul Turney
4001 East 29th St
Bryan, TX 77802

June 1, 2018

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Twin City Mission Attention: Doug Weedon
PO Box 3490
Bryan, TX 77805

June 1, 2018

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Brazos Valley Community Action Programs Attention: Bryan Jones
1733 Briarcrest Dr., Suite 111
Bryan, TX 77802

June 1, 2018

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B/CS Habitat for Humanity Attention: Julie Gurnon
119 Lake Street
Bryan, TX 77801

June 1, 2018

Dear Ms. Gurnon;

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Robert Santarsiero

From: Robert Santarsiero
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 9:28 AM
To: 'Alison Prince'; 'Amy Hilburn'; 'Bill & Patricia Perry'; 'Bill Perry'; 'Billy Huggins, Robertson County EMC'; 'Brian Hilton, Emergency Mgmt. Coord., College Station'; 'Bryan D. Ruemke, Washington County EMS'; 'Byron Ryder, County Judge, Leon County'; 'Carl Collins'; 'Cary, Richard'; 'Charles Barnes'; 'Charles Booker (Charles.Booker@txdps.state.tx.us)'; 'Chief Herbert Gilbert'; 'Chief Williams'; 'Chris Sanders'; 'christopher.raia@ic.fbi.gov'; 'Craig Anderson'; 'Curtis Darby'; 'Dant Lange, Lieutenant, Brenham Police Dept.'; 'David Lilly, Emergency Management, Grimes County'; 'David Welch'; 'Dean Stanford'; 'Dean Stanford, Leon County'; 'Debbie Reeder'; 'Dee Craft'; 'Doug Zwiener'; 'Duane Strange'; 'Eddie Ocanas'; 'Eric Buske, Chief of Police, Bryan'; 'Gene Hermes'; 'J. D. Cornelius, Sergeant, Madisonville CISD'; 'Jason Katoski'; 'Jason Ware'; 'Jennifer Taylor'; 'Jerry R. Henry, Emergency Mgmt. Coord., City of Bryan'; 'Jerry Stover, Chief Deputy, Robertson County Sheriff Dept.'; 'Jessica Murphy'; 'Jim Carrigan'; 'Jim Soefje'; 'Jim Stewart, Chief Deputy, Brazos County Sheriff Dept.'; 'Katherine Dornak, Grimes County 9-1-1'; 'Keith Nickelson, Robertson County Commissioner Pct-3'; 'Keith Pettit'; 'Keith rekieta'; 'Kenneth Utz, South Brazos County VFD'; 'Kevin Deramus, EMS Director, Washington County'; 'Kirk Hanath - Washington County (commissioner3@wacounty.com)'; 'Lance Pavelka, Chief of Police, Buffalo'; 'Larry Shiver, Madison County Sheriff Dept.'; 'LeAnthony Dykes, Robertson County Constable, Pct. 4'; 'Legros, Jesse'; 'Leslie Lutz, Emergency Mgmt/Health & Safety-TAMU'; 'Lind Schumacher (Washington County EMS)'; 'Matt Silcox'; 'Mayor of Buffalo'; 'Melissa Abney'; 'Michele D. Bailey-Meade'; 'Mike Macha'; 'Monica Martinez, TAMU Safety & Security'; 'Nate Kidwell'; 'O'Neal, Steven'; 'Patrick C. Corley, Executive Director, Brazos 9-1-1'; 'Philip Mundine (Mayor of Kurten)'; 'Phyllis Taylor, R. N., DSHS'; 'Randy McGregor, Fire Chief, City of Bryan'; 'Rena Ferrell'; 'Ricky Boeker, Fire Chief/EMC, City of Brenham'; 'Rita Baty City of Buffalo (grants@buffalotex.com)'; 'Robert Meyer'; 'roger.sheridan@bvcog.org'; 'Ronnie Vitulli'; 'Royce Dawkins, City of Buffalo'; 'Ryan Clements'; 'Shelly Butts, Emergency Management Coordinator, Madison County'; 'Steve Aldrich'; 'Steve Misterek, Robertson County'; 'Todd Greene, Chief Deputy, Grimes County Sheriff Office'; 'Toney Mantey'; 'Travis Neeley, Sheriff, Madison County'; 'Tyler Ogle'; 'Will Miller'; 'William R. Loesch, M.D., TAMU Health Science Center'

Subject: GLO Hurricane Harvey Public Hearing Notices

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Roger O. Sheridan, MEM

Manager, Public Safety Planning
Brazos Valley Council of Governments (Region 13)

3991 E. 29th Street
Bryan, Texas 77802
Office: (979) 595 2801 ext 2040
Cell: (979) 220-7652
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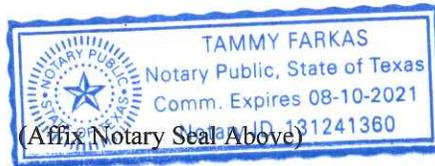
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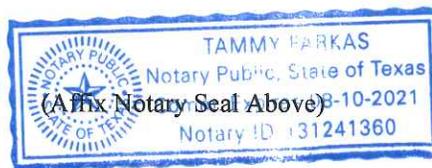
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Recently, my wife and I [redacted] We worked hard to paint [redacted] God was doing next door. [redacted] prayers forever offered [redacted] 62:1-2 says, "My [redacted] up for these precious finds rest in God al

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Construction Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

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Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

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City of Madisonville Camilla Viator, City Manager June, 2018

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

This Notice is given under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued on May 1, 2018, in Cause No. CIVI-18366 of the Honorable County Court at Law No. One of Victoria County, Texas in favor of HARDIN TUBULAR SALES, INC. (Plaintiff). Plaintiff recovered a judgment on March 14, 2018 against FIVE STAR PETROLEUM, LLC, CIMARRON, LTD., and FLAMINGO EAST TEXAS II OIL & GAS, LLC for the sum of \$42,833.05, which includes the principal sum of \$35,333.05 and \$7,500.00 in attorney's fees and post judgment interest rate of 5% per annum from the date of the judgment until paid, plus \$565.00 court costs. A payment of \$20,000.00 has since been applied to the judgment. THEREFORE, out of property of the said FIVE STAR PETROLEUM, LLC, CIMARRON, LTD., and FLAMINGO EAST TEXAS II OIL & GAS, LLC, Defendants, subject to execution by law, shall be made the sum of \$22,833.05, which includes the principal of \$15,333.05 and \$7,500.00 attorney's fees and post-judgment interest rate of 5% per annum from the date of the judgment until paid, plus \$565.00 court costs, and the further cost of executing the Order of Sale. I have levied on 6-1-2018, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. and will offer for sale and sell on July 3, 2018 at the courthouse of Madison County, Madisonville, Texas, at the courthouse door between the hours of ten o'clock a.m. and four o'clock p.m. any and all right, title, interest and claim which the said defendants FIVE STAR PETROLEUM, LLC, CIMARRON, LTD., and FLAMINGO EAST TEXAS II OIL & GAS, LLC had in the following described REAL PROPERTY situated in Madison County, Texas viz:

The mineral property described in Affidavits filed in Volume 1616, Page 268, and Volume 1630, Page 48, Official Records of Madison County, Texas, covering 229.02 acres located in the J. R. Parker Survey, A-183, Brice Little Survey, A-148, said mineral property includes the Foster #1 Well, and has an address of 1971 Fellowship Lane, Madisonville, Texas

SALE WILL BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00A.M.

TERMS: CASH

TRAVIS NEELY, SHERIFF
Madison County, Texas

By *[Signature]*
TIM JACKSON, Deputy

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Signed Ana I. Cesino

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION Rules 113 and 114 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure

Clerk of the Court

Diane LeFlore, District Clerk
P.O. Box 234
Anderson, Texas 77830

Attorney for Plaintiff

Frederick D. Junkin
600 Travis Street, Suite 4200
Houston, Texas 77002

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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after issuance of this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you.

