

Hurricane Harvey: Local Buyout and Acquisition Program



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Hardin County

APPLICANT NAME

Hardin
COUNTY

Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
COG/Regional Planning Commission

DR-4332 - 2017

Disaster Declaration Number and Year

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424

Each applicant for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding must certify by signing Form SF-424 that local certifications included in the application guide governing this funding have been followed in the preparation of any CDBG-DR program application, and, if funded, will continue to be followed. (Note: False certification can result in legal action against the jurisdiction).

Further, by signing the SF-424 and submitting with the application, the signee authorizes the state or any of its duly authorized representatives to verify the information contained therein. Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. code states that a person is guilty of a FELONY for knowingly and willingly making false statements to any department of the United States Government.

All applications must be accompanied by a completed and signed Application for Federal Assistance SF-424, OMB Number: 4040-0004, Expiration Date: 10/31/2019. SF424_2_1-V2.1

This form is available on the GLO-CDR website with detailed instructions available in the CDR Application Guide.

<http://recovery.texas.gov/files/resources/housing/s2-form424.pdf> or www.recovery.texas.gov

INTRODUCTION AND INSTRUCTIONS

INTRODUCTION: This application is for the residential Local Buyout and Acquisition Program for Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR funding. It is created to be used for the buyout or acquisition of residential housing activities affected by Hurricane Harvey.

CDBG-DR funds must be used for disaster-related expenses in the most impacted and distressed areas. An activity underway prior to a Presidential disaster declaration will not qualify unless the disaster impacted the project.

Applicants are required to provide sufficient detail about the buyout or acquisition of residential property, the National Objective, the geographic/target area that will receive benefit, the estimated costs and materials needed, the projected schedule to completion, any potential environmental impact, and other details specific to the buyout or acquisition activity involved. Please be thorough in completing this application to ensure prompt review.

Applicants are encouraged to develop these recovery activities in a manner that considers an integrated approach to housing, fair housing obligations, economic revitalization, and overall community recovery. The Applicant must document how the activity(s) will address long-term recovery and community resilience.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete and sign the SF-424 as indicated above.
2. Complete this Local Buyout and Acquisition application.
3. **AUDIT:** If applicable, provide the most recent Single Audit in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subchapter F. Texas General Land Office (GLO) - Community Development and Revitalization (CDR) Staff will review single audit requirements for applicable recipients, who have open contracts with GLO.
4. **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Provide the most recent financial statement prepared in accordance with 2 CFR 200.510. Include a schedule of expenditures and schedule of findings and questioned costs.
5. **KEY STAFF:** Provide the names and contact information for staff that will provide local oversight of the application, the potential contract, and all applicable requirements.
6. Provide **LOCAL PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** along with other required documentation.

For detailed application instructions, see the Community Development and Revitalization (CDR) Hurricane Harvey Buyout and Acquisition Application Guide.

Select the Activity for this application:

Acquisition

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION DETERMINED THE NEEDS IN THIS PLAN BY:

Did the applicant carry out citizen participation procedures in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan as Yes No required by the governing documentation? Refer to your governing Federal Register and Action Plan for specific information regarding Citizen Participation Plans. NOTE: The Citizen Participation Plan must be posted for a 30-day local comment period.

List all opportunities where citizens, especially low-to-moderate income citizens of the target area, were given to participate in the determination of these needs. [Click the + to add events, X to remove events.](#)

Opportunity:

Date:

Date of resolution authorizing application submission:

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEED(S) ADDRESSED IN THIS APPLICATION

In this section, provide full and complete answers to each of the questions below. Descriptions should include the cause of the damage, current condition of the activity, and a detailed description of the project that coincides with the information contained in both Tables 1 and 2.

The Buyout or Acquisition activities must demonstrate impact by Hurricane Harvey. CDBG-DR funds must be used for disaster-related expenses in the most impacted and distressed areas.

The situation addressed in this application first occurred:

1. Describe the specific flood and storm-related condition that caused direct damage (include date and duration), the areas (example: subdivisions, cities, etc.) receiving disaster-related damage, and the threat that was posed to public health and safety:

See also attached Community Needs Assessment report in Appendix. According to National Weather Service report AL092017, Harvey made landfall along the middle Texas coast as a Category 4 hurricane. The storm then stalled, with its center over or near the Texas coast for 4 days, dropping historic amounts of rainfall of more than 60 inches over southeastern Texas. These rains caused catastrophic flooding, and Harvey is the second most costly hurricane in U.S. history, behind only Katrina (2005).

