



City of Wharton

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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 18, 2018
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. 2018-06

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

Infrastructure/Construction:

1. FEMA – Integrated Flood Protection System

Application submitted 12/20/16 under the DR-4269. On 10/17/17 the City staff received notification that the project has been selected for FEMA review. City staff has responded to 3 RFI's on this project to date.

2. FEMA – Sewer Infrastructure Mitigation

Application submitted 10/13/16 under the DR-4269. On 10/17/17 the City staff received notification that the project has been selected for FEMA review. City staff has responded to 5 RFI's on this project to date.

3. FEMA – 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 was submitted to include an operation console for the sirens. We are awaiting an approval for the change in scope to begin bids.

4. HMGP – Residential Buyout for Drainage Project

Notice of Intent filed on May 17, 2018. Approval to apply was received from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and application is being prepared by GrantWorks Inc.

5. HMGP – Riverfront Park Soil Stabilization

Notice of Intent filed on May 29, 2018. Approval to apply was received from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and application is being prepared by GrantWorks Inc.

6. CDBG-DR – Infrastructure

Draft Method of Distribution approved by HGAC 7/17/18 and to be submitted to GLO

and HUD for approval. If approved the City will receive \$1,650,172.00 for infrastructure projects related to Hurricane Harvey.

Housing:

7. HMGP – Residential Elevation/Reconstruction of 100 Homes

Notice of Intent filed on May 8, 2018. Approval to apply was received from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and application is being prepared by GrantWorks Inc.

8. FEMA – 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.

9. 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.

10. GLO Community Development and Revitalization Program

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

11. 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.

12. CDBG-DR – Buyouts/Acquisitions

Draft Method of Distribution approved by HGAC 7/17/18 and to be submitted to GLO and HUD for approval. If approved the City will receive \$1,693,784.00 for buyout/acquisition projects related to Hurricane Harvey.

13. GLO – Multifamily Affordable Rental Housing Program

The General Land Office will begin accepting applications on July 23, 2018 for their Multifamily Affordable Rental Housing Program. This program provides a total of \$250 million for the rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of affordable multifamily housing projects in areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The maximum award for any applicant/development is \$25 million.

Eligibility Criteria:

Development must meet CDBG-DR eligibility requirements;

Development must be in a CDBG-DR eligible county;

Minimum of 51 percent of the units must be restricted for twenty (20) or more years of an affordability period for low- to moderate-income (LMI) individuals earning 80 percent or less of the Area Median Family Income (AMFI) at affordable rents;

The affordable rents must comply with HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Rents and other existing Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) restrictions, if applicable; Multifamily rental development is eight or more rental units under common ownership; and

Project construction must be completed within 18 months of the effective date of the contract.

Studies:**14. TxCDBG 7216124 Planning & Capacity Building Fund (Comprehensive Plan)**

The City and GrantWorks, Inc. are working on completing the draft plan. GrantWorks Inc. has provided 4 draft chapters for city staff to review. Project to be completed by December 12, 2018. Total grant awarded: \$115,389.

Other:**15. HMGP – Critical Facility Generators**

Notice of Intent filed on June 5, 2018. Approval to apply was received from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and application is being prepared by GrantWorks Inc.