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Subject: Request to defund or amend CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program Contract No. 24-033-000-E072

Dear Deputy Director Lagrone:

The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) would like to thank the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for its recent announcement regarding the one-year extension of the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Program Contract No. 24-033-000-E072.

Per Commissioner Buckingham's communication, the current contract deadline for the CDBG-DR Program will be amended to February 29, 2028. This extension will provide the HCFCD with the time required to complete construction of all projects currently in the CDBG-DR program. However, the previous plan, mutually agreed to by HCFCD and GLO and approved by Harris County Commissioners Court on June 11, 2026, addressed two distinct issues:

1. Project schedules that extended past the February 28, 2027 deadline; and
2. Project budgets that need to be reduced due to low bids and project scope changes

While the extension addresses the first issue, GLO's decision to rescind approval of the previously approved path forward does not address the second issue. HCFCD has conducted an analysis of the project budgets within CDBG-DR Program and determined that we will be unable to fully utilize the \$322 million in CDBG-DR funds allocated under the contract without additional changes:

- Under the previously approved plan to transfer projects from Harris County's CDBG-MIT program and split projects between CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT, \$87.6 million in CDBG-DR funds would remain unallocated.
- With projects no longer split between CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT and no projects transferred from Harris County's CDBG-MIT program, the District now anticipates approximately \$113 million in CDBG-DR funds will remain unallocated.

We have identified two potential scenarios to increase CDBG-DR deployment:

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1. **Keep HCD Subdivision Drainage Projects:** GLO has communicated to our team that the previously approved transfer of seven subdivision drainage projects in Harris County's CDBG-MIT program to the Flood Control District's CDBG-DR program is no longer going forward due to administrative burden at the State level. If this transfer can go forward, we anticipate no unallocated funding in the CDBG-DR program.
2. **Move Two FCD CDBG-MIT Projects:** Alternatively, the Flood Control District could move the recently completed Upper Cypress Creek Floodplain Preservation project and the ongoing Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin – Phase 3A project from CDBG-MIT to CDBG-DR. If approved, this option would reduce unallocated CDBG-DR funds to \$76 million.

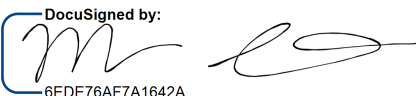
Each of these options would provide HCFCD with an opportunity to reduce the anticipated \$113 million in unallocated CDBG-DR funding. Note that additional extensions to Harris County and/or HCFCD's CDBG-MIT programs would be necessary to identify and implement projects to fill the gaps created by the options above if approved.

Regardless of the path forward, HCFCD will continue to work to maximize project progress and CDBG-DR spending, including striving to exceed the estimates provided in this letter if possible. HCFCD is committed to working closely with GLO to ensure that all CDBG-DR grant requirements are satisfied and that the available funding is administered responsibly, efficiently, and in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

HCFCD respectfully requests GLO's favorable consideration of the options above to deliver the most flood damage reduction for residents of Harris County. We appreciate GLO's continued partnership and support of Harris County's efforts to reduce flood risk and build more resilient communities.

We look forward to your response and to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

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