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TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Invitation to Comment on the Travis County CDBG-DR Housing Guidelines: 2015 Flood Events

In May and October of 2015, Travis County experienced floods that were declared Presidential Disaster Areas. As a part of the declaration, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is providing funds to the State of Texas through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) to be distributed to affected areas to facilitate long term recovery in the form of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. From these funds, Travis County is receiving an award of \$1,366,574.00 for housing recovery. The Travis County CDBG-DR Homebuyer Assistance Program will provide homebuyer assistance activities for low- to moderate-income individual households who were impacted renters or homeowners at the time of the May or October 2015 floods and who have selected a home within Travis County.

Eligible housing activities supported by these funds will be administered by Travis County under the guidelines and oversight of the GLO. Thus, Travis County presents with minor changes the general housing guidelines put forth by GLO published September 19, 2018 for the 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Flood Recovery.

You can comment on the proposed Travis County CDBG-DR Housing Guidelines: 2015 Flood Events by attending the public hearing or by sending your comments in writing via postal mail or e-mail.

COMMENT PERIOD AND DRAFT DOCUMENT

Comments will be accepted for 15 days **beginning May 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and ending June 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** Beginning May 19, 2020, a draft of the proposed Housing Guidelines will be available for download on the Travis County CDBG webpage at <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg> or it can be mailed upon request by calling 512-854-3460 or e-mailing cdbg@traviscountytexas.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public can provide comments by attending the Public Hearing scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** at Travis County Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX, 78701. In light of current heightened concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19, the Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing may be held virtually. In that case, members of the public who wish to participate may call the following toll free number at the time of the public hearing: (866) 393-8749 and enter 976 2855 6533, followed by the pound key (#).

MAILING YOUR COMMENTS

The public can also mail their comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County, HHS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or e-mail them to the CDBG program at cdbg@traviscountytexas.gov.

Travis County is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call 512-854-3460 for assistance. To request that an American Sign Language or Spanish interpreter be present at the public hearing, please contact CDBG staff at least five business days in advance.