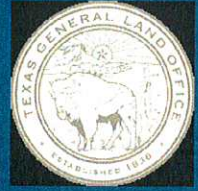


Hurricane Harvey: Local Buyout and Acquisition Program



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Fort Bend County, Texas

APPLICANT NAME

Fort Bend

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COUNTY

COG/Regional Planning Commission

DR-4332 - 2017

Disaster Declaration Number and Year

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424

Each applicant for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding must certify by signing Form SF-424 that local certifications included in the application guide governing this funding have been followed in the preparation of any CDBG-DR program application, and, if funded, will continue to be followed. (Note: False certification can result in legal action against the jurisdiction).

Further, by signing the SF-424 and submitting with the application, the signee authorizes the state or any of its duly authorized representatives to verify the information contained therein. Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. code states that a person is guilty of a FELONY for knowingly and willingly making false statements to any department of the United States Government.

All applications must be accompanied by a completed and signed Application for Federal Assistance SF-424, OMB Number: 4040-0004, Expiration Date: 10/31/2019. SF424_2_1-V2.1

This form is available on the GLO-CDR website with detailed instructions available in the CDR Application Guide. <http://recovery.texas.gov/files/resources/housing/s2-form424.pdf> or www.recovery.texas.gov

INTRODUCTION AND INSTRUCTIONS

INTRODUCTION: This application is for the residential Local Buyout and Acquisition Program for Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR funding. It is created to be used for the buyout or acquisition of residential housing activities affected by Hurricane Harvey.

CDBG-DR funds must be used for disaster-related expenses in the most impacted and distressed areas. An activity underway prior to a Presidential disaster declaration will not qualify unless the disaster impacted the project.

Applicants are required to provide sufficient detail about the buyout or acquisition of residential property, the National Objective, the geographic/target area that will receive benefit, the estimated costs and materials needed, the projected schedule to completion, any potential environmental impact, and other details specific to the buyout or acquisition activity involved. Please be thorough in completing this application to ensure prompt review.

Applicants are encouraged to develop these recovery activities in a manner that considers an integrated approach to housing, fair housing obligations, economic revitalization, and overall community recovery. The Applicant must document how the activity(s) will address long-term recovery and community resilience.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete and sign the SF-424 as indicated above.
2. Complete this Local Buyout and Acquisition application.
3. **AUDIT:** If applicable, provide the most recent Single Audit in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subchapter F. Texas General Land Office (GLO) - Community Development and Revitalization (CDR) Staff will review single audit requirements for applicable recipients, who have open contracts with GLO.
4. **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Provide the most recent financial statement prepared in accordance with 2 CFR 200.510. Include a schedule of expenditures and schedule of findings and questioned costs.
5. **KEY STAFF:** Provide the names and contact information for staff that will provide local oversight of the application, the potential contract, and all applicable requirements.
6. Provide **LOCAL PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** along with other required documentation.

For detailed application instructions, see the Community Development and Revitalization (CDR) Hurricane Harvey Buyout and Acquisition Application Guide.

Select the Activity for this application:

Buyout Program

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION DETERMINED THE NEEDS IN THIS PLAN BY:

Did the applicant carry out citizen participation procedures in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan as Yes No required by the governing documentation? Refer to your governing Federal Register and Action Plan for specific information regarding Citizen Participation Plans. NOTE: The Citizen Participation Plan must be posted for a 30-day local comment period.

List all opportunities where citizens, especially low-to-moderate income citizens of the target area, were given to participate in the determination of these needs. **Click the + to add events, X to remove events.**

Opportunity: Other	Date: 1/31/2019
Opportunity: Other	Date: 2/5/2019
Opportunity: Other	Date: 2/8/2019
Opportunity: Community Meeting	Date: 2/28/2019
Opportunity: Other	Date: 3/12/2019
Date of resolution authorizing application submission: 3/12/2019	

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEED(S) ADDRESSED IN THIS APPLICATION

In this section, provide full and complete answers to each of the questions below. Descriptions should include the cause of the damage, current condition of the activity, and a detailed description of the project that coincides with the information contained in both Tables 1 and 2.

The Buyout or Acquisition activities must demonstrate impact by Hurricane Harvey. CDBG-DR funds must be used for disaster-related expenses in the most impacted and distressed areas.