TO:

- The unknown successor trustee and unknown beneficiaries of the trust agreement referenced in the Last Will and Testament of Parker Lindhardt dated July 25, 1991 and recorded in Volume 7506, Page 169 of the Official Records of Palm Beach County, Florida, and
- The unknown successor trustee and unknown beneficiaries of the trust agreement referenced in the Last Will and Testament of Margaret H. Lindhardt dated July 25, 1991 and recorded in Volume 7661, Page 1527 of the Official Records of Palm Beach County, Florida, and
- Elva Kohlstin a/k/a Elva Kolster and her unknown heirs, beneficiaries, administrators, and executors, and
- The unknown owners of and all persons claiming any title or interest in or to the tract of land granted to Mrs. Petra Lehman a/k/a Petra Lehmann of Harris County, Texas under the Deed dated January 1, 1903 and recorded in Volume 52, Page 578 of the Deed Records of Grimes County, Texas, all of whom may be served by publication by serving The Navasota Examiner at 115 S. Railroad Street, Navasota, Texas 77868.

DEFENDANT, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday the 18 day of June, 2018, in the 12th District Court of Grimes County, at the Courthouse in Anderson, Texas, such date being the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation.

Said Petition was filed on the 7th day of February, 2018 in this case numbered 34406

Texas Municipal Power Agency**vs.****Robin Johnson Trant, et al.**

This lawsuit is a trespass to try title suit and alternative cause of action for condemnation concerning the following real property: A 22.5-acre tract of land located in the Joseph T. Robinson Survey, Abstract 390, in

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HELEN F. TAMEZ, DECEASED

18 of 29

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Helen F. Tamez, Deceased, were issued on May 31, 2018, in Cause No. 8788, pending in the

PUBLIC NOTICE OF IMPOUNDED ESTRAY

Case# 1800005210

Date Posted: 5-29-2018

On 5-29-2018, the Grimes County Sheriff's Office impounded an estray in this county.

Information about impoundment:

Location: CR 144

Animal Type: 8 Cows

If you believe the animal above might possibly be your property, contact the Sheriff's Office 936-873-2151 immediately. In order to claim the estray as your property, you should be able to identify where the animal got out (approximately) and give a description of the animal.

Thank You,

Sheriff Don Sowell

PUBLIC NOTICE OF IMPOUNDED ESTRAY

Case# 1800004855

Date Posted: 5-23-2018

On 5-21-2018, the Grimes County Sheriff's Office impounded an estray in this county.

Information about impoundment:

Location: CR 446

Animal Type: 4 Horses

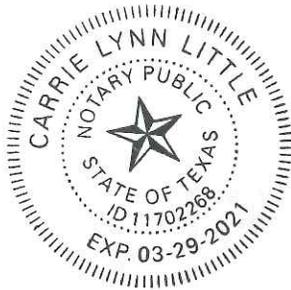
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Shiro Red Top Cemetery Association, a Texas Non-Profit Corporation, is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at the Red Top Cemetery pavilion. All Members and supporters are invited to attend.

Sincerely,
/s/

Joe B. Henderson, Jr., President
Red Top Cemetery Association
(a Texas Non-Profit Corporation)

LEGAL NOTICE

APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT (BG) BY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DBA GRIMES COUNTY VFW POST 4006, TO BE LOCATED AT 1575 W. WASHINGTON AVE, NAVASOTA, GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS. OFFICERS OF SAID CORPORATION ARE CARL D. DRY AND LELAND FOUGERON.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S/CONSTABLE'S REAL PROPERTY

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 506th State of Texas on the 20th day of April, 2018, on a non-recourse Judgment A.D. in Cause No. 33355, styled US Bank National Association, as Trustee for VS. Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Robert Odom a/k/a Robert B. Odom, D. me as Constable of Grimes County, Texas, I have seized and will offer to sell the Judgment Creditor may, of course, credit bid to the limit of the amount of the Judgment (Creditor), to the highest bidder, at a sale to be held on the 3rd day of July, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the door of the county courthouse of Grimes County, Texas in the care and interest of Robert Odom a/k/a Robert B. Odom of the property with tax ID No. TX 77868 (the "Property"); and more particularly described below, as it exists:

10.00 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, BEING PART OF A 49.855 ACRE TRACT IN THE JARED E. GROCE ON-THIRD LEAGUE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 23, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS:

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATED BEING A PART OF THE JARED E. GROCE 1/3 LEAGUE, ABSTRACT NO. 23, A 10.00 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED FROM ERVIN WEHMEIER ET UX, DATED APRIL 10, 1984, OF RECORD IN VOLUME 506, PAGE 117 OF GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AS A FOUND 3/8 INCH IRON ROD FOR THE SE CORNER OF THE TRACT MENTIONED ABOVE AND SAME BEING THE NE CORNER OF A CALLED 30.39 ACRE TRACT, D.S. FALCO, JR., OF RECORD IN VOL. 401, PAGE 161 OF THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS.

THENCE N 89 DEG. 46 MIN. 00 SEC. W, 1236.18 FT., ALONG THE SOUTH AND NORTH LINE OF CALLED 30.39 ACRE TRACT TO SET 1/2 INCH IRON ROD

THENCE N 06 DEG. 02 MIN. 19 SEC. W, 85.08 FT., ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF AN EXISTING GRAVEL DRIVE

THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID GRAVEL DRIVE AS FOLLOWS: (1) N 06 DEG. 02 MIN. 19 SEC. W, 85.08 FT., (2) N 40 DEG. 46 MIN. 37 SEC. W, 111.78 FT., (3) N 58 DEG. 54 MIN. 26 SEC. W, 129.88 FT., (4) N 87 DEG. 59 MIN. 29 SEC. W, 63.18 FT., (5) N 87 DEG. 59 MIN. 29 SEC. W, 63.18 FT., TO A SET IRON STAKE, IN PAVEMENT, IN GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS, IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED.

THENCE N 01 DEG. 09 MIN. 06 SEC. W, 15.07 FT., ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT TO A SET IRON STAKE, IN PAVEMENT, IN GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS, IN THE WESTERLY NW CORNER OF THE TRACT OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED.

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID GRAVEL DRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

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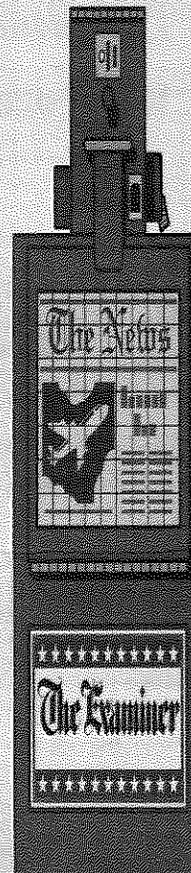
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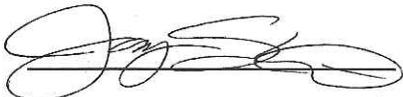
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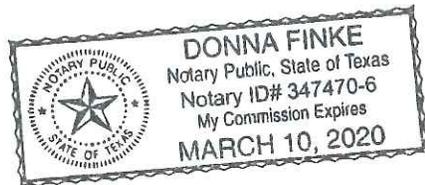
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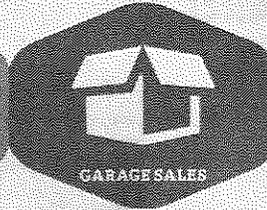
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Applicants must possess outstanding and proven financial and operational management skills within the affordable, multi-family property management industry with prior experience in public housing/section 8/LIHTC programs highly preferred.

