



## Travis County

October 6, 2016

### **Travis County seeks input on distribution of \$5.5 million in recovery funds for May and October 2015 floods**

Travis County is seeking input on the method of distribution for \$5,531,116, which is a regional allocation in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster recovery funds offered by the Texas General Land Office through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This grant funding is specifically for long-term recovery needs related to the May and October 2015 floods.

The process of determining the method of distribution for the funds will involve several steps, including a community meeting with optional participation via mail, a public comment period on the proposed draft of the distribution-method document, and a public hearing.

#### **Community Meeting—October 11**

Travis County is hosting a public meeting on October 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. to gather input on the housing and community development needs remaining from the 2015 floods. The meeting location is the Dove Springs Recreation Center Gym (5801 Ainez Drive, Austin, TX 78744). Personnel will conduct the community meeting in English and Spanish, and everyone is encouraged to attend. People needing other language interpretation or special accommodations should contact Travis County CDBG staff five days prior to the event. Please call 512-854-3460 to request assistance.

#### **Participation Form**

If anyone is unable to attend the community meeting but would like to provide input on the method of fund distribution, they should fill out a participation form. The forms are available from October 3 to October 11 at the [Travis County Community Centers](#) or via the U.S. Postal Service. Individuals should call 512-854-3460 to receive the participation forms by mail. All paper forms must be received no later than October 12. In addition, the public may complete the forms online at: Residents: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DR-Resident>  
Agencies and government entities: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGHPYX3>.

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**Comment Period and Draft Document**

Following the community meeting and public input, beginning October 20, Travis County will post a draft of the proposed method of distribution on the County CDBG webpage at [www.traviscountytx.gov](http://www.traviscountytx.gov). In addition, the proposal will be available for review at any of the seven [Travis County Community Centers](#). County staff will accept comments for 14 days, beginning October 20 at 8 a.m. and ending November 2 at 5 p.m.

**Public Hearing**

The public can provide comments about the proposed method of distribution by attending the public hearing, which is scheduled for October 25 at 9 a.m. at the Travis County Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX 78701. Officials and staff will conduct the meeting in English. Please send requests for language interpretation of the meeting, or special accommodations for the meeting, to Travis County CDBG staff 5 days prior to this meeting. Please call 512-854-3460 to request assistance.

**Mailing Comments**

The public may also mail comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County HHSVS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767, or e-mail them to the CDBG program at [cdbg@traviscountytx.gov](mailto:cdbg@traviscountytx.gov). Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on November 2.

**Additional Information**

For additional information, please see the CDBG Disaster Recovery website at: <https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/cdbg-disaster-recovery> and en Español: <https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/espanol/recuperacion-desastre>.

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