The situation addressed in this application first occurred: Aug 25, 2017

1. Describe the specific flood and storm-related condition that caused direct damage (include date and duration), the areas (example: subdivisions, cities, etc.) receiving disaster-related damage, and the threat that was posed to public health and safety:

Hurricane Harvey struck Texas on August 25, 2017 and was the most economically destructive hurricane in the state's history with damage estimated at \$125 billion (including Louisiana). More than 750,000 people evacuated their homes and 30% of Texas' population, an estimated 8,490,000 persons were directly impacted. According to the National Hurricane Center, at least 68 people died from the direct effects of the storm in Texas. Over the duration of the storm approximately 60 inches of rain fell in and around the Houston area. In Fort Bend County, an estimated 6,800 to 8,500 homes were damaged; 10,000 rescues were conducted and 200,000 people were ordered to evacuate from their homes.

2. Describe the impacts on the community that resulted from the disaster-related damage:

In Fort Bend County, major housing damage occurred. Both the Brazos and San Bernard Rivers experienced record floods and erosion of property along waterways. It is estimated that Hurricane Harvey resulted in 6,800 to 8,500 damaged homes, approximately 10,000 rescues were conducted, and 200,000 people were ordered to evacuate their homes. This damage was county-wide with damage reported in the Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, and Thompsons areas. In the unincorporated areas, the Cumings area, the Riverstone, Tierra Grande and Woods Edge Subdivisions and properties along the Jones Creek watershed reported wide-spread damage. Many structures located on properties in closest proximity to the Brazos and San Bernard Rivers were totally destroyed and/or completely inundated by flood waters.

3. List and attach materials submitted as documentation of the Hurricane Harvey-related condition.

See Attached

4. Describe how the proposed activities will address damage affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Fort Bend County's Disaster Recovery Voluntary Buyout Program will prioritize the homeowner properties in the floodway, the area of great danger to residents. The County will buyout homeowner properties that have been destroyed and homeowner properties that were substantially damaged through flooding and/or erosion and can not be rebuilt. Each homeowner must provide proof of damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, including FEMA letters or other supporting documentation accepted by GLO. In addition, potential buyout properties will be inspected to document the damage.

5. Describe the proposed project.

Fort Bend County Disaster Recovery Voluntary Buyout Program is a program that will be operated by the Fort Bend County Community Development Department to assist owners whose homes were damaged by the 2017 flooding to relocate outside the threat of flooding. Buyout programs support hazard mitigation, and resiliency by removing homeowners from the floodway and floodplain, thus eliminating vulnerability to future flooding situations. After homes are purchased, the structures are demolished or relocated. The land reverts to a natural floodplain, converts into a retention area, or is retained as green space for recreational purposes. The buyout program serves multiple objectives and provides a resiliency option versus rebuilding within a floodway and floodplain. Buyouts help prevent repetitive loss and extreme risk to human health and safety. When conducted sooner rather than later, Buyouts prevent homeowners from making repairs and investing funds in properties that they then may not want to sell. The objectives of the program are:

1. Acquire properties that have been subject to 2017 floods use for public space, green space, and/or flood control measures.
2. Assist homeowners to move to an area with a reduced risk of flooding .
3. Return properties in the floodway and floodplain to natural and beneficial function, aiding in the storage of floodwaters
4. Eliminate future flood damages and health and safety risks for owners and rescuers.
5. Reduce repetitive subsidized flood insurance payments and federal disaster assistance

The program will focus on providing assistance to owners of properties that are located in a floodway and flood plain or are eroding due to flooding.

6. Describe the impact of taking no action:

The properties in the floodway and flood plain and subject to erosion will continue to flood and erode. The continued occupancy of these properties endangers the lives of residents and first-responders. The damage to public infrastructure located in these communities will continue and the financial costs for recovery from these flooding events will continue to increase.

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. Describe the jurisdiction's current supply of housing units available at affordable rents (Public Housing, Section 8 assisted, RHS assisted, HOME program assisted, TDHCA assisted, Local Housing Development Corp. assisted, etc.).

Fort Bend County does not have a public housing authority. The City of Rosenberg has a housing authority that provides rental assistance through vouchers. The Rosenberg Housing Authority does not have any public housing. Fort Bend County is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement community, a designated urban county. The County receives funding for CDBG, HOME and ESG Program directly from HUD. The County's HOME allocation averages less than \$500,000 a year and is used to administer a small owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. There is a severe shortage of affordable housing located within Fort Bend County. The most recent increases in the number of affordable housing in the County is the result of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) housing projects. In recent years several LIHTC projects have been canceled or denied funding because of community opposition to affordable housing.