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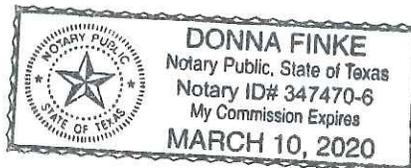
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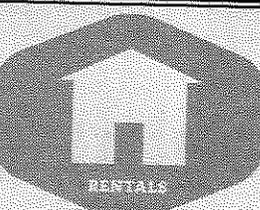


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- Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Council of Governments 3991 E. 29th St, Bryan, TX 77802

Written comments may be submitted by hand-delivery, mail, or email by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 29, 2018, Attn: Roger Sheridan, Public Safety Manager, 3991 E. 29th St, Bryan, TX 77802; email-roger.sheridan@bvco.org.

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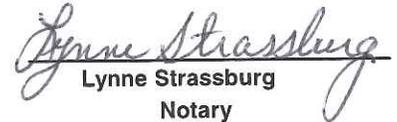
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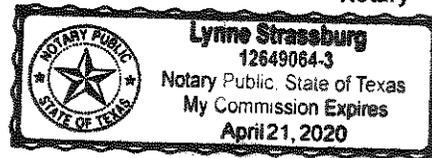
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Meeting #2 Materials

AGENDA

**Brazos Valley Council of Governments
Hurricane Harvey Method of Distribution
Buyout and Acquisition
&
Local Infrastructure
Public Planning Meeting #2
2:30 June 28, 2018**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Public Planning Meeting Objectives**
- IV. Texas General Land Office: Community Development and Revitalization Program Overview**
- V. Draft Method of Distribution Methodology**
- VI. Public Comments**
- VII. Important Dates**
 - A. Local Infrastructure MOD Public Comments Closing 1200 June 29, 2018
- VIII. Adjourn**

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Liaison: Robert Santarsiero

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Committee: Hurricane Harvey MOD Public Planning Meeting

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**Method of Distribution
Planning Meeting #2**

June 28, 2018



AGENDA



- I. Call to Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Planning Meeting Objectives**
- IV. Texas GLO: Community Development and Revitalization Program Overview**
- V. Method of Distribution Plan**
- VI. Public Comments**
- VII. Adjourn**



OBJECTIVES



- 1. Review available programs**
- 2. Review the Method of Distribution (MOD) plan that addresses “unmet” needs**
- 3. Recommend changes to the Method of Distribution**



GLO

STATE ACTION PLAN



- **Total Allocation: \$5,024,215,000**
 - ▶ **\$4,019,372,000 (80%) to HUD Most Impacted Areas**
- **GLO Programs**
 - ▶ **Homeowner Assistance**
 - ▶ **Local Buy and Acquisition**
 - ▶ **Homelessness Prevention**
 - ▶ **Affordable Rental**
 - ▶ **Local Infrastructure**
 - ▶ **Economic Revitalization**
 - ▶ **Local, Regional, & State Planning**



GLO STATE ACTION PLAN



➤ **General Requirements per Federal Register**

- ▶ **70% of funds must be spent on low-to moderate income projects**
- ▶ **CDBG-DR funds must be spent within 2 years of the date HUD obligated funds; expend 100% on eligible activities in (6) years**
- ▶ **CDBG-DR funds may be used as the match for federal programs**



BUYOUT & ACQUISITION



- **Local Buyout & Acquisition: \$5,840,778**
 - ▶ **Local governments may buyout or acquire eligible homes at a pre-storm or post-storm fair market value**
 - ▶ **Move homeowners out of harm's way outside of a floodplain to a lower-risk area.**
 - ▶ **Cities, Counties & Eminent Domain will administer programs**
 - ▶ **COG will develop the MOD**



BUYOUT & ACQUISITION



➤ MOD Requirements

- ▶ Establish objective criteria for allocation
- ▶ \$1,000,000 minimum to any local entity
- ▶ Prioritize Projects
- ▶ 70% directed to LMI



BUYOUT & ACQUISITION



➤ Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Buyouts
- ▶ Acquisition
- ▶ Relocation assistance w/ buyout or acquisition activities
- ▶ Down-payment for activities
- ▶ Demolition only
- ▶ Activities designed to relocate outside flood plain
- ▶ 15% Cap-housing counseling, legal, job aid, ...



LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE



- **Local Infrastructure: \$3,007,825**
 - ▶ Repairs, enhances and restores infrastructure for local communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey as part of a comprehensive long-term recovery program.
 - ▶ Match for FEMA Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs may be eligible.



LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE



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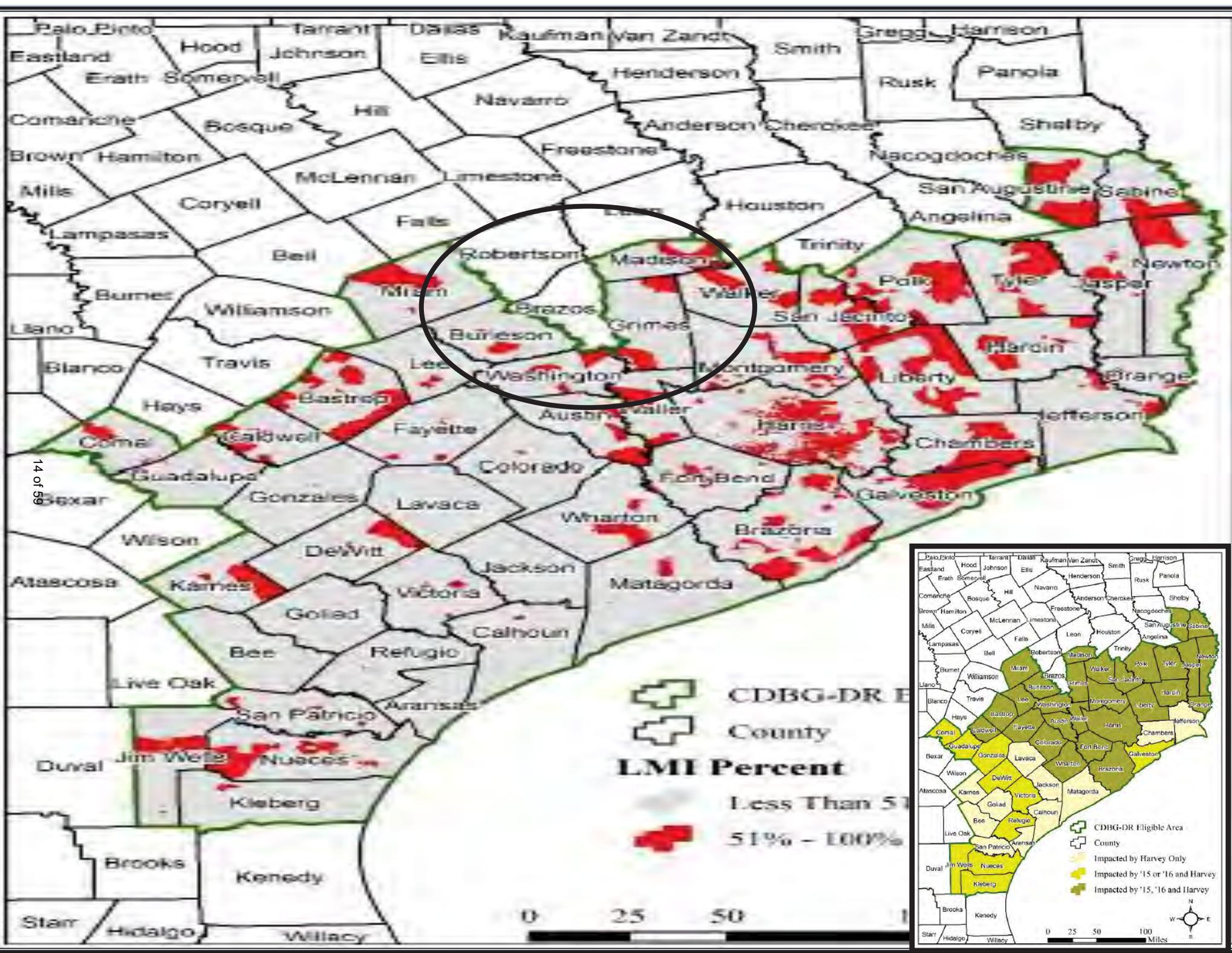


LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

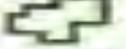


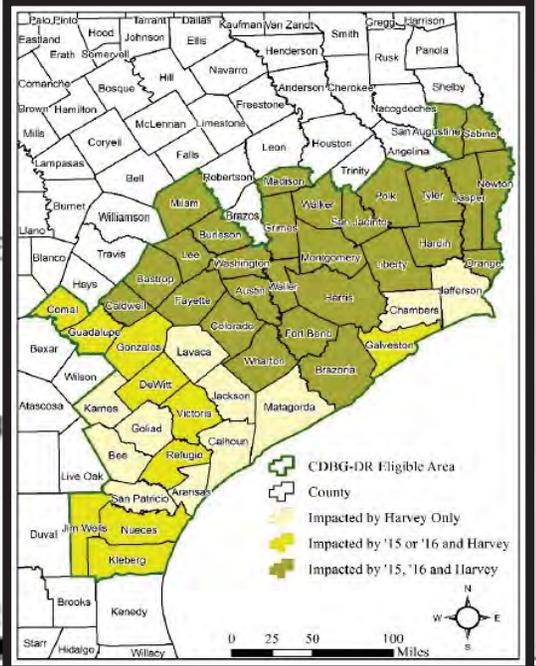
➤ Eligible Activities

- ▶ Flood control and drainage repair/improvements
- ▶ Infrastructure Restoration such as water and sewer facilities, streets, generators, debris removal, bridges, etc..
- ▶ Demo/rehab of publicly or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings, and code enforcement
- ▶ Economic Development (small business)
- ▶ Public Service (job training...15% cap)



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 CDBG-DR Eligible Area
 County
LMI Percent
 Less Than 5%
 51% - 100%





City/County Impacted



- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Caldwell | Burleson |
| 2. Snook | Burleson |
| 3. Somerville | Burleson |
| 4. Anderson | Grimes |
| 5. Bedias | Grimes |
| 6. Iola | Grimes |
| 7. Navasota | Grimes |
| 8. Plantersville | Grimes |
| 9. Todd Mission | Grimes |
| 10. Madisonville | Madison |
| 11. Midway | Madison |
| 12. Normangee | Madison |
| 13. Brenham | Washington |
| 14. Burton | Washington |



METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION



➤ Buyout & Acquisition Draft MOD

- ▶ **Burleson, Washington & Madison County** will not request Buyout and Acquisition funding
- ▶ **Grimes County** opted to utilize the program
- ▶ **Grimes County** may use the full \$5,840,778 to address unmet needs
- ▶ All funds not used by **Grimes County** will be released back to the state to assist other impacted jurisdictions



METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION



- **Infrastructure Draft MOD All (18) eligible jurisdictions will receive equal allocation**
 - ▶ **Jurisdictions will receive \$167,101.38**
 - ▶ **Counties will receive unused or partial allocations from eligible incorporated jurisdictions to reallocate within the county**
 - ▶ **Funding unused by the county will be reallocated to a jurisdiction within the BVCOG region with the greatest need based on project priorities**



METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION



➤ **Allocation: 18 Jurisdictions (\$167,101.38)**

- ▶ **Burleson County; city of Caldwell, Snook, and Somerville (4)**
- ▶ **Grimes County; city of Anderson, Bedias, Iola, Navasota, Plantersville, and Todd Mission (7)**
- ▶ **Madison County; city of Madisonville, Midway, and Normangee (4)**
- ▶ **Washington County; city of Brenham and Burton (3)**



TIMELINE



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLO Workshop | May 22th |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizen Participation Plan | May 31th |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BVCOG Workshop | June 5th |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing #1 | June 13th |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Opening Comments | June 14th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing #2 | June 28th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Closing Comments | June 29th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BVCOG Board of Directors | July 11th |



Information



➤ Informational Links

▶ www.glo.texas.org

▶ www.Texasrebuilds.org

▶ www.bvcog.org

> <http://www.bvcog.org/programs/hurricane-harvey/>



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2:30 June 28, 2018

- I. Call to Order** 2:30 p.m.
- II. Introductions** – Participants conducted self-introduction
- III. Public Planning Meeting Objectives** – Three planning objectives were reviewed
 - A. Review available programs
 - B. Review the Method of Distribution (MOD) plan that addresses “unmet” needs.
 - C. Recommend changes to the Method of Distribution
- IV. Texas General Land Office: Community Development and Revitalization Program Overview (Slide Deck 4-13)**

BVCOG reviewed the regional Buyout & Acquisition and the Local Infrastructure program purpose, eligibility requirements, and funding allocations to attendees. The Brazos Valley allocation for Buyout & Acquisition was identified at \$5,840,778 and the Local Infrastructure allocations at \$3,007,825. Burleson, Grimes, Madison, and Grimes Counties with local jurisdictions were deemed eligible to receive funding due to impacts from Hurricane Harvey.
- V. Draft Method of Distribution Methodology** – Attendees reviewed action items from the previous public hearing, public comments, and information received jurisdiction commitment forms. Commitment Forms are written messages of intent by the jurisdictions on identifying “needs” due to impacts from Hurricane Harvey. These forms were completed by elected officials or designated representatives and or stated in public meetings. Only a couple of jurisdictions have not identified a “need” for funding. (Slide Deck 14-16)

The Brazos Valley determined that dividing funding equally enabled all jurisdictions to address “unmet” needs as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Dividing fund equally allowed for joint unity in discussions and action as well as providing smaller jurisdictions a greater opportunity with a limited funding capability to make major improvements and resiliency.

 - A. Buyout & Acquisition Draft MOD**
 1. Burleson, Washington and Madison Counties opted-out of the Buyout & Acquisition program.

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2. Grimes County chose to utilize the program but would not be able to use all \$5,840,778.
3. Unused funding would be returned back to the State for reallocating to the most impacted areas.
4. Attendees approved method.

B. Local Infrastructure Draft MOD

1. All (18) eligible jurisdictions will receive equal allocations
2. Each committed jurisdiction will receive \$167,101.39
3. Counties will receive unused or partial allocations from eligible incorporated jurisdictions to reallocate within the county.
4. Funding unused by the county will be reallocated to a jurisdiction within the BVCOG region with the greatest need based on project priorities.
5. Attendees approved method.