At least 68 people in Texas died from the direct effects of the storm, the largest number of direct deaths from a tropical cyclone in Texas since 1919. About 35 additional deaths are ascribed to indirect causes, such as electrocution, motor-vehicle crashes and isolation from necessary medical services.

Harvey was the most significant tropical cyclone rainfall event in United States history, both in scope and peak rainfall amounts, since reliable rainfall records began around the 1880s. The highest storm total rainfall report from Harvey was 60.58 inches near Nederland, TX, with another report of 60.54 inches from near Groves, TX. The previous tropical cyclone rainfall record was 48.0 inches in Medina, TX from Tropical Storm Amelia in 1978. It is remarkable that during Harvey, eighteen values over 48 inches were recorded across southeastern Texas. Due to the limitations of measuring rainfall of this magnitude (e.g. many standard rain gauges filled up to a ~12 inch maximum and were unable to be emptied due the extreme rain rates), it is useful to look at the peak rain totals in other ways. Multi-radar, multi-sensor quantitative precipitation estimation radar estimates were as high as 65-70 inches in southeastern TX.

While the peak rainfall amounts were exceptional over Texas, the areal extent of heavy rainfall is truly overwhelming. Large sections of southeastern Texas received 3 ft or more of rainfall in Harvey. It is unlikely the United States has ever seen such a sizable area of excessive tropical cyclone rainfall totals as it did from Harvey.

The latest NOAA damage estimate from Harvey is \$125 billion, with the 90% confidence interval ranging from \$90 to \$160 billion. The damage caused by Harvey's flooding was catastrophic over a large area of southeastern Texas. Over 300,000 structures flooded, with up to 500,000 cars reported flooded. About 336,000 customers lost power during the hurricane. An estimated 40,000 flood victims were evacuated to or took refuge in shelters across Texas or Louisiana. FEMA reported that about 30,000 water rescues were conducted during Harvey.

Besides Houston, the most serious flood damage was noted farther east in Texas over Jefferson, Orange, Hardin and Tyler counties, with about 110,000 structures (about one-third of the total structures damaged by Harvey) in those counties

flooded. Flooding induced by widespread rainfall amounts of 40" resulted in several oil and gas refineries in the Golden Triangle area (southeastern Texas between Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange) going offline for days, and consequently gas prices in the United States spiked to their highest levels in two years. Record water levels were seen on Pine Island Bayou, the Lower Neches River and Cow Bayou.

2. Describe the impacts on the community that resulted from the disaster-related damage:

In Hardin County, 4,753 households were approved for FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) funding for emergency home repairs and emergency lodging. An additional 840 NFIP Flood Insurance Claims were paid out totaling over \$152 million in insured home damage. An additional 976 SBA Disaster Loans were approved totaling over \$113 million. 62 FEMA Public Assistance (PA) projects were also approved totaling \$10 million, and an additional \$35 million in housing and other disaster related expenses were incurred as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Total disaster related damage and cost is conservatively estimated at \$405 million for Hardin County.

3. List and attach materials submitted as documentation of the Hurricane Harvey-related condition.

See the Community Needs Assessment Docs Section of the Appendix for more details.

4. Describe how the proposed activities will address damage affected by Hurricane Harvey.

The proposed activities will address damage affected by Hurricane Harvey by acquiring flood-prone damaged structures, demolishing them and thereby reducing or eliminating blight, and most importantly, aiding and facilitating safe relocation for LMI households.

5. Describe the proposed project.

HUD has authorized the use of Voluntary Acquisition programs to accomplish the following: (1) reduce the risk to homeowners from the effects of subsequent disasters, (2) assist in the recovery of low- and moderate-income households, and (3) protect taxpayer resources that might otherwise be needed after a disaster in the same area (80 FR 72102).

