PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT)

ROUND 1: STATE MITIGATION COMPETITION

Hardin County Courthouse, Kountze, Texas October 13, 2020, 9:00am

General - Source and Amount of Available Funding:

- Federal Funding Source: US Department of Housing (HUD)
- State Administration: Texas General Land Office, Div. of Community Dev't & Revitalization

2015 CDBG - Mitigation Competition Funding Amount: \$46,096,950.00
2016 CDBG - Mitigation Competition Funding Amount: \$147,680,760.00
Harvey CDBG - Mitigation Competition Funding Amount: \$1,000,000,000.00

Total CDBG - Mitigation Competition Funding Amount: \$1,193,777,710.00

Eligible Activities:

- Flood control and drainage improvements, including the construction or rehabilitation of stormwater management system;
- <u>Infrastructure improvements</u> (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, provision of generators, removal of debris, bridges, etc.);
- Natural or green infrastructure;
- Communications infrastructure;
- Public facilities;
- Buyouts or Acquisition with or without relocation assistance,
- Activities designed to relocate families outside of floodplains;
- Public service within the 15 percent cap (e.g., counseling, job training, mental health services);
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) cost share for CDBG-MIT eligible project;
- <u>Economic Development</u>;
- Rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of affordable multi-family housing.

Eligible activities must:

- Meet the <u>definition of mitigation activities</u>;
- Address current and future risks;
- Meet a National Objective;
- Include a plan for long-term funding for operations and maintenance;
- Consider Long-Term Planning Objectives;
- Include reasonable construction costs;
- At least 50% of total CDBG-MIT statewide allocation must principally benefit Low-Moderate Income (LMI) households.

Public Comments:

Hardin County's MIT competition application will be posted on County website bulletin board and available for public review. Public comments and citizen input may be submitted by mail to Hardin County, Attention Floodplain Office, 225 Crocker Street, Kountze, TX 77625, or email to cdbg4332@co.hardin.tx.us.

Assistance for the sight or hearing impaired or others with special needs can be requested by contacting the County at 409-246-5251. Deadline for comments is 5:00 pm on October 27, 2020.