VI. Public Comments – There were no further public comments from attendees.

VII. Important Dates

- A. MOD Public Comments Closing 1200 June 29, 2018
- B. BVCOG Board of Directors consideration for approval July 11, 2018

VIII. Adjourn 2:22 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-008

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENHAM, TEXAS AMENDING SECTION 17: MITIGATION ACTIONS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN ENTITLED “MITIGATING RISK: PROTECTING WASHINGTON COUNTY FROM ALL HAZARDS, 2013-2018” AS IT APPLIES TO THE CITY OF BRENHAM TO ADD ELEVATION AND/OR RELOCATE CRITICAL FACILITIES AND LIFT STATIONS LOCATED IN OR NEAR SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS OR FLOOD PRONE AREAS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, certain areas of Brenham are subject to periodic flooding and other natural hazards with the potential to cause damages to people and properties within the area; and

WHEREAS, under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that local jurisdictions have in place a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Action Plan as a condition of receipt of certain future Federal mitigation funding after November 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the plan, a five-year blueprint for the future, aimed at making communities in Washington County disaster resistant by reducing or eliminating the long-term risk of loss of life and property from the full range of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the plan meets the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-390); Section 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 201.6 and Part 206; and State of Texas Division of Emergency Management standards; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan being titled “Mitigating Risk: Protecting Washington County From All Hazards, 2013-2018” authorizes the governing body of the participating city to amend the mitigation action plan contained within Section 17 and must undergo an open public process; and

WHEREAS, at least fifteen (15) days after publication in the official newspaper of the City of Brenham of the time and place of a public hearing and at least thirty (30) days public notice period in the manner required by law, the City Council held a public hearing on the amendment; and;

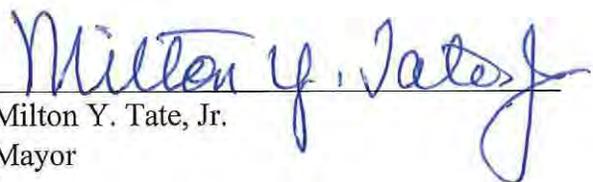
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENHAM, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council hereby approves the amendment to Section 17: Mitigation Actions of the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan entitled, Mitigating Risk: Protecting Washington County From All Hazards, 2013-2018, that pertains to the City of Brenham, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 31st day of May, 2018.




Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Jenna Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

EXHIBIT “A”

City of Brenham	
ACTION: Elevate and/or Relocate Critical Facilities and Lift Stations located in or near Special Flood Hazard Areas or Flood Prone Areas	
Hazard	Floods and Hurricanes
Background	Due to heavy rains and flash flood events within Washington County over the past several years erosion has become an issue within many watersheds. The City of Brenham owns and maintains multiple critical facilities and lift stations that are located in or near special flood hazard areas or flood prone areas within the City. These facilities become inundated with storm water cause infiltration into the sanitary system or compromising services to the citizens.
Benefits	Will help eliminate flooding of critical facilities and lift stations and reduce potential environmental impacts to the community.
Priority	High
Estimated cost	\$1,200,000
Responsible organization	The City of Brenham
Target completion date	Spring 2020
Funding sources	Hazard Mitigation Grants and local funds, when available
Related objective(s)	1.4, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4

Brazos Valley Council of Governments



Hurricane Harvey Public Hearing

2:30 pm Wednesday, June 28, 2018

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Public Comments

**Brazos Valley Council of Governments
Method of Distribution
Public Comment Response
for
Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Programs
June 29, 2018**

Public Comment Responses

1. Madison County Animal Shelter
 - a. Received by email Wednesday, June 27, 2018
 - b. Action: Reviewed and addressed during public hearing meeting June 28, 2018

2. Texas Appleseed Comments on BVCOG MOD for Disaster Recover: Hurricane Harvey dated June 29, 2018
 - a. Received by email June 29, 2018
 - b. Reviewed and considered

Roger Sheridan

From: norann10@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 11:08 PM
To: Roger Sheridan
Subject: BVCOG public comment for disbursement of hurricane havey funds

June 27, 2018

BVCOG
Mr. Roger Sheridan
Public Safety Manager
3991 E. 29th Street
Bryan, Texas 77802

Dear Mr. Sheridan,

I am writing on behalf of Madison County and Rufus Refuge to request funds to build a much needed animal shelter for Madison County while additionally providing a safe refuge for peoples' pets as they are evacuating in times of emergency (i.e. hurricane).

Our goal is to build a shelter that can house 100 dogs, 50 cats and/or other small animals, 10-15 horses, and three pens to house cattle.

The focus would be on dogs and cats as many hotels/relatives cannot accept pets. We would put a process in place for owners that would allow them to check in their pets during time of emergency for no fee and have a period of time to reclaim the animals once the owners are able to return to their homes.

We all saw the number of people who were forced to leave their animals behind and the extremely high number of animals that could not be reunited with their owners. This shelter would provide a safe and centralized location for all animals and enable those besieged by hurricanes/flooding to have an option for their pets.

We have a sponsor who will donate the land for the project so we are requesting \$250,000 to \$500,000 in funds to support this endeavor. We would like to receive \$500,000, but understand there are a lot of requests from the four counties entitled to the funds.

Dawn Knight of Rufus Refuge will be heading this project. Additionally, this shelter can take the strays that our towns are currently having to care for and can also house our stray population.

Let me know if you need any additional information. This is truly a need in our county. Rufus Refuge has rescued and placed over 1000 animals in just 32 months.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Norann McDonnell
310-748-2927

Cc: Dawn Knight 936-581-1310



June 29, 2018

Brazos Valley Council of Government
ATTN: Roger Sheridan
3991 E. 29th St
Bryan, TX 77802
Submitted via email to Recovery@bvcog.org

Re: Texas Appleseed Comments on BVCOG MOD for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey

Dear Mr. Sheridan,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the BVCOG Method of Distribution (MOD) covering \$19,548,511 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 offer the following comments for strengthening BVCOG's draft MOD.

A. Local Buyout and Acquisition Program:

Program guidelines for this program must be developed in a transparent process with extensive community input. Grimes County 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 (or to ensure that they can actually move to a safer area in the case of mandatory buyouts.) 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,

[everyone 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.

BVCOG and Grimes County's program guidelines should 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. Grimes County should be particularly careful that it is not developing or implementing a program that provides lesser benefits to communities and homeowners of color.

The MOD should also explain why Burlison, Madison, and Washington Counties chose not to use the buyout program, and whether that decision has a disparate impact on LMI families or families in classes protected by the Fair Housing Act.

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 BVCOG to fully implement and enforce Section 3, including monitoring (including 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 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 BVCOG 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.

Our largest concern, however, is the equal allocation of funding to each of the eligible jurisdictions. The amount of funding, \$167,101.38 is inadequate for any major infrastructure project, which means that jurisdictions will be funding whatever fits under the funding cap instead of the actual most urgent needs. BVCOG should strongly consider an application based distribution process that selects projects based on the most urgent needs. While we understand that this may feel unequal to individual jurisdictions, it would be the most effective use of disaster recovery funding.

We are also concerned by the lack of information about the criteria “infrastructure restoration priorities” and “project priorities.” It is unclear who defines these terms, and what those definitions mean. Before distributing or reallocating funds BVCOG must explain what these terms mean and the process of determining what these priorities will be or are.

C. Needs Assessment and Funding Allocation

We appreciate BVCOG’s effort to disseminate information to agencies and organizations that provide direct contact with citizens in the low to moderate income categories. However, we are concerned that two public hearings do not constitute a real and effective community participation process.

We are also 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 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,

[nearly 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,

[the] 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. This is not to say that poverty and lack of wealth are not issues that affect Americans of all races, particularly in rural areas.

The primary purpose of the CDBG program is to benefit LMI populations, yet the HUD methodology that the State 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.

