

Long-Term Recovery: The 2021 Winter Storm



City Grant Application
CDBG-DR 2021 Winter Storm
August 9, 2022



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Agenda

- Welcome
- Presentation
- Public Hearing
- Final Remarks & Resources

Welcome



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Speakers



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OVERVIEW

OUR VISION

We envision a city where everyone has a **home they can afford** in a **community where they can thrive.**



Affordable Homes



Infrastructure/
Neighborhood
Services



Community Economic
Development



Supportive
Services

OUR GOALS



Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing



Expand homeownership opportunities



Provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS



Reduce homelessness



Improve quality of life



Promote health and safety



Revitalize communities



Foster community economic development



Promote fair housing

Phases of Disaster Management





Montinique Monroe/Getty Images



Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle



Lucio Vasquez / Houston Public Media

2021 CDBG-DR Allocation

City of Houston allocated: \$30,296,000

Set-aside for Mitigation Activities: \$3,952,000

- 6-year expenditure timeline
- Winter Storm allocations also awarded to the State of Texas, City of Dallas, and City of Fort Worth

Overview of Grant Requirements

- 70% overall low- and moderate-income (LMI) benefit
- Address a direct or indirect impact from the disaster in a most impacted and distressed area (tie-back)
- Eligible activities include
 - Affordable homes
 - Infrastructure / Community Facilities
 - Supportive Services
 - Economic Development

Mitigation Activities

Mitigation set-aside: \$3,952,000

HUD defines mitigation as activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters

Risks & Hazards

HAZARD	FREQUENCY OF OCCURENCE	POTENTIAL SEVERITY	RISK RANKING
Flood	Highly Likely	Substantial	High
Hurricane	Highly Likely	Major	High
Extreme Heat	Highly Likely	Substantial	High
Thunderstorm Wind	Highly Likely	Substantial	High
Lightning	Highly Likely	Substantial	Moderate
Tornado	Likely	Substantial	Moderate
Expansive Soils	Likely	Limited	Low
Hail	Highly Likely	Limited	Low
Wildfire	Highly Likely	Minor	Low
Drought	Highly Likely	Limited	Low
Dam Failure	Unlikely	Substantial	Low
Winter Storm	Likely	Limited	Low

**What mitigation activities
would you support with
these funds?**

Action Plan

Impact & Unmet Needs

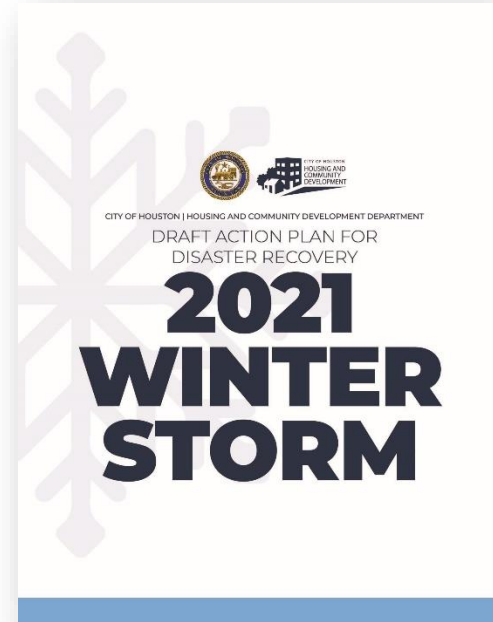
Housing
Infrastructure
Economic Revitalization

Proposed Use of Funds

Proposed Budget
Proposed Program
Program Descriptions

General Grant Requirements

Public Engagement
Minimize Displacement
Promote Resilience



Grant Timeline

May 31, 2022



Federal Register Notice

Jun – Jul 2022



Action Plan Development

Aug – Sep 2022



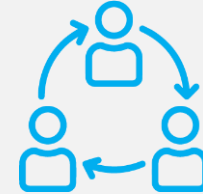
30-day Public Comment Period; Public Hearing

