**Public Notice**

The City of Houston (City) through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) is presenting the below changes to the Harvey Homebuyer Assistance Program (HbAP) for the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for Hurricane Harvey funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

The HbAP will prioritize households that were impacted by Hurricane Harvey to facilitate the movement of Low-and-Moderate-Income (LMI) households into new homes after their homes were damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The program may provide down payment and closing cost assistance to eligible households earning up to 120% of Area Medium Income.

The program will provide down payment and closing cost assistance, and principal buydown to finance the purchase of a home located within the incorporated areas of the City of Houston.

The following changes were implemented:

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| * Updated verbiage to Buyer Contribution and added Closing Requirements. |
| * Corrected Definition of First Time Homebuyer. |
| * Added Eligible Property Types (1) Single Family Unit. |
| * Removed tenant occupied verbiage from Property Location. |
| * Added Appraisal vs Sale Price requirement to Property Eligibility Requirements. |
| * Added requirements to Debt-to-Income Ratio. |
| * Clarified Minimum Construction Standards to include specific standards used and added updated link as a reference. |
| * Added Anticipated Rental Income under Income Eligibility. |
| * Updated Property Location. |
| * Defined Power of Attorney and Communication Designee in the Application Intake Phase. |
| * Added clarification on debt payoffs at closing. |
| * Added a limit of Liquid Assets with clarification on the effective date. |

The public has seven (7) days to comment on this proposed item. The seven-day period extends from Friday, July 28, 2023, through Friday, August 4, 2023. Upon completion of the 7-day public comment period, HCDD will take this item to Housing Committee.

For additional information on this item, contact Metchm Lohoues-Washington at (832) 394-6180. Written comments can be submitted by email to

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For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6200 ext 1. For any information about our Complaints and Appeals Process, please access the following: https://houstontx.gov/housing/complaints.html and https://houstontx.gov/housing/appeals.html. For more information about HCDD and its programs, please access HCDD’s website at www.houstontx.gov/housing.