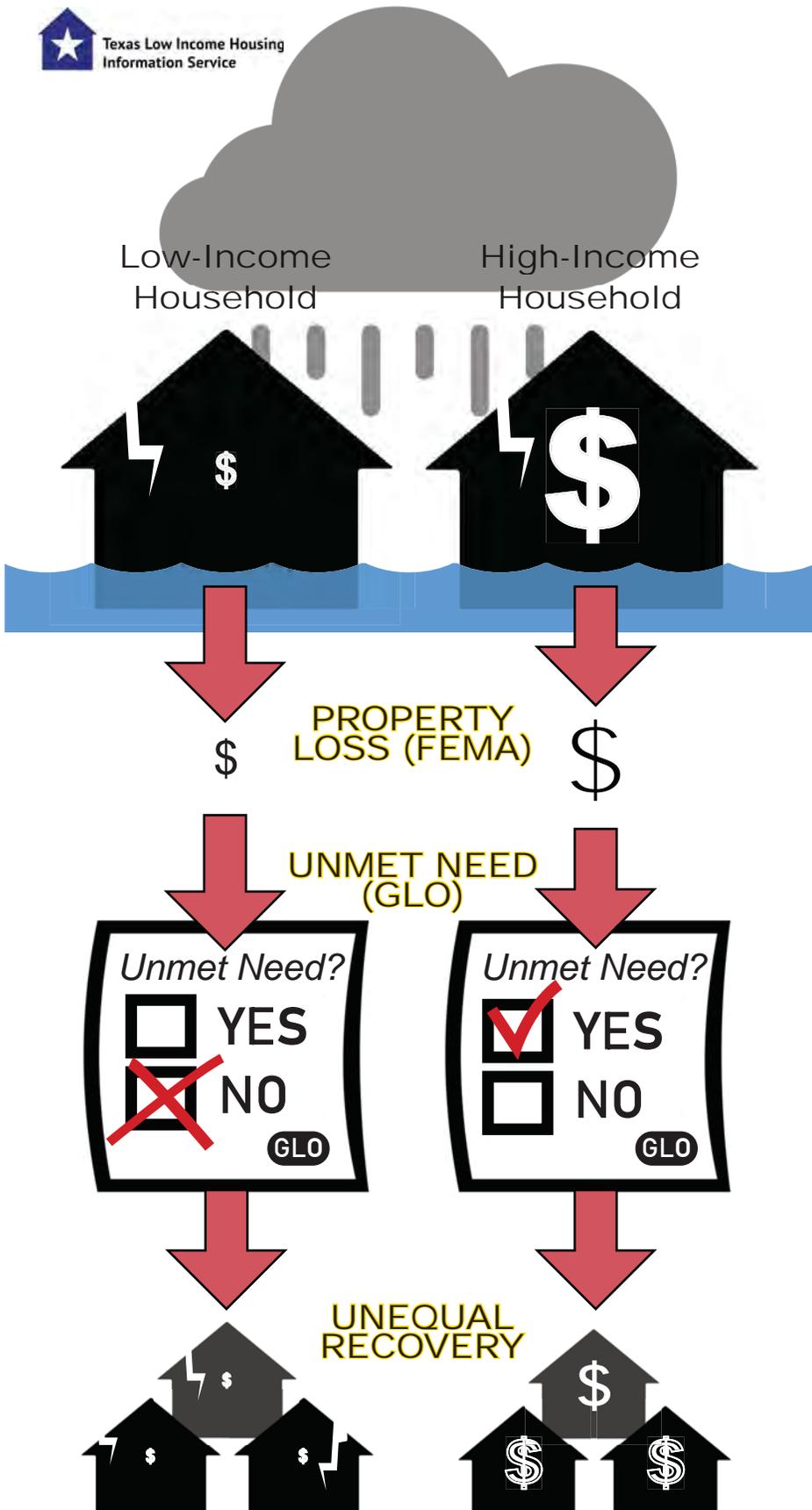
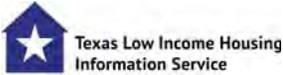
Texas Appleseed supports the use of a data-based formula to allocate federal disaster recovery funds. But that formula must be adjusted to account for deficiencies in FEMA and other data and ensure that the needs of all Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey are taken into account. We strongly recommend that BVCOG 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. (Attached)

Again we are also concerned that simply dividing the infrastructure 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 infrastructure pre-storm; simply dividing the funds equally between geographies does nothing to affirmatively further fair housing.

In conclusion, we appreciate BVCOG's work on the MOD and disaster recovery, and your consideration of these comments. Please let us know if we can provide further information or be helpful in any way.

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How Texas is Underestimating Unmet Need for Low-Income Families



Assessing “Unmet Need”

FEMA collects information on the disaster’s impact on **PROPERTY**, not **PEOPLE**. Lower-income households have fewer financial resources to recover, but households with higher incomes generally have more property to lose.

When a disaster hits, homes may be impacted similarly, but when FEMA verifies their property loss (FVL), lower-income households have significantly lower average loss.

This already results in unequal distribution of assistance, but the problems are compounded in the long-term recovery phase. This is because the Texas General Land Office (GLO) is using this FEMA data to determine the unmet housing need in affected areas. This assessment determines where long-term recovery funding will go.

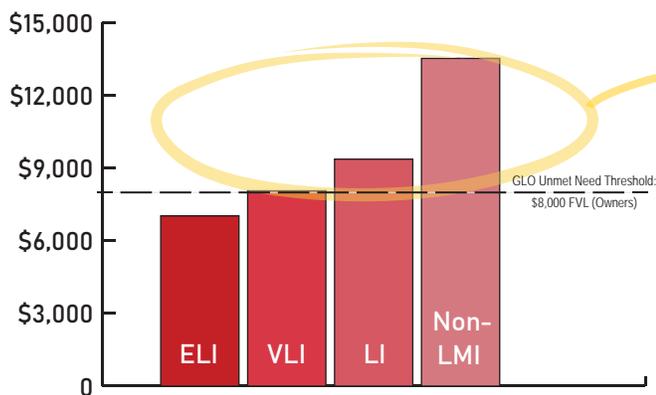
The GLO uses an arbitrary threshold of \$8,000 of FVL for owners and \$2,000 for renters when calculating the unmet need amount per household. This assumes that any loss under that amount can be taken care of without additional funds and is not considered “unmet need”.

As a result, the property loss of many low-income households is not included in the unmet need calculation. This means the GLO does not consider this loss when allocating funding to different areas of the state. Areas with more low-income residents will see less funding than is really needed for their recovery.

How we can do BETTER!

How we define and count “Unmet Need” matters for disaster recovery. If we systematically fail to count low-income* households, we will systematically fail to fund them in the long-term recovery phase. Crucially, these households are much less likely to have the funds to recover on their own. Below is a comparison of the GLO’s methodology and Texas Housers’ proposed methodology.

GLO Methodology: A Standardized Threshold



Average FEMA-Verified Loss (FVL) by Income Category

A standardized threshold that doesn't take into account household income excludes most low-income households from the unmet need calculation. As a result...

69%

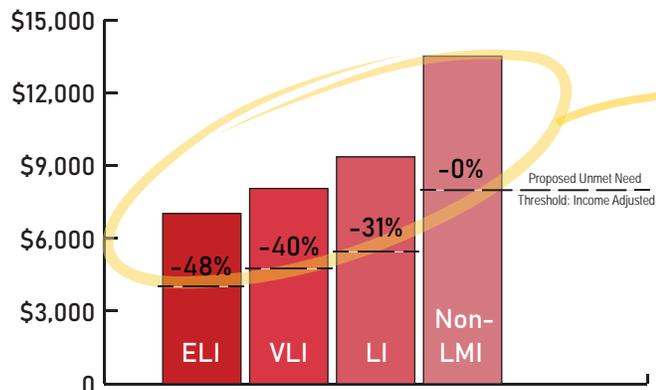
of ELI owners are excluded from the count

(compared to only 41% of non-LMI owners)



Proposed Methodology: An Income-Adjusted Threshold

For each income level, the \$8000 threshold for owners is reduced proportionately to the average FVL for each income group. For example, the average FVL for ELI owners is 48% lower than the average for Non-LMI households. Therefore, the \$8000 threshold is lowered 48%, as illustrated in the chart below.



Average FEMA-Verified Loss (FVL) by Income Category

An income-adjusted threshold allows the assessment to capture damage to low-income households! As a result...

an additional

49%

would be budgeted for ELI owners under this methodology.



