




Texas-Sized Disaster Recovery

Reflection on Best Practices and Vision for the Future

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Who is the Texas GLO?

- Oldest state agency in Texas, often referred to as 'the GLO'
- Manages state lands, operates the Alamo, helps Texans recover from natural disasters, helps fund Texas public education through the Permanent School Fund, provides benefits to Texas Veterans, and manages the vast Texas coast
- The Community Development and Revitalization (CDR) division is responsible for the administration of federal disaster recovery funds for the State of Texas

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Disaster Funding Timeline



0-12 months	3-24 months	12-24 months	14-26 months	15-27 months
Disaster Declaration FEMA/IDEM	SBA Loans & Private Insurance	Congressional Appropriation/ HUD Publishes Federal Register	GLO Publishes Action Plan	Method of Distribution & Fund Allocation

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Funding

CDBG-DR – \$9.7 B

- Hurricanes Rita, Dolly, Ike, and Harvey
- 2011 Wildfires
- 2015 and 2016 Storm and Flood Events

CDBG Mitigation Funds – \$4.29 B

- 2015, 2016, and Harvey (2017)

CDBG-DR Funds – \$285 M

- 2018 and 2019 Disasters

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CDBG-DR

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- Flexible grants
- Presidentially declared disasters (Tie-Back)
- Subject to requirements of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act

CDBG-MIT

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- Unprecedented Mitigation Funding
- Does not require a Tie-Back (forward-looking)

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Program Updates

Homeowner Assistance Program

- 5,516 homes completed
- 114 under construction

Affordable Rental Program

- 62 projects are currently complete with 4,398 units repaired or replaced
- 17 projects are under construction totaling 1,459 units

2018/2019 Homeowner Assistance and Reimbursement Programs

- Received a total of 3,301 applications
- Tropical Storm Imelda 1,669
- South Texas and the Valley 1,632

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Program Updates

2018/2019 Infrastructure Competition

- 2018 – 22 applications received
- 2019 – 58 applications received

Texas Back in Business

- Awarded \$79,825,000 to 510 businesses to support 1,653 jobs



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Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program

\$25 million assists eligible entities to develop or update local hazard mitigation plans, or to provide cost share for hazard mitigation planning activities funded through other federal sources

Applicants include cities, counties, universities, and special utility districts.

Eligibility is on a first come, first served basis until July 2027 or funding is exhausted

Grants up to \$100,000

- Renew or develop a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Fund local match for federal grants to develop or renew the Local Hazard Mitigation Plans



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Resilient Communities Program

\$100 million assists eligible entities develop, adopt, and implement modern and resilient building codes and flood damage prevention ordinances to ensure structures built within the community can withstand future hazards.

Eligibility Criteria

- Grants up to \$300,000 per applicant, first come first served.
- At least 50% must address mitigation needs in the CDBG-MIT most impacted and distressed areas identified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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What's Next?


Regional Mitigation Program – Council of Governments Method of Distribution (COG MODs)

- Under the Regional Mitigation Program, COGs will develop a local MOD allocating CDBG-MIT funds to eligible entities.
- A regional mitigation approach is vital. Each region is impacted differently and has different hazards and vulnerabilities. Regional investments will work to reduce risks related to natural disasters and other hazards.

2021 Winter Storms

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development issued an allocation of \$43,632,000 in CDBG-DR funding to Texas in response to the 2021 Winter Storms.

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Planning Studies


Active – 17
Completed – 9
Approved – 6

T.D.I.S.
TERRITORY DESIGN INNOVATION SYSTEMS

INDIEWELL **BOXABL** **ICON** **UPCONNECTED**

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