

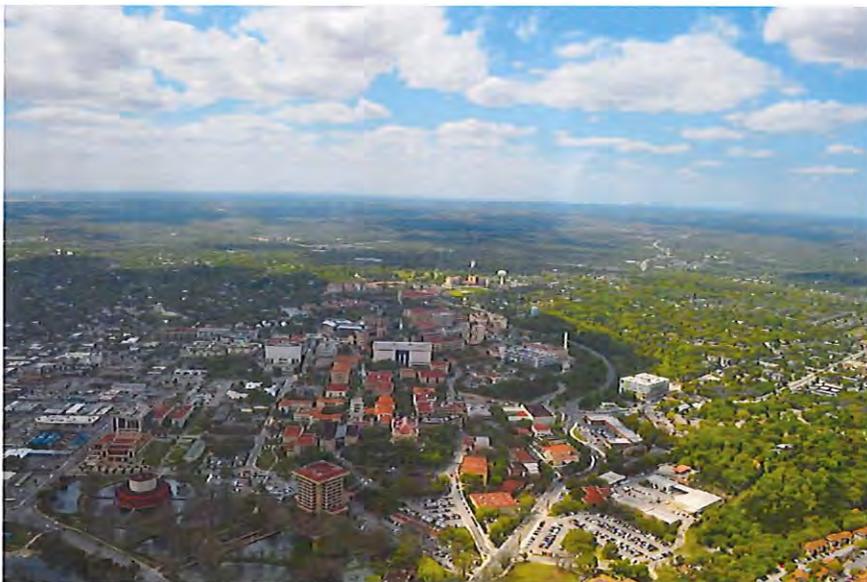
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City Receives \$24 Million Disaster Mitigation Grant, Seeks Public Input On Use

Sun, 10/27/2019 - 12:00am

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Sunday, October 27, 2019

After receiving a \$24,012,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for disaster mitigation, the City of San Marcos is including the public on how the funds are used.

According to a press release from the City of San Marcos, the funds are meant to be used specifically for preparation for disasters, unlike other grants which help



San Marcos, TX 78666

Weather

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with disaster relief.

"Unlike previous funds allotted for post-disaster relief, mitigation grants are specifically allotted to actions taken to proactively prevent or reduce damages resulting from disaster events," the city stated a press release.

The city will hold a town hall on Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins to inform the public about the proposed projects to be funded by the grant, as well as receive input from residents.

Guidelines for use of the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding were released by HUD on Aug. 30, which allowed the city to begin planning.

"We have identified six priority actions which were established by a data-informed process by the City's Office of Emergency Management in the 2018 San Marcos Hazard Mitigation Plan," said Community Initiatives Program Administrator Aaron Harris in a press release. "Our goal is to start our planning analysis with the issues from this list that are the most important to the community."

THE SIX PRIORITY ACTIONS ARE:

- Establishing evacuation plans and improving routes;
- Disaster shelter improvements;
- Preservation of land in strategic upland and floodplain areas;
- Drainage improvements to properties that have been flooded multiple times;
- Improvements to flood and hazard warning systems; and
- Increasing the number of warning signs and barricades at low water crossings.

According to the city, staff will be on-site during the town hall to answer questions and will hold brief presentations at 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The community is also asked to voice their opinions regarding the use of the funds by filling out a brief survey that ranks each action by importance.

Surveys can be completed [online](#) at through Oct. 31. Paper surveys will be available at the front desks of the San Marcos Public Library, 625 E. Hopkins, and Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins. All surveys are available in both English and Spanish.

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From: [Burrell, Cesly](#)
To: [Griffith, Carol](#)
Subject: FW: Press Releases
Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 10:41:33 AM
Attachments: [Mitigation Grant Survey and Town Hall.pdf](#)
[Mitigation Grant and Survey FINAL.pdf](#)



Cesly Burrell

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From: Beahan, Rebecca <RBeahan@sanmarcostx.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Burrell, Cesly <CBurrell@sanmarcostx.gov>
Subject: RE: Press Releases

Hi Cesly,

I've attached the PDFs of both documents. They are linked below:

10/23: <https://www.sanmarcostx.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1145>

10/18: <https://www.sanmarcostx.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1141>

Links to coverage are below:

<https://communityimpact.com/austin/san-marcos-buda-kyle/city-county/2019/10/18/san-marcos-seeks-input-on-use-of-24-million-in-federal-disaster-mitigation-funds/>

<https://www.sanmarcosrecord.com/news/city-receives-24-million-disaster-mitigation-grant-seeks-public-input-use>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/tx/san-antonio/news/2019/10/30/san-marcos-needs-input-on-how-to-spend--24m-disaster-mitigation-grant->

<https://smcorridornews.com/san-marcos-seeks-public-input-to-help-prioritize-24-million-hud-mitigation-funds/>

<https://universitystar.com/33245/news/san-marcos-mitigation-action-plan-aims-to-avoid-disaster-damage/>

<https://cbsaustin.com/news/local/san-marcos-seeks-public-input-in-flood-mitigation-plan>

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,
Rebecca

From: Burrell, Cesly
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 9:56 AM

To: Beahan, Rebecca <RBeahan@sanmarcostx.gov>

Subject: Press Releases

Rebecca,

Do we have archived Press Releases on the website? I'm looking for the following.

