

## Public Notice

The City of Houston (City), applied to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery (DR) Program for Hurricane Ike Round 2, Phase 2. The GLO has awarded two contracts to the City: currently \$63,076,220 for Single Family Activities and \$89,138,345 for Multifamily Activities. The City's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) invites the public to provide written comments on the following draft documents:

- City of Houston Disaster Recovery Program Multifamily Rental Program Guidelines
- City of Houston Single Family Home Owner Assistance Program Phase 2 Guidelines
- Homeowner Opportunity Program Guidelines for the City of Houston
- Outreach Plan for HCDD CDBG DR-2

Additionally the City, through its HCDD, submitted 12 Waiver Requests to the GLO for review and approval. The Waiver Requests are as follows:

- Waiver Request 1: Allow residents of four designated areas who are currently on the Disaster Recovery Round 1 waiting list to move into the Program for possible selection without having to fill out a completely new application.
- Waiver Request 2: Provide Homeownership Opportunity Program (HOP) applicants the option of relocating to the Community Revitalization Areas (CRAs) and CRA Outreach Areas identified in the Planning Process, in addition to such areas as those traditionally the focus of the HOP program.
- Waiver Request 3: Permit Community Revitalization Areas (CRAs) and CRA Outreach Areas identified in the Planning Process to be considered High Opportunity Areas for purposes of the HOP program, and that mobility counselors present these CRAs as options to applicants during counseling.
- Waiver Request 4: Provide program flexibility for homeowners such that a home may be reconstructed when there is demonstrable need that is agreed upon by the City and the applicant even when the cost to repair the home is less than the rehabilitation cap.
- Waiver Request 5: Permit construction by private for-profit and nonprofit developers and the Public Housing Authority within the chosen Community Revitalization Areas (CRAs) and the CRA Outreach Areas.
- Waiver Request 6: Permit the City to direct funds for which the City anticipates limited need, related to provision of water wells and septic systems, to provide similar services that the City of Houston is certain to need, such as water and sewage connections.
- Waiver Request 7: Permit the city to choose either a tri-party agreement or three separate agreements, whichever is suitable, in the administration of its single family home repair program.
- Waiver Request 8: Allow the City to use damage data collected by LJA Engineering, Inc. in its original 2008 field study to be used as proof of damage related to Hurricane Ike to single-family homes, on equal footing with certain documents identified in the Guidelines.
- Waiver Request 9: Allow targeted outreach outside of Community Revitalization Areas (CRAs) and the CRA Outreach Areas.
- Waiver Request 10: Alter the Preferred Unit Sizes for homes to be rehabilitated or reconstructed under the single family home repair component of the Program.

- Waiver Request 11: Raise the current multifamily rental award cap from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000.
- Waiver Request 12: Adoption of the income target groups identified through the Planning Study and other information rather than the income target groups identified in the Needs Assessment.

These items are posted on the HCDD website at <http://www.houstontx.gov/housing> .The public has fifteen days to comment on these proposed items. The fifteen-day period extends from Friday, July 19, 2013 through Saturday, August 3, 2013. Written comments can be submitted by mail to Peggy Colligan, HCDD, 601 Sawyer Suite 400, Houston, TX 77007.