An aerial photograph showing a multi-lane highway completely inundated with muddy brown floodwater. Numerous cars are stuck in traffic on the road. The surrounding landscape is also flooded, with trees and buildings partially submerged. In the top left, a large white building with a green roof is visible. The text is overlaid in a bold, dark blue font.

# **San Marcos**

# **CDBG Disaster Recovery**

# **Town Hall Meeting**

**Informational Packet**

**July 6, 2016**

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# City of San Marcos

## CDBG-DR Needs Assessment Task Force

### Meeting Agenda

July 6, 2016

6pm – 8pm

1. Welcome – City of San Marcos (6pm-6:15pm)
2. Presentation of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Funding Details (6:15pm-7pm)
  - Action Plan Timeline
  - National Objectives and Eligible Activities
  - What is a Duplication of Benefit?
  - What are the National Flood Insurance Plan requirements?
  - Community Needs Assessment Survey
3. Question and Answer (7pm-7:30pm)
4. Public Comment (7:30pm-8pm)

# Proposed Action Plan Process Timeline

<b>9/8/2016</b>	Action Plan Sent to HUD for Review and Comment or Approval
<b>9/6 – 9/7/2016</b>	Finalize Action Plan for City Manager's signature
<b>8/19 – 9/2/16</b>	14 Day Public Comment Period
<b>8/3 – 8/18/16</b>	Completion of Draft Action Plan
<b>8/2/2016</b>	Council Action to Award Action Plan Allocations
<b>7/25/16</b>	City Council CDBG-DR Action Plan Workshop
<b>7/7/2016</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Disaster Recovery Task Force Meeting
<b>7/6/2016</b>	Town Hall Public Meeting
<b>6/22/2016</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Disaster Recovery Task Force Meeting
<b>6/22/2016</b>	Effective Date of Federal Register (day 1 of 90 day process)
<b>6/17/2016</b>	Federal Register publication

# National Objectives and Eligible Activities

All CDBG-DR activities must clearly address a direct or indirect impact of the disaster and meet a **National Objective**. National Objectives are:

- Activities Benefiting Low/Moderate Income (LMI) Persons;
- Prevention/Elimination of Slums or Blight
- Urgent Needs; requires that the activity or activities alleviate conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to community health/welfare

Grantees may use CDBG-DR funds for recovery efforts involving the following categories of eligible activities:

## **Housing**

Examples of activities typically undertaken:

- Single Family Owner Occupied
  - Rehabilitation
  - Reconstruction/New Construction
  - Buy Out/Acquisition
- Single and Multifamily Rental Units
  - Rehabilitation
  - Reconstruction/New Construction
  - Buy Out/Acquisition

## **Infrastructure**

Examples of activities typically undertaken:

- Improvements to Roads/Bridges, Water Treatment Facilities, Sewer and Water Lines
- Drainage
- Repair/Replacement/Relocation of Public Facilities
- Erosion Control

## **Economic Development/Revitalization**

Examples of activities typically undertaken:

- Providing loans and grants to businesses
- Funding job training
- Making improvements to commercial/retail districts

## **Prevention of Further Damage to Affected Areas**

Examples of activities typically undertaken:

- Hardening of infrastructure in flooded areas
- Elevation of public utilities

# Needs Assessment Requirements

All Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grantees must go through a process of identifying and prioritizing critical unmet needs for long-term community recovery. Per the Federal Register Notice, at least 80% of the \$25,080,000 allocated to San Marcos must address unmet needs within the HUD-identified “most impacted and distressed” areas.

The assessment should take into account work already accomplished, community goals, and the grantee’s capacity to plan for, manage, and implement a coordinated long-term recovery process.

The following outlines HUD’s suggested process for identifying needs within an affected community and how to prioritize based on capacity:

## **Assessing the Current Situation**

Prior to estimating unmet needs and, ultimately, prioritizing these needs based on capacity and funding availability, grantees must assess critical components of their current, post-disaster setting by:

- Collecting and Updating Pre-Disaster Baseline Data, Post-Disaster Market Conditions Data, and Data on Assistance Provided
- Analyzing Data Collected in Light of the Impact of Short-Term Recovery Efforts
- Identifying Existing, Anticipated, and Potentially Available Funding Sources

## **Estimating Unmet Needs**

- Understand CDBG-DR definition of unmet needs - Unmet needs are needs that are not covered by other sources and can be covered by CDBG-DR funds. CDBG-DR funding should:
  - Addresses broad disaster impacts, not just damages
  - Covers needs not identified in other programs in the areas of housing, infrastructure and economic development

## **Prioritizing Needs**

Given finite dollars to address disaster impacts and build a sustainable, resilient community, a grantee must prioritize the needs for long-term recovery and, in turn, the investment of CDBG-DR funds. Key questions that are helpful to consider when prioritizing need:

- Does the project meet a post-disaster unmet need?
- Is the project sustainable and feasible?
- Can the project be executed in a timely manner?
- Will the project trigger further reinvestment in the surrounding neighborhood? In the community at large?

# Duplication of Benefits Explained

Use of CDBG-DR funding cannot duplicate funding available from any other source. Disaster Recovery assistance may be provided by many sources. Examples of those sources are:

- FEMA
- Insurance (ex: homeowners insurance, NFIP insurance)
- Small Business Administration
- Blanco River Regional Recovery Team (BR3T)
- Social Service Agencies (Red Cross, United Way, Community Action, Southside Community Center or other)
- Religious Organizations

A duplication of benefits (DOB) occurs when a household, person, or entity receives recovery assistance from multiple sources and the total amount of that assistance received adds up to greater than the need for that assistance type. In order to avoid that duplication of benefit, the Federal Register has provided guidance on the best way to calculate unmet need for applicants of the CDBG-DR funding:

1. Assess Need

Ex: How much will it cost to rehabilitate the damaged home, assist the business that suffered economic damage or repair needed infrastructure?