* Income Category	Income
Extremely Low Income (ELI)	0-30% AMI
Very Low Income (VLI)	30-50% AMI
Low Income (LI)	50-80% AMI
Not Low or Median Income (Non-LMI)	80%+ AMI

Texas' Most Undercounted Zipcodes

The stakes are high when assessing the unmet housing need of disaster survivors. In some areas of Texas, especially those that are home to many low-income families, being undercounted could mean being passed over for the funds necessary to bring people back to safe, affordable and comfortable homes. Below are the most severely undercounted zip codes in the state of Texas.

Most Underfunded Renters

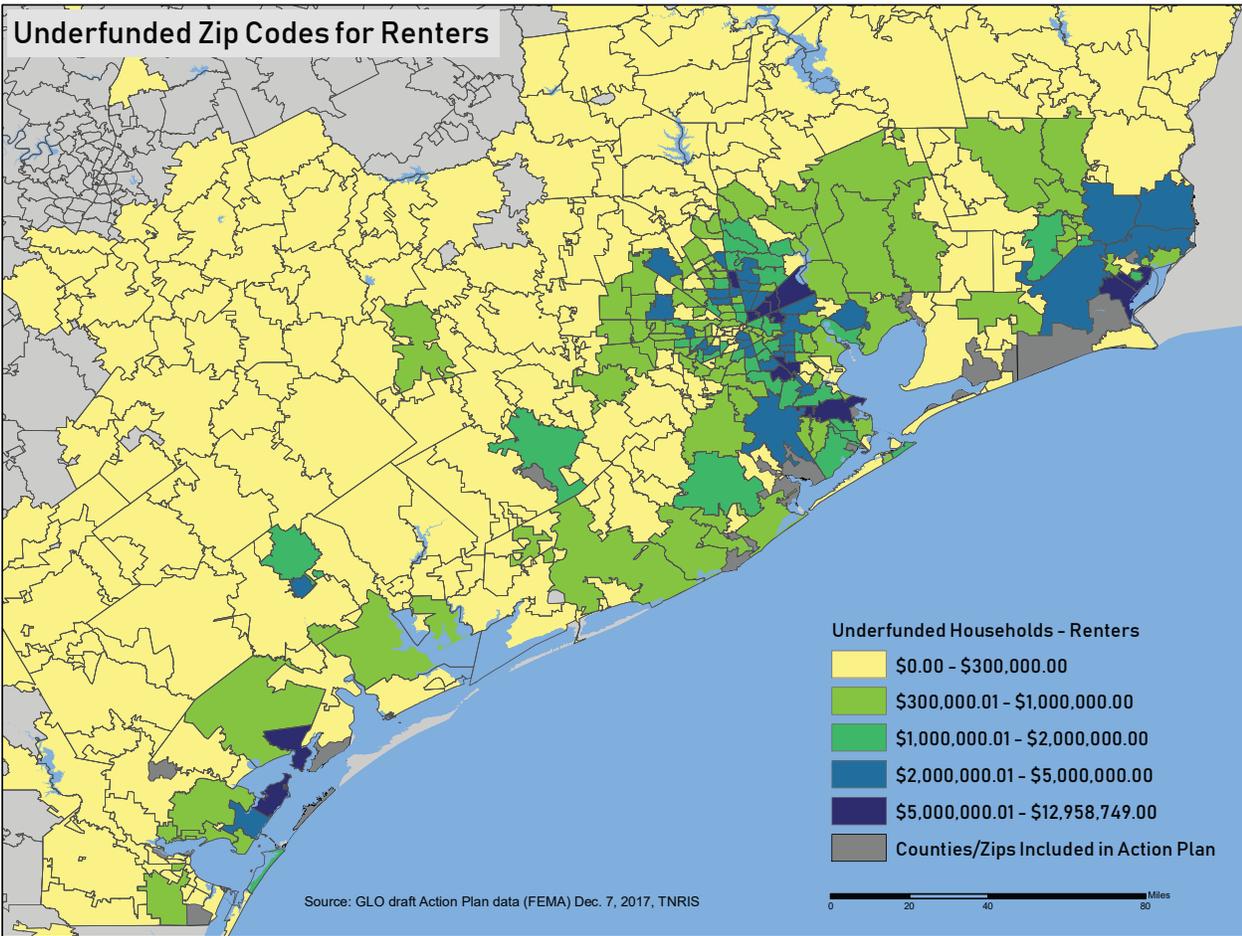
Rank	Zip Code	Area	Additional Unmet Need*
1	77642	Port Arthur	\$12,958,749
2	77026	Houston - Kashmere Gardens, Fifth Ward	\$9,381,477
3	77060	Houston - Greater Greenspoint	\$8,288,539
4	77078	East Houston, East Little York, uninc. Harris County	\$6,212,408
5	77539	Texas City, Dickinson, League City	\$6,161,407
6	77640	Port Arthur	\$5,868,615
7	77044	Lake Houston and unincorporated Harris County	\$5,830,581
8	78382	Rockport, Fulton, uninc. Aransas County	\$5,665,630
9	77013	Houston - Northshore, El Dorado/Oates Prairie	\$5,313,404
10	77028	Houston - Trinity, Kashmere Gardens, Settegast, East Houston	\$5,129,894
11	77089	Houston - Southbelt/Ellington and uninc. Harris County	\$5,008,949
12	77034	Houston - South Belt/Ellington, Edgebrook, Clear Lake	\$5,002,261
13	77084	Houston - Addicks Park Ten, uninc. Harris County	\$4,793,499
14	77096	Houston - Meyerland, Willow Meadows, Westbury, Brays Oaks	\$4,162,645
15	77016	Houston - East Little York/Homestead, Trinity/Houston Gardens	\$4,052,771
16	78336	Aransas Pass, Ingleside, uninc. Aransas and San Patricio County	\$3,862,106
17	77015	Houston - Northshore, Galena Park, uninc. Harris County	\$3,568,755
18	77630	Orange, West Orange, Pinehurst, uninc. Orange County (south)	\$3,455,848
19	77090	Houston - Greater Greenspoint, uninc. Harris County	\$3,410,527
20	77075	Houston - Greater Hobby, South Belt/Ellington	\$3,392,014
		TOTAL	\$111,520,079

