



# City of Galveston

## DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RECOVERY

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

From: Tesa Wrobleski, FEMA Public Assistance Program Manager

RE: Consider for approval the City of Galveston Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

### 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 (CDBG-MIT) statewide through a competitive competition grant process to communities affected by Hurricane Harvey.
- C. The current deadline for the statewide completion is October 28, 2020.
- D. The City is currently preparing to submit three (3) project applications for submittal (maximum submittals allowed).

### II. Current Situation

- A. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) administers Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds allocated to Texas by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- B. As part of the administration of CDBG-MIT funds, the GLO is required to implement plans to minimize displacement and ensure program accessibility as outlined in HUD's CDBG-MIT Federal Register (FR) Notice (84 FR 45838 published August 30, 2019). This requirement requires grantees to adopt and implement plans to minimize displacement of persons or entities, and assist any persons or entities displaced through its mitigation activities (except for





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mitigation through voluntary buyout activities that are designed to move households out of harm's way).

- C. In order to receive CDBG-MIT funding, sub-recipients of CDBG-MIT funding must also comply with these FR requirements as well as those specified in 24 CFR 570.606 (b-g) 486 and the GLO CDBG-MIT Application Guide This is achieved by adopting a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan to minimize adverse impacts on persons of low- and moderate-income resulting from acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or demolition activities assisted with funds provided under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, as described in 24 CFR 570.606 (b-g).

### III. Issues

The City is required to provide documentation that the City of Galveston has an approved Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for all projects that receive CDBG-MIT funding.

### IV. Alternatives in order of Priority

- A. Approve the City of Galveston CDBG-MIT Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.
- B. Do Not Approve the City of Galveston CDBG-MIT Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

### V. Recommendation

Approve the City of Galveston CDBG-MIT Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

### VI. Fiscal Impact Report

Requested by: Tesa Wroblewski  
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Funding Source: No Cost for implementation





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Respectfully Submitted

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