2. Identify All Available Assistance

Calculate total assistance available to cover the damage e.g., insurance proceeds, FEMA award, SBA loans, other Federal, State or Local sources, private loan, line of credit, etc. This calculation should include what has been received to date by each funding source

3. Calculate Award

Identify beneficiary's Total Need	\$100,000
Total All Assistance Received	\$35,000
Total Assistance Determined to be Duplicative	\$30,000
Maximum Eligible Award (Item 1 less Item 3)	\$70,000

It is important to note, funds awarded by any source must have been spent as they were intended. That means, for example, that if FEMA awarded a recipient \$10,000 for home repair but the recipient spent the \$10,000 on personal belongings or on replacing a vehicle, CDBG-DR funds in the amount of \$10,000 must be backed out on the final award because utilizing those funds to conduct repairs would be duplicating the funding that FEMA had already provided.

Should the City's programs include a housing repair or replacement program; each applicant will be required to provide documentation to support how they have spent the funds that they have received to date. It is important to hold on to receipts or to begin to collect those now.

# National Flood Insurance Program Requirements

Any CDBG Program must remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirement. Part of building sustainable communities means elevating homes above Base Flood Elevation (BFE), which mitigates future losses by protecting the home from future floods. A compliant Program elevates homes based on the latest issued FEMA floodplain maps (FIRM). Homes are zoned based on the height that water might rise to in a future flood event. Flood insurance rates are calculated based on whether the home is above that height; elevated homes have lower insurance rates.

Per the Federal Register, all structures designed principally for residential use and located in the 100-year floodplain that receive assistance for new construction, repair of substantial damage, or substantial improvement must be elevated with the lowest floor, including the basement, at least two feet above the 100-year floodplain elevation.

This means that in order for CDBG-DR funds to be expended in the hardest hit areas of the City that are within the 100-year flood plain, elevation of the substantially damaged or destroyed structure is not an option but required.

Once a structure is repaired or rebuilt in these areas (and possibly elevated), the recipient of the funding will be required to carry a flood insurance policy moving forward.

Additionally, there may be affected households within the community that were deemed ineligible to receive funds from FEMA following the May and October flooding events due to not carrying flood insurance following a prior disaster in which they received assistance. For those affected households, you may be ineligible to receive further federal assistance and could be disqualified from any CDBG program. Should the City identify a way to assist these households, the types of assistance they will be able to receive from this round of funding will be limited to a few very specific activities. Those activities will be further defined within the final Action Plan and will be open to public comment.

## City Contact Information

### Website

<http://www.smtxfloodrecovery.com/>

### Email Address -

[Floodrecovery@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto:Floodrecovery@sanmarcostx.gov)

### Phone Number

512-393-8147

# Community Unmet Needs Survey

Instructions: Please read the questions below and circle the answer that applies.

1. Did your residential property receive flood damage?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  
2. If you experienced flood damage – are you able to live in your home?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. If no, I have relocated to \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. If you received residential property damage – did you rent or own?
  - A. Own
  - B. Rent
  
4. If you received residential property damage – which agencies have you received assistance from?  
(Choose all that apply)
  - A. FEMA
  - B. Insurance
  - C. Blanco River Regional Recovery Team (BR3T)
  - D. Social Service Agencies (Red Cross, United Way, Community Action, Southside Community Center or other)
  - E. Religious Organizations
  - F. Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - G. I did not receive any assistance.
  
5. If you received flood damage - did you have flood insurance during the flood?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  
6. Did you receive damage to your commercial property?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  
7. If you received commercial property damage – did you rent or own?
  - A. Rent
  - B. Own
  
8. The best solution to community unmet **housing** needs:
  - A. Repair homes (this may require elevation of the home)
  - B. Tear down and rebuild homes
  - C. Relocate to a less flood prone area
  - D. Purchase/buyout flood impacted properties

9. The best **infrastructure** solutions for unmet community needs:

- A. Improve drainage to make neighborhoods more flood resistant
- B. Improve roads, bridges, other city infrastructure
- C. Repair, replace or relocate public facilities (i.e. emergency shelters, public housing)

10. What is the best **economic development** solution to the community's flood related unmet needs.

- A. Provide loans and grants to businesses
- B. Fund job training
- C. Make improvements to commercial retail districts
- D. Financing other efforts that attract and retain workers in the flood impacted area

11. What is the best solution to the community's **community preparedness** unmet needs?

- A. Enhanced emergency notification
- B. Technology (flood gauges, warning systems, etc.)
- C. Comprehensive plans and other planning tools
- D. Flood response and public safety equipment

12. Which area of unmet needs should the City focus most on improving?

- A. Housing
- B. Infrastructure
- C. Economic Development/Revitalization
- D. Community Preparedness

Please provide the address of your flood-impacted property:

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

# **FLOOD RECOVERY, RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY**

Town Hall Meetings – April 12 & 16, 2016



# WHAT'S BEEN DONE

What is the City doing to help with flood mitigation/resiliency?

**IMMEDIATE RESPONSE**

- Notification/Communications
- Search/Rescue
- Evacuation Center
- Donation Center
- Volunteer Center
- Assessment
- Coordination with Federal, State Agencies & Lawmakers (FEMA)

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

- Blanco River Recovery Team
  - Long-Term Recovery
  - Unmet Needs of Citizens
- Ongoing Infrastructure Repair (Roads, Bridges, Dams, City Property)
- Permitting Floodplain Compliance
- Continued Information Gathering and Reporting
- Federal/State Advocacy

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

- **FEMA Public Assistance Grants for May & October Floods**
- **FEMA Individual Assistance Grants**
- **HUD CDBG-DR Grant**
- Texas Water Development Board Grant
- Environmental Watershed Protection
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Natural Resource Conservation Service Grant

# CDBG-DR GRANT

## WHAT IS IT?

- The federal government's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provides communities with resources that address a wide range of needs.
- Under this program the federal government also offers grants specifically for disaster recovery related to community resiliency.
- These funds help cities, counties and states become more resilient and recover from disasters, particularly in low-income communities.
- The City's award is for \$25 million, but has not yet been issued.



