



City of Wharton

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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 7, 2019

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. 2019-09

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 and is in the process of preparing bid documents to go out for bid on equipment and installation.

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 reviewing the application and we have received one RFI due November 19, 2019 and are waiting to receive the final approval.

3. HMGP – FEMA Shelter/Dome

HMGP Application submitted by WISD for FEMA Shelter/Dome. Project is under FEMA review and approval. There have been 2 requests for information at this time.

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. 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 68 out of 71 ROE's.

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

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 5 have been fully approved through TDHCA. 5 applicants have been awarded funding as of 7/17/19. 1 subject has declined the contract. Demo has been completed on the first home and construction will begin the week of October 28th.

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.

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. There was no public comment on the guidelines and needs assessment. 3 applications were taken in October at the first intake. City Staff and GrantWorks has scheduled a second intake December 4-5, 2019. GrantWorks is currently reaching out to non-profit organizations and local businesses and churches to have further notification. They will also be going door to door with flyers to residents affected in 2016.

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. We are currently awaiting award announcements.

Studies:

Other:

15. HMGP – Critical Facility Generators

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

16. FEMA – Temporary Housing Units

City staff is currently aware of 3 THU still in the City.