



MEMORANDUM

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To: Program File

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

Subject: GLO HoAP Program Waiver for Removal of Lien Requirements

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 requirement which places a 20 year lien on a homeowner's property when home repairs exceed a cost of \$80,000 for any applicant served directly by the GLO to align with the GLO's HAP compliance period requirements.

In lieu of the lien requirement, the GLO will require homeowners to complete an Unsecured Forgivable Promissory Note and Subrogation Agreement in order to receive funding. The note will require property owners to maintain compliance for a three (3) year affordability period, maintaining primary residency status in the subject property, remaining current on property taxes and maintaining insurance on the property. The GLO will implement processes to ensure the property owners maintain compliance during this three (3) year affordability period.

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