

**City of Friendswood-Harris County Residents**  
**Update on Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery Funds**  
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Following Hurricane Harvey, Texas was awarded \$5.024 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding. The State composed an action plan and assigned 80 percent of the funds, over \$4 billion, for use in the most impacted and distressed areas, which includes Harris County.

The City of Houston and Harris County received direct allocations to use in their jurisdictions, to which they developed their own action plans. The Harris County allocation was for **anywhere in Harris County excluding the City of Houston**. Residents of the City of Friendswood, Harris County **are eligible** to apply for Harris County-initiated CDBG-DR funding programs.

One of the primary national objectives for CDBG-DR funding is to benefit Low to Moderate Income (LMI) persons so that they have safe and sanitary housing. As such, 70 percent of all funds must be used to benefit LMI populations with programs having income restrictions. The remaining 30 percent must be used on urgent needs. The median family income for the Houston region is \$74,900 for a family of four. To qualify as LMI, you must make 80 percent or less of the median family income. Here is a sliding scale based on the size of the household:

Harris County	Persons in Family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Low Income Limit (\$)	41,950	47,950	53,950	59,900	64,700	69,500	74,300	79,100

Eligibility is determined by several factors. In general, you must have received damage from Hurricane Harvey in order to qualify. Available programs will take LMI into account and prioritize those who are LMI but does not necessarily preclude non-LMI residents from applying.

Planned programs are not yet taking applications; however, many will be coming on line in the next several months. Harris County will be developing additional charts, fliers, and information that will better explain eligibility and requirements for each program.

City of Friendswood, Harris County residents **may now register** your interest to participate in Harris County programs at <http://harriscountycorner.org/>. Click on "GETTING STARTED" to be on the waiting list when the programs begin.

City of Friendswood, Harris County residents may contact the City of Friendswood Office of Emergency Management at 281-996-3335 or [EOC@Friendswood.com](mailto:EOC@Friendswood.com) for further information.