



MEMORANDUM

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To: Program File *Heather Lagrone*

From: Heather Lagrone, Sr. Deputy Director, CDR

Subject: GLO HAP Program Feasibility of Rehabilitation or Reconstruction Project

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) has oversight responsibility for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds allocated to the Harris County for housing recovery efforts from the impacts of Hurricane Harvey. To ensure compliance with the timely expenditure requirements within the Grant Agreement with HUD, the GLO will begin concurrently administering the Harris County’s Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) within Harris County. The GLO will administer the program in accordance with Harris County’s HAP policies and procedures to the greatest extent feasible however, to expedite assistance to those impacted and still awaiting assistance the GLO is adopting certain streamlined and simplified policies from the GLO’s Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) and Harvey Housing Guidelines. Program wide waivers will be processed via memo to file and applicant specific waivers may also become necessary to provide clarification to guidelines and waivers will be applied where necessary to execute the program effectively.

The GLO waives the County’s HAP analysis for determining the feasibility of rehabilitation or reconstruction and will adopt the GLO’s feasibility determination methodology. The GLO’s determination is based on the final cost to repair a damaged property exceeding the established threshold as stated in the guidelines. This waiver will allow the GLO to run the program with consistency and equitability for all impacted Texans participating in the housing programs.

This waiver will be applicable to all applicants participating in Harris County’s HAP administered by the GLO.