

CDBG MITIGATION CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1
Virtual Committee Meeting
Thursday October 17, 2024
3 – 4 p.m.

[Join by Video](#)

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Phone Conference ID: 248 995 485#

Note: This meeting will be recorded

Attendance: Jaimie Masterson, Arjumund Mubarak, Gwyneth Teves, Amanda Torres

Committee Purpose: Each committee shall adopt the following statement of purpose: “The purpose of this committee is to advise the Texas General Land Office (GLO) on the implementation of programs using first-of-its-kind Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding.”

Meeting Objective: Updates from GLO

Agenda

3:00-3:10 p.m. Welcome & Introductions

Margaret opened the meeting and GLO took attendance.

3:11-3:30 p.m. Updates from GLO

- Bylaw updates
 - *Discussed updating the “no show” policy. Explained GLO intended to bring this to the CAC for feedback at this meeting but won’t apply until we have that discussion. Will reach out to the no-show member to confirm they intend to resign and ask for recommendations for replacement.*
- Amendments
 - *Amendment #4 submitted May 10,2024. Waiting for acknowledgement.*
- Program updates
 - Regional Mitigation Program
 - 204 applications so far; 104 awarded
 - 104 awarded applications
 - AACOG – 2 projects
 - BVCOG – 20 projects
 - CAPCOG – 5 projects
 - CBCOG – 8 projects
 - DETCOG – 22 projects
 - GCRPC – 4 projects
 - H-GAC – 27 projects
 - SETRPC – 4 projects

- Harris County Method of Distribution
 - Harris County submitted 44 applications
 - 4 approved; 24 in draft
 - Harris County Flood Control District
 - 28 applications
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Resilient Communities Program
 - 202 applications received
 - 52 under contract
- *Gwyneth Teves asked for more information about the adopted zoning clause; Margaret will connect Ms. Teves with the program administrator.*
- *Jaimie Masterson asked whether these programs are open to current disaster-impacted communities (Panhandle fires). Margaret explained MIT covers disasters from 2015 to 2018. We have 2021 Winter Storms allocation, but no other grants received by GLO from HUD. Explained that Panhandle didn't meet the FEMA thresholds for assistance beyond FMAG but will probably be able to find assistance from USDA-RD or USDA-NCRS.*
- Public comments
 - written comments
 - public comments
 - *No comments received from the public*

3:31-3:45 p.m.

Discussion of Application Review Process

- *Margaret discussed the process for reviewing Regional Mitigation Program applications. Gwyneth asked about Requests for Information (RFI) and mentioned City of Wharton has had an application with the GLO for about a year and wondered whether the reviewers had changed. Margaret explained that each application has a single set of reviewers throughout the review process.*

3:46-3:56 p.m.

Questions

3:56-4:00 p.m.

Next Steps



Citizen Advisory Council Update

February 2024

Updates to Bylaws

- [Bylaws](#) updated in August for discussion with the CAC
- “Replacement after missing two consecutive meetings without cause”
 - Without cause = no notice
 - We’ll reach out by phone and email to confirm you want to resign
 - We encourage recommendations for replacement

CDBG-MIT Citizen Advisory Committee updates



Changes to the Action Plan in Amendment 4

- Unexpended funds from the **Resilient Home Program** reallocated to the Housing Oversubscription Supplemental Program
- **Housing Oversubscription Supplemental Program** eligibility expanded to include Harris County and City of Houston Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) applicants

CDBG-MIT Action Plan Amendment #4

***Pending HUD
Acknowledgement***

Submitted May 10, 2024

Texas General Land Office
Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.



Changes to the Action Plan in Amendment 4

- **Regional Mitigation Program**
 - Allow Councils of Governments (COG) to increase the amount of funding to be spend in the HUD Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas by reducing the spending in the State MID areas
 - Allow waivers to the LMI requirements for localities (does not allow regional allocation to dip below 50%)

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Changes to the Action Plan in Amendment 4

- **Resilient Communities Program** allows Comprehensive Disaster Recovery Plans as an eligible activity
- **Hazard Mitigation Plan Program** updated to removed “enhanced” requirement for the state plan

CDBG-MIT Action Plan Amendment #4

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Submitted May 10, 2024



Regional Mitigation Program

- 204 applications received thus far
 - 104 awarded (up 42 since last meeting)

104 Awarded Projects

- Alamo Area COG – 2 projects
- Brazos Valley COG – 20 projects
- Capital Area COG – 5 projects
- Coastal Bend COG – 8 projects
- Deep East Texas COG – 22 projects
- Golden Crescent RPC – 4 project
- Houston-Galveston AC – 37 projects
- South East Texas RPC – 4 projects

Program Updates: Regional Mitigation Program



Harris County Method of Distribution

- Harris County submitted 44 applications
 - 4 have been approved
 - 24 are in draft
- Harris County Flood Control District submitted 28 applications
 - 2 are being reviewed
 - 16 are in draft

Program Updates:

Harris County Method of Distribution



Local Hazard Mitigation Program

- 102 applications received so far
 - 70 under contract
 - Average ask: \$80,262

Resilient Communities Program

- 202 applications received so far
 - 52 under contract
 - Average ask: \$204, 891

Program Updates:

Local Hazard Mitigation Program & Resilient Communities Program

