



## City of Wharton

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 20, 2019

**From:** Gwyneth Teves, Community Development Coordinator

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
City Attorney Paul Webb

**Subject:** Status of City of Wharton Grant Projects Report No. 2019-03

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Below, I have outlined a report on the status of the City of Wharton Grant Projects:

#### **Infrastructure/Construction:**

- 1. HMGP – Warning System Mitigation (Siren Warning System)**  
Application submitted 10/13/16 under the DR-4269. This project was awarded 02/26/2018 and was accepted by the City Council on 03/26/18. Scope change approval was received February 1, 2019. Befco Engineering was awarded the engineering contract on May 13, 2019 and is in the process of preparing bid documents to go out for bid on equipment and installation.
- 2. HMGP – Riverfront Park Soil Stabilization**  
Application submitted by GrantWorks Inc. in December 2018.
- 3. CDBG-DR – Infrastructure**  
Method of Distribution approved by GLO and HUD. City is designated to receive \$1,650,172.00 for infrastructure projects related to Hurricane Harvey. Project applications are in the process of being completed and submitted by GrantWorks for eligible projects. Applications will be submitted by Mid-June 2019.
- 4. HMGP – FEMA Shelter/Dome**  
HMGP Application submitted by WISD for FEMA Shelter/Dome. Project is under FEMA review and approval. There has been 1 request for information at this time.
- 5. 2019-2020 CDBG – South East Ave. Sanitary Sewer Repairs**  
Application has been submitted and we are awaiting a response.
- 6. City of Wharton Levee Project – The Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I, Texas WHARTON FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT**  
The City of Wharton was notified that the Levee project was funded in the early part of 2018. City staff has been meeting with USACE staff monthly on items to be addressed. The current step is to contract an acquisition firm to start property

acquisition for the first phase of the project. Once the firm is selected there will be a kickoff meeting, property owner meeting and citizen meeting. Acquisition is projected to be in progress by Mid-June and completed by January 2020. USACE staff has indicated they will be ready for construction beginning Mid-year 2020. USACE is also in the process of contracting design firms for the remaining portions of the levee and will be working concurrently on this while phase 1 is in progress.

## **Housing:**

### **7. HMGP – Residential Elevation**

Application completed and submitted by GrantWorks Inc. in December 2019. One request for information has been received and responded to at this time.

### **8. HMGP – Reconstruction of 100 Homes**

Application completed and submitted by GrantWorks Inc. in December 2019. One request for information has been received and responded to at this time.

### **9. HMGP – Residential Mitigation (Elevation/Reconstruction of Homes)**

Submitted on 1/20/17 under a second funding opportunity for DR 4272 and we are awaiting a response.

### **10. TDHCA – HOME Reservation Participation**

Applicants are currently being notified of any outstanding paperwork for their applications and are being asked to send this information in to finalize their applications. There were 73 applicants from throughout the city that submitted applications to participate in the program. There are currently 43 still working on applications. There are 7 applicants in title phase and 2 have been fully approved through TDHCA. 2 applicants have been awarded funding as of 2/16/19. 1 subject has declined the contract.

### **11. GLO Community Development and Revitalization Program**

The City Council procured GrantWorks, Inc. for administration and Jones & Carter for engineering.

### **12. FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant**

Call for application was made on August 11, 2017. The application was submitted 10/30/17 for the Nan Ya Lift Station and we are awaiting a response.

### **13. CDBG-DR – Buyouts/Acquisitions**

Method of Distribution approved by GLO and HUD. City is designated to receive \$1,693,784.00 for buyout/acquisition projects related to Hurricane Harvey. Project applications will be completed and submitted by GrantWorks for eligible projects. The application for buyouts will be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **14. 2016 CDBG-DR – Housing Elevation/Reconstruction**

Notification of \$2,000,000 funding was received by city staff on February 4, 2019. This funding will assist homeowners with elevation, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of homes to address existing damage and mitigate future damage. GrantWorks is currently working with City staff and the GLO to develop criteria and applications.

## **Studies:**

## **Other:**

### **15. HMGP – Critical Facility Generators**

HMGP Application was submitted on 9/11/18 and we are awaiting a response.

### **16. FEMA – Temporary Housing Units**

City staff is currently aware of 16 THU still in the City. Of those, 7 are working with the WLTRT for repairs or new housing and 2 are back in their homes waiting on FEMA to remove the units. The remaining 7 have unknown statuses at this time.

### **19. Rebuild Texas – 2019 Preparedness Grant**

Pre-Application was submitted on February 13, 2019 for AED Units for Public Facilities and Patrol Units and portable and mobile radios for the Public Works department. Project was awarded and City staff is in process of implementing.