



## City of Wharton

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** October 22, 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. 2019-08

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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 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 are in the process of being completed and submitted by GrantWorks for eligible projects. Applications received no Public Comment and were submitted August 28, 2019. The GLO is currently reviewing the application and we are waiting to receive the 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 Levee Project – The Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I, Texas WHARTON FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

The City of Wharton was notified that the Levee 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.

Acquisition is projected to be in progress by the beginning of September and completed by January 2020. USACE staff has indicated they will be ready for construction beginning Mid-year 2020. USACE is also in the process of contracting design firms for the remaining portions of the levee 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 and has started the surveys and appraisals.

## **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 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 is working with GrantWorks to schedule a second informational outreach and intake session.

#### **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. 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 7 THU still in the City. Of those, 5 are working with the WLTRT for repairs or new housing. 1 is working with the GLO HAP program and 1 has a contractor working on their home.

#### **18. 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. Project was awarded and City staff is in process of implementing. AED's have been placed in the City buildings and patrol cars and mobile and portable radios are being installed for the Public Works Department.