

An aerial photograph showing a multi-lane highway completely inundated with brown floodwater. Numerous cars are stuck in traffic on the road. The surrounding area, including trees and buildings, is also submerged. The text is overlaid on this image.

San Marcos
CDBG Disaster Recovery
Needs Assessment
Task Force

Informational Packet

June 22, 2016

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City of San Marcos
CDBG-DR Needs Assessment Task Force
Meeting Agenda

June 22, 2016

11:30am

1. Welcome – **City of San Marcos**
2. Introductions of City Council and Task Force Members – **Collette Jamison, Assistant City Manager**
3. Video of Flooding Impact – Kristi Wyatt, **Communications Director**
4. Overview of CDBG Disaster Recovery Funding – **Marisa Mason and Esrone McDaniels, AECOM**
 - Presentation of Required Schedule
 - Presentation of Eligible Activities and Needs Assessment Requirements
 - Citizen Information and Engagement
5. Task Force Discussion – **facilitated by AECOM**
 - How has each Task Force member been involved in the community's recovery?
 - What are areas of greatest vulnerability?
 - What are some continuing challenges within the community?
6. Identification of Next Steps – **Marisa Mason**
7. Closing Remarks – **Jared Miller, City Manager**

Eligible Disaster Recovery Activities

Grantees may use CDBG-DR funds for recovery efforts involving housing, economic development, infrastructure and prevention of further damage to affected areas. Use of CDBG-DR funding cannot duplicate funding available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Small Business Administration, and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

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; historically, the Federal Register will stipulate that at least 50% of the funding must go to LMI households; however, there is precedence in applying for waivers if provision is a detriment to the City's priorities.
- 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

Examples of what types of activities are eligible under these categories:

Housing

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

Infrastructure

- Improvements to Roads/Bridges, Water Treatment Facilities, Sewer and Water Lines
- Drainage
- Dam failure due to inundation (cannot enlarge beyond original footprint)
- Repair/Replacement/Relocation of Public Facilities
- Erosion Control

Economic Development/Revitalization

- Providing loans and grants to businesses
- Funding job training
- Making improvements to commercial/retail districts
- Financing other efforts that attract/retain workers in devastated communities

Eligible Activity Ranking

Rank **CATEGORIES** 1 – 3 based on priority (with 1 being the greatest priority). Then rank **ACTIVITIES** in order of priority (with 1 being the greatest priority).

Housing

- Single Family Owner Occupied: _____
_____ Rehabilitation
_____ Reconstruction/New Construction
_____ Buy Out/Acquisition
- Single and Multifamily Rental Units: _____
_____ Rehabilitation
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Proposed Action Plan Process Timeline

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

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?
- Does the project/program exacerbate pre-disaster market vulnerabilities? For example, if the community had a soft housing market prior to the disaster and the community is choosing to rebuild an overabundance of housing projects, the recovery efforts could recreate the original pre-disaster market vulnerability.

THE FINE PRINT:

According to § VI.A.a.(1) of the Federal Register published on June 17, 2016:

“The action plan must include an impact and unmet needs assessment. Each grantee must develop a needs assessment to understand the type and location of community needs to enable it to target limited resources to areas with the greatest need. Grantees receiving an award under this notice must conduct a needs assessment to inform the allocation of CDBG-DR resources. At a minimum, the needs assessment must evaluate three core aspects of recovery-housing (interim and permanent, owner and rental, single-family and multifamily, affordable and market rate, and housing to meet the needs of pre-disaster homeless persons), infrastructure, and the economy (e.g., estimated job losses).

The assessment must also take into account the various forms of assistance available to, or likely to be available to, affected communities (e.g., projected FEMA funds) and individuals (e.g., estimated insurance) to ensure CDBG-DR funds meet needs that are not likely to be addressed by other sources of funds. Grantees must also assess whether public services (i.e., job training, mental health and general health services) are necessary to complement activities intended to address housing and economic revitalization needs.”

“A needs assessment must take into account the costs of incorporating mitigation and resilience measures to protect against future hazards, including the anticipated effects of climate change on those hazards.”

Additionally, according to § VI.A.a.(8), the Needs Assessment process and Action Plan must include:

“A description of how the grantee will encourage the provision of housing for all income groups that is resilient to natural hazards, including a description of the activities it plans to undertake to address: (a) the transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and permanent housing needs of individuals and families (including subpopulations) that are homeless and at-risk of homelessness; (b) the prevention of low-income individuals and families with children (especially those with incomes below 30 percent of the area median) from becoming homeless; and (c) the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing (e.g., elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or other drug addiction, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and public housing residents, as identified in 24 CFR 91.315 (e) or 91.215(e) as applicable). Grantees must also assess how planning decisions may affect racial, ethnic, and low-income concentrations, and ways to promote the availability of affordable housing in low-poverty, nonminority areas where appropriate and in response to natural hazard-related impacts.”

July 2016 (United States)

August 2016

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3	4 Independence Day  New Moon	5	6	7	8	9
10	11  1st Quarter	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19  Full Moon	20	21	22	23
24	25	26  3rd Quarter	27	28	29	30
31	1	2  New Moon	3	4	5	6