



MEMORANDUM

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To: Program File

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

Subject: GLO HoAP Program Waiver on Feasibility of Rehabilitation

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 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 cap as stated in the GLO's HAP guidelines and policies. 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 HoAP administered by the GLO.