



County Method of Distribution for 2016 Floods CDBG-Disaster Recovery Allocation

Summary Information

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Allocation Summary

County Allocation for All Activities:	\$17,022,677.00
Planning and Administration (15%):	\$2,553,401.55
Housing Activities:	\$7,234,637.73
Non-Housing Activities:	\$7,234,637.25

Citizen Participation

Below is a description addressing how the County complied with the Citizen Participation Plan regarding citizen and non-governmental organization outreach, and any efforts exceeding GLO minimum public participation requirements:

Fort Bend County encouraged citizen participation in the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Method of Distribution (MOD) development process for DR 4269 (April 2016 flooding) and DR 4272 (May/June 2016 flooding) by means of three public planning meetings, attending several local community based network meetings, surveying local community based organizations and affected residents, and conducting one public commenting meeting and two public hearings.

Three public planning meetings were held to discuss disaster recovery in relation to CDBG-DR funding. The first planning meeting was held on April 26, 2017 for affected jurisdictions, County departments, and elected officials. The second planning meeting was held April 27, 2017 for local community based organizations involved in the response and recovery efforts from the 2016 disasters. An additional planning meeting was held on May 24, 2017 for the public at large to offer input into the MOD development.

County staff also discussed the potential CDBG-DR funding at several local community based network meetings, including Fort Bend Recovers (Fort Bend County’s long term recovery group), Fort Bend Connect (a monthly networking group of individual, groups, agencies, or organizations that strives to address the multiple needs in Fort Bend County), and Fort Bend Homelessness Network Meeting? Surveys to solicit input from community based organizations and the

public were shared at these meetings. The community based organizations were encouraged to share the surveys with affected residents as they met with them.

The surveys (in both English and Spanish) to gather public input were also shared with the public via social media (Facebook and Twitter), the Fort Bend County website (Community Development page), and Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management website. Both electronic and hard copies of the surveys were made available. 50 surveys from the public have been collected and the responses have helped determine existing unmet needs in the county following the 2016 disasters.

In the Fall of 2016, the Fort Bend County Health and Human Services Department, in conjunction with Medical Reserve Corps, conducted a door-to-door CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) in disaster affected areas that doubled as a post-flood assessment. The CASPER collected information from 174 affected families about their level of damage from the disasters as well as their unmet needs. Several residents mentioned the flooding of 2016 being the first time their homes has ever flooded in recent memory. Almost 50% of interviewed residents did not have flood insurance at the time of the flooding.

Fort Bend County also solicited potential infrastructure projects from the Fort Bend County jurisdictions and County departments related to the 2016 disasters. These potential projects document the non-housing unmet disaster needs within the County and the Fort Bend County jurisdictions.

Fort Bend County conducted one public commenting meeting on the MOD and two public hearings. The public commenting meeting was held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 10:30am. The public hearings were held on June 6, 2017 at 1:00pm and June 13, 2017 at 1:00pm during Fort Bend County Commissioners Court. Notices for these hearings were published in the Fort Bend Herald and Spanish newspapers. The county also sent email notifications regarding the meetings to local community based organizations and the Fort Bend County jurisdictions as well as posted to the Fort Bend County website (via the Community Development page) and the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management website, Facebook page, and Twitter account.

Public Planning Meeting #1 (Jurisdictions and County Departments)

Date/Time:	Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9am-11am	Location:	Gus George Law Enforcement Academy 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle Richmond, TX 77469
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Public Planning Meeting #2 (Long-Term Recovery Group, Non-Profits, Housing Authorities, Etc.)