# TIMELINE FOR ADMINISTERING CDBG-DR GRANT



CDBG-DR

\$25 MILLION

# HOW CAN THE FUNDS BE USED?

## CDBG Broad Criteria

- Disaster Relief
- Long Term Recovery
- Restoration of Infrastructure & Housing
- Economic Revitalization
- Resiliency Projects
- CDBG – DR Appropriation-Specific Requirements Issued in the Federal Register



## CDBG-DR EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Projects that eliminate or significantly decrease the chance of repeated flooding, danger to residents/staff and property loss, such as
  - Dams, Drainage, River Management Projects
- Raising Homes
- Other Home Rehab Projects
- Buyout Programs
- Public Housing
- Shelter/Workforce Center
- Preparedness Solutions



# WHAT DO YOU DO IN THE MEANTIME FOR FLOOD PROTECTION?

- Family Evacuations Plans
- Emergency Notifications
- Family Preparedness Plans
- Communicate Needs



# WHAT ABOUT MY OTHER NEEDS?

The Blanco River Regional Recovery Team is a 501c3 organized to aid in long-term recovery following 2015 Flood.

Long-term recovery refers to the need to reestablish a healthy, functioning community that will sustain itself over time. Services include case management for unmet needs, repair/rebuilding, emotional support, volunteer management.

801 W. MLK, San Marcos TX 78666 US  
(Inside the Dunbar Recreation Center)

Telephone: 512-677-9701

Email: [blancoriverregional@gmail.com](mailto:blancoriverregional@gmail.com)

Website: [www.br3t.org](http://www.br3t.org)



BLANCO RIVER  
Regional Recovery Team

[sanmarcostx.gov](http://sanmarcostx.gov)

# HOW CAN I SHARE MY OPINION/GET INFORMATION?

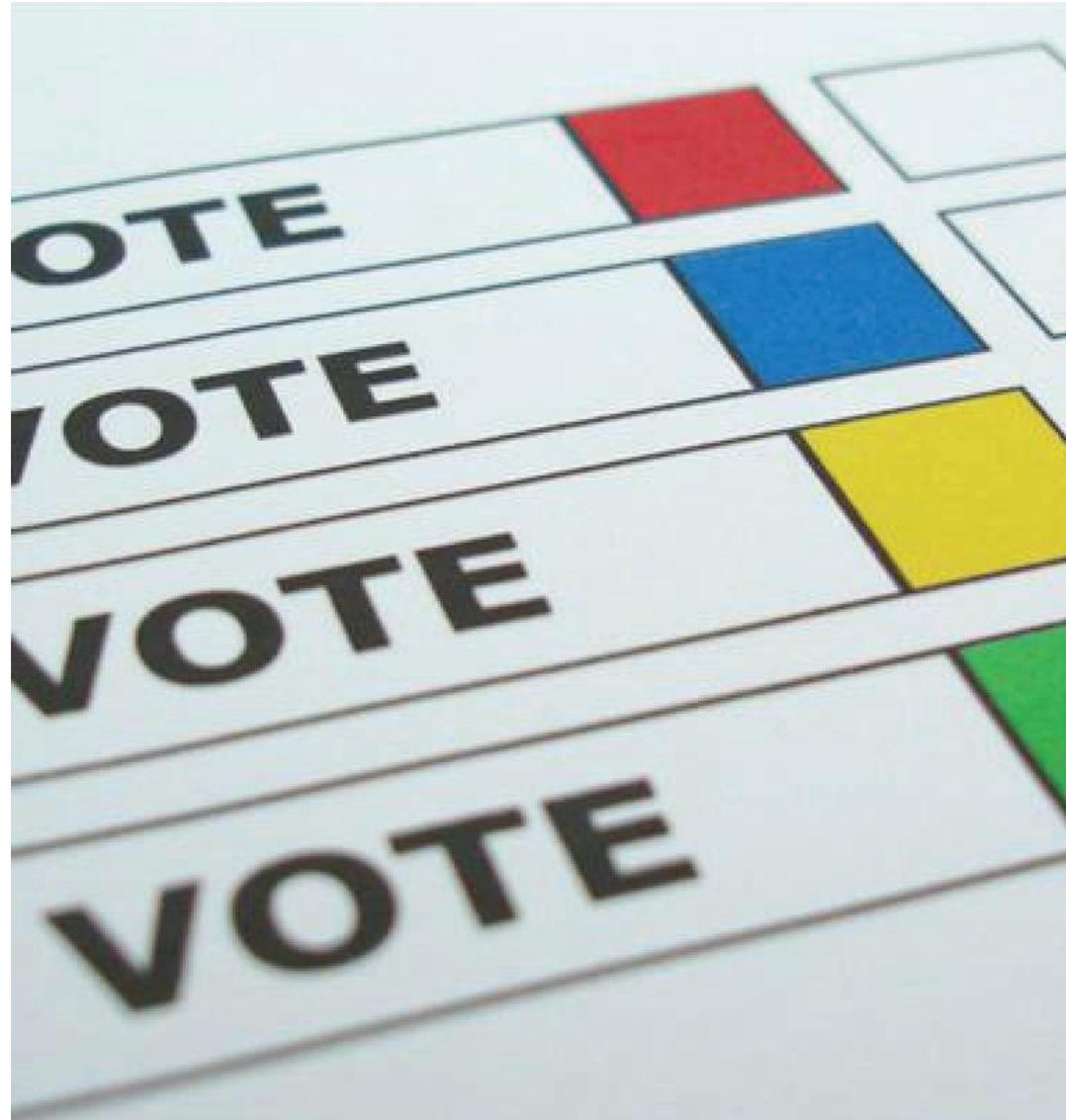
- Contact us at [FloodRecovery@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto:FloodRecovery@sanmarcostx.gov)
- Fill out an “idea card” today and leave it in the idea box
- Attend the upcoming City Council Flood Workshop on April 25
- Provide input on the CDBG-DR Action Plan
- Follow us and share ideas on City social media
- Visit the San Marcos HUD-CDBG Disaster Recovery Website (currently under construction)
  - Will link from the City website at [www.sanmarcostx.gov](http://www.sanmarcostx.gov)



