

City of Galveston

Public Notice

The City of Galveston will be submitting a request to the State of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for amendments to its CDBG Disaster Recovery Housing Program Action Plan on April 1, 2010. The following amendments will be requested by the City:

- Raise funding cap for Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program from \$75,000 to \$100,000 for housing rehabilitation and from \$125,000 to \$160,000 for housing reconstruction based on additional costs associated with compliance with the State's accessibility requirements, homeowner insurance requirements, updated building codes, and other direct project costs, thus reducing the objective for this program from 1180 to 1000 households.
- Reallocate \$525,000 from the Homebuyer Assistance Program to the Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program due to low interest in the Homebuyer program's \$5,000 down payment assistance and increased need in Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction assistance, thus reducing the objective to this program from 125 to 12 households.
- Increase funding cap for the Rental Rehabilitation Program for landlord's having up to 4 rental units allowing all units to receive \$35,000 in assistance as opposed to the original funding cap of \$15,000 for multi-unit properties, thus reducing the objective to this program from 270 to 200 units.
- Upon the approval of the City's Acquisition and Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program Guidelines, reduce the objective of the program from 25 to 12 households to accommodate the increased cost to purchase and rehabilitate/reconstruct properties. Upon the State's disapproval of the program guidelines, reallocate the funds in the amount of \$3,267,032 to the Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program.

Further details regarding the rationale for amendment requests can be found on the Disaster Recovery website at www.cityofgalvestonrecovers.org and copies can be obtained at the Grants and Housing Department located at 905 25th Street, Galveston, TX 77550 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Public comment will be accepted for 7 days beginning Thursday, March 18, 2010 and ending Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

A public hearing will be held during the City Council Meeting scheduled for March 25, 2010. The agenda for the City Council Meeting will be posted on the City's website at www.cityofgalveston.org on Tuesday prior to the meeting. All comments related to the proposed amendments will be taken during the public hearing and taken into consideration prior to submission to the State on April 1, 2010. If you have questions, please contact the Grants and Housing Department at (409) 797-3820.



The City of Galveston Affirmatively Furthers Fair Housing.