2. Describe past efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing.

Fort Bend County is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement community, a designated urban county. The County receives funding for CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs directly from HUD. In the past, the County administered a small owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program with CDBG Program funds and State of Texas HOME program funds. Since becoming a participating jurisdiction (pj), the County administers the owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program with HOME Program funds. The County has provided assistance to hundreds of low- and moderate-income homeowners through this program.

Fort Bend County administered a HOME Program-funded down payment program and a TBRA program. The County provided HOME Program assistance for the development of a 40 home subdivision in the City of Richmond and for the 180 unit Meadows Place Senior Housing Project, a LIHTC project.

The County provided rental assistance to persons and families through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing

Program (HPRP). Currently, the county provides ESG Program assistance for homelessness prevention and rapid-housing.

Through the HOPE 3 Program, the county provided affordable housing through the purchase, repair and sale of over 25 single-family RTC properties. The County provided new construction and housing reconstruction assistance to local nonprofits through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

The County used Hurricane Ike CDBG-DR Program funds to rehabilitate and reconstruct storm-damaged properties.

3. Describe efforts planned that will increase the supply of affordable housing

Fort Bend County has limited resources to increase the supply of affordable housing. The County will offer incentives to encourage eligible homeowners to relocate to areas outside of the floodway, floodplains and areas with erosion damage. The County will continue to work with the local non-profit community interested in affordable housing to build their capacity.

4. Describe any instances, within the last 5 years, where the applicant has applied for affordable housing funds and did not receive the funding.

Fort Bend County is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement community, a designated urban county. The County receives funding for CDBG, HOME and ESG Program directly from HUD. In the past five years, the County has not applied for affordable housing funds and therefore has not received any funding.

5. Describe any instances, within the past 5 years, where the applicant has not accepted funds for affordable housing.

There are no instances, within the past five years when Fort Bend County did not accept funds for affordable housing.

6. Describe any current and/or future planned compliance codes to mitigate hazard risks.

In 2005, Fort Bend County developed its first Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). This plan has been updated in 2011 and 2017.

7. Are there any persons/entities with a reportable interest to disclose? If so, submit all appropriate Financial Interest Forms with this application.

Yes No

AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING

Any locality receiving CDBG-DR funds must certify that it will affirmatively further fair housing. Using the drop-down box below, identify the activities already achieved to affirmatively further fair housing, and those new activities to be undertaken if an award is made from CDBG-DR and when that activity will be complete. Localities should be aware that, in the event of funding, these fair housing efforts will be monitored. Other activities may be eligible, and the applicant should contact GLO-CDR to determine eligibility.

What methods and criteria were used to prioritize the projects in the application, including affirmatively furthering fair housing?

FEMA defines the floodway as the channel or a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height. Unfortunately, the rapid development of Fort Bend County has led to increased development in the floodway and flood plains within the County. Buyouts of properties in the floodway was prioritized because of the extreme danger to persons and property. Buyouts provide the opportunity to mitigate flood hazards and to prevent the continued loss of life and property. The buyout program will provide the opportunity to provide assistance to persons in protected classes especially the elderly and the disabled to move out of harms way. These two populations are very vulnerable and least able to cope and recover from personal and natural disasters.

The three fair housing activities listed below are ongoing and do not have a completion date.

Activity(ies)

Publishing the contact information – at the local, state and federal levels – for reporting a Fair Housing complaint

Date Achieved	Sep 1, 2015	To Be Complete By	
Establishing a local complaint and monitoring process			
Date Achieved	Sep 1, 2010	To Be Complete By	
Providing Housing Choices outside historically minority and/or LMI neighborhoods			
Date Achieved	Feb 26, 2019	To Be Complete By	

X

LIST OF UNMET NEEDS

Taking into consideration the disaster-related damage described, citizen participation responses, and the assessment of housing and affirmatively furthering fair housing, provide a list (in priority order) of all the disaster-related needs still unmet from Hurricane Harvey.

Use the + to add a line. Use X to delete a line as needed.