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**SHARE NOW!**

TAKE OUR QUICK POLL

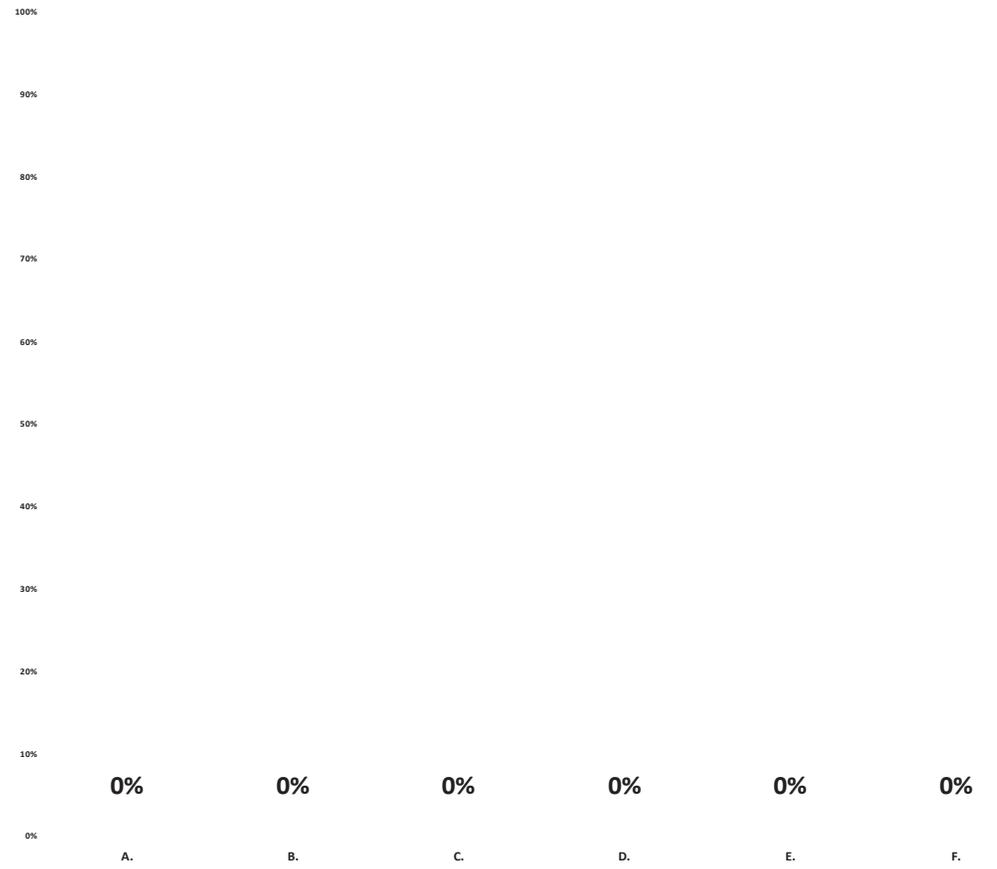


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- C) Green
- D) Yellow
- E) Purple
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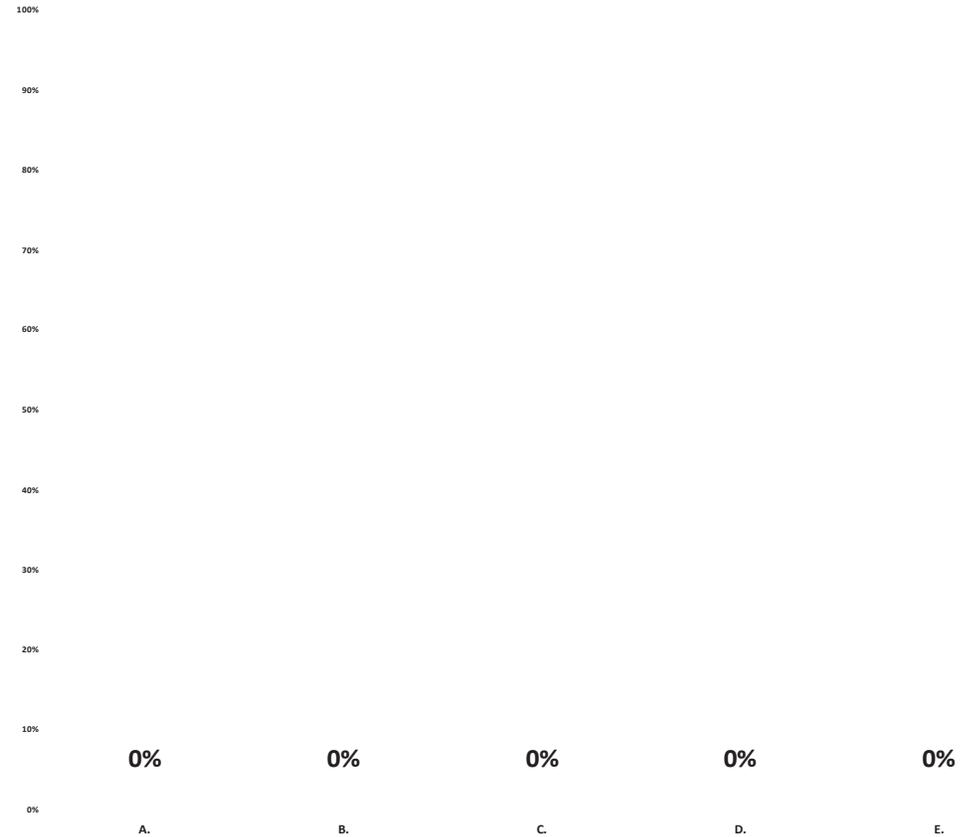