Date/Time:	Thursday, April 27, 2017 9am-11am	Location:	Fort Bend County Travis Building – 7 th Floor Meeting Room 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, TX 77469
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Public Planning Meeting #3 (Public)

Date/Time:	Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:30pm-8pm	Location:	Bud O'Shieles Community Center 1330 Band Rd, Rosenberg, TX 77471
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Public Planning Meeting #4 (Public Commenting Meeting)

Date/Time:	Saturday, June 3, 2017 10:30am-12pm	Location:	George Memorial Library 1001 Golfview Drive, Richmond, TX 77469
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First Public Hearing Information

Date/Time:	Tuesday, June 6, 2017 1pm	Location:	Fort Bend County Historic Courthouse – Commissioners Court Room
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Attendance: **TBD**

401 Jackson Street, Richmond, TX 77469

Second Public Hearing Information

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 13, 2017
1pm

Location: Fort Bend County Historic Courthouse – Commissioners Court Room

Attendance: **TBD**

401 Jackson Street, Richmond, TX 77469

Personal Notice. As required, personal notice was sent to eligible entities at least **five** days in advance of the public hearings using the following method(s) (at least one must be selected):

	Method	Date Sent	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Mail	5/30/2017	Copy of outgoing message.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivery		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certified Mail		

Internet Notice. As required, public notices was distributed on the Internet at least **five** days in advance using the following method:

	Method	Date Published	Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Website	5/15/2017	Print out from website with date of posting.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Office of Emergency Management Website	6/1/2017	Print out from website with date of posting.

Published Notice. As required, notice of the public hearings was published in at least one regional newspaper at least **three** days in advance. Notice of public hearing was published in the following regional newspaper(s):

	Newspaper Name	Date Published	Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fort Bend Herald	5/13/2017 and 5/21/2017	Affidavits from publisher.

Citizen Comment Documentation

<input type="checkbox"/>	The required copy of a sign-in sheet from the public hearing is attached.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	A summary of the citizen comments and meeting discussion is attached.		
Describe any efforts to notify and accommodate those with modified communication needs, such as posting information and providing interpretive services for other languages.		Notices for the public meetings and public hearings were posted in both English and Spanish. All information, including surveys, notices, and the MOD itself were posed to the Fort Bend County website (Community Development page) and the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management website in both English and Spanish along with comment instructions.	

Long-Term Planning and Recovery

Below is an explanation of how the region's method of distribution fosters long-term community recovery that is forward-looking and focused on permanent restoration of infrastructure, housing and the local economy.

Fort Bend County experienced property and infrastructure damage as a result of two disasters in 2016. The first disaster impacted Fort Bend County April 18-22, 2016 and is regionally referred to as the Tax Day Floods. This incident caused flash and street flooding, Barker Reservoir flooding, and river flooding along the Brazos and San Bernard Rivers. Fort Bend County was subsequently included in the Presidentially-declared disaster DR-4269 for the Tax Day Floods. The second disaster, locally known as the Memorial Day Flooding or the May/June Flooding, occurred May 27-June 10, 2016. Fort Bend County experienced record breaking flooding along the Brazos River. As a result of this, the county was added to Presidentially-declared disaster DR-4272. It was mostly low-to-moderate income areas (especially with DR-4272) that were adversely affected by the 2016 disasters. (It should be noted that Fort Bend County also experienced river flooding along the Brazos River in 2015 and was included in Presidentially-declared disaster DR-4223.)

To support long-term community recovery (and due to the limited amount of Disaster Recovery CDBG funding available), Fort Bend County's Method of Distribution focuses on low-to-moderate income areas that were most impacted by river and flash flooding experienced in DR-4269 and DR-4272. The Method of Distribution also encourages an emphasis on projects which will have an effect to correct damage, mitigate future disasters (particularly flooding), and/or increase public safety.

There is a vested interest to ensure that residents in the floodway and floodplain are not impacted by future flooding incidents. Under the housing category, after 15% of the funding has been set aside from the County's allocation for Planning and Administration, 50% of the remaining CDBG-DR funding will be directed towards county-wide housing projects. Fort Bend County will leverage CDBG-DR funding with its existing Hazard Mitigation grant program to work with the entire county to either elevate flooded residences in the floodplain and/or buyout flooded residences in the floodway and floodplain, focusing on low-income homeowners.