PRESS RELEASES

- (maybe 10/23/19?) Press Release about the CDBG Mitigation Survey – Was this press release published on the City's website? Did a newspaper article or radio/tv commentary result?
- 10/23/19 Press Release for 10/29/19 public meeting and any newspaper articles or radio/tv spots that resulted

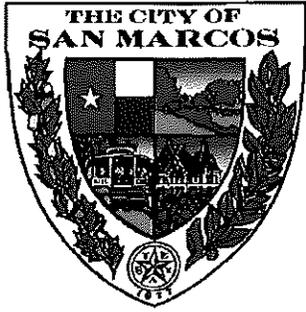


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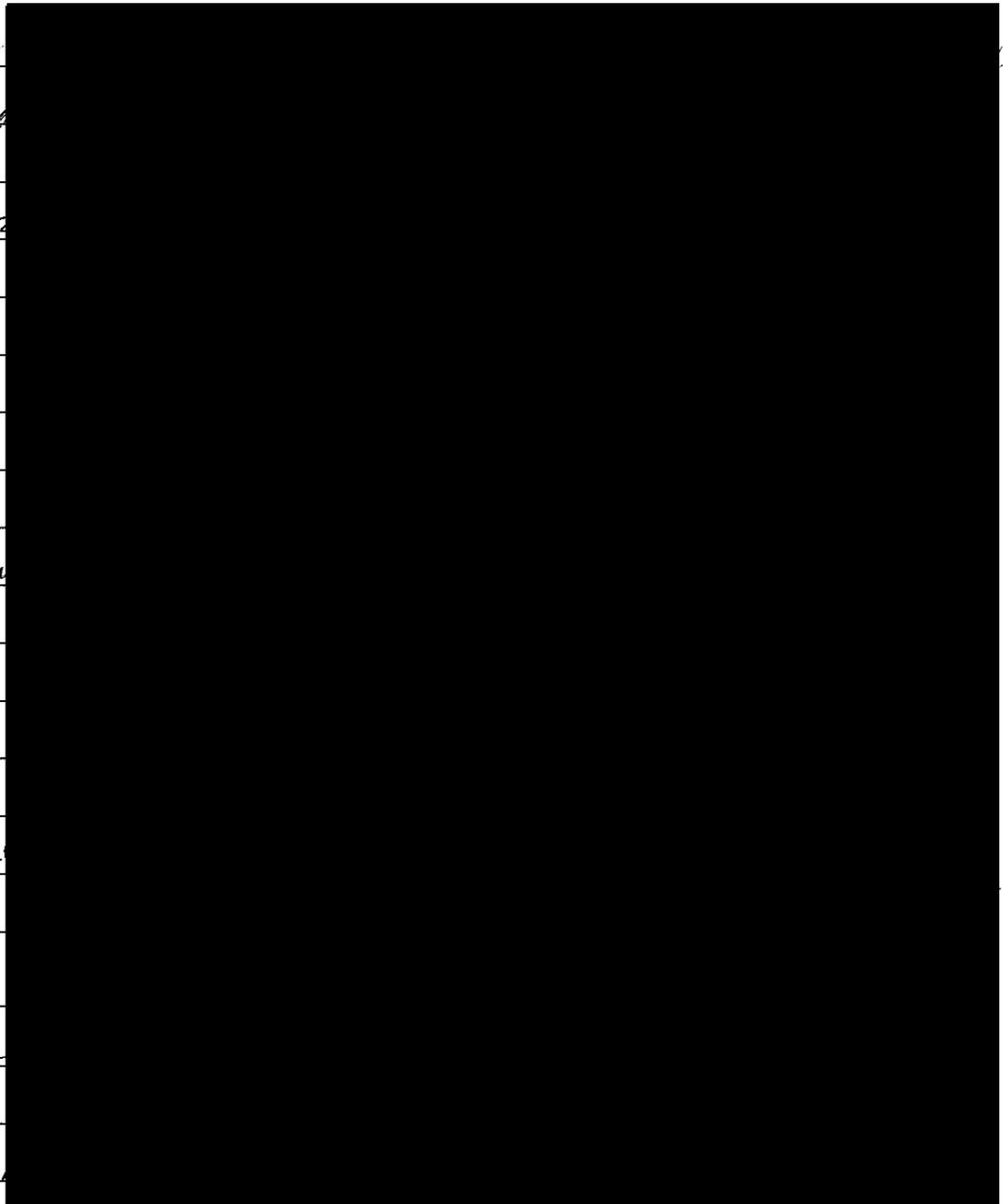
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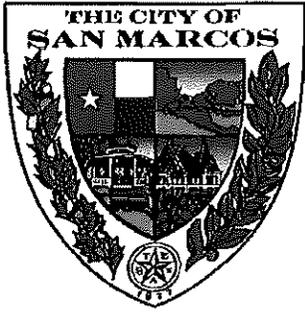
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Attendance List