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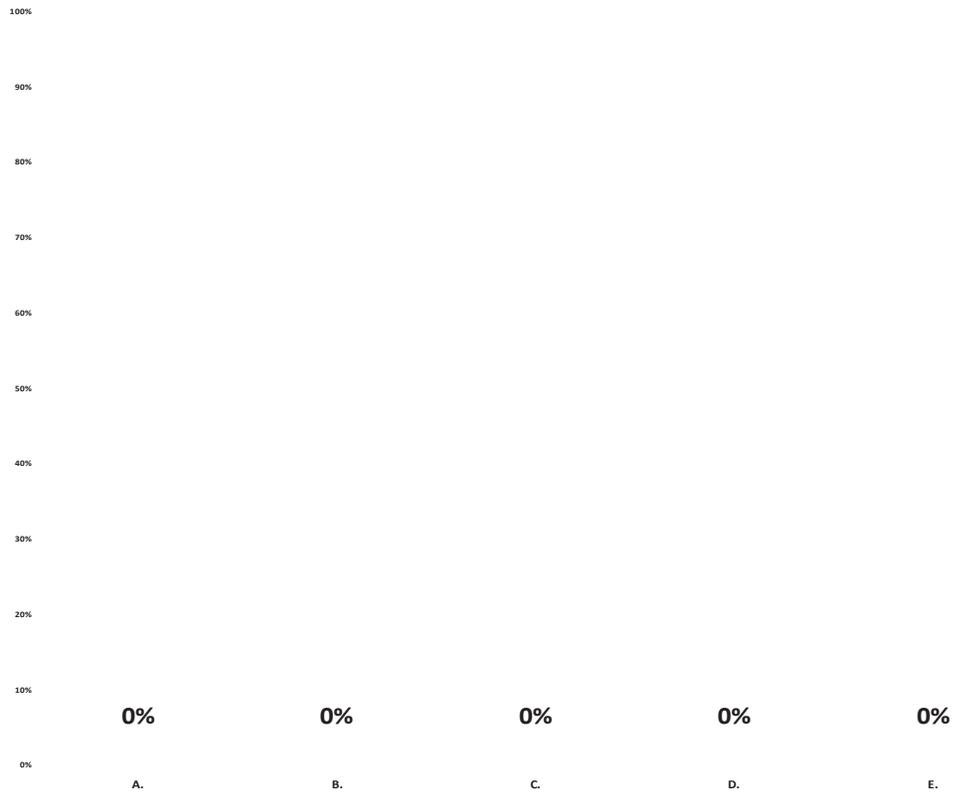


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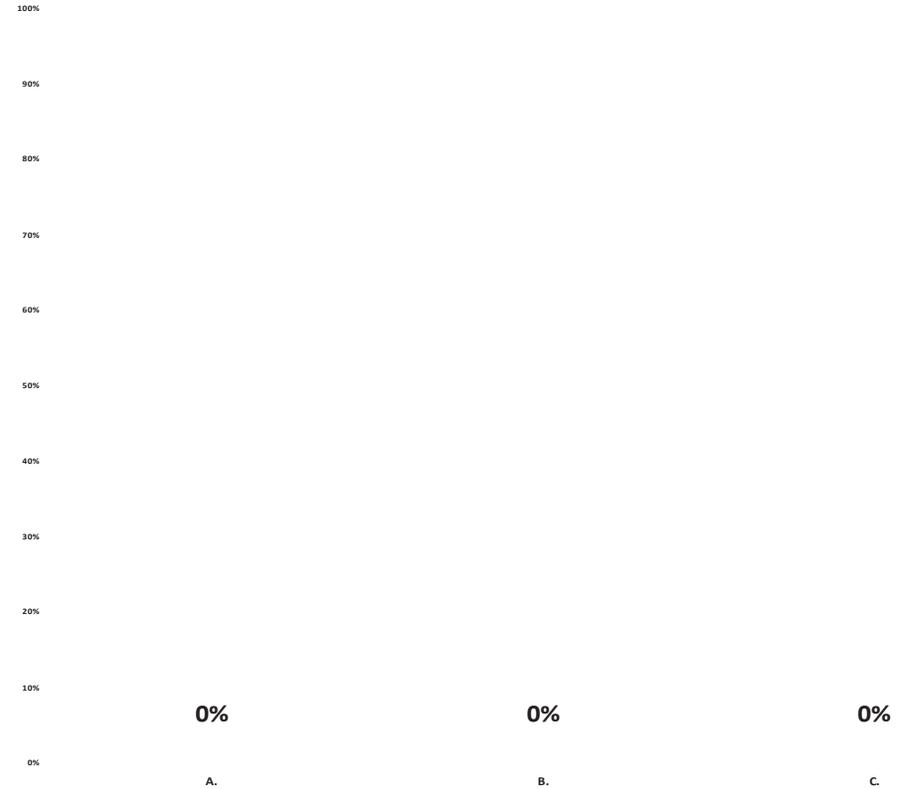
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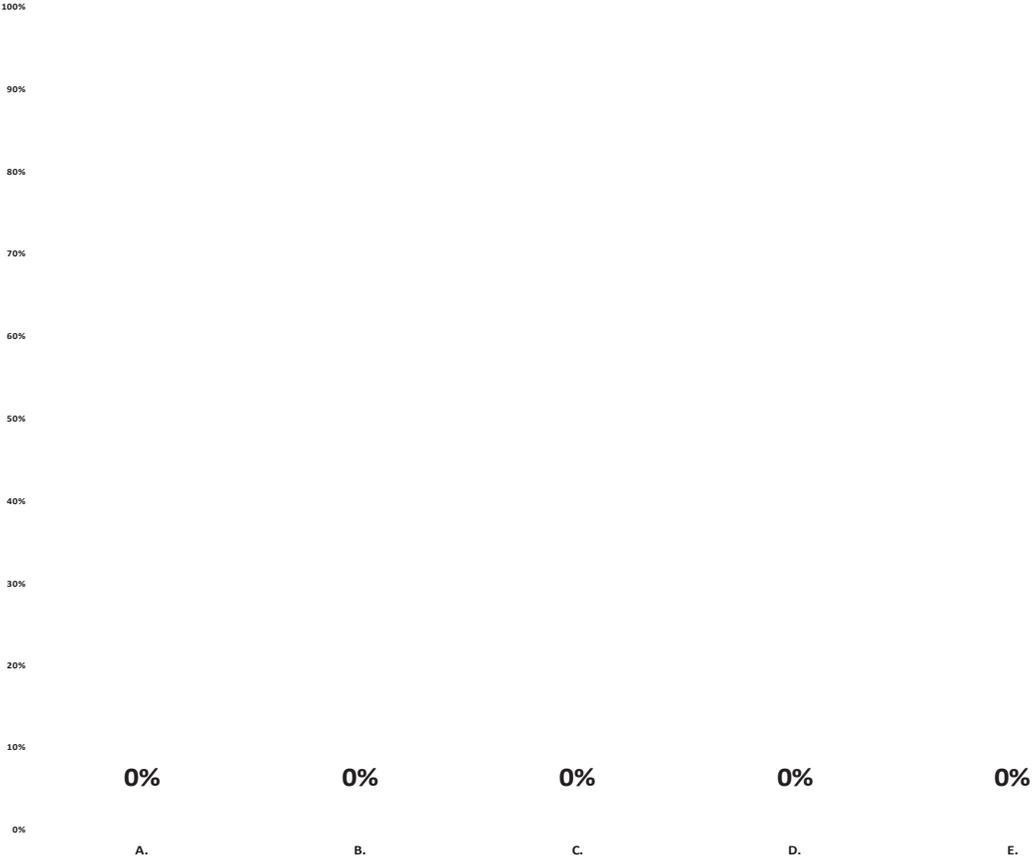


