

## Public Notice

The City of Houston (City) was allocated \$1,275,878,041 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for assisting in disaster recovery from Hurricane Harvey. The City submitted information to the Texas General Land Office (GLO), which has been incorporated into the State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey – Round 1. The City's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) has developed draft guidelines for the Harvey Buyout (HB) Program, which are available for comments.

The HB Program will implement buyout opportunities, designed to protect Houston's low- and moderate-income residents from unsafe multifamily structures damaged during Hurricane Harvey. HCDD will work with the Houston Public Works (HPW) to implement the program. Proposed sites will be selected internally to identify developments that are environmentally vulnerable to future disasters.

The objective of the HB Program is to help prevent localized flooding and reduce streambank erosion downstream. Program prioritization will be determined based on the following preferences:

- Properties affected by Hurricane Harvey
- Properties located in a Floodway and/or Floodplain
- Properties with repetitive flood loss from the years 2015 – 2017 in conjunction with Harvey damages
- Properties located or adjacent to an ongoing HPW mitigation project, which supports the overall program to reduce the risk of future flooding

These draft guidelines are available for review and public comment from Monday, October 7, 2019 through Wednesday, November 6, 2019. Public comments may be submitted by email to: [Kennisha.London@HoustonTX.gov](mailto:Kennisha.London@HoustonTX.gov) or by mail to: HCDD, ATTN: Kennisha London, 2100 Travis Street, Suite 900, Houston, TX 77002. View the draft Harvey Buyout Program guidelines at:

- HCDD website – <http://www.houstontx.gov/housing>
- Main Public Library – 500 McKinney, 77002
- HCDD Office – 2100 Travis Street, Suite 900, Houston, TX 77002 (copies may be obtained at this location upon request)

To learn more about CDBG-DR and other programs related to disaster recovery, please call 832.394.6200 or visit [www.houstontx.gov/housing](http://www.houstontx.gov/housing).

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6240. For more information about HCDD and its programs, please access HCDD's website at [www.houstontx.gov/housing](http://www.houstontx.gov/housing).