NAME ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER

Charles Charo's
Carol Ann Collins
Jim Keith
DELFINO RAMIREZ
Jason Dunn
KEN LOARBOOT
Susan O'Brian
Karen Kimmel
Eddie Hurtado
Dianne Wasson
Ray Samp
Cengela Flores
Joel Barks
Barbara Barks
Stephanie Lange
Daniel Weeks
Joyce Susison
Rafaelo Medina
Elizabeth Wilk
Sherwood Bis





CDBG-MITIGATION

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NAME ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER

Mark Gleason

Arielle Raveney

* Ramon Hernandez

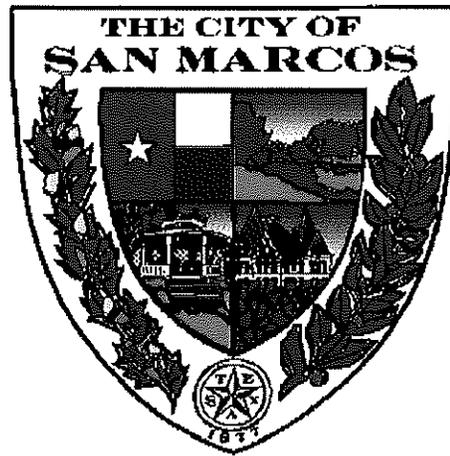
Rachel Pecina

William Chen



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CDBG-MITIGATION

**US DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Survey

10/31/19

Attention all San Marcos residents! Now is your chance to help us decide the future of our hazard mitigation. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded San Marcos with a \$24 million grant to take measures that would prevent or minimize the impacts of future hazard events such as flood, fire or severe weather.

Take our survey at www.sanmarcostx.gov/MAPsurvey to help us understand the public's priorities. These results will be submitted to City Council, along with staff recommendation, to help them make the final decision. We've got the grant money, now help us prioritize how to spend it!

Take our
survey!

www.sanmarcostx.gov/MAPsurvey

4,514
People Reached

301
Engagements

Boost Again

Boosted on Oct 12, 2019
By Lauren Valpe Ramirez

Rejected

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Brian Smith It doesn't take much to completely cut off the center on San Marcos when several key roads flood.

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NEWS

October 18, 2019

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Public Input Requested

Survey to Help Prioritize \$24 Million HUD Mitigation Funds

The City of San Marcos was awarded \$24,012,000 in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding earlier this year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for significant 2015 flooding recovery. On Aug. 30, HUD released the allocation guidelines for the grant, which has allowed the City to begin creating a Mitigation Action Plan to determine how the grant funding will be used.

Unlike previous funds allotted for post-disaster relief, **mitigation grants are specifically allotted to actions taken to proactively prevent or reduce damages resulting from disaster events.**

“We have identified six priority actions which were established by a data-informed process by the City’s Office of Emergency Management in the 2018 San Marcos Hazard Mitigation Plan,” said Community Initiatives Program Administrator Aaron Harris. “Our goal is to start our planning analysis with the issues from this list that are the most important to the community.”

The six priority actions are:

- Establishing evacuation plans and improving routes;
- Disaster shelter improvements;
- Preservation of land in strategic upland and floodplain areas;
- Drainage improvements to properties that have been flooded multiple times;
- Improvements to flood and hazard warning systems; and
- Increasing the number of warning signs and barricades at low water crossings.

The City has created a community survey to ensure that the Action Plan is an inclusive process. The survey asks participants to rank the six priority actions by importance to determine public priority. The results of this survey will be reported to the City Council, who will ultimately determine the allocation of the funding in December.

The survey is available through Oct. 31. Surveys can be completed online at www.sanmarcostx.gov/MAPSurvey. Paper surveys will be available at the front desks of the San Marcos Public Library, 625 E. Hopkins, and Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins. All surveys are in English and Spanish.

For more information on the CDBG-MIT, visit <http://www.smtxfloodrecovery.com/mitigation> or contact Harris at aharris@sanmarcostx.gov.

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NEWS

October 23, 2019

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City to Host Town Hall on Mitigation Grant Oct. 29

The City of San Marcos is hosting a Mitigation Town Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins, in order to gain public input on the City's action plan for a \$24 million Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Mitigation grant.



Attendees are invited to view exhibits with detailed information about the six potential projects under consideration for the funding. These projects are known as priority actions, and were established by the City's Office of Emergency Management in the 2018 San Marcos Hazard Mitigation Plan. They include:

- Establishing evacuation plans and improving routes;
- Disaster shelter improvements;
- Preservation of land in strategic upland and floodplain areas;
- Drainage improvements to properties that have been flooded multiple times;
- Improvements to flood and hazard warning systems; and
- Increasing the number of warning signs and barricades at low water crossings.