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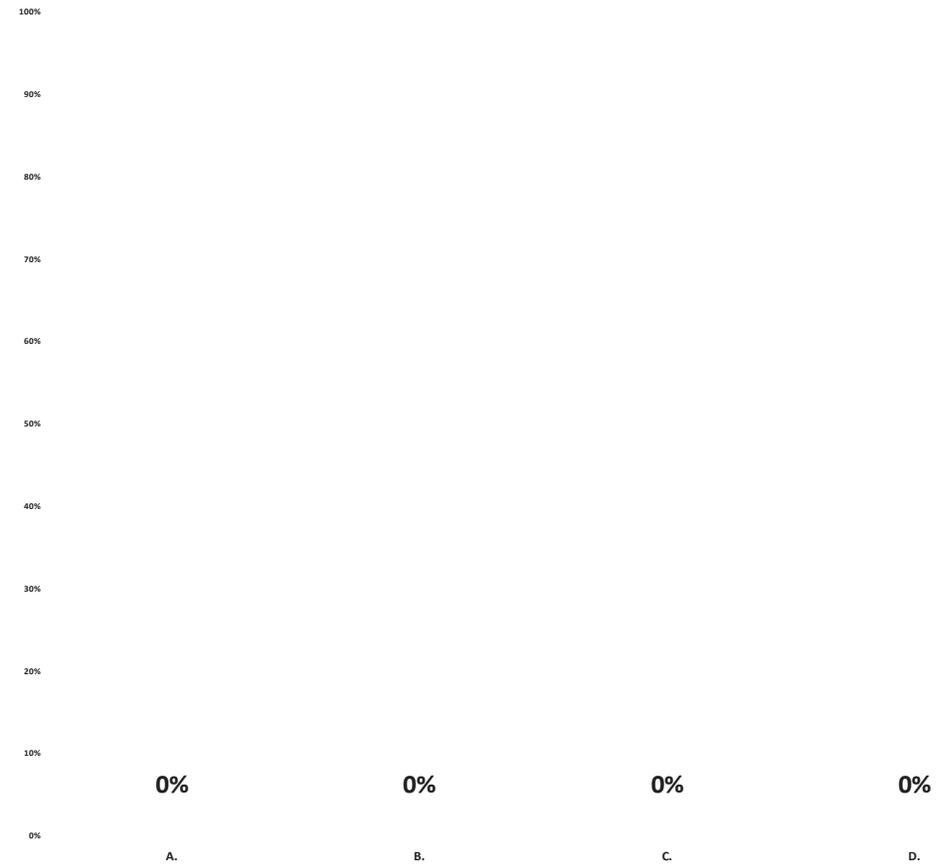


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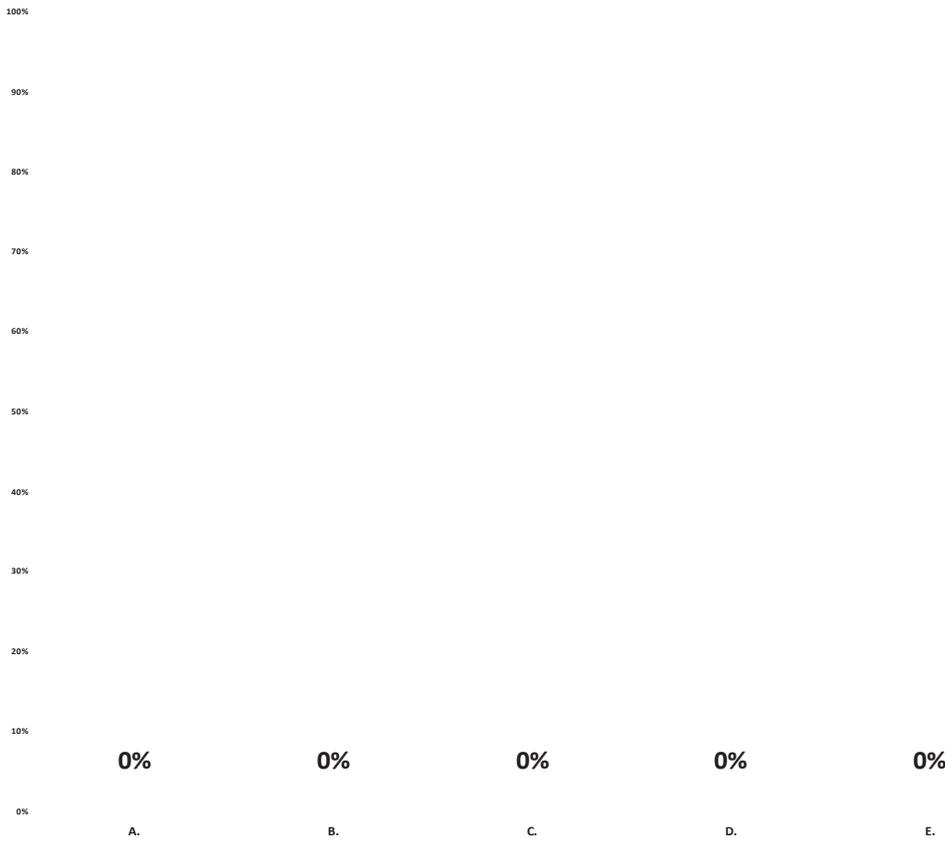