Most Underfunded Owners

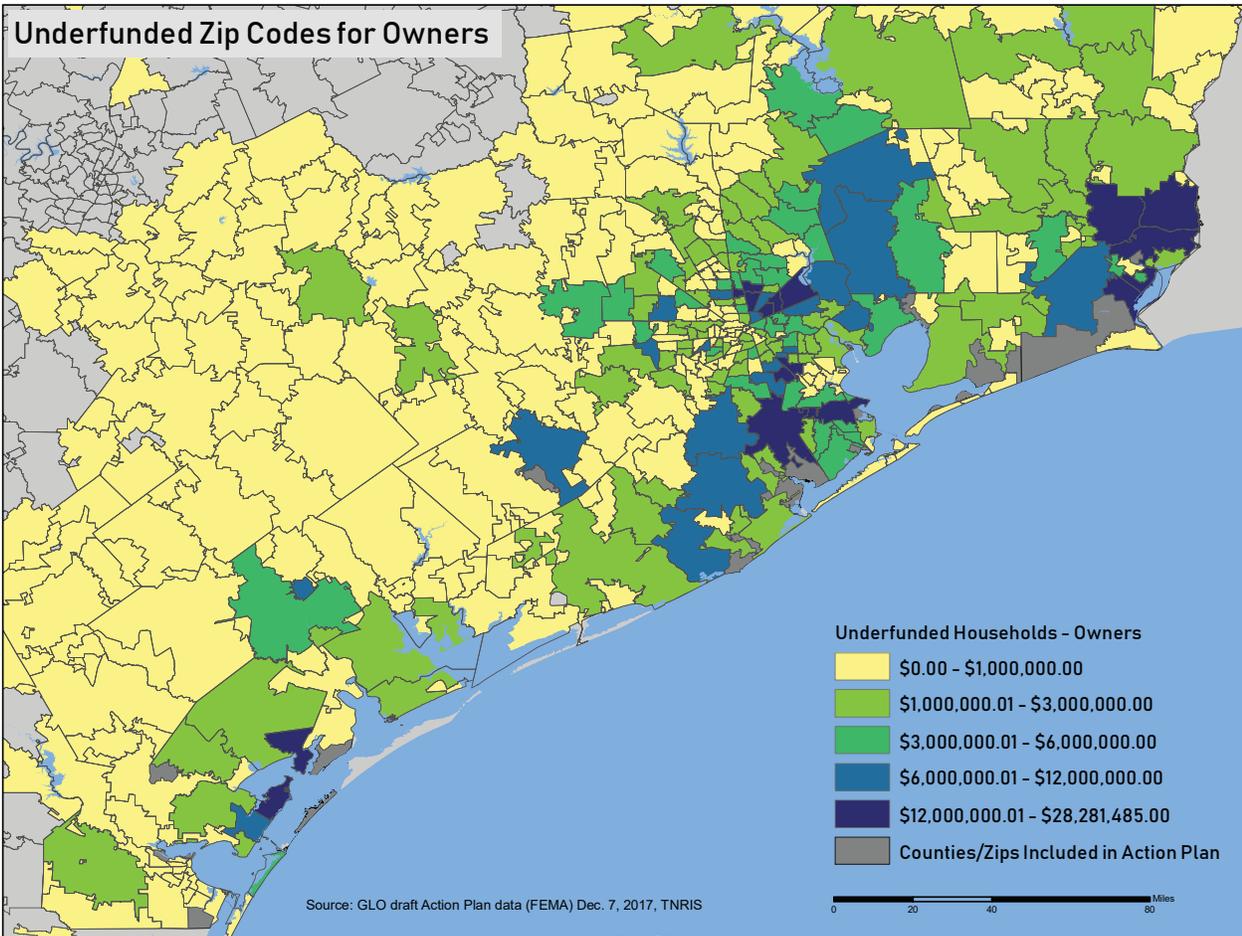
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1	77642	Port Arthur	\$28,281,485
2	77044	Lake Houston and unincorporated Harris County	\$27,154,740
3	77539	Texas City, Dickinson, League City	\$21,640,536
4	77037	Houston - Greenspoint	\$21,325,458
5	77662	Vidor, Pine Forest, Rose City, uninc. Jefferson County	\$21,181,682
6	77640	Port Arthur	\$20,920,065
7	77028	Houston - East Houston, Trinity/Houston Gardens, Settagast, Kashmere Gardens	\$20,424,860
8	77089	Houston - Southbelt/Ellington and uninc. Harris County	\$18,824,792
9	77034	Houston - South Belt/Ellington, Edgebrook, Clear Lake	\$16,511,824
10	77039	Houston - Greater Greenspoint	\$15,487,093
11	78382	Rockport, Fulton, uninc. Aransas County	\$15,163,049
12	77630	Orange, West Orange, Pinehurst, uninc. Orange County (south)	\$14,570,598
13	77632	Orange, uninc. Orange County (north)	\$14,549,859
14	77078	East Houston, East Little York, uninc. Harris County	\$14,162,279
15	77511	Alvin, Hillcrest, League City, uninc. Brazoria and Galveston Counties	\$14,047,116
16	77093	Houston - Eastex-Jensen Area, uninc. Harris County	\$12,065,163
17	77587	South Houston (city)	\$11,007,245
18	77535	Dayton, Dayton Lakes, Kenefick, Liberty, Mont Belvieu, Old River-Winfree, uninc. Liberty County	\$10,838,771
19	77075	Houston - Greater Hobby, South Belt/Ellington	\$10,484,490
20	77084	Houston - Addicks Park Ten, uninc. Harris County	\$10,408,647
		TOTAL	\$339,049,752

*This is based not just on added LMI households, but also on already included households moving to a higher damage category.

Underfunded Zip Codes for Renters



Underfunded Zip Codes for Owners



Correspondence with Local Jurisdictions



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Which one? Acquisition Buyout

Jurisdiction:

Project Description:

Projected Cost:

Are you doing a Local Infrastructure Program? Yes No
Which one? Water/Wastewater Management Matching Funds

Jurisdiction:

Project Description:

CRoad Repairs 167,100.38
500.5

Projected Cost:

POC Name: Burleson County
Phone: 979-567-2333
Email: co-judge@burlesoncounty.org

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Project Description:

Projected Cost:

Are you doing a Local Infrastructure Program? Yes No
Which one? Water/Wastewater Management Matching Funds

Jurisdiction: City of Caldwell

Project Description:

Lift Station upgrades & wastewater capacity issues

Projected Cost: ~~\$67,111.38~~ \$250,000

POC Name: Johnny Price

Phone: 979-406-0465

Email: mluttrell@caldwelltx.gov

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Buyout

Jurisdiction:

Project Description:

Projected Cost:

Are you doing a Local Infrastructure Program? Yes No

Which one? Water/Wastewater Management

Matching Funds

Jurisdiction:

Project Description:

Water/Wastewater Management repair & improvements

Projected Cost: Total Allocation

POC Name: City of Snook

Phone: 979-272-3021

Email: cityofsnook@teonline.net

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Are you doing a Local Infrastructure Program? Yes No
Which one? Water/Wastewater Management Matching Funds

Jurisdiction:

Project Description:

Repair replace 4 lift stations - estimated cost \$400,000.00

Projected Cost: \$400,000.00

POC Name: City of Somerville

Phone: 979-596-1122

Email: MANAGERCOS@SOMERVILLETXGOV

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Jurisdiction: Grimes County

Project Description:

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Projected Cost: \$312,238

POC Name: David Lilly

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Jurisdiction: *City of Midway*

Project Description:

Water/Wastewater/Street Reconstruction

Projected Cost: *\$167,101.38*

POC Name: *Debra Newkirk*

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Projected Cost:

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Jurisdiction: City of Normangee

Project Description:

The city water/wastewater improvements and street needs reconstruction in affected areas.

Projected Cost: \$167,101.38

POC Name: Sunny Reichert

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Jurisdiction: City of Brenham

Project Description:

Public Assistance Matching Funds, HMGP Matching Funds, and NRCS Matching Funds.
PA - \$1.3M Project Value, Match (10%) = \$130,000
HMGP - \$1.45M Project Value, Match (25%) = \$362,500
NRCS - \$1.125M Project Value, Match (10%) = \$112,500

Projected Cost: \$605,000

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City of Brenham - Proposed Grant Match Projects

Public Assistance (PA)

Debris

Emergency Protective Measures

Electric repairs

Barbee St @ Unnamed Trib of Hog Branch erosion and repairs

Burleson St @ Higgins Branch erosion and repairs

Jefferson St @ Higgins Branch erosion and repairs

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Henderson Park Lift Station Generator

Ralston Creek Lift Station Generator

SH 105 Lift Station Generator

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Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator

Wastewater Treatment Plant Drainage Protection

USDA-NRCS Watershed Protection Grant

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Jurisdiction:

Project Description:

Projected Cost:

POC Name: Angela Weyand (Angela Weyand)

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Jurisdiction: City of Plantersville

Project Description:

Projected Cost: 0

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Which one? Water/Wastewater Management Matching Funds

Jurisdiction: City of Plantersville

Project Description:

Projected Cost: 0

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