Attendees will be encouraged to take a survey to rank the six priority actions by importance to determine public priority. All surveys are in English and Spanish. The results of this survey will be reported to the City Council, who will ultimately determine the allocation of the funding in December.

City staff will be on-site throughout the day to answer questions with brief grant overview presentations being held at 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

For more information on the CDBG-MIT, visit <http://www.smtxfloodrecovery.com/mitigation> or contact Community Initiatives Program Administrator Aaron Harris at aharris@sanmarcostx.gov.

Surveys may be viewed and completed online at www.sanmarcostx.gov/MAPsurvey. Paper surveys are available at the front desks of the San Marcos Public Library, 625 E. Hopkins, and Activity Center.

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Mitigation Action Plan Survey

Mitigation Action Plan Community Survey

San Marcos will receive \$24,012,000 in federal disaster mitigation funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to help prepare for future disasters.

Unlike other money allotted for post-disaster relief, mitigation dollars can only be used for actions taken to protect the City and potentially reduce the damage caused by future disaster events. The City is in the process of creating a Mitigation Action Plan to determine where the funding will be used. Community feedback is a critical part of the Mitigation Action Plan development process to understand the priorities and needs of the community. This survey is the first method the City is using to generate feedback on those needs and priorities. The results of this feedback will be reported to the City Council, who will determine the allocation of the funding.

Please complete the following survey to assist the City in creating the Mitigation Action Plan:

San Marcos recibirá una beca Federal de Mitigación De Desastre por el Departamento de Vivienda Y Desarrollo Urbano en cantidad de \$24,012.000.

A diferencia de fondos expuestos en el pasado que se usan para la recuperación después de un desastre, los fondos de mitigación solo se pueden usar para acciones cuales van a proteger o pueden reducir los daños causados por desastres futuros. La Ciudad este en el proceso de crear un plan de acción para los fondos de mitigación para determinar donde se van a usar los fondos. Los comentarios del publico es una parte critica para el desarrollo del plan de Acción de Mitigación. La cooperación de la comunidad ayuda a la ciudad en entender y priorizar las necesidades de la ciudad. Esta Encuesta es el primer método que la Ciudad esta usando para generar comentarios del publico sobre las necesidades y priorizaciones de la comunidad. Los resultados serán reportados a el Concilio de la Ciudad, quienes determinarán la asignación de los fondos.

1. Do you currently live within the City limits of San Marcos, TX? (Optional)
¿Actualmente vive dentro los límites de la Ciudad de San Marcos, Tejas? (Opcional)

Yes/ Si

No

2. Have you or your property been impacted by flooding in San Marcos? (Optional)
¿Han sido usted o su propiedad impactado por inundaciones en San Marcos?
(Opcional)

Yes/ Si

No

3. What is your age range? (Optional)
¿Cuál es su rango de edad? (Opcional)

- Under 18/ 18 o menos
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

4. What is your current housing situation? (Optional)
¿Cuál es su situación actual de vivienda? (Opcional)

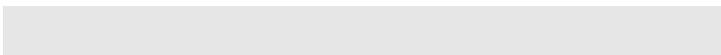
- Rent
Alquila
- Homeowner
Dueño de Hogar
- Visitor
Visitante
- Staying with friends/family
Quedándose con Amistades/Familia
- On-campus housing/dormitories
En La Vivienda Universitario/Dormitorio
- Other (please specify)
Algo más? (Por favor sea específico)

5. What is your combined household income? (Optional)
¿Cuáles son sus ingresos familiares combinados? (Opcional)

- \$50,000 or under
\$50,00 y menos
- Between \$50,000 and \$100,000
Dentro de \$50,000 a \$100,000
- Between \$100,000 and \$150,000
Dentro de \$100,000 a \$150,000
- Over \$150,000
Mas de \$150,000

6. What methods do you use to learn about the threat of potential incoming disasters?
(Check all that apply)
¿Qué método usa usted para aprender sobre las potenciales amenazas climáticas de
desastre? (Seleccione todos los que apliquen)

- Internet
El Internet
- Television
La Televisión
- Text
Los Textos
- Phone Calls
Llamadas Telefónicas
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
Redes Sociales
- Reverse 9-1-1
9-1-1 reverso
- Sirens/alarms
Sirenas/Alarmas
- Radio
La Radio
- Other (please specify)
Algo mas (Por Favor sea especifico)



* 7. Please rank the following mitigation activities from 1-6 according to your community's current priorities (1-Most Important; 6-Least Important)

Por favor clasifique las siguientes actividades de mitigación de 1-6 de acuerdo con las prioridades de su comunidad. (1 – Siendo lo Mas Importante; 6 – Lo menos Importante)



Establishing evacuation plans and improving routes: Identifying new evacuation routes, equipping potential evacuations routes, and improving current evacuation routes. This improves safety and access for people and first responders.

Estableciendo planes de evacuación y mejorando rutas de evacuación: Identificando nuevas rutas de evacuación, equipando rutas potenciales de evacuación, y mejorando rutas existentes de evacuación. Esto mejora la seguridad y da acceso a la gente y a socorristas.