Voluntary Acquisition programs support hazard mitigation, floodplain management goals, and resiliency by removing homeowners from the floodplain to minimize the possibility of future flooding to the home. After homes are purchased, the structures are demolished, and the property is utilized to the optimal extent in pursuit of housing goals for Low-Moderate Income (LMI) households, the County's disaster recovery plan, and long-term disaster resiliency which may include redevelopment of housing which meets specifications defined by HUD and GLO. The County will only redevelop acquired property if it is not acquired through a buyout program. The Local Acquisition Program serves multiple objectives and provides a resiliency option versus rebuilding within a floodplain, and helps prevent repetitive losses and extreme risk to human health and safety.

6. Describe the impact of taking no action:

Taking no action would result in increased risk of future damage, increased future disaster costs, and negative impacts on quality and safety of housing and neighborhood infrastructure.

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. Describe the jurisdiction's current supply of housing units available at affordable rents (Public Housing, Section 8 assisted, RHS assisted, HOME program assisted, TDHCA assisted, Local Housing Development Corp. assisted, etc.).

There are 5 low income housing apartment complexes which contain 176 affordable apartments for rent in Hardin County, Texas. Many of these rental apartments are income based housing with about 36 apartments that set rent based on your income. Often referred to as "HUD apartments", there are 0 Project-Based Section 8 subsidized apartments in Hardin County. There are 140 other low income apartments that don't have rental assistance but are still considered to be affordable housing for low income families.

The Housing Authority of the City of Port Arthur and the Deep East Texas Regional Housing Authority are the local affordable housing governing bodies.

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The median gross income for households in Hardin County is \$52,614 a year, or \$4,385 a month. The median rent for the county is \$814 a month.

Households who pay more than thirty percent of their gross income are considered to be Rent Overburdened. In Hardin County, a household making less than \$2,713 a month would be considered overburdened when renting an apartment at or above the median rent. 35.71% of households who rent are overburdened in Hardin County (according to Affordable Housing Online).

2. Describe past efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing.

Hardin County is actively pursuing goals and activities to update and maintain an increasing stock of affordable housing while diversifying minority concentration and concentration of low-income families and individuals. In November of 2017, Hardin County issued a proclamation establishing a Fair Housing Month.

3. Describe efforts planned that will increase the supply of affordable housing.

- 1) Hardin County intends to utilize CDBG-DR disaster recovery funds to increase the supply of affordable housing by virtue of optimizing acquisition/buyout funds to target disaster impacted LMI households using a Limited Clientele method. This will ensure that 100% of households served will be LMI qualified, and will assist those households to attain safe-sanitary and affordable housing options.
- 2) Hardin County will request other grant funding for the construction of affordable housing.
- 3) A 3rd effort planned by the County is to continue its coordination efforts to assist LMI households to apply and qualify for state administered Housing Assistance Program (HAP) and Homeowner Reimbursement Program (HRP).
The full combination of these efforts is expected to significantly improve supply and accessibility of affordable housing units.

4. Describe any instances, within the last 5 years, where the applicant has applied for affordable housing funds and did not receive the funding.

There have been no instances in the last 5 years where the County has declined or not accepted funds for affordable housing.

5. Describe any instances, within the past 5 years, where the applicant has not accepted funds for affordable housing.

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6. Describe any current and/or future planned compliance codes to mitigate hazard risks.

The current Flood Damage Prevention Order dictates all newly constructed or substantially repaired structures in the floodplain will have the lowest floor elevated at least one foot above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for that location.

7. Are there any persons/entities with a reportable interest to disclose? If so, submit all appropriate Financial Interest Forms with this application. Yes No

AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING

Any locality receiving CDBG-DR funds must certify that it will affirmatively further fair housing. Using the drop-down box below, identify the activities already achieved to affirmatively further fair housing, and those new activities to be undertaken if an award is made from CDBG-DR and when that activity will be complete. Localities should be aware that, in the event of funding, these fair housing efforts will be monitored. Other activities may be eligible, and the applicant should contact GLO-CDR to determine eligibility.

What methods and criteria were used to prioritize the projects in the application, including affirmatively furthering fair housing?

Method 1: Maximizing assistance to low-income households.
 Method 2: Assisting Harvey impacted low-income households to relocate to safer housing locations.
 Method 3: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing by maintaining standards and principles for Fair Housing as outlined by HUD.