The remaining 50% of the funding will be for non-housing projects and will be allocated to the Fort Bend County jurisdictions and County departments. This non-housing funding is encouraged to correct damage or failure to function of critical infrastructure and/or improve drainage systems in the disaster impacted areas for long-term protection of housing and businesses.

Unmet Housing Needs

Below is an explanation of how unmet housing needs will be addressed or how economic revitalization or infrastructure activities will contribute to long-term recovery and restoration of housing in the most impacted and distressed areas.

Fort Bend County, through eligible housing projects, wishes to ensure that residents are not impacted by future flooding disasters, but at the same time are able to live in affordable, safe, secure, and sanitary housing. Lack of affordable housing was (and remains) a major challenge in Fort Bend County following the 2016 disasters. This was confirmed by the DR-4272-TX Direct Housing Assessment conducted by FEMA and the State of Texas following the May/June 2016 flooding. By working to ensure that damaged housing is repaired properly and homes are elevated means that residents are able to stay in existing affordable housing. Proposed plans also include relocating affected residents out of the floodway and floodplain to existing or new affordable housing. Fort Bend County has also reached out to the Houston Area Urban League Fair Housing Center and Greater Houston Fair Housing Center to explore additional options to meet unmet housing needs in the county.

Increased flooding in affected areas of the county have led to a decrease in property values, which affects both the local tax base and the local economy. Infrastructure activities, such as improving drainage systems, will contribute to long-term recovery and restore housing in the most impacted areas because proposed projects are designed to mitigate excess water from flood prone areas. This will reduce the number of homes and businesses that incur flood damage and therefore not decrease property values. These infrastructure projects will also decrease the cost that Fort Bend County and its jurisdictions expend on emergency response efforts.

Method of Distribution Detail

The County is required to prepare a method of distribution between the eligible entities or projects. The GLO has directed the County to use a direct allocation technique based on objective, verifiable data. The Method of Distribution will identify how it meets benefiting 70% low-to-moderate persons requirement, supports minimum allocation amounts that help ensure project feasibility, and provides an explanation of the distribution factors selected.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Statement

All subrecipients will certify that they will affirmatively further fair housing (“AFFH”) in their grant agreements, and will receive GLO training and technical assistance in meeting their AFFH obligations. Additionally, all project applications will undergo AFFH review by GLO before approval. Such review will include assessment of a proposed project’s area demography, socioeconomic characteristics, housing configuration and needs, educational, transportation, and health care opportunities, environmental hazards or concerns, and all other factors material to the AFFH determination. Applications should show that projects are likely to lessen area racial, ethnic, and low-income concentrations, and/or promote affordable housing in low-poverty, non-minority areas in response to natural hazard related impacts.

Distribution Factors

The County will set aside 15% of its CDBG-DR funding (\$2,553,401.55) for Planning and Administrative purposes.

Housing and housing assistance was noted as one of the largest unmet needs in Fort Bend County from the 2016 disasters. Because of this, 50% of Fort Bend County’s remaining CDBG-DR allocation (\$7,234,637.73) will be for housing projects and will be administered by the County on behalf of all affected Fort Bend County jurisdictions, including unincorporated Fort Bend County.

The remaining 50% of Fort Bend County’s CDBG-DR allocation (\$7,234,637.73) will be for non-housing projects. The County has selected the following distribution factors to allocate this remaining funding:

Distribution Factor*	Weight	Documentation Source	Explanation of Factor Selection and Weighting
Low to Moderate Income (LMI) percentage for jurisdiction	30	FY2014 LMISD Data, 2006-2010 American Community Survey	The number of individuals within each jurisdiction who are low to moderate income as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. This factor is included

			because CDBG-DR funds are intended to benefit low to moderate income individuals. It has been weighted less heavily than the Damage Level Distribution Factor because the LMI data encompasses the entire jurisdiction and is not directly tied to areas affected by the 2016 disasters.
Damage Level (Includes FEMA Public Assistance, FEMA Verified Loss, FEMA Individual Assistance (Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance), and Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan Amounts)	70	General Land Office Report DR 4269 and DR 4272 as of 1/11/2017	Reports of actual verified loss (as determined by FEMA), individual housing/household assistance and public damage reported by FEMA for DR 4269 and DR 4272 demonstrate damage level by jurisdiction. This Distribution Factor was weighed more heavily because the damage reports tie directly to areas most impacted by the 2016 disasters.