Disaster shelter improvements: Identifying and equipping a system of shelters throughout the city limits. This provides accommodations and a secure place for people as a result of a disaster.

Mejora del refugio en caso de desastre: Identificando y equipando sistemas de refugio dentro los limites de la ciudad. Esto acomoda y da un lugar seguro a las personas afectados como resultado de un desastre.



Preservation of land in strategic upland and floodplain areas to mitigate flooding: Land can be used for storage/infiltration of flood waters and the reduction of impervious cover.

Preservación de tierras en áreas estratégicas y zonas de llanura de inundación para mitigar las inundaciones: Las tierras se pueden usar para almacenamiento/infiltración de aguas de inundación y la reducción de cubiertas impermeable.



Drainage improvements to properties that have been flooded multiple times: Construction of public improvements can benefit multiple properties/neighborhoods.

Mejoramiento de Drenaje a las propiedades que se han inundado varias veces: Construcción de mejoras públicas pueden beneficiar a varias propiedades/Barrios.



Improve flood and hazard warning systems: Increasing the number of gauges throughout the community, installing and improving hazard sirens. Improved modeling capability through inundation maps, which helps visualize and plan for future flood events. This provides accurate, timely information to the public prior to and during a disaster.

Mejorando sistemas de advertencia de inundación y peligro: Aumentado la cantidad de calibradores en toda la comunidad, instalando e improbando sirenas de peligro. Mejores capacidades modelados sobre los mapas de inundaciones, que ayudan visualizar y hacer planes para futuro eventos de inundación. Esto da información precisa y oportuna a el publico antes de y durante el desastre.



Increase number of warning signs and barricades at low water crossings: This improves safety and protects lives during a disaster.

Aumentar el numero de signos de advertencia y barricadas de pasajes de agua baja: Esto mejora la seguridad y protege vidas durante un desastre.

8. If you are interested in remaining informed of the City's development and implementation of the Mitigation Action Plan, what is your preferred method of engagement?

Si usted está interesado en mantenerse informado sobre el desarrollo de la ciudad y la implementación del plan de acción de mitigación; ¿cuál es su forma preferida de participar?

- Mail
Coreo
- Email
Coreo Electrónico
- Website
Pagina Web
- Social Media
Redas Sociales
- In-person workshop
En persona por taller

9. If you'd like to sign up for our email newsletter, leave your contact information below (optional)

Si le gustaría inscribirse para recibir nuestro boletín, por favor déjenos su información de contacto (Opcional)

Name/ Nombre

Email

Address/ Dirección
de Coreo
Electrónico



Mitigation Survey *Report*

Outreach

October 11-30, 2019

- Facebook Posts: 4
- Twitter Posts: 3
- Instagram Posts: 2
- Nextdoor Posts: 1
- Total Impressions: 26,255
- Total Engagement: 657
- Total Link Clicks: 150
- Paper Surveys Received: 13
- Attendance at Town Hall: 25

Our outreach strategy was to target the greatest number of residents and interested parties via social media and targeted ads. All survey materials were available in English and Spanish.

To maintain accessibility, we placed paper copies of the survey at the San Marcos Public Library and San Marcos Activity Center. Neighborhood Enhancement reached out to Neighborhood Commissioners across the city to share the link with their members or request paper copies if needed.

City staff also held a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, October 29 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center Multipurpose Room where staff were on-hand to answer questions and distribute the survey. The Communications Staff also sent out two press releases, one about the survey and one about the Town Hall.

Direct Feedback

Throughout our Social Media Outreach, we received comments and suggestions from the public. Examples of feedback are below:

- Wanted to see buyouts as a Mitigation Option
- Wanted to see raising homes as a Mitigation Option
- A request to focus Mitigation on east San Marcos or the Springtown area of west San Marcos.