HUD estimates "unmet housing needs" as the number of housing units with unmet needs times the estimated costs to repair those units less repair funds already provided by FEMA and SBA. The estimated average unmet housing need for Texas was calculated as \$58,956 for major damage (low); \$72,961 for major damage (high) and \$102,046 for severe damage. A total of 6,800 to 8,500 homes were damaged because of Hurricane Harvey. This application will provide buyout assistance to about 100 homeowners. There is a great need for further assistance since this was a county-wide disaster that has impacted almost every area of the County.

LONG-TERM PLANNING

Applicants must develop their community recovery projects in a manner that considers an integrated approach to housing, fair housing obligations, infrastructure, economic revitalization, and overall community recovery. Consideration of long-term planning processes is also highly encouraged. Disaster recovery presents communities with unique opportunities to examine a wide range of issues including (1) housing quality and availability, (2) road and rail networks, (3) environmental issues, (4) the adequacy of existing infrastructure, (5) opportunities for the modernization of public facilities and the built environment, (6) the development of regional and integrated systems, and (7) the stimulation of the local economy impacted by the disaster.

Applicants must provide a brief description of how the project addressed in this application form part of an integrated approach to recovery.

Describe the applicant's overall recovery plan and how the project addressed in this application further that plan. Include information about how the project will specifically address the long-term recovery and restoration of housing in the most impacted and distressed areas. Include how the community will be more resilient against future disasters as a result of these projects.

The last time Fort Bend County experienced flooding on the scale of the river flooding experienced in 2015 (DR-4223) and 2016/2017 (DR-4332) was in 1994. This meant that most residents were not prepared for a flooding incident of the magnitude of the 2017 disasters. Moreover, FEMA updated its Flood Insurance Study and floodplain maps in 2014. The changes in the floodplain maps meant that some residents changed from being classified as living in the floodplain to living in the floodway. As expected, properties located in the areas classified as floodway and/or not protected by levee were affected by the disasters in 2016 and again in 2017. Further, a large number of flooded properties were located in primarily low-to-moderate income areas.

To support long-term community recovery, Fort Bend County's application focuses on low-to-moderate income areas that were most impacted by river and flash flooding experienced in DR-4269 and DR-4272 and DR-4332. The County is emphasizing projects that will correct damage, mitigate future disasters (particularly flooding), and/or increase public safety. This is supported by the Fort Bend County's Hazard Mitigation Plan which was updated in 2017. Mitigation actions against flooding feature prominently in the plan.

The project in this application is part of an integrated approach to recovery because of the wide range of county-wide flooding impacts and the diverse population of County residents effected by the disaster. The proposed activities include the buyout and demolition of homeowner properties in the floodway and flood plain and homeowner incentives.

PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

All applicants are required to follow the procurement process guidelines set forth in 2 CFR §200.318-§200.326 for grant administration, environmental, and engineering services if using CDBG-DR funds to pay third-party vendors for those services.

Along with this application, applicants must provide a copy of local procurement policies and procedures.

1. Has the applicant chosen to use a third-party administrator to administer the proposed project? Yes No

If Yes, will the vendor also provide environmental services? Yes No

If Yes to either question, and the vendor has been procured, provide the vendor's name, phone, and email.

If Yes, but the vendor has not been procured, adhere to 2 CFR §200.318-§200.326 regulations in the procurement process.

Company Name

Contact Name Phone

Email

2. Has the applicant procured any other services? Yes No

If Yes, and the vendor has been procured, provide the vendor's name, phone, and email.

If Yes, but the vendor has not been procured, adhere to 2 CFR §200.318-§200.326 regulations in the procurement process.

Type of Service

Company Name

Contact Name Phone

Email

UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION ACT (URA)

1. Does the project require acquisition of property, purchase of easements, relocation or any other activity requiring compliance with the URA? Yes No N/A

2. Will the assistance requested cause the displacement of families, individuals, farms, or businesses? Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

Should any proposed projects cause the displacement of people, the GLO will work with the Subrecipient to follow the requirements set forth under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, and applicable waivers...

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Project Summary consists of three parts for each target area, Disaster Risk Reduction Area designation, and/or activity: (1) Summarize Problem(s), (2) Location and Acquisition Description, and (3) Detailed Actions to Address Problems.

1. Summarize the problem(s) to be addressed within the application by target area.

Fort Bend County is submitting this application for \$21,155,575 for a county-wide buyout program for local homeowner properties located in the floodway, flood plains, and areas with damage from erosion. The County's highest priority is the buyout of residential property in the floodway. The floodway is the area with the most danger to persons and with the highest damage costs to property and infrastructure. The repetitive flooding properties in the 100 year flood plain and properties with erosion damage also will be eligible.

