



## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** 5/5/2020

**To:** Program File

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

**Subject:** GLO HoAP Program Waiver Rehabilitation Assistance Cap

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 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 City's HoAP 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 the City's HoAP 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 HoAP administered by the GLO.