

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City) will receive \$1,175,954,338 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for assisting in long-term housing recovery from Hurricane Harvey. To receive this funding, the City submitted a local action plan to the Texas General Land Office (GLO), which has been incorporated into the State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey – Round 1. To implement this funding, the City's Housing and Community Development Program is developing program guidelines, which are being presented to the public for comments. At this point, HCDD is presenting the Disaster Recovery (DR-17) Multifamily Program (Multifamily Program) for comment:

The program aims to facilitate development of new multifamily rental housing, the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of flood-damaged multifamily rental housing, and strategic land acquisition for multifamily development to address this shortage and meet the needs of disaster impacted rental households, including those in public housing. This program will also provide housing designed to meet the needs of special populations. These guidelines will provide the broad outline of what these programs cover.

The focus of the program is to provide affordable housing to extremely low, very low-, low- and moderate-income renters. The goals and objectives of the Multifamily Program is to meet the unmet needs for affordable rental households and residents of public housing outlined in the action plan. The Multifamily Program will aim to rehabilitate or reconstruct damaged affordable multifamily properties resulting from the storm's impact, but also financing new construction in areas that promote higher standards of environmental and economic resiliency. Finally, the Multifamily Program will make special emphasis to serve the homeless population and create permanent supportive housing and housing serving special needs populations.

All work must be completed six years from the award of the contract to the City of Houston from the Texas General Land Office (GLO), HUD's direct recipient of Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR funds.

These draft guidelines are available for review and public comment from Thursday, November 8, 2018 through Saturday, December 8, 2018. Public comments may be submitted by email to: Kennisha.London@HoustonTX.gov or by mail to: HCDD, ATTN: Kennisha London, 601 Sawyer Street, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77007. View the draft Multifamily Program guidelines at:

- HCDD website – <http://HoustonTX.gov/Housing>
- Main Public Library – 500 McKinney, 77002
- HCDD Office – 601 Sawyer Street, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77007 (copies may be obtained at this location upon request)

To learn more about CDBG-DR and upcoming events related to disaster recovery, please call 832.394.6200 or visit www.HoustonTX.gov/Housing.

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or tenant/landlord relations, please contact HCDD at 832.394.6300 and choose the option for Fair Housing.