



City of Wharton

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2019
From: Gwyneth Teves, Community Development Coordinator
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
City Attorney Paul Webb
Subject: Status of City of Wharton Grant Projects Report No. 2019-02

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

Infrastructure/Construction:

1. HMGP – Sewer Infrastructure Mitigation

Application submitted 10/13/16 under the DR-4269. City staff has responded to 7 RFI's on this project as of February 2019. FEMA review has found the BCA of the project to be less than 1.00. The BCA for this project does not meet the requirements of FEMA and has been withdrawn.

2. 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. City staff is preparing bid documents to go out for bid on equipment and installation.

3. HMGP – Riverfront Park Soil Stabilization

Application submitted by GrantWorks Inc. in December 2018.

4. 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 will be completed and submitted by GrantWorks for eligible projects.

5. NRCS – Alabama Channel Repairs

NRCS has awarded a grant of \$307,167.84 for repairs. The project was awarded at the January 28, 2019 Council Meeting. Fort Bend Excavation has begun construction on this project.

6. TPWD – Harris Park Improvements

Wharton Economic Development submitted on behalf of the City of Wharton an application for Grant Funds through the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation for

improvements to the Harris Park. Per Chad Odom, Executive Director of WEDCO, this grant was not awarded.

7. HMGP – FEMA Shelter/Dome

HMGP Application submitted by WISD for FEMA Shelter/Dome. Project is under FEMA review and approval. There has been 1 request for information at this time.

8. 2019-2020 CDBG – South East Ave. Sanitary Sewer Repairs

Application has been submitted.

Housing:

9. HMGP – Residential Elevation

Application completed and submitted by GrantWorks Inc. in December 2019. One request for information has been received and responded to at this time.

10. HMGP – Reconstruction of 100 Homes

Application completed and submitted by GrantWorks Inc. in December 2019. One request for information has been received and responded to at this time.

11. 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.

12. TDHCA – HOME Reservation Participation

Applicants are currently being notified of any outstanding paperwork for their applications and are being asked to send this information in to finalize their applications. 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 2 have been fully approved through TDHCA. 2 applicants have been awarded funding as of 2/16/19. 1 subject has declined the contract.

13. GLO Community Development and Revitalization Program

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

14. 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.

15. 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 applications will be completed and submitted by GrantWorks for eligible projects.

16. 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. Contracts with the GLO are pending.

Studies:

Other:

17. HMGP – Critical Facility Generators

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

18. FEMA – Temporary Housing Units

City staff is currently aware of 16 THU still in the City. Of those, 7 are working with the WLTRT for repairs or new housing and 2 are back in their homes waiting on FEMA to remove the units. The remaining 7 have unknown statuses at this time.

19. Rebuild Texas – 2019 Preparedness Grant

Pre-Application was submitted on February 13, 2019 for AED Units for Public Facilities and Patrol Units and portable and mobile radios for the Public Works department. On February 28, 2019 notification was received that our submittal was short listed and a full application was to be submitted.