Aug 9, 2022



Public Hearing

Sep 2022



Respond and Incorporate Comments; City Council Approval

Sep 28, 2022



Submit Action Plan to HUD

Grant Award Received and Programs Expected to Begin Early 2023

Impacts & Needs

**What are current unmet
needs in your community
from the 2021 Winter
Storm?**

Impact and Unmet Needs Assessment

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual Assistance (IA) Applications: **102,783**
 - All had a household member under **18**
 - **20%** had a member **65** and older
 - **15%** had a member with a disability
- FEMA Verified Loss: **\$39 million**
- **14%** of applicants were approved for assistance

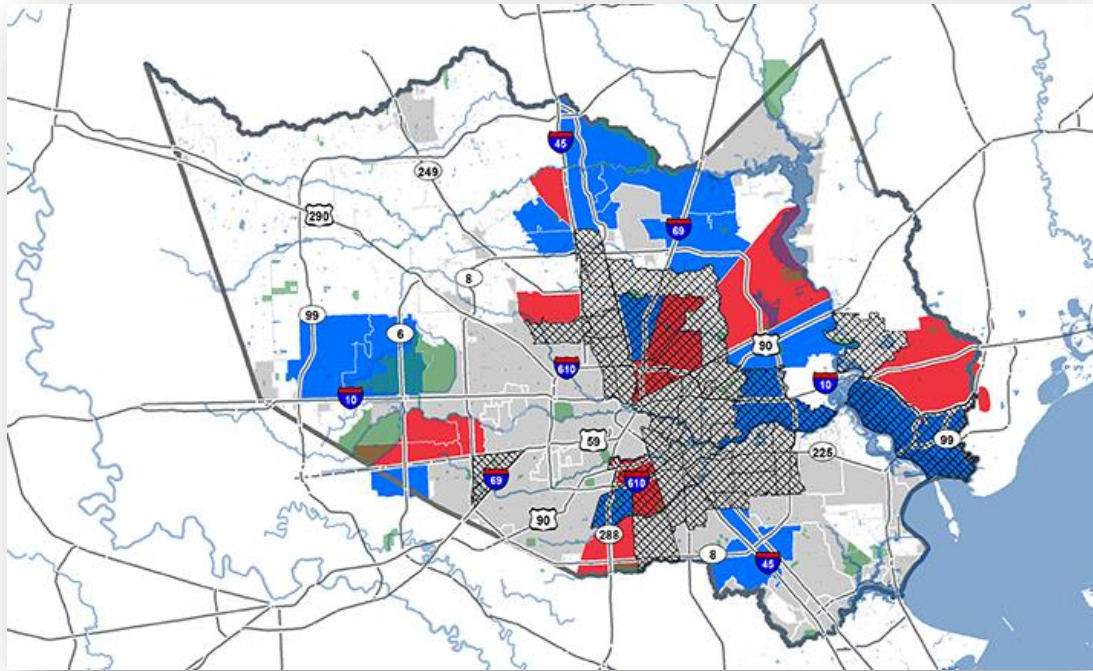
Impact and Unmet Needs Assessment

- Small Business Administration Disaster Loans for Homes: **5,481** applicants
 - Approved applicants: **939**
 - Average estimated repair costs for each approved applicant: **\$17,834**

Impact and Unmet Needs Assessment

- Infrastructure
 - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: **\$10,036,950**
- Economic Revitalization
 - SBA Business Disaster Loan Applicants: **332**
 - Approved: **32** applicants
 - Estimated loss for approved applicants: **\$2,401,862**

Impact and Unmet Needs Assessment



Compounding Damages and Composite Housing Resilience

- Rivers
- Water
- Highways
- County Parks
- Cities
- Unincorporated County
- Harris County Line
- Three Compounding Damages
- Two Compounding Damages
- Lowest Housing Resilience

Luis Guajardo/ Kinder Institute

Public Engagement Findings

- Partner/Stakeholder Interviews
- Agency Survey
- Resident Survey
- Public Hearing
- Comment Period

Interviews

- Repair homes to address deferred maintenance and unrepaired damage
- Fund community organizations to carry out assistance programs
- Create resilience hubs that provide resources
- Prioritize vulnerable residents and areas with compounding need
- Work with residents and community partners to design and carryout programs

