



Legislation Text

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Discussion of issues relating to the participation in the Harris County Hurricane Harvey Method of Distribution (MOD) for the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Round 1 funding.

Summary:

The City of Deer Park has been allocated to receive \$2,920,500 in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for infrastructure damaged or failed to function by Hurricane Harvey through the Harris County Method of Distribution (MOD). This funding is from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered through the Texas General Land Office (GLO). It is separate from funding provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administered through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

The Method Distribution (MOD) is the process by which a County must develop the formula to allocate funding to other affected cities within the County; usually outside of the City of Houston.

Eligible Activities under CDBG-DR Infrastructure/Non-housing funding include:

- Flood control and drainage repair and improvements, including the construction or rehabilitation of storm water management systems;
- Restoration of publically owned infrastructure (such as water and sewer facilities, streets/bridges, provision of generators, etc.)
- Demolition, rehabilitation/reconstruction of publicly-owned commercial, institutional, or industrial buildings and code enforcement

As Hurricane Harvey produced a high flood event, HUD and the GLO sees drainage improvements and flood control efforts to reduce flood risk, particularly in low-income areas, as a priority type project. Under HUD rules, 70% of CDBG-DR funding must benefit low-to moderate income (LMI) persons/communities. The LMI areas in Deer Park and shown on the attached maps.

To participate in this program, it is required that the City publish a public notice of CDBG-DR funding allocation and hold one public meeting for citizens to provide input on CDBG-DR allocation and possible city projects under the funding. This meeting must be held no later than October 19, 2018. Therefore, the City has published notice to appear on October 3, 2018 that this issue will be discussed at the Regular City Council Meeting on October 16, 2018.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

\$2,920,500 in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant funds

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Discussion only.