# HAVE YOU SUBMITTED A FLOOD PLAIN PERMIT APPLICATION?

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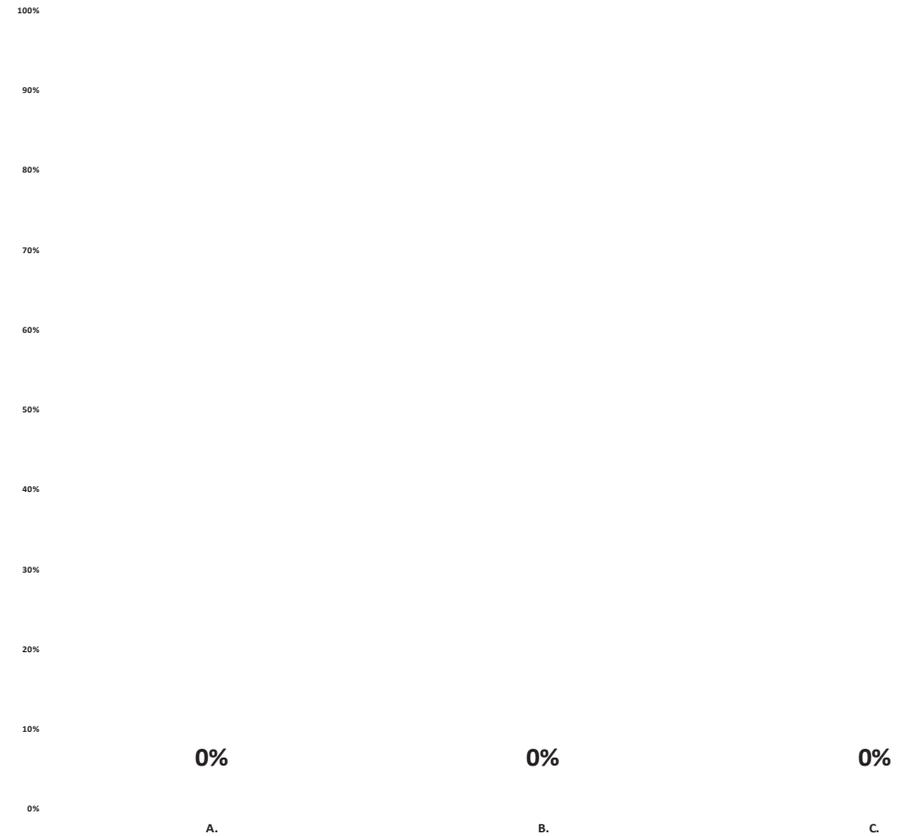


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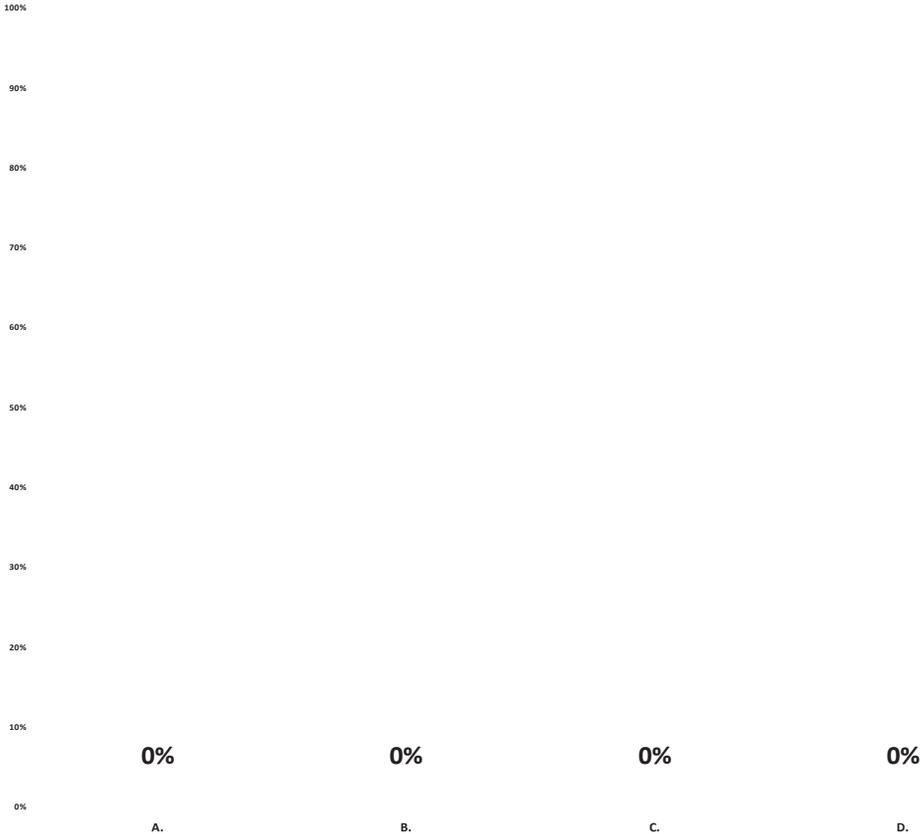