*Add more rows if needed

All allocations must meet or exceed a floor of \$100,000 to help ensure sufficient funds for at least one eligible project.

Eligible Activities

Grantee activities must be specifically related to 2016 disaster(s), and must meet the following criteria:

- Activity must be a CDBG-eligible project;
- Activity must be in response to a 2016 disaster(s) related impact in one of the following ways:
 - Direct verifiable damage from the disaster(s) that requires improvement of conditions, or
 - The facilities must have failed to function in the normal capacity as a result of the disaster(s).
- The County has added a stipulation that projects must meet a regionally-established recovery priority.

The County has addressed prioritization of eligible activities as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The County has chosen not to limit Grantees in the region to projects meeting regional priority activities.	
	The MOD recommends prioritization of projects that benefit low to moderate income areas over urgent need projects. The County will administer funds in area outside of the boundaries of the Fort Bend County jurisdictions noted in this MOD.	
-OR-		
<input type="checkbox"/>	The County has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:	
Non-housing Activities		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Specially Authorized Public Facilities & Improvements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewer Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Public Utilities (gas, et al)	<input type="checkbox"/> Clearance & Demolition Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Street Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flood and Drainage Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Specially Authorized Assistance to Private Utilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Debris Removal	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Centers & Emergency Shelters (Existing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Urban Environmental Design

<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Protection Facilities and Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks, Playgrounds and other Recreational Facilities		
Housing Activities			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family repair and rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-family repair and rehabilitation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-family replacement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-family elevation of homes in flood plains	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Multi-family to replace multi-family stock
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single family relocation from flood plains or identified environmental hazards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buyouts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning related to housing		

Reallocation of Funds

The county must identify the process of reallocation of funds from de-obligated funds and/or cost savings from completed projects:

The Fort Bend County Community Development Department will rank housing and non-housing projects separately by evaluations scores from the highest to the lowest score. Community Development Department staff will determine which projects costs are eligible. Eligible housing and non-housing projects are funded separately according to their ranking. Funding is allocated to housing and non-housing projects until CDBG-DR funds are depleted according to the CDBG-DR program maximums and minimums.

Subgrantees are required to notify the Fort Bend County Community Development Department of any de-obligated projects under the CDBG-DR program and/or cost savings from completed projects.

The reallocation of CDBG-DR funds from de-obligated projects and/or cost savings from completed projects will be used to fund higher ranked projects in the appropriate category (housing or non-housing) not fully funded with a priority on low to moderate income areas and then any remaining eligible projects as determined by the Fort Bend County Community Development Department. Any increase in CDBG-DR program allocations will be applied to the non-housing category.

Approval and Signatory Authority

A Resolution of the County is attached approving the method of distribution and authorizing its submittal to the Texas General Land Office. I certify that the contents of this document and all related attachments are complete and accurate.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Email Address

Telephone Number

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Fort Bend County – Non-Housing Allocation

