



MEMORANDUM

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Date: 4/27/2020

To: Program File

From: Heather Lagrone, Sr. Deputy CDR

Subject: GLO HC HAP Program Waiver to Assistance Cap

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) has oversight responsibility for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds allocated to Harris County (the County) for housing recovery efforts from the impacts of Hurricane Harvey. To ensure compliance with the timely expenditure requirements documented in the Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), signed on August 18, 2018, the GLO will begin concurrently administering the County's Harvey Homeowner Assistance Program (HC 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 memorandum 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 maximum assistance project caps for rehabilitation, reconstruction, and elevation, and will adopt the GLO's HAP rehabilitation cap of \$65,000 and reconstruction cap of the local composite bid. The GLO waives Harris County's HAP additional program caps, and in lieu will adopt the additional program caps notated in the Harvey Housing Guidelines. This waiver will allow the GLO to run the program with consistency and equitability for all impacted Texans participating in a home rehabilitation or reconstruction program with the GLO.

This waiver will be applicable to all applicants participating in HC HAP administered by the GLO.