Mitigation Survey *Report*

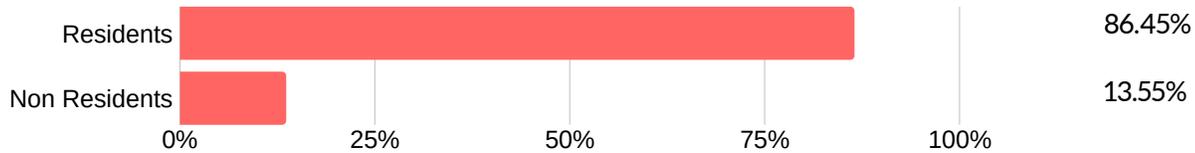
The Results

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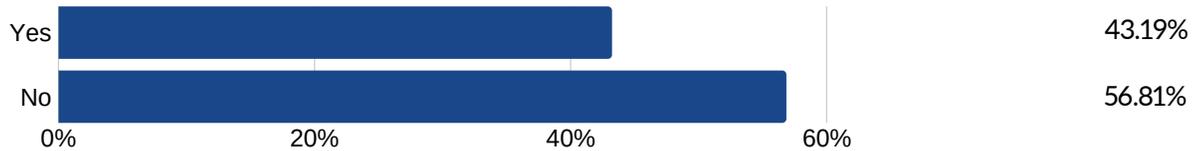
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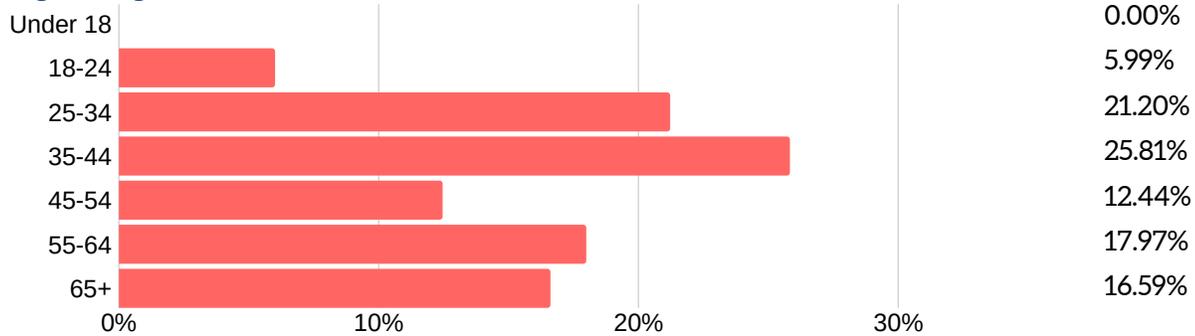
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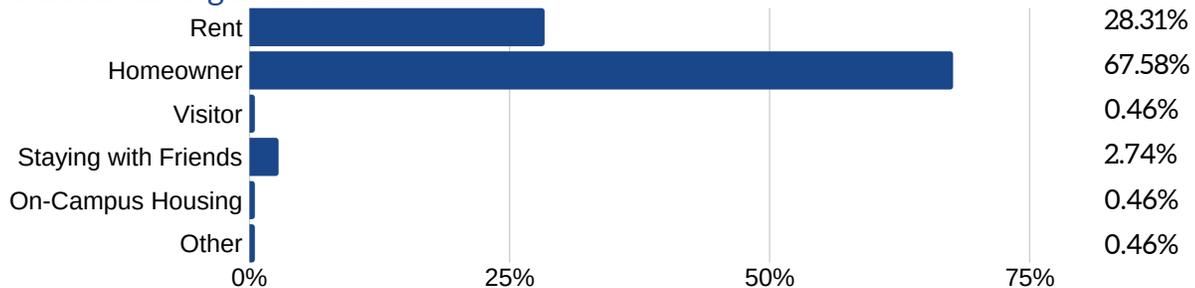
Have you or your property been impacted by flooding in San Marcos?



Age Range



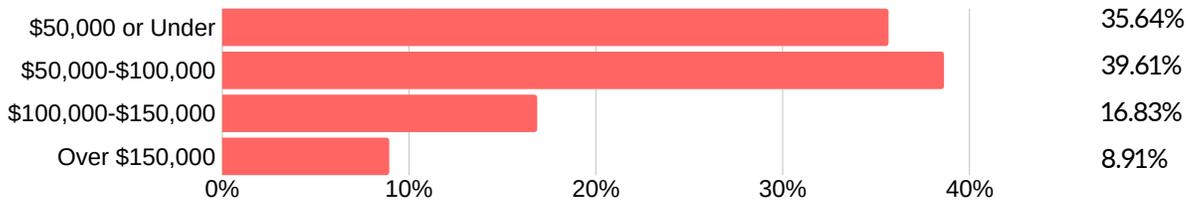
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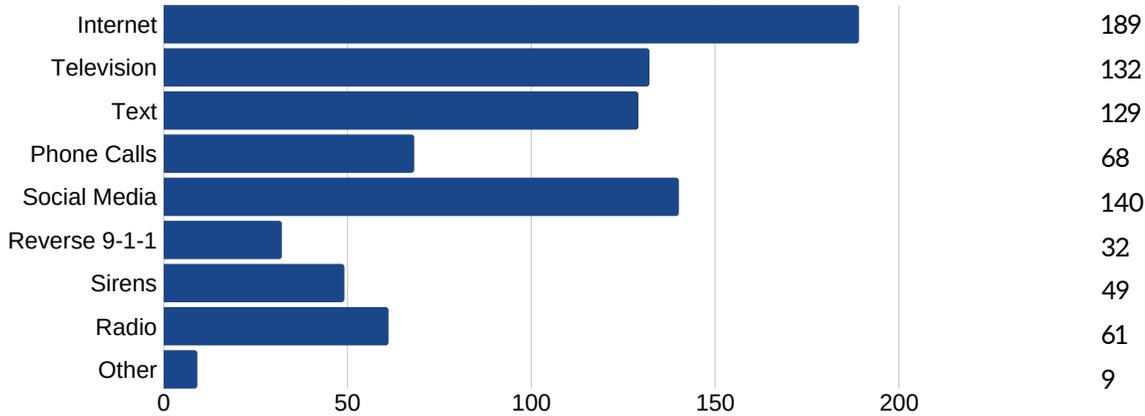


