



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

### Summary Information

#### Contact Information

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#### Allocation Summary

County Allocation for All Activities:	<b>\$15,807,714</b>
	<b>Infrastructure: \$14,226,943</b>
	<b>Housing: \$1,580,771</b>

### 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:

Brazoria County, per its Citizen Participation Plan, uses several methods for encouraging citizen participation. Outreach efforts include newspaper advertisement, postings at Courthouse, on the County's website, Facebook, Twitter, Public Housing and Welfare office, Cities, non-profits and faith based organizations, public hearings and surveys. Brazoria County Community Development Department has also reached out to our non-profits, faith-based organizations, and organizations representing protected classes and low-to-moderate citizens to discuss unmet needs within the community related to CDBG-DR funds. A planning meeting was held, which prompted a survey for citizen input. Surveys are in both English and Spanish, which are the 2 main languages spoken in Brazoria County. The survey was placed on the County's website, as well as on Facebook and Twitter. AmeriCorps volunteers, who had been assisting the Long Term Recovery Team in helping residents with housing damage, also went door-to-door to distribute surveys in areas affected the most from the flooding. The survey was additionally emailed to local public service agencies and community leaders for input on projects. The County also held 2 public hearings, one during the day and one in the evening, in accessible locations and with additional special accommodation upon request, to provide flexibility for citizens to attend.

**Public Planning Meeting**

**Date/Time:** 05/15/2017 2:00 p.m.      **Location:** Brazoria County East Annex  
1524 E. Mulberry, Suite 144    Angleton TX 77515

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**Attendance:** Jenna Masters and Gloria Luna, United Way of Brazoria County; Joe Ripple, County floodplain administrator; George Culver, LJA Engineering; Norman Schroeder, Disa Schulze, City of Holiday Lakes; Dude Payne, Commissioner Pct 1; Jo Mapel of Bailey’s Prairie; David Linder, Commissioner Pct 4; Heather Lagrone, Cynthia Hudson, Jay Franklin, Texas GLO; Nancy Friudenberg, Jennifer Crainer, Connie Garner, Bryan Frazier, Clay Forister, Brazoria County; Robin Crouch, Baker & Lawson; Juan Moya, Freese & Nichols.

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**First Public Hearing Information**

**Date/Time:** 07/25/2017 5:30 p.m.      **Location:** Brazoria County Courthouse Courtroom  
111 E. Locust, Suite 102    Angleton, TX 77515

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**Attendance:** TBD

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**Second Public Hearing Information**

**Date/Time:** 07/26/17 5:30 p.m.      **Location:** Brazoria County Courthouse Courtroom  
111 E. Locust, Suite 102    Angleton TX 77515

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**Attendance:** TBD

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*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	7/17/2017	To be Attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivery	7/17/2017	To be Attached (County Clerk’s Office for Courthouse posting)
<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	7/17/2017	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"/>	<i>Brazosport Facts</i>	7/17/2017	See Attached
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>La Voz</i>	7/24/2017	Spanish translation to be attached

Citizen Comment Documentation

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

<p>Describe any efforts to notify and accommodate those with modified communication needs, such as posting information and providing interpretive services for other languages.</p>	<p>The public and local social service organizations were notified via public posting, newspapers, the website, and in writing to Gulf Coast MHMR, Brazoria County Center for Independent Living, Salvation Army, River of Hope, WIC, Health and Human Services Department, and the Long Term Recovery Team/United Way.</p> <p>One Public Hearing will be held in the Commissioner’s Courtroom at the Brazoria County Courthouse and one will be held in Suite 144 at the Brazoria County East Annex. Both locations are ADA compliant. Any special accommodations requested to attend either of these public hearings will be granted within the controls of the County, given reasonable time to do so.</p>
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## 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 Brazoria County sustained a significant damage during the 2016 flood event as a result of inadequate drainage systems. The County will focus on mitigating the physical drainage conditions that contributed to regional flooding and related property damage. As a result of these failures to function, the County will prioritize drainage activities in support of housing for infrastructure projects, specifically those that benefit low-and-moderate income areas.