Activity(ies)

Designating a Fair Housing Month

Date Achieved	Nov 7, 2017	To Be Complete By	
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Establishing a local complaint and monitoring process

Date Achieved		To Be Complete By	
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Publishing the contact information – at the local, state and federal levels – for reporting a Fair Housing complaint

Date Achieved		To Be Complete By	
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Hold a special hearing to solicit input from the community

Date Achieved		To Be Complete By	
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X

LIST OF UNMET NEEDS

Taking into consideration the disaster-related damage described, citizen participation responses, and the assessment of housing and affirmatively furthering fair housing, provide a list (in priority order) of all the disaster-related needs still unmet from Hurricane Harvey.

Use the + to add a line. Use X to delete a line as needed.

Damaged, unmitigated housing for Low-Moderate Income (LMI) households.

LONG-TERM PLANNING

Applicants must develop their community recovery projects in a manner that considers an integrated approach to housing, fair housing obligations, infrastructure, economic revitalization, and overall community recovery. Consideration of long-term planning processes is also highly encouraged. Disaster recovery presents communities with unique opportunities to examine a wide range of issues including (1) housing quality and availability, (2) road and rail networks, (3) environmental issues, (4) the adequacy of existing infrastructure, (5) opportunities for the modernization of public facilities and the built environment, (6) the development of regional and integrated systems, and (7) the stimulation of the local economy impacted by the disaster.

Applicants must provide a brief description of how the project addressed in this application form part of an integrated approach to recovery.

Describe the applicant's overall recovery plan and how the project addressed in this application further that plan. Include information about how the project will specifically address the long-term recovery and restoration of housing in the most impacted and distressed areas. Include how the community will be more resilient against future disasters as a result of these projects.

Forward-looking, long-term recovery plans to include development of a long range comprehensive master plan for the County which will identify flood and hazard resilient locations and construction standards for housing and housing related infrastructure and facilities. Long term planning projects will be based on principles of mitigation, future resiliency, and permanent restoration and improvement of community assets. In an effort to reduce the impact of flooding within the county, Hardin County has made the acquisition of flood-prone LMI properties a high priority in response to Harvey's widespread destruction. The goal is to assist low-income households to relocate to neighborhoods which are safer from repeated flooding. This voluntary acquisition project supports long term recovery goals by removing flood prone properties from the housing inventory, assists in the prevention of flood-blighted neighborhoods, and also results in fewer families that will require rescue during future flood events.

PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

All applicants are required to follow the procurement process guidelines set forth in 2 CFR §200.318-§200.326 for grant administration, environmental, and engineering services if using CDBG-DR funds to pay third-party vendors for those services.

Along with this application, applicants must provide a copy of local procurement policies and procedures.

1. Has the applicant chosen to use a third-party administrator to administer the proposed project?

Yes No

If Yes, will the vendor also provide environmental services?

Yes No

If Yes to either question, and the vendor has been procured, provide the vendor's name, phone, and email.

If Yes, but the vendor has not been procured, adhere to 2 CFR §200.318-§200.326 regulations in the procurement process.

Company Name	MPTX ASSOCIATES, INC.		
Contact Name	GREG WOBBE, CFM	Phone	512-820-8134
Email	GREG@MPTX-INC.COM		

2. Has the applicant procured any other services?

Yes No

If Yes, and the vendor has been procured, provide the vendor's name, phone, and email.

If Yes, but the vendor has not been procured, adhere to 2 CFR §200.318-§200.326 regulations in the procurement process.

Type of Service	n/a		
Company Name	n/a		
Contact Name	n/a	Phone	n/a
Email	n/a		

UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION ACT (URA)

1. Does the project require acquisition of property, purchase of easements, relocation or any other activity requiring compliance with the URA? Yes No N/A
2. Will the assistance requested cause the displacement of families, individuals, farms, or businesses? Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:	No involuntary displacement will occur. Voluntarily participating households will relocate to more resilient neighborhoods.
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Should any proposed projects cause the displacement of people, the GLO will work with the Subrecipient to follow the requirements set forth under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, and applicable waivers...

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Project Summary consists of three parts for each target area, Disaster Risk Reduction Area designation, and/or activity: (1) Summarize Problem(s), (2) Location and Acquisition Description, and (3) Detailed Actions to Address Problems.

