

AMENDMENT – ROUNDS 1 AND 2.2 METHODS OF DISTRIBUTION HURRICANE IKE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING

Background

In May 2009 and November 2011, H-GAC's Board approved the Methods of Distribution (MOD) for allocating Rounds 1 and 2.2 federal Hurricane Ike disaster recovery funds. This action distributed over \$352 million in Round 1 and over \$322 million in Round 2.2 funds for Non-Housing Activities Only, with direct allocations and set-asides to jurisdictions within the 13-county region. The Methods of Distributions also included procedures for reallocating these apportionments should a jurisdiction be unable to utilize them.

Current Situation

The Texas General Land Office has notified H-GAC that it has completed a reconciliation of the Hurricane Ike allocation and has determined that H-GAC has deobligated Rounds 1 and 2, non-housing funds that need to be reallocated. H-GAC has called all communities to confirm unexpended balances. The attached Table 1 represents those amounts available for reallocation. Positive amounts are available to counties; negative amounts will follow the MOD reallocation process to Matagorda County.

H-GAC will follow its reallocation process contained within Rounds 1 and 2.2 Methods of Distribution which states H-GAC recommends that GLO give consideration to communities that have been most severely impacted by Hurricane Ike and that can demonstrate an ability to promptly submit and implement compliant projects. Severity of damage determination is not limited to criteria contained in the first or second round methods of distribution.

First priority for reallocation, after consideration of reallocation within a county, is to the following counties, or cities located therein, that experienced significant storm surge and significant weather impacts: 1. Matagorda County, 2. Chambers County, and 3. Brazoria County

Second priority will be given to the following counties, cities located within the counties, or cities based upon storm surge and other weather impacts: 1. Liberty County, 2. Galveston County, 3. City of Galveston, 4. Harris County, and 5. City of Houston

Third priority will be given to more inland communities that experienced less severe impacts: 1. Montgomery County, 2. Walker County, 3. Fort Bend County, 4. Waller County, 5. Austin County, and 6. Wharton County

H-GAC will hold a 15-day public comment period from February 21, 2018 to March 8, 2018; and also hold one public hearing at H-GAC.

Funding Source: N/A

Budgeted: N/A

Action Requested

Request approval to amend the H-GAC Rounds 1 and 2.2 Methods of Distribution for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds to allow for the reallocation of deobligated, non-housing federal funds in the attached Table 1 as per the H-GAC reallocation process. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

TABLE 1

County	Reallocated Ike GDBG Non-Housing Funds
Austin	(\$35,534.00)
Brazoria	\$94,837.00
Chambers	\$362,680.94
Fort Bend	(\$567,464.21)
Galveston	\$143,539.10
Harris	\$1,955,266.24
Liberty	\$155,071.09
Matagorda	\$1,247,192.40
Montgomery	(\$620,395.73)
Walker	(\$3,656.00)
Waller	(\$13,371.00)
Wharton	(\$493.00)