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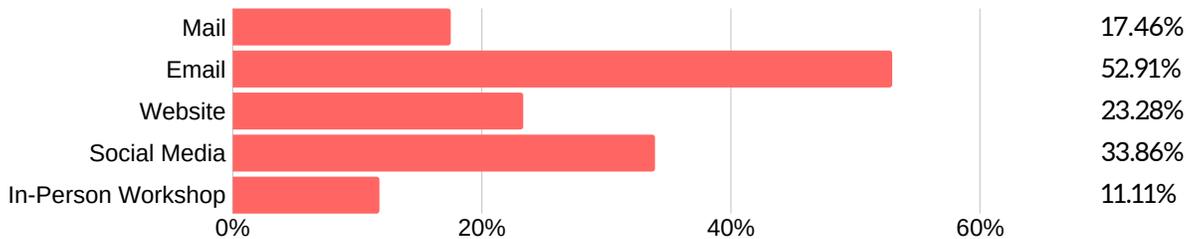
Combined Household Income



What methods do you use to learn about the threat of potential incoming disasters?



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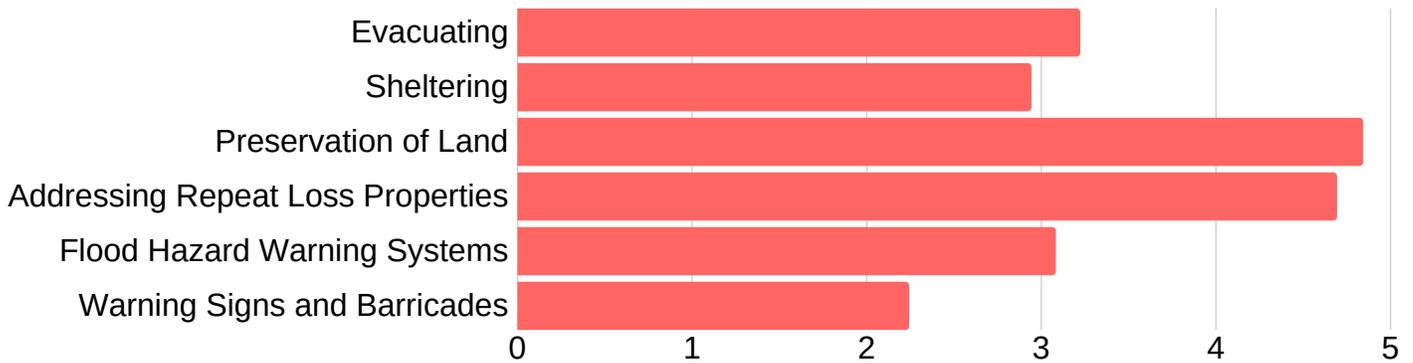




Mitigation Survey Report

Mitigation Actions

Respondents were asked to rank the potential mitigation activities from 1-6 According to their priorities. (1-Most Important; 6-Least Important)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Score
Evacuating	10.31% 23	10.31% 23	24.22% 54	20.18% 45	16.59% 37	18.39% 41	223	3.22
Sheltering	4.93% 11	8.07% 18	23.77% 53	21.97% 49	21.52% 48	18.73% 44	223	2.94
Preservation of Land	44.84% 100	26.91% 60	11.21% 25	7.17% 16	4.04% 9	5.83% 13	223	4.84
Addressing Repeat Loss Properties	34.08% 176	35.87% 80	8.97% 20	11.66% 26	4.48% 10	4.93% 11	223	4.69
Flood Hazard Warning Systems	3.59% 8	13.45% 30	20.18% 45	17.94% 40	39.46% 88	5.38% 12	223	3.08
Warning Signs and Barricades	2.24% 5	5.38% 12	11.66% 26	21.08% 47	13.90% 31	45.74% 102	223	2.24

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A Daily Record file photo from the May 2015 floods.

Action Plan For Mitigation Grant Underway

Thu, 11/14/2019 - 12:00am

\$24 million to be utilized to prevent future disasters

Jordan Burnham
Staff Reporter
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Thursday, November 14, 2019

After receiving a \$24,012,000 grant this year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of San Marcos is working to

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prepare an action plan to determine how the funds will be used.

The Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding is different from previous grants allocated to the city because it should be used to prepare for future disasters, instead of those that have already occurred.

"This is a whole new category called CDBG mitigation funds," Aaron Harris, community initiatives program administrator said during a presentation to City Council on Nov. 6. "And HUD defines mitigation as 'any activity that increases resilience to disasters and reduces or eliminates the long-term risk of loss of life, injury and damage to and loss of property and suffering and hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters.'"

In 2016, \$25 million was awarded to the City of San Marcos through the HUD Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) following the 2015 funds.

