Public Notice

The City of Houston (City) has been allocated $23,486,698 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds to assist in recovery from the 2016 flood events (CDBG-DR16). This includes the following major disaster declarations: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) DR-4269-TX (severe storms and flooding from April 17 – April 30, 2016 - the Tax Day Flood) and FEMA DR-4272-TX (severe storms and flooding from May 22, 2016 through June 24, 2016). To receive this funding, the City must submit an application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO). The application proposes that CDBG-DR16 funding be used for a Housing Buyout Program. The proposed Housing Buyout Program will fund the purchase of single family and/or multifamily properties, the relocation of residents, and the demolition of homes purchased.

A meeting will be held to present and receive public comment on the draft Housing Buyout Program Application on **Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lone Star College Victory Center, 4141 Victory Street, 77088.** The venue is accessible for persons with disabilities. For additional information or to request special arrangements (interpreter, sign language, CART for the hearing impaired), contact Mary Itz at mary.itz@houstontx.gov or 832.394.6179.

The public has fourteen (14) days to comment on this proposal. The draft application is available for public comment from Friday, August 17, 2018 to Friday, August 31, 2018 at the following locations:

- Online at www.houstontx.gov/housing
- Main Public Library – 500 McKinney, 77002
- HCDD Office – 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, 77007 (copies may be obtained at this location)

Written comments may be submitted by mail to Mary Itz, HCDD, 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77007 or by email to mary.itz@houstontx.gov. The application shall be made available in an accessible format, upon request. Following the public comment period and a public hearing, this item will be submitted to City Council for approval. For more information on HCDD and its programs, you may access HCDD's website at http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/.

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6308.