



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
GEORGE P. BUSH, COMMISSIONER

November 30, 2020

Adrienne M. Holloway, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Harris County Community Services Department
8410 Lantern Point
Houston, TX 77054

Re: Harris County's Method of Distribution Amendment No. 3 – 2015 Floods and Storms CDBG-DR Funds

Dear Dr. Holloway:

The Texas General Land Office Community Development and Revitalization division (GLO-CDR) has completed its review of all materials submitted in support of Harris County's (the County) Amendment No. 3 to the Method of Distribution (MOD) for the 2015 Floods and Storms Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. We are pleased to inform you that the MOD amendment is approved.

GLO-CDR approves the County's reallocation of housing funds to non-housing/infrastructure activities. The terms of the approval are as noted below:

1. Acceptance of MOD Amendment No. 3 does not indicate the eligibility or approval of funding for any proposed projects.
2. The County's allocation must meet the requirement that 70 percent of the funds benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Projects that do not meet HUD's national objective for benefitting low- and moderate-income persons may not be approved until the County's allocation requirement is met.

The GLO remains committed to assisting Harris County in its efforts to recover from the devastating effects of the 2015 flooding disasters. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at alexandra.gamble.glo@recovery.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Gamble

Alexandra Gamble, Director, Policy Development
Community Development and Revitalization

Cc: Christy Lambright, Harris County Community Services Department

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November 10, 2020

2015 Floods Method of Distribution Amendment #3

Per your request, please find the 2015 Floods Method of Distribution (MOD) Amendment #3 packet. This packet includes:

- Summary of the Amendment and Justification for moving funds from housing to infrastructure
- MOD amendment #3 Summary Budget Table
- Public Notice and Comments

Please let me know if additional items are needed for this amendment.

2015 Floods Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Method of Distribution Amendment #3

Justification and Summary

Harris County requests this amendment (#3) to fund additional needed drainage improvements, which will assist in the reduction of flooding in neighboring homes and communities. The 2015 Floods voluntary buyout program has concluded with funding available to assist with an unmet need in the community for improved drainage. This effort is also in line with local advocacy groups and stakeholders, who desire drainage enhancements for vulnerable neighborhoods.

Summary of Amendment to the 2015 Method of Distribution

Harris County proposes to amend its housing allocation by de-obligating \$855,000.00 in housing activity funding and obligating the same amount to its non-housing/infrastructure allocation for an existing non-housing/infrastructure drainage improvement project in a low- to moderate-income community.

The change in the funding will alter the funding distribution percentages from 32 percent housing and 68 percent non-housing to 13 percent housing and 87 percent non-housing (see below table).

Housing and Non-housing Funding Amendment #3 Table

Activity	Original Funding Amount	Original Percent of Funding	Amended Funding Amount	Amended Percent of Funding
Harris Co Housing	\$1,378,527	42.5%	\$523,527	16.1%
Harris Co Non-Housing	\$1,867,001	57.5%	\$2,722,001	83.9%
MOD Total Housing	\$1,378,527	32%	\$523,527	12.2%
MOD Total Non-housing/ Infrastructure	\$2,929,368	68%	\$3,784,368	87.8%
TOTAL	\$4,307,895	100%	\$4,307,895	100%

Note: Amounts for MOD Total Non-housing/Infrastructure reflect the total Method of Distribution amount that includes small city allocations.

County: **Harris County**

MOD has been amended (3rd) effective date June 1, 2020.

<i>Required</i>	Non-Housing	\$ 2,929,368	Housing	\$ 1,378,527	Total	\$ 4,307,895	
	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
City, County or Public Housing Authority	Non-Housing	Percentage of County Non-Housing Allocation	Housing	Percentage of County Housing Allocation	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Regional Allocation	70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement
Harris County	\$2,722,000.99	71.93%	\$ 523,527	100.00%	\$3,245,528	75.34%	\$2,271,870
Bellaire	\$252,033.84	6.66%		0.00%	\$252,034	5.85%	\$176,424
La Porte	\$325,775.30	8.61%		0.00%	\$325,775	7.56%	\$228,043
Pasadena	\$484,557.87	12.80%		0.00%	\$484,558	11.25%	\$339,191
		0.00%		0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0
	\$3,784,368	100.00%	\$523,527	100.00%	\$4,307,895	100.00%	\$3,015,527
	Non-Housing Percentage of Total Allocation:	87.85%	12.15%		Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement	70%	\$3,015,527

NOTE: A 2nd amendment to the MOD allocated an additional \$1,551,438 for Harris County Flood Control District Buyout program and Drainage improvements in Harris County.
A 3rd amendment to the MOD moved funding from housing to non-housing in the Harris County allocation.