Partner Survey

99 Surveys Responses

Unmet Needs

Home repair & weatherization
Address needs of underserved populations
Assist residents in need of housing

Funding Priorities

Repair owner-occupied homes with outstanding damage
Improve City infrastructure to withstand future disaster events
Improve community facilities to be resources during disasters

Priority Groups

LMI People
Seniors
People with physical disabilities
People experience homelessness

Resident Survey

908 Surveys Responses

Loss of Power & Water

93% Lost electricity

47% Lost electricity or had rolling blackouts for more than 3 days

84% Lost water or had low water pressure

Loss of Income

28% Lost pay

18% Lost pay for more than 3 days

4% Permanently lost employment

Damage to Home

53% Had damage to their home

59% Had damage to personal belongings

49% Have made some repairs or no repairs at all

Resident Survey

908 Surveys Responses

Financial Recovery

27% Had trouble making necessary repairs to their home
27% Had trouble paying utility bills
20% Had trouble paying rent or mortgages

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Budget & Activities

Estimated Grant Allocation

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery 2021	Amount	Percent
Home Repair: Rehabilitation or Reconstruction Pathway	\$ 22,222,222	73.4%
Home Repair: Reimbursement Pathway	\$ 1,656,978	5.5%
Neighborhood Facilities Resilience	\$ 4,152,000	13.7%
Renter Housing Counseling	\$ 550,000	1.8%
Planning	\$ 200,000	0.6%
Administration	\$ 1,514,800	5.0%
TOTAL	\$ 30,296,000	100.0%

Winter Storm Home Repair

Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Pathway

Goal: Assist homeowners impacted by 2021 Winter Storm

CDBG-DR21 Amount: \$22,222,222

Rehabilitate or reconstruct storm damaged homes



Winter Storm Home Repair

Reimbursement Pathway

Goal: Assist homeowners impacted by 2021 Winter Storm

CDBG-DR21 Amount: \$1,656,978

Must have made partial or full repairs to their home before applying to the program



Renter Housing Counseling

Goal: Assist renters impacted by the 2021 Winter Storm

CDBG-DR21 Amount: \$550,000

Assist renter households earning at or below 80% AMI with

- Finding affordable homes
- Educating renters on tenant rights and potential fair housing issues
- Financial empowerment
- Connecting renters with helpful resources



Neighborhood Facilities Resilience

Goal: Improve neighborhood facilities to prepare for future disaster events

CDBG-DR21 Amount: \$4,152,000

Eligible Activities

Improve power resilience of neighborhood facilities to be resources for Houstonians during future disaster events

Which two budgeted activities would you prioritize?

- A. Reimburse homeowners for completed repairs
- B. Repair or reconstruct homes
- C. Provide households with renter housing counseling
- D. Improve power resilience of neighborhood facilities
- E. Other activity

What do we need from you...

Tell us about activities or initiatives that would benefit families or individuals in your community.

**LET'S HEAR
FROM YOU**

Ways to Comment Live



Online
bit.ly/frz-ph



Live Call

Dial: 1-936-755-1521

English ID: 442 784 740#

Español ID: 968 283 886#

Public Hearing

Ground Rules

1. Each speaker has 3 minutes to testify
2. Yielding time to another person is not allowed

Note that:

- Testimony is recorded and transcribed
- Not a Q&A session
- Summaries with responses included in final Action Plan

[Other Ways to Comment](#)



Tell us More!



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bit.ly/freez-r

Other Ways to Comment

Comment by September 4th on the Draft Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2021 Winter Storm



Online Survey

www.houstontx.gov/housing



Mail

HCD

Attn: Planning & Grants Management
2100 Travis St., 9th Floor
Houston, TX 77002



Email

HCDDPlanning@houstontx.gov



Voicemail

832-394-5400

Hazardous Event Resources

Before/During the Event

- Sign up for AlertHouston at houstonemergency.org/
- For more preparedness resources visit: houstonoem.org

During/After the Event

- Visit houstonrecovers.org
- Visit houston311.org or call 311

THANK YOU!



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