



City of Wharton

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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 19, 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. 2020-01

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 02/01/2019. Befco Engineering was awarded the engineering contract on 05/13/19. The project was awarded for construction bid at the Council Meeting 02/10/2020. Currently waiting on signed agreement to issue a Notice to Proceed.

2. CDBG-DR – Infrastructure

Method of Distribution approved by GLO and HUD. City has received an award of \$1,650,172.00 for infrastructure projects related to Hurricane Harvey. The City Staff met with the GLO for a kickoff meeting 02/17/2020 to review contracts and projects.

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 accepted the award of the funding for Phase I on 02/10/2020 and the staff attended a kickoff meeting at the WISD Administration Building on 2/18/2020. The City is waiting on the agreement to be reviewed and approved by the School Board at the next meeting scheduled 02/25/2020.

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 06/14/19. Property owner meeting was held 08/08/19 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 complete and signed over and the 2nd homeowner signed closing documents 01/2020 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. Notice of Funding Opportunities have not yet been published or advertised.

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 has received an award of \$1,693,784.00 for buyout/acquisition projects related to Hurricane Harvey. The City Staff met with the GLO for a kickoff meeting 02/17/2020 to review contracts and projects.

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 10th. City Staff submitted the detailed application August 15th, 2019. The City was not selected in the initial round of funding issued in 01/2020. There will be a second round of funding awards announced in 04/2020. We are currently awaiting the 2nd round 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 received a verbal notification of award 02/18/2020 are awaiting official notification and paperwork.

17. FEMA – Temporary Housing Units

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