

Harris County Mitigation MOD
Method Of Distribution Summary



Allocation
Summary
(8/2027 + 3 yr
extension to
be requested)

Harris County Total	\$423.75 million (includes per the contract Proj. Delivery of \$60M and Planning funding of \$37.5M)
Flood Control District Total	\$326.25 million
Grand Total	\$750 million

- Harris County can sign an MOU with Flood Control District to provide additional support for underfunded projects within the 2018 Bond Program. FCD estimates ~\$500M of eligible projects
- Cities and other entities within Harris County will have opportunity to partner on shovel-ready mitigation projects

Regional Benefits

- Based on data-driven and public-informed decisions that are forward-looking to improve community resiliency, protect the most vulnerable residents, and reduce risk from future disasters
 - Each of the entities will work with local cities to implement mitigation solutions
- Input provided from the public engagement process (May – Sep '22) helped formulate the following criteria for distribution: (Met with Court offices and GLO given preliminary approval)
 1. Low- and moderate-income population
 2. Social vulnerability
 3. Total population
 4. NFIP repetitive loss properties
- Timeliness → Shovel-ready projects!

Next Steps

- Public comment period (15 days by/before Court action)
- Determine best ways to partner with other entities for portion of funds
- Prepare Final MOD document with public comments and responses
- Plan for County Commissioners to approve Final MOD document 2/21/23
- GLO reviews and approves Final MOD document (Mar – Apr)
- Post GLO approval
 - Call for information of projects
 - Submit project packets to CC for resolution to submit
 - Submit project packets to GLO for approval and contract amendment
 - Contract execution expected to start Fall 2023 (multiple steps to initiate spending)

Texas General Land Office

State of Texas CDBG-Mitigation Harris County Mitigation MOD
MOD Summary



Delivered to the GLO: _____

Approved by the GLO: _____

MOD Allocation Summary (through 8/2027)

Harris County Total	\$423.75 million (includes per the contract Proj. Delivery of \$60M and Planning funding of \$37.5M)
Cities and Towns Total	\$0
Special Purpose Districts Total	\$326.25 million
Grand Total MOD Allocation	\$750 million

Table 1

Funding Limits

<i>Minimum Amount</i> Waiver Requested	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Minimum Amount	\$1 million	
Maximum Amount	\$750 million	

Table 2

The Harris County Community Services Department has developed a Method of Distribution (MOD) that reflects the overall mitigation needs across the county and seeks to reduce risks that affect its diverse population.

Harris County received less than its overall stated need for CDBG Mitigation funding to fully meet and increase the resilience to mitigate danger from future disasters for 5 million County residents. Thus, the GLO allocation of \$750 million in the Harris County MOD is focused on regional entities. These entities are well positioned to manage countywide projects that will foster long-term community resilience through regional investments that will have the greatest impact on large population areas. Harris County and the Harris County Flood Control District, the two entities in the Harris County MOD, serve all residents in Harris County and have political representation for all residents of the County including the 34 cities in the county.

The two identified regional MOD entities, which both serve the almost 5 million residents of the county, will ensure that projects selected for CDBG-MIT funding are based on data-driven and public-informed decisions that are forward-looking to improve community resiliency, protect the most vulnerable residents, and reduce risk from future disasters. Both entities will also work with

local cities to implement mitigation solutions that benefit their residents and protect them from future disaster risk.

Once the MOD is approved by GLO, Harris County MOD entities reserve the right to partner with local governmental entities and special districts in the county to perform eligible projects, including but not limited to cities and Flood Control District. Harris County may also partner with local non-profit agency regarding public service activities that support mitigation and resiliency, particularly in areas were drainage or other mitigation activities are affecting low-to-moderate income households stability.

The County is prioritizing investments to mitigate and build resiliency against flood risks in the county or region. As part of the public engagement activities in developing this MOD, Harris County Community Services Department facilitated the following from May through September 2022:

- Kick off meeting and Public Hearing at 9414 Jensen
- Three virtual meetings: two in English and one in Spanish
- Conducted a community survey with 107 respondents.

The County kicked off its CDBG-MIT public participation and planning process with a meeting held on May 19, 2022. The County held four additional community meetings in addition to the planning hearing on September 8, 2022. One of the meetings was held in Spanish. We received public comments and input from May 19, 2022 through September 16, 2022, which has helped develop the required Method of Distribution process. The input provided from the public engagement process helped formulate the following criteria for distribution:

1. Low- and moderate-income population
2. Social vulnerability
3. Total population
4. NFIP repetitive loss properties

These factors were identified as the most important distribution criteria based on input from our public meetings and conclusions drawn from publicly available data sources. The selected distribution criteria will be used to identify mitigation needs throughout the entire county.