

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) is proposing a Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery 2021 Winter Storm (CDBG-DR 21) budget.

In accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations and the Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Grant - Disaster Recovery 2021 Winter Storm, the City is required to amend components of its Plan for a variety of reasons, including when there is a proposed change in program benefit or eligibility criteria or when an activity is deleted from the Plan.

This Amendment will:

1. Increase the assistance amount in the Home Repair Program's Reimbursement Pathway from **\$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00**.
2. Streamline and clarify eligibility criteria for the Home Repair Program.
3. **Transfer \$550,000.00** of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery 2021 (CDBG-DR21) funds from the **Rental Housing Counseling budget line item to the Neighborhood Facilities Resilience Program budget line item**.
4. Make other minor edits throughout the Plan for clarity.

The purpose of these changes is to meet homeowners' needs, align the Winter Storm Home Repair Program with other HCDD home repair activities, and realign funds to effectively manage the CDBG-DR21 funds received from HUD.

The chart below shows the CDBG-DR21 Action Plan line-item budget changes.

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery 2021 Budget Changes

Budget Line Item Amended	Budget Decrease	Budget Increase
Renter Housing Counseling	(\$550,000.00)	
Neighborhood Facilities Resilience Program		\$550,000.00
TOTAL	\$550,000.00	\$550,000.00

This is the first Amendment to this Plan and does not result in a change in the total funds awarded for the 2021 Winter Freeze.

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on this proposed item. The thirty-day period extends from Friday, January 17, 2025, through Monday, February 16, 2025. Upon completion of the thirty-day public comment period, HCDD will take this item to City Council for approval and then submit the amendment to HUD. For additional information on this item, contact the Planning and Grant Reporting Team at 832-394-5400. Written comments may be submitted by email to HCDDPlanning@houstontx.gov.

For specific questions or concerns about landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6200 ext 1. For any information about our Complaints and Appeals Process, please access the following: <https://houstontx.gov/housing/complaints.html> and <https://houstontx.gov/housing/appeals.html>. For more information about the Housing and Community Development Department and its programs, please access: www.houstontx.gov/housing.