City, County or Housing Authority	First Distribution Factor: LMI Percentage				Second Distribution Factor: Damage Level				Entity Weighted Factor Total (EWFtot)	Weighted Factor Total (WFtot)	Proportional Weighted Factor (PWF) EWFtot/WFtot	Allocation for Formulaic Distribution (A)	Proportional Distribution PWF x A
	Maximum Factor Measure:		59.5500		Maximum Factor Measure:		\$26,817,971.29						
	Factor Weight:		30		Factor Weight:		70						
	Factor Measure (FM)	Factor Measure Maximum (FMmax)	Weight (W)	Weighted Factor Wx(FM/FMmax)	Factor Measure (FM)	Factor Measure Maximum (FMmax)	Weight (W)	Weighted Factor Wx(FM/FMmax)					
Fort Bend County	24.92	59.5500	30	13	\$26,817,971.29	\$26,817,971.29	70	70	83	327.227351	0.25228379	\$7,234,637.73	\$1,825,181.82
Arcola	54.55	59.5500	30	27	\$1,440.99	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.003761258	27	327.227351	0.083993192	\$7,234,637.73	\$607,660.31
Fulshear	34.36	59.5500	30	17	\$174,336.56	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.455051542	18	327.227351	0.05428909	\$7,234,637.73	\$392,761.90
Katy	33.17	59.5500	30	17	\$272,832.89	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.712145676	17	327.227351	0.053242717	\$7,234,637.73	\$385,191.77
Kendleton	59.55	59.5500	30	30	\$220.21	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.00057479	30	327.227351	0.091681135	\$7,234,637.73	\$663,279.80
Missouri City	24.79	59.5500	30	12	\$134,090.70	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.350002202	13	327.227351	0.039234701	\$7,234,637.73	\$283,848.85
Richmond	57.49	59.5500	30	29	\$1,419,602.03	\$26,817,971.29	70	3.705430997	33	327.227351	0.099831654	\$7,234,637.73	\$722,245.85
Rosenberg	49.66	59.5500	30	25	\$2,076,448.81	\$26,817,971.29	70	5.419925882	30	327.227351	0.093016547	\$7,234,637.73	\$672,941.02
Simonton	21.37	59.5500	30	11	\$7,508,293.38	\$26,817,971.29	70	19.59807216	30	327.227351	0.09279119	\$7,234,637.73	\$671,310.64
Stafford	35.3	59.5500	30	18	\$6,372.87	\$26,817,971.29	70	0.016634401	18	327.227351	0.054396461	\$7,234,637.73	\$393,538.69
Sugar Land	17.29	59.5500	30	9	\$839,622.02	\$26,817,971.29	70	2.191572985	11	327.227351	0.033315982	\$7,234,637.73	\$241,029.06
Thompsons	31.25	59.5500	30	16	\$478,022.95	\$26,817,971.29	70	1.247730715	17	327.227351	0.051923544	\$7,234,637.73	\$375,648.03
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Key

LMI Percentage	Low to Moderate Income - Percentage of Jurisdictional Population that is considered Low to Moderate Income according to HUD
Damage Level	FEMA Public Assistance + FEMA Verified Loss + FEMA Individual Assistance (Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance) + Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan Amounts

County: FORT BEND

Non-Housing

<i>Required</i>	Total		\$7,234,637.73
	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
City, County or Public Housing Authority	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Regional Allocation	70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement
Fort Bend County	\$1,825,182	25.23%	\$1,277,627
Arcola	\$607,660	8.40%	\$425,362
Fulshear	\$392,762	5.43%	\$274,933
Katy	\$385,192	5.32%	\$269,634
Kendleton	\$663,280	9.17%	\$464,296
Missouri City	\$283,849	3.92%	\$198,694
Richmond	\$722,246	9.98%	\$505,572
Rosenberg	\$672,941	9.30%	\$471,059
Simonton	\$671,311	9.28%	\$469,917
Stafford	\$393,539	5.44%	\$275,477
Sugar Land	\$241,029	3.33%	\$168,720
Thompsons	\$375,648	5.19%	\$262,954
	\$7,234,638	100.00%	\$5,064,246
	Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement	70%	\$5,064,246

Housing

<i>Required</i>	Total		\$7,234,637.73
	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
City, County or Public Housing Authority	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Regional Allocation	70% Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement
Fort Bend County	\$7,234,638	100.00%	\$5,064,246
	\$7,234,638	100.00%	\$5,064,246
	Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit Requirement	70%	\$5,064,246