2. Identify the Project Title and location of each activity and any acquisition. Provide a map identifying the project location.

NOTE: For the title, the spelling and capitalization of the project titles/locations identified in this application must be consistently used throughout to ensure clear identification of each project. For example, a project title of "Green Acres, Site 3" here should appear as "Green Acres, Site 3" at every other reference in this application. A reference to some other title such as "green acres subdivision" or "#3 Green Street" elsewhere in the application could cause delays in the eligibility review process.

Project Title: **Fort Bend County Disaster Recovery Voluntary Buyout Program**

Location: **The program will be County-wide since the flood way, flood plains and areas with erosion damage transverse the County.**

Is this activity Buyout or Acquisition? (Choose one only)

Buyout

Acquisition

Is this activity Voluntary or Involuntary? (Choose one only)

Voluntary

Involuntary

What is the end use of the property?

The buyout properties will be converted to open space, most likely park space.

Incentives or additional activities:

The County will provide incentives to homeowners to relocate outside the floodway or flood plain. These incentive



3. Identify the action(s) to resolve the problem(s) and their anticipated outcomes. Include specific materials and quantities.

Title issues will require referrals to Lone Star Legal Services; Owners may be hesitant to sell since the costs of replacement housing and relocation costs are high. The County will offer housing incentives.

4. If you are leveraging funds, provide the source of the funds, the funding amount, and a description of it's use.

No other funds are being leveraged for this program at this time.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

National Objective being met:

1. Activities benefiting low- and moderate- income persons.

LMHI Housing Incentive

LMB Buyout

LMH Housing Benefit

LMH Down Payment Assistance

2. Prevention/Elimination of Slums or Blight. Area Basis Spot Basis

Has the proposed project area been officially designed as a slum or blighted area?

Yes No

If yes, what conditions are present in the area to designate and qualify the area as a slum or blighted area?

Describe the boundaries of the slum or blighted area. (Do not use this field to document the Census Tract / Block Group data.)

Enter the percentage of deteriorated buildings / properties in the area at the time it was designated a slum or blighted area (enter value as decimal).

If the activity qualifies for CDBG-DR assistance on the basis that public improvements throughout the area are in a general state of deterioration, enter a description of each type of improvement in the area and its condition at the time the area was designated as slum / blight.

Enter the year the area was designated as a slum / blighted area. If the period during which such designations are valid has lapsed, the applicant entity must re-evaluate and re-designate the area.

3. Urgent Need

Do the existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community?

Yes No

Is the applicant able to finance the project on their own? Or are other sources of funding available?

Yes No

Provide justification of the beneficiary identification method used to meet the National Objective:

There are residents that are not low- and moderate-income who are homeowners with properties located in the floodway. Also, there may be homeowners that are disabled or elderly or have a family member that is disabled or elderly with properties located in the floodway, flood plain or areas with erosion damage who want to relocate to an area outside the floodway, flood plain or erosion danger.

TABLE 1 - CONTRACT BUDGET AND BENEFICIARY IDENTIFICATION

Complete a separate table for each activity or target area. Only one Table 1 is needed if the same target area, beneficiaries, and national objective apply. If any of these are different, add a new Table 1. Refer to the Application Guide for instructions.

Provide comprehensive budget information to include all Other Funds (FEMA, insurance, local, etc.) committed to the proposed projects.

Use the + button to add additional projects. Use the X button to remove a project.

Refer to the Application Guide for instructions.

BUDGET AND BENEFICIARY TABLE:

Activity Description:	Total Units	LMI Units	LMI %	National Objective	Total CDBG-DR Request	Other Sources	Activity Total
Buyout Program	70	70	100.00%	LMB	\$8,803,524.1	\$0.00	\$8,803,524.1
Buyout Program	0	0	0.00%	LMB	\$6,005,378.0	\$0.00	\$6,005,378.0
Buyout Program	30	30	100.00%	Urgent Need	\$3,772,938.9	\$0.00	\$3,772,938.9
Buyout Program	0	0	0.00%	Urgent Need	\$2,573,733.6	\$0.00	\$2,573,733.6
SUMMARY TOTALS:	100	100	100.00%		21,155,574.6	\$0.00	21,155,574.6

TABLE 2 - GRANT PROJECT BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Provide comprehensive budget information.

