



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

Summary Information

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Allocation Summary

County Allocation for All Activities:	\$22,298,808
	Infrastructure: \$13,379,284.80
	Housing: \$8,919,523.20

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:

Montgomery County Community Development Citizen Participation Plan uses several methods for encouraging citizen participation. Public Announcements, outreach efforts to special groups, formal public hearings, citizens advisory committees and survey methods. MCCD reached out to area non profits, faith based organizations, civil rights and fair housing groups, churches and minority based organizations to discuss unmet needs within the community related to CDBG-DR funds. On May 16th a Fair Housing meeting was held at the MCCD office that included various nonprofits, civil rights groups, minority based organizations and mental health treatment providers. On May 18th a MCCD representative attended a Continuum of Care meeting held at the local Chamber of Commerce. On May 23rd MCCD conducted a public planning meeting with eight cities participating. on June 5, 2017, during the public comment period, a city came forward and pointed out that incomplete damage assessment data was used. This required a recalculation of allocations, which were sent on June 7, 2017 to all who received the first Draft. The corrected Draft was also posted on the County website and in all other locations where the original Draft had been placed for review. On June 12th the first public hearing was held at the Lonestar Convention Center and on June 27th the second public hearing was held in Commissioners Court. In every meeting held, MCCD has gathered information relating to how the public, municipalities, non profits, minority groups, faith based organizations, and fair housing groups would like to see the disaster funding distributed. In addition, the proposal of funds was available for review in the office of MCCD. MCCD exceeded GLO's minimum public participation requirements by conducting public announcements, outreach efforts, formal public hearings, citizens advisory committees and survey methods to gather input following MCCD citizen participation plan.

Public Planning Meeting

Date/Time: **05/23/17 5:30-7:30**

Location: **Lone Star Convention Center**

Attendance: **14 plus 4 County Staff**

9055 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX 77303

First Public Hearing Information

Date/Time: **06/12/17 5:30 – 7:30**

Location: **Lone Star Convention Center**

Attendance: _____

9055 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX 77303

Second Public Hearing Information

Date/Time: **06/27/17 9:30 – 11:30**

Location: **Alan B. Sadler Bldg-Commissioners Court**

Attendance: _____

501 N. Thompson St. Fourth Floor, Conroe, TX 77301

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	5/04/17,5/10/17, 5/12/17,5/17/17, 5/23/17,5/24/17 6/05/17,6/06/17 6/07/17,6/12/17	See Attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivery	6/6/17	See Attached (Libraries and Community Centers)
<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	6/06/2017	See Attached

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Conroe Courier	6/06/2017	See Attached
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	El Sol	6/02/2017	See Attached

Citizen Comment Documentation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The required copy of a sign-in sheet from the public hearing is attached.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A summary of the citizen comments and meeting discussion is attached. Autumn sent 3 meeting notices to Rebecca

Describe any efforts to notify and accommodate those with modified communication needs, such as posting information and providing interpretive services for other languages.

Posted with all Written Notices to Public:
Persons with vision or hearing impairments or other individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and services, or individuals requiring an interpreter, should contact the Community Development Department at (936) 538-8060 regarding reasonable accommodations at least 24 hours before the meeting or to receive assistance with accessibility to this notice. In addition, for those citizens who do not have access to the internet, or who cannot afford newspapers, copies were posted at all County Libraries and Community Centers. Public Service Announcements were also distributed to the following local radio stations; **TBD**

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.

Parts of Montgomery County sustained a great deal of damage to infrastructure and chose to focus on mitigating key function failures caused by widespread flooding. Montgomery County chose to prioritize Drainage, Sewer, Road Repair, Generators and FEMA match for infrastructure projects, specifically related to low income neighborhoods. Addressing the infrastructure issues it will foster long term community recovery by remediating the key systems which failed to function. Infrastructure improvements impact area residents by allowing operations to resume quickly, and by protecting them from repetitive damage. It will foster a safer, more sanitary living environment for residents.

For housing, Montgomery County will look to repair, replace or elevate homes that were damaged or flooded. If the home cannot be repaired, replaced or elevated, the County will look to buyout the home.

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.

There are currently 976 LMI home owners that have unmet needs. The County will use FEMA data to target these homeowners to address their housing needs. Based on the data about damage that was caused by the flooding and individual property assessments performed by in-house construction managers, the MCCD dept. will evaluate if the home can be repaired, replaced or elevated. If the home is not able to be repaired, replaced or elevated buyouts are an option. Montgomery County does not currently plan to place a cap on per-house expenditures beyond the cap imposed by CDBG-DR regulation. Based on input from minority, elderly, disability, homeless and low income groups, the County does not plan to prioritize specific categories of LMI, and instead plans to prioritize "general" LMI.

Infrastructure projects will address drainage, sewer, road repair and generators. Targeting these needs will foster long term recovery for area residents that were impacted the most by high water and failure to function of roads, ditches and lift stations. The County acknowledges that small cities may not have the financial resources to match large federal grants for effective mitigation of future events, therefore to leverage the CDBG-DR funds as much as possible, the County will allow allocated funds to be used as a FEMA match on eligible projects.

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, nonminority areas in response to natural hazard related impacts.

Distribution Factors

The County has selected the following distribution factors:

Distribution Factor*	Weight	Documentation Source	Explanation of Factor Selection and Weighting
Total amount of public assistance damage	50	FEMA Data	Prioritizes most damaged areas
Highest percentage of poverty	50	US CENSUS DATA	Prioritizes poorest neighborhoods

*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 type="checkbox"/>	The County has chosen not to limit Grantees in the region to projects meeting regional priority activities.
-OR-	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The County has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:		
Non-housing Activities			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specially Authorized Public Facilities & Improvements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sewer Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Public Utilities (gas, et al)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clearance & Demolition Activities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Street Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Code Enforcement
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Single-family repair and rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-family repair and rehabilitation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Single-family replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-family replacement
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Buyouts
<input checked="" 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:

If funds have been de-obligated from a municipality for any reason or there are cost savings for completed projects the funds will be reallocated to Montgomery County for eligible projects.

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

