

Public Notice

The City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends City Council approval of an Ordinance adopting guidelines for the Multifamily Voluntary Buyout Program (MVB). This is one of the programs identified in the 2016 Flood Events (Tax Day Flood) application. Funding for this program is a direct allocation from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) in the amount of \$23,486,698.00 in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. Proposed sites will be selected internally by HCDD in coordination with Houston Public Works (HPW) to identify developments that are environmentally vulnerable to future disasters and will provide mitigation benefits to the greater area.

The MVB program guidelines provide terms required by the laws and regulations surrounding the Tax Day Flood funding while outlining local priorities, eligibility requirements, and compliance period. These guidelines are the first step towards implementing buyout opportunities designed to assist multifamily developments that were impacted more than once because of natural disasters.

The public has fourteen (14) days to comment on these proposed items. The fourteen-day period extends from Thursday, May 23, 2019 through Thursday, June 6, 2019. For more information on these guidelines, contact Kennisha London at (832) 394-6197. Written comments can be submitted by mail to Kennisha London, HCDD, 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002 or by email to Kennisha.London@HoustonTx.gov. Following the public comment period, this item will be submitted to City Council for approval.

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