Project Title:

Activity Description	Description of Task	Funding Type	Explanation	Budget
Buyouts	General Administration	Administration	2% maximum; project oversight	\$341,112
Buyouts	Housing Guidelines Development a	Administration		\$12,000
Buyouts	Financial Management	Administration	Audits and financial oversight	\$80,000
Buyouts	Procured Services	Project Delivery	Assistance with project delivery	\$200,000
Buyouts	Project Case Management	Project Delivery	Cost of Case Managers	\$450,000
Public service within the 15 percent cap (hc	Procured Services	Project Delivery	Housing and legal counseling, AFFH	\$160,000
Relocation Assistance with buyout or acqui	Acquisition/Buyouts	Project	Assistance as needed	\$1,000,000
Down-payment Assistance with buyout or a	Acquisition/Buyouts	Project	Up to required amount paid to homeowners	\$1,480,000
Demolition with buyout or acquisition activ	Procured Services	Project	Security, Demolition and clearance	\$1,500,000
Housing incentives	Acquisition/Buyouts	Project	Up to \$35,000 paid to homeowners	\$2,960,000
Buyouts	Procured Services	Project	Environmental Reviews	\$100,000
Buyouts	Procured Services	Project Delivery	Appraisals, inspections and cost estimates	\$296,000
Buyouts	Acquisition/Buyouts	Project	FMV Cost of purchasing houses	\$12,576,463
				\$21,155,575

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Highlight the projected length in months for each phase by clicking on the desired months. If a phase is not applicable, leave it blank. Projects are expected to be completed within 24 months following execution of the contract between the applicant and the GLO. Provide any comments regarding the schedule that may be helpful.

Project Title:

MONTHS:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Professional Services Procurement		■	■	■	■	■																				
Housing Guideline Development/ Outreach Plan, as applicable	■	■	■	■	■	■																				
Broad Environmental Review				■	■	■																				
Bid Advertisement/Contract Award										■	■	■	■	■	■											
Buyout or Acquisition										■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
Mitigation Activities											■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
General Administration	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Audit and Closeout																								■	■	

Note: If the proposed project requires a schedule longer than 24 months, justification must be provided.

Comments:

LOCAL CERTIFICATIONS

Every Application must be signed by the authorized signatory. By signing this application, the signee authorizes the state or any of its duly authorized representatives to verify the information contained herein. It should be noted that 18 USC § 1001 states that any person who (1) knowingly or willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device of material fact, (2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or (3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false fact, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or is a federal offense and punishable under the law. Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. code states that a person is guilty of a FELONY for knowingly and willingly makes false statements to any department of the United States Government.

Each application for CDBG Disaster Recovery funding must also be accompanied by a completed and signed Application for Federal Assistance Standard Form 424 (SF-424).

Each applicant must comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, the requirements set forth in title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 58, and applicable GLO-CDR policy directives. All applicable federal and state laws, including environmental, labor (Davis-Bacon), procurement procedures and contract requirements of 2 CFR 200.318 -200.326, and civil rights requirements apply to the use of these funds. Each applicant certifies, in compliance with the requirements presented in Volume 81, Number 224 of the Federal Register effective November 28, 2016, that:

- a. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG-DR program.
- b. It is in compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR part 87, together with disclosure forms, if required by part 87.
- c. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Act (URA), as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24, except where waivers or alternative requirements are provided for in the Federal Register notice.
- d. It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135.
- e. It is following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105 Public Participation Plan as it pertains to local government administration of CDBG-DR funds, or 91.115 Public Participation Plan as it pertains to State administration of CDBG-DR funds, as applicable (except as provided for in notices providing waivers and alternative requirements for this grant). Also, each Unit of General Local Government (UGLG) receiving assistance from a state grantee must follow a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 570.486 (except as provided for in notices providing waivers and alternative requirements for this grant).
 - 1) Funds will be used solely for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas for which the President declared a major disaster in 2016 pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*) related to the consequences of the 2016 flood events.
- f. The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 -3619) and implementing regulations, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing.
- g. It has adopted the following policies:
 - 1) A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
 - 2) A policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Date	3/12/2019
Printed Name	Honorable KP George
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Phone Number	+1 (281) 341-8608
Authorized Signature	