

# Summary of the Method of Distribution for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program

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The Texas General Land Office gave Travis County the task of developing a method of distribution for \$5,531,116 of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The method of distribution will identify how much money will be allocated to eligible local government jurisdictions. Sixty-eight percent of the funds must be used for non-housing projects and 32% must be used for housing related projects.

The draft allocation for non-housing and housing projects is:

Summary of Draft Allocation	
<b>Non-Housing</b>	
<i>Local Government</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Travis County	\$ 651,105.01
City of Austin	\$3,110,053.99
Total	\$3,761,159.00
<b>Housing</b>	
<i>Local Government</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Travis County	\$ 874,419.00
City of Austin	\$ 895,538.00
Total	\$1,769,957.00

Travis County used data to help determine the formula to divide up the funds. The formula uses two different factors:

## **Non-Housing Formula**

Factor 1: Non-Housing Damage Assessment (Weight 70): The total projected value of project applications submitted to FEMA for flood damage assistance. The amounts are a proxy indicator of non-housing damage by jurisdiction. This factor was weighted more heavily because it is tied directly to the areas most impacted by the two floods.

Factor 2: Number of Low/Moderate Income Individuals (Weight 30): The number of individuals within each jurisdiction who are low-to-moderate income as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. This factor was included because the funds are intended to benefit low-to-moderate income individuals. It was weighted less heavily than the damage assessment factor because the data was for the entire jurisdiction and is not directly tied to areas affected by the flood.

## **Housing Formula**

Factor 1: FEMA Verified Loss (Weight 70): The total value of FEMA Verified Loss by jurisdiction based on aggregation by address using ArcGIS. This factor was weighted more heavily because it is tied directly to the areas most impacted by the two floods.

Factor 2: Number of Low/Moderate Income Individuals (Weight 30): The number of individuals within each jurisdiction who are low-to-moderate income as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. This factor was included because the funds are intended to benefit low-to-moderate income individuals. It was weighted less heavily than the damage assessment factor because the data was for the entire jurisdiction and is not directly tied to areas affected by the flood.

Additional Factors for both Housing & Non-Housing: The MOD recommends prioritization of projects that benefit low-to-moderate income areas over urgent need projects. The County will administer funds in any area outside the boundaries of the City of Austin, but within Travis County. Each jurisdiction will certify that they will affirmatively further fair housing (“AFFH”).

For more detailed information, please review the full draft of the Method of Distribution.