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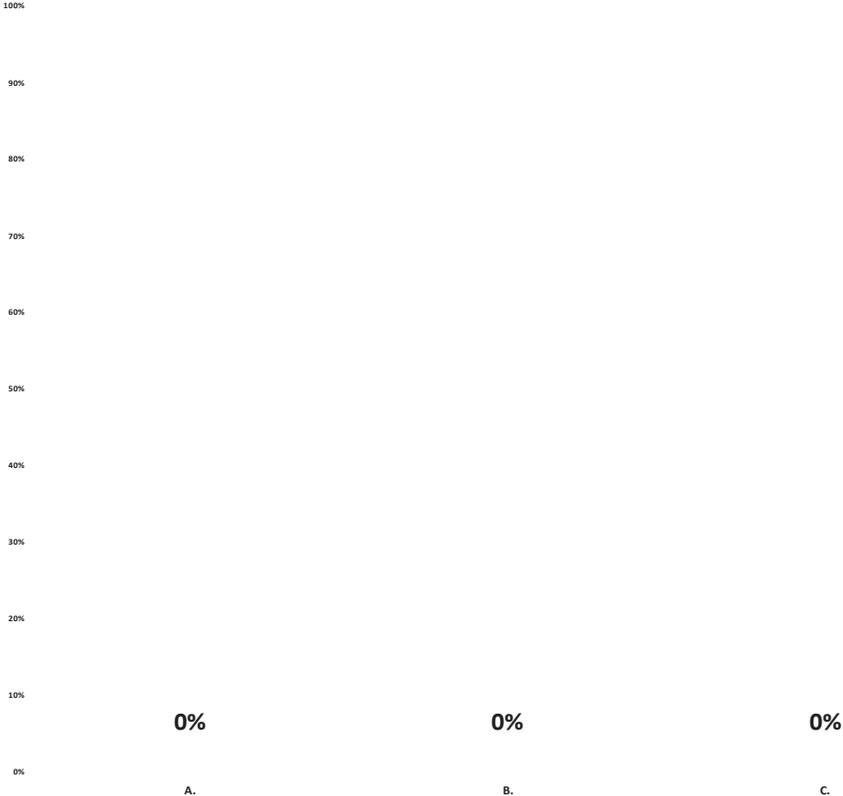
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- C) I don't know

Register your cell phone for emergency alerts: [sanmarcostx.gov/alerts](https://sanmarcostx.gov/alerts)

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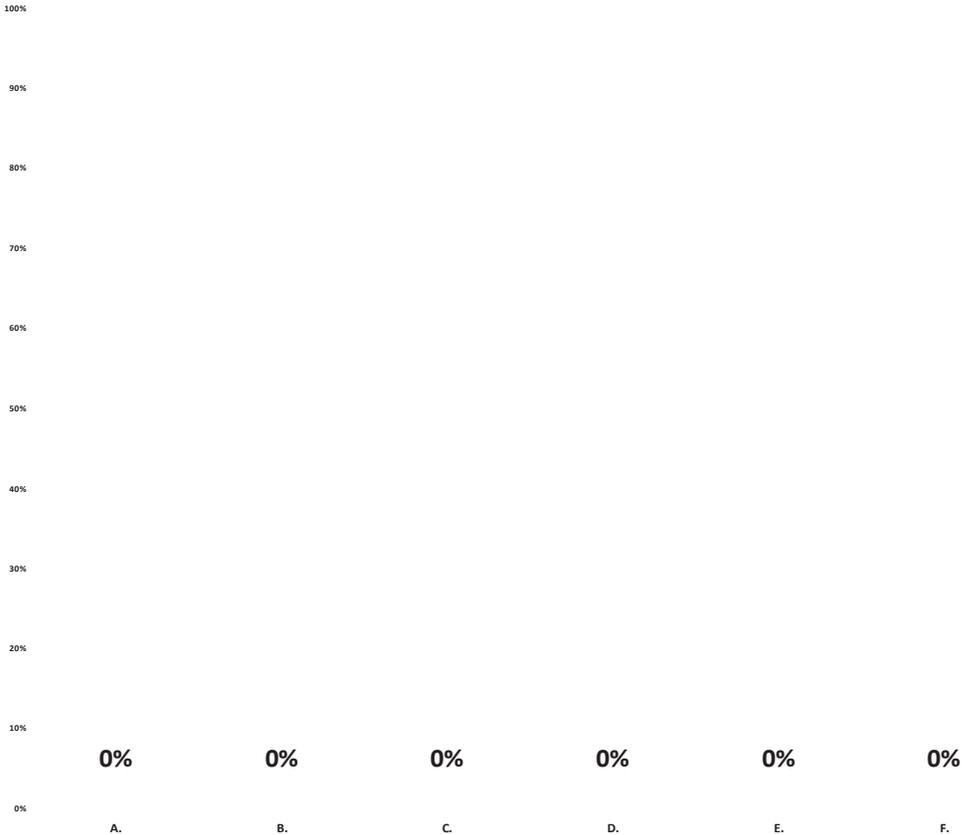


# HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT FLOOD RECOVERY?

- A) Newspaper
- B) Social Media (Facebook/Twitter)
- C) Direct Mail
- D) Phone Calls
- E) Texts
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## **QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE?**

### **Response Panel:**

- **Jared Miller, City Manager**
- **Ken Bell, Emergency Coordinator**
- **Laurie Moyer, Director of Engineering/CIP**
- **Kristi Wyatt, Director of Communications**
- **Collette Jamison, Assistant City Manager**
- **Janis Hendrix, Community Initiatives Administrator (CDBG)**
- **Representative from BR3T**



Thank you for attending today's meeting. Please:

1. Turn in your "clicker" before you leave
2. Take home a *Disaster Assistance* magnet
3. Drop off your written comments on an Idea Card

*City Council Flood Workshop on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers*