

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 Department (HCDD) is developing program guidelines, which are being presented to the public for comments. At this point, HCDD is presenting two sets of guidelines for comment: The Homeowner Assistance Program (HoAP) and the Harvey Small Rental Program (HSR).

The **Homeowner Assistance Program (HoAP)** is expected to be divided into five main categories: Reimbursement for repairs completed; City-Managed Rehabilitation and/or Reconstruction; Homeowner-Managed Rehabilitation; Acquisition; and Interim Mortgage Assistance. Program details are as follows:

1. **Reimbursement:** Homeowners who have completed partial or full repairs on their home may be eligible for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred prior to application to the program, for work performed to minimum program standards.
2. **City Managed Rehabilitation and Reconstruction:** The City will manage and complete the construction process for the rehabilitation or reconstruction of Harvey-damaged homes on behalf of homeowners.
3. **Homeowner Managed Rehabilitation:** The City will assist homeowners who have started the process, or who can manage a contractor, to navigate program compliance requirements and funding process.
4. **Acquisition:** Owners of substantially damaged homes may be eligible to exchange their home for a newly constructed or rehabilitated home built to flood resilient standards.
5. **Interim Mortgage Assistance:** Interim Mortgage Assistance (IMA) may be provided to homeowners being served under the HoAP who are making both a mortgage and a rental payment.

Assistance for Reimbursement, City Managed Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Acquisition, and Homeowner Managed Rehabilitation will be provided in the form of a zero-interest, forgivable loan, secured by placement of a (second) lien on the applicant property.

The **Harvey Small Rental (HSR)** Program will have distinct policies and operational processes for 1) reconstruction and rehabilitation projects and 2) new construction projects. All work is expected to be completed five 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 Tuesday, October 16, 2018 through Thursday, November 15, 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 HoAP and HSR 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 landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6308.