1. Summarize the problem(s) to be addressed within the application by target area.

Frequent flooding impacts have resulted in the need for housing improvements and mitigation alternatives. Through this project, LMI households in flood-prone areas will obtain assistance they need to relocate to safer locations.

2. Identify the Project Title and location of each activity and any acquisition. Provide a map identifying the project location.

NOTE: For the title, the spelling and capitalization of the project titles/locations identified in this application must be consistently used throughout to ensure clear identification of each project. For example, a project title of "Green Acres, Site 3" here should appear as "Green Acres, Site 3" at every other reference in this application. A reference to some other title such as "green acres subdivision" or "#3 Green Street" elsewhere in the application could cause delays in the eligibility review process.

Project Title: **Hardin County Harvey CDBG-DR Voluntary Acquisition Project**

Location: **Harvey impacted areas within Hardin County.**

Is this activity Buyout or Acquisition? (Choose one only)

Buyout

Acquisition

Is this activity Voluntary or Involuntary? (Choose one only)

Voluntary

Involuntary

What is the end use of the property?

Affordable, mitigated, safe, sanitary housing for LMI households.

Incentives or additional activities:

Relocation Assistance, Temporary Relocation Assistance, Down Payment Assistance, Housing Incentives, Demo.

3. Identify the action(s) to resolve the problem(s) and their anticipated outcomes. Include specific materials and quantities.

It is anticipated that adequate funds have been allocated to acquire, demolish and assist relocation for approximately 30 Low-Moderate Income households. Program Guidelines methodology and definitions will govern eligibility, procedures and standards, and incentive levels per household. Duplication of Benefits (DOB) will be avoided by offering post-event fair market value for the property. Approximately 30 households will require project delivery services, grant administration, appraisal services, title services, land surveying services, and demolition.

4. If you are leveraging funds, provide the source of the funds, the funding amount, and a description of it's use.

This program is not being used as match for other programs.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

National Objective being met:

1. Activities benefiting low- and moderate- income persons.

LMHI Housing Incentive

LMB Buyout

LMH Housing Benefit

LMH Down Payment Assistance

2. Prevention/Elimination of Slums or Blight. Area Basis Spot Basis

Has the proposed project area been officially designed as a slum or blighted area?

Yes No

If yes, what conditions are present in the area to designate and qualify the area as a slum or blighted area?

n/a

Describe the boundaries of the slum or blighted area. (Do not use this field to document the Census Tract / Block Group data.)

n/a

Enter the percentage of deteriorated buildings / properties in the area at the time it was designated a slum or blighted area (enter value as decimal).

If the activity qualifies for CDBG-DR assistance on the basis that public improvements throughout the area are in a general state of deterioration, enter a description of each type of improvement in the area and its condition at the time the area was designated as slum / blight.

n/a

Enter the year the area was designated as a slum / blighted area. If the period during which such designations are valid has lapsed, the applicant entity must re-evaluate and re-designate the area.

3. Urgent Need

Do the existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community?

Yes No

Is the applicant able to finance the project on their own? Or are other sources of funding available?

Yes No

Provide justification of the beneficiary identification method used to meet the National Objective:

n/a

TABLE 1 - CONTRACT BUDGET AND BENEFICIARY IDENTIFICATION

Complete a separate table for each activity or target area. Only one Table 1 is needed if the same target area, beneficiaries, and national objective apply. If any of these are different, add a new Table 1. Refer to the Application Guide for instructions.

Provide comprehensive budget information to include all Other Funds (FEMA, insurance, local, etc.) committed to the proposed projects.

Use the + button to add additional projects. Use the X button to remove a project.

Refer to the Application Guide for instructions.

BUDGET AND BENEFICIARY TABLE:

Activity Description:	Total Units	LMI Units	LMI %	National Objective	Total CDBG-DR Request	Other Sources	Activity Total
Acquisition Program	30	30	100.00%	LMHI	\$450,000.00 +	\$0.00	\$450,000.00
Acquisition Program	30	30	100.00%	LMHI	\$1,050,000.00 +	\$0.00	\$1,050,000.00
Acquisition Program	30	30	100.00%	LMI	\$1,888,238.50 +	\$0.00	\$1,888,238.50
SUMMARY TOTALS:							
	90	90	100.00%		\$3,388,238.50	\$0.00	\$3,388,238.50

TABLE 2 - GRANT PROJECT BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Provide comprehensive budget information.

