



## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** 3/20/2020

**To:** Program File

**From:** Heather Lagrone, Sr. Deputy CDR *Heather Lagrone*

**Subject:** GLO HoAP Program Clarification of Allowable Unit Size

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) has oversight responsibility for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds allocated to the City of Houston (the City) for housing recovery efforts from the impacts of Hurricane Harvey. To ensure compliance with the timely expenditure requirements within the Grant Agreement with HUD, beginning on March 17, 2020 the GLO will begin concurrently administering the City's Harvey Homeowner Assistance Program (HoAP) within the City of Houston. The GLO will administer the program in accordance with the City of Houston's HoAP policies and procedures to the greatest extent feasible however, to expedite assistance to those impacted and still awaiting assistance the GLO may adopt certain streamlined and simplified policies from the GLO's Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) and Harvey Housing Guidelines. Program wide memoranda or 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 clarifies in this memo that the City's HoAP reconstruction program standard size home of three (3) bedrooms, two (2) bathrooms for applicants, regardless of family size, will not be applied to applicants served directly by the GLO, but will align with the GLO's HAP occupancy and unit size policy. GLO's unit size policy ensures an equitable and consistent distribution of CDBG-DR funds across the state and aligns with HUD policy which will provide a minimum unit size based on the household size at the time of award.

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