Brazoria County’s distribution plan fosters long term community recovery by collectively addressing regional drainage system failures to function that affected multiple neighborhoods in both unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County. Improvements will reduce the impact of flooding on housing, personal property, and public infrastructure. This plan provides for an efficient, uniform implementation of housing assistance by the County for the elevation and buyout of damaged or flooded homes.

## 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.

The State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery estimates a \$3.8 million unmet housing need in Brazoria County related to the 2016 flood events, or approximately twelve percent (12%) of the County’s total unmet disaster recovery need of \$32 million (pp 20-24). FEMA data indicates owner-occupied properties represent around 80 percent of unmet housing needs, and 90 percent of the unmet need is located in the County’s unincorporated areas. Brazoria County intends to provide housing assistance to LMI households, which comprise 38% of all households in the County. Applying this share to the unmet housing need total yields an estimated LMI unmet housing need of approximately \$1.5 million or around 10% of the County’s total allocation. The County will use FEMA data to help identify homeowners that have unmet needs. The County may consider buyouts where elevation is not cost effective. Brazoria County does not currently plan to place a cap on per-house expenditures beyond any cap imposed by CDBG-DR regulation. Based on input from local non-profit organizations serving lower income, minority, elderly, disabled, and homeless populations, the County will prioritize “general” LMI rather than specific categories of LMI persons. Infrastructure projects will address debris clearance in primary drainage ways with recurrent flooding events in support of negatively impacted housing. Targeting these needs will foster long term recovery for residential areas that were most impacted by high water and the failure to function of targeted drainage systems during the 2016 flood event.

## 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:

The County will administer all local Disaster Recovery funds for both infrastructure and housing projects and will not make distributions to eligible entities. This decision was based on the following: (1) the cities impacted by the disaster events agree that riparian debris removal to improve drainage is the most significant impact; (2) all parties agree that given the regional extent and systemic interdependence of the drainage impacts and any proposed solutions, the County is the logical entity to administer these funds; and (3) cities with major housing impacts agreed that the county has the experience and capacity necessary to complete housing projects in an efficient and uniform manner.

Distribution Factor*	Weight	Documentation Source	Explanation of Factor Selection and Weighting
Ability to Conduct Regional Drainage Channel Debris Removal Projects across multiple jurisdictions	100	Maps of jurisdictional boundaries, regional drainage system, and damaged housing units including those with unmet needs derived from FEMA housing damage data.	Brazoria County will use its CDBG-DR infrastructure funds for regional drainage channel debris removal projects and related local drainage that principally benefit low-and-moderate income residents of multiple jurisdictions that contained significant housing damage during the 2016 flood event. These funds will be administered by the County, as the sole entity with jurisdiction in all impacted areas.
Ability to Provide Targeted Housing Assistance across multiple jurisdictions	100	Maps of jurisdictional boundaries and damaged housing units including those with unmet needs derived from FEMA housing damage data.	Brazoria County will use its CDBG-DR housing funds for housing elevation/buyout projects that principally benefit low-and-moderate income residents of jurisdictions that contained significant housing damage during the 2016 flood event. These funds will be administered by the County, as the sole entity with jurisdiction in all impacted areas.

\*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:

The County has determined that recurrent flooding due to inadequate regional drainage facilities is the highest priority for infrastructure improvement in support of housing. In recognition of housing needs the County has determined that direct housing assistance is a priority and based on information gathered during the MOD process indicated that the majority of homeowners were assisted through insurance, FEMA Individual Assistance and SBA loans. Other households with unmet needs shall be prioritized based on factors appropriate for the use of Disaster Recovery funds. It is anticipated additional Disaster Recovery funding shall be provided and the County shall place any such funding into the non-housing infrastructure projects in support of housing.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The County has limited Grantees in the region to selecting projects meeting the following regional priority activities:		
<b>Non-housing Activities</b>			
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flood and Drainage Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specially Authorized Assistance to Private Utilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Debris Removal (riparian)	<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		
<b>Housing Activities</b>			
<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 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 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:

Funds that are de-obligated and/or costs savings realized from completed projects will be reallocated to Brazoria County for other eligible projects. The County anticipates it may receive an additional allocation of \$486,897. Any additional allocation will be used for infrastructure 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.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

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