Public Notice and Comment Period

Harris County posted the following public notice to its website, www.harrisrecovery.org on June 1, 2020 for a minimum 14-day public comment period regarding the 2015 Floods Method of Distribution Amendment #3. This notice included a Summary of the MOD Amendment. The comment period ended on June 15, 2020.

Public Comments Summary

No comments were received for this notice by Harris County.

Solicitation for Public Comment

June 1, 2020

Notice is hereby given that Harris County is seeking input on the amended (3) method of distribution for \$3,015,527 in 2015 Floods Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds. Written and oral comments regarding the Method of Distribution will be taken during the 14 day public comment period from June 1 to June 15, 2020.

Written comments must be received by Harris County by 5:00 pm on June 15, 2020, Attn: HCCSD Project Recovery - Planning, 13105 Northwest Fwy., Houston, Texas 77040.

The revised Method of Distribution will be posted on Monday, June 1, 2020 on the Internet website www.harrisrecovery.org and will be available at the Harris County Community Services Department Project Recovery office located at 13105 Northwest Fwy., Houston, Texas 77040.

Harris County will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending Harris County functions. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by Harris County staff 24-hours prior to the function. The public comment will be documents will be in English and requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least 48 hours prior to a function or end of comment period. Please call 713-927-8200 for assistance.

For information about this posting, please call 713-927-8200.

Solicitud para Comentario Público

Por este medio se notifica que el Condado de Harris está solicitando la aportación para el Método de Distribución de la enmienda (3) de \$3,015,527 en los Fondos del Subsidio de Recuperación de Desastres de Desarrollo Comunitario, llamado en inglés Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery 2015. Comentarios tanto en Inglés como en Español sobre el Método de Distribución serán recibidos durante el período de comentarios públicos por 14 días desde el 1ro de Junio al 15 de Junio del 2020.

Comentarios por escrito deben ser recibidos por el Condado de Harris antes de las 5:00 PM del 15 de Junio del 2020, como redacta:

Attn: HCCSD Project Recovery - Planning, 13105 Northwest Fwy., Houston, Texas 77040.

El Método de Distribución revisado se publicará el Lunes, 1ro de Junio del 2020 en la página de internet www.harrisrecovery.org y estará disponible en la oficina de Proyectos de Recuperación del Departamento de Servicios Comunitarios Del Condado de Harris, en Inglés, Harris County Community Services Department Project Recovery, ubicado en 13105 Northwest Fwy., Houston, Texas 77040.

El Condado de Harris proveerá acceso razonable para las personas que asistan a las funciones del Condado de Harris. Si hay personas que solicitan acceso especial, deben de notificar al personal del Condado de Harris 24 horas antes de la función. Los documentos de comentarios públicos estarán en inglés y las solicitudes de intérpretes de idiomas u otras necesidades especiales de comunicación deben hacerse al menos 48 horas antes de una función o período de comentarios. Llame al 713-927-8200 para obtener ayuda.

Para obtener más información sobre esta publicación, llame al 713-927-8200.

2015 Floods Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery

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Resumen de la Enmienda al Método de Distribución 2015

El Condado de Harris propone modificar su asignación de vivienda mediante la despreocupación de \$855,000.00 en la financiación de la actividad de vivienda y obligando la misma cantidad a su asignación de infraestructura/no vivienda para un proyecto existente de mejora del drenaje no vivienda/infraestructura.

El cambio en la financiación modificará los porcentajes de distribución de fondos del 32 por ciento de la vivienda y el 68 por ciento de la infraestructura al 13 por ciento de la vivienda y al 87 por ciento de la infraestructura (véase el cuadro anterior).

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