



City of Galveston

DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RECOVERY

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To: Brian Maxwell, City Manager
Hon. Mayor and City Council Members

From: Tesa Wroblewski, FEMA Public Assistance Program Manager

RE: Consider for approval the submittal of a grant application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) MIT for grant funding for drainage improvements to the 51st street drainage system. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary application documents for submittal.

I. Background

- A. As a result of heavy rainfall and flooding from Hurricane Harvey throughout the State of Texas over an extended period of time in August 2017 the City is eligible to apply for funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO).
- B. The GLO is making funding available through the Community Development Block Grant MIT (CDBG-MIT) to communities affected by Hurricane Harvey.
- C. The CDBG-MIT funding is eligible to impacted communities through a statewide competition.
- D. The City may submit up to three (3) applications for local funding that meet the GLO CDBG-MIT Action Plan, GLO Application Guide, as well as achieve one of HUD's National Objectives.
- E. The current deadline for application submittal for the statewide competition is the October 28, 2020.
- F. The current amount of funding available in the statewide competition is approximately 2.1 Billion.
- G. The City entered into a contract with Plexos Group LLC on June 1, 2020 (COG-CON-20-075) to assist the City in the development of the grant applications for the Hurricane Harvey CDBG-MIT statewide competition. There is no cost for the application preparation services for this effort.





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II. Current Situation

- A. The proposed drainage improvement project for the area of 51st street includes the construction of new storm drain systems in the general vicinity bounded by Stewart Avenue and Harborside Drive; and 59th Street and 41st Street.
- B. The project improvement area includes an outfall pump station on the Galveston Ship Channel end of the proposed storm drain system located at Harborside Dr. and 51st Street. Resiliency measures for the pump station include a finished floor elevation above the 500-year storm and SCADA controls.
- C. The proposed project also includes storm drain connections to the side streets, leads and inlets at appropriate spacing, and restoration of pavement.
- D. The estimated budget for this project, if awarded is \$88,808,882.00 of which the City will contribute \$1,500,000.
- E. The schedule for the project, if awarded could begin as early as the spring of 2021 with the Design and Engineering phase. Construction under this schedule could begin early to mid-2022. The estimated construction duration to complete is 3 years.
- F. The City, as required by the "City of Galveston CDBG-MIT Citizen Participation Plan" advertised a Public Notice and request for Public Comments in the Galveston Daily News on September 30, 2020. The City posted the Public Notice at City Hall, the City's website, Facebook, and on news flash.

III. Issues

The City is seeking grant funding from the Hurricane Harvey CDBG-MIT program for drainage improvements to address flooding in the area of 51st Street. The CDBG-MIT deadline for application submittal is October 28, 2020.





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IV. Alternatives in order of Priority

- A. Approve the submittal of the CDBG-MIT grant application for drainage improvements for the 51st Street drainage area. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary application documents for submittal.
- B. Do not approve the submittal of the CDBG-MIT grant application for drainage improvements for the 51st Street drainage area. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary application documents for submittal.

V. Recommendation

Approve the submittal of the CDBG-MIT grant application for drainage improvements for the 51st Street drainage area. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary application documents for submittal.

VI. Fiscal Impact Report

Requested by:	Tesa Wroblewski FEMA Public Assistance Program Manager
Funding Source	GLO-CDBG-MIT (if funded) \$87,308,882.00 \$1,500,000 of potential G.O. Bonds, Water and Sewer CO's, and Infrastructure and Debt Service funds, and Drainage Utility Fund

Respectfully Submitted

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FEMA Public Assistance Program Manager

