



## City of Wharton

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 21, 2020  
**From:** Gwyneth Teves, Community Development Director  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
City Attorney Paul Webb  
**Subject:** Status of City of Wharton Grant Projects Report No. 2019-12

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Below, I have outlined a report on the status of the City of Wharton Grant Projects:

#### **Infrastructure/Construction:**

- 1. HMGP – Warning System Mitigation (Siren Warning System)**  
Application submitted 10/13/16 under the DR-4269. This project was awarded 02/26/2018 and was accepted by the City Council on 03/26/18. Scope change approval was received February 1, 2019. Befco Engineering was awarded the engineering contract on May 13, 2019. Project is out for construction bid currently and bids will be received January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- 2. CDBG-DR – Infrastructure**  
Method of Distribution approved by GLO and HUD. City is designated to receive \$1,650,172.00 for infrastructure projects related to Hurricane Harvey. Project applications were submitted August 28, 2019. The GLO is currently working on the contracts for this funding with the City.
- 3. HMGP – FEMA Shelter/Dome**  
HMGP Application submitted by WISD for FEMA Shelter/Dome. The City received notification of Award on January 21, 2020. If the City Council accepts the award, this will begin the Phase I process for the project.
- 4. 2019-2020 CDBG – South East Ave. Sanitary Sewer Repairs**  
Application has been submitted and we are awaiting a response.
- 5. City of Wharton Flood Reduction Project – The Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I, Texas WHARTON FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT**  
The City of Wharton was notified that the Flood Reduction Project was funded in the early part of 2018. City staff has been meeting with USACE staff monthly on items to be addressed. HDR was selected by the City Council on June 4, 2019. Property owner meeting was held August 8, 2019 and a citizen meeting is still to be scheduled by the USACE. The acquisition progress has started and HDR is working with the surveyors

and appraisers. USACE staff has indicated they will be ready for construction beginning Fall 2020. USACE is also in the process of contracting design firms for the remaining portions of the Flood Reduction Project and will be working concurrently on this while phase 1 is in progress. The City and HDR have obtained 69 out of 71 ROE's. HDR has also begun processing 188 additional cultural ROE's as requested by the USACE.

## **Housing:**

### **6. HMGP – Residential Elevation**

Application completed and submitted by GrantWorks Inc. in December 2018. One request for information has been received and responded to at this time.

### **7. HMGP – Reconstruction of 100 Homes**

Application completed and submitted by GrantWorks Inc. in December 2018. One request for information has been received and responded to at this time.

### **8. HMGP – Residential Mitigation (Elevation/Reconstruction of Homes)**

Submitted on 1/20/17 under a second funding opportunity for DR 4272 and we are awaiting a response.

### **9. TDHCA – HOME Reservation Participation**

There were 73 applicants from throughout the city that submitted applications to participate in the program. There are currently 43 still working on applications. There are 7 applicants in title phase and 5 have been fully approved through TDHCA. 5 applicants have been awarded funding as of 7/17/19. 1 subject has declined the contract. Construction on the first home is nearing completion and the 2<sup>nd</sup> homeowner signed closing documents last week and construction is anticipated to start this quarter.

### **10. GLO Community Development and Revitalization Program**

The City Council procured GrantWorks, Inc. for administration and Jones & Carter for engineering.

### **11. FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant**

Call for application was made on August 11, 2017. The application was submitted 10/30/17 for the Nan Ya Lift Station and we are awaiting a response.

### **12. CDBG-DR – Buyouts/Acquisitions**

Method of Distribution approved by GLO and HUD. City is designated to receive \$1,693,784.00 for buyout/acquisition projects related to Hurricane Harvey. Project application for buyouts was submitted and we are awaiting further information. We are currently working on guidelines to be submitted to GLO for approval.

### **13. 2016 CDBG-DR – Housing Elevation/Reconstruction**

Notification of \$2,000,000 funding was received by city staff on February 4, 2019. This funding will assist homeowners with elevation, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of homes to address existing damage and mitigate future damage. 5 applicants have submitted applications and 3 are in the state processing. 2 are still pending additional paperwork.

#### **14. TxDOT – Safe Routes to School**

The City submitted the Preliminary Application in April 2019. City staff was notified that the preliminary application had been selected for review and City staff met with TxDOT Representative on May 10<sup>th</sup>. City Staff submitted the detailed application August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We are currently awaiting award announcements.

#### **Studies:**

#### **Other:**

#### **15. LCRA – Steps Forward**

City Staff is working with LCRA and Habitat for Humanity to provide landscaping for the Habitat homes on Cedar Circle during the April volunteer day for LCRA and \$1000 funding.

#### **16. HMGP – Critical Facility Generators**

HMGP Application was submitted on 9/11/18 and we are awaiting a response.

#### **17. FEMA – Temporary Housing Units**

City staff is currently aware of 1 THU still in the City.