Project Title:

Activity Description	Description of Task	Funding Type	Explanation	Budget
Acquisition	Financial Management	Administration	Financial management, tracking, records.	\$20,000
Acquisition	General Administration	Administration	Project reporting (quarterly, Section 3, etc.)	\$47,765
Acquisition	Housing Guidelines Development a	Project Delivery	Housing Guidelines, Executive Development	\$30,000
Acquisition	Project Case Management	Project Delivery	LMI applicant intake, DOB, case management	\$173,294
Relocation Assistance with buyout or acqui	Acquisition/Buyouts	Project	Relocation Assistance (RA), and temporary	\$714,090
Down-payment Assistance with buyout or a	Acquisition/Buyouts	Project	Down Payment Assistance	\$714,090
Acquisition	Procured Services	Project	Appraisal, post-event FMV method	\$24,000
Acquisition	Procured Services	Project	Title work and closing	\$114,000
Acquisition	Procured Services	Project	Land Survey	\$36,000
Demolition with buyout or acquisition activ	Procured Services	Project	Demolition	\$315,000
Acquisition	Acquisition/Buyouts	Project	Property acquisition, current market value	\$1,200,000
				\$3,388,239

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Highlight the projected length in months for each phase by clicking on the desired months. If a phase is not applicable, leave it blank. Projects are expected to be completed within 24 months following execution of the contract between the applicant and the GLO. Provide any comments regarding the schedule that may be helpful.

Project Title:

MONTHS:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Professional Services Procurement	■	■																							
Housing Guideline Development/ Outreach Plan, as applicable		■	■																						
Broad Environmental Review		■	■																						
Bid Advertisement/Contract Award		■	■																						
Buyout or Acquisition				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Mitigation Activities																									
General Administration	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Audit and Closeout																	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

Note: If the proposed project requires a schedule longer than 24 months, justification must be provided.

Comments:

Project planned to be completed in 18 months from kick-off through completion and close-out.

LOCAL CERTIFICATIONS

Every Application must be signed by the authorized signatory. By signing this application, the signee authorizes the state or any of its duly authorized representatives to verify the information contained herein. It should be noted that 18 USC § 1001 states that any person who (1) knowingly or willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device of material fact, (2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or (3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false fact, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or is a federal offense and punishable under the law. Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. code states that a person is guilty of a FELONY for knowingly and willingly makes false statements to any department of the United States Government.

Each application for CDBG Disaster Recovery funding must also be accompanied by a completed and signed Application for Federal Assistance Standard Form 424 (SF-424).

Each applicant must comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, the requirements set forth in title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 58, and applicable GLO-CDR policy directives. All applicable federal and state laws, including environmental, labor (Davis-Bacon), procurement procedures and contract requirements of 2 CFR 200.318 -200.326, and civil rights requirements apply to the use of these funds. Each applicant certifies, in compliance with the requirements presented in Volume 81, Number 224 of the Federal Register effective November 28, 2016, that:

- a. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG-DR program;
- b. It is in compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR part 87, together with disclosure forms, if required by part 87;
- c. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Act (URA), as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24, except where waivers or alternative requirements are provided for in the Federal Register notice.
- d. It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135.
- e. It is following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105 Public Participation Plan as it pertains to local government administration of CDBG-DR funds. or 91.115 Public Participation Plan as it pertains to State administration of CDBG-DR funds., as applicable (except as provided for in notices providing waivers and alternative requirements for this grant). Also, each Unit of General Local Government (UGLG) receiving assistance from a state grantee must follow a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 570.486 (except as provided for in notices providing waivers and alternative requirements for this grant).
 - 1) Funds will be used solely for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas for which the President declared a major disaster in 2016 pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) related to the consequences of the 2016 flood events.
- f. The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 -3619) and implementing regulations, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing.
- g. It has adopted the following policies:
 - 1) A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
 - 2) A policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Date

Printed Name

Wayne McDaniel

Title

County Judge

Email

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Phone Number

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Authorized Signature