



City of Wharton

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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 18, 2018
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. 2018-09

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

Infrastructure/Construction:

1. FEMA – Sewer Infrastructure Mitigation

Application submitted 10/13/16 under the DR-4269. On 10/17/17 the City staff received notification that the project has been selected for FEMA review. City staff has responded to 5 RFI's on this project to date.

2. FEMA – 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 was submitted to include an operation console for the sirens. We are awaiting an approval for the change in scope to begin bids.

3. HMGP – Residential Buyout for Drainage Project

Notice of Intent filed on May 17, 2018. Approval to apply was received from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and application is being prepared by GrantWorks Inc.

4. HMGP – Riverfront Park Soil Stabilization

Notice of Intent filed on May 29, 2018. Approval to apply was received from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and application is being prepared by GrantWorks Inc.

5. CDBG-DR – Infrastructure

Draft Method of Distribution approved by HGAC 7/17/18 and to be submitted to GLO and HUD for approval. If approved the City will receive \$1,650,172.00 for infrastructure projects related to Hurricane Harvey.

6. NRCS – Alabama Channel Repairs

The City staff requested assistance from the NRCS for repairs on the Alabama

Channel after damaged by Hurricane Harvey flooding. NRCS has awarded a grant of \$307,167.84 for repairs. City Staff is working with the NRCS and Jones and Carter to create a construction bid packet and this project will then go out for bid and begin work.

Housing:

7. HMGP – Residential Elevation/Reconstruction of 100 Homes

Notice of Intent filed on May 8, 2018. Approval to apply was received from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and application is being prepared by GrantWorks Inc.

8. FEMA – 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 2 have been fully approved through TDHCA.

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

Draft Method of Distribution approved by HGAC 7/17/18 and to be submitted to GLO and HUD for approval. If approved the City will receive \$1,693,784.00 for buyout/acquisition projects related to Hurricane Harvey.

13. 2016 CDBG-DR – Housing Elevation/Reconstruction

Applications are being accepted for the 2016 CDBG-DR funding. The city staff has consulted with GrantWorks on the application and will be submitting a request for elevation/reconstruction of \$2,000,000.

Studies:

14. TxCDBG 7216124 Planning & Capacity Building Fund (Comprehensive Plan)

The City and GrantWorks, Inc. are working on completing the draft plan. GrantWorks Inc. has provided 11 draft chapters for city staff to review. Project to be completed by December 12, 2018. Total grant awarded: \$115,389.

Other:

15. HMGP – Critical Facility Generators

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