"So as a previous allocation of DR funding had to be tied to the 2015 flood events, this allocation, HUD is asking us to focus on the impact of future disasters and the funding does not have to incorporate projects directly associated with the events in 2015," Harris said.

However, Harris said the city has discussed using the new mitigation funding to supplement existing DR infrastructure projects and funding shortfalls.

Staff noted that the Blanco Riverine project is where the funding shortfall currently exists. In total, the project is lacking approximately \$16 million, which could potentially be funded through the newly awarded mitigation grant.

According to the city's website the Blanco River project "was identified in 2017 as a means to reduce flood flows from the Blanco River that currently exit the river in the Blanco Gardens subdivision and flow through the neighborhood toward the San Marcos River."

The mitigation grant, according to Harris, allows flexibility with the use of the funds.

"At least 50% of the funds must address mitigation needs within the city of San Marcos," he said. "We may expend 50% outside the city of San Marcos if we demonstrate how funds will benefit the city. So the idea here is that we can be flexible on what we do with these projects and we don't have to limit it to projects just within the city limits as long as they benefit the city moving forward."

Harris noted another flexible aspect of the funding is the timeline to use the grant.

"So another thing that allows us greater flexibility with this funding is 50% of the allocation must be spent within 6 years and 100% must be allocated and spent within 12 years, so this is another intent from the federal government to allow us the maximum flexibility on how to leverage these funds for the best public involvement," Harris said. "With all CBD funds, 50% of the funds must benefit LMI income persons, and the planning funds are capped at 15%."

Harris said the city currently has an active and current local hazard mitigation plan, which will be used as a guiding document in prioritizing funding. The plan was synthesized into six categories to be considered when using the grant funding:

- Establishing evacuation plans and improving routes;
- Disaster shelter improvements;
- Preservation of land in strategic upland and floodplain areas;
- Drainage improvements to properties that have been flooded multiple times;
- Improvements to flood and hazard warning systems; and
- Increasing the number of warning signs and barricades at low water crossings.

The City has asked for citizen input on the six action items and received over 200 total responses. The two most popular action plan items were the preservation of land in strategic upland and floodplain areas and addressing repeat loss properties.

Moving forward, staff will continue with stakeholder outreach in the community before developing the city's action plan in December. After the plan is developed

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and translated to Spanish, residents will have a 45-day public comment period to address the plan. The final action plan will be due to HUD on March 3, 2020.

NEWS

SAN MARCOS NEWS SAN MARCOS RECORD



The image shows the front page of the San Marcos Daily Record newspaper. The main headline is "Sights & Sounds earns zero-waste status". Other visible headlines include "Taking the Plunge: San Marcans ring in new year in the river" and "Democrat Jolán Carrón drops out of presidential race". The page includes various photos, a table of contents, and social media links at the bottom.

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Do You Think The City Should Have Approved A Resolution Of No Objection To The Submission Of An Application For Low-Income Housing Tax Credits?

The San Marcos City Council has given a thumbs down to a potential affordable housing development with a 4-2 vote.

- Yes, if the project didn't meet all the criteria, it still would have helped low-income residents.
- No, if the city is going to have tax exemptions for affordable housing developers, they should meet all the criteria.

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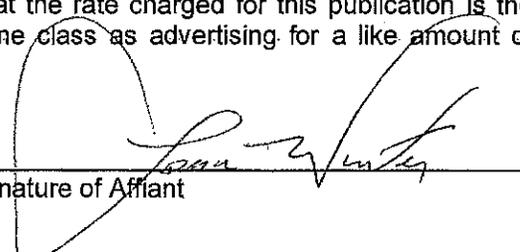
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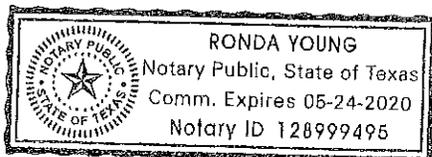
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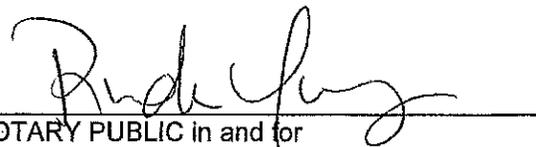
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FIELD NOTICE

The City Council of the City of San Marcos, Texas, will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 100, Section 100.01, and Chapter 100, Section 100.02, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019, at the City Council Chambers.

There is a public hearing and consent a draft City of San Marcos Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) and the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 100, Section 100.01, and Chapter 100, Section 100.02, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019, at the City Council Chambers. The draft CZO and the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 100, Section 100.01, and Chapter 100, Section 100.02, will be available for public comment for 30 days. The public comment period will begin on January 1, 2020, and will end at 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2020. After the public comment period ends, the City will respond to each comment in the Action Plan. The Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before March 1, 2020, for review.

The City of San Marcos is currently seeking comments on the draft CZO and the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 100, Section 100.01, and Chapter 100, Section 100.02, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019, at the City Council Chambers. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the draft CZO and the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 100, Section 100.01, and Chapter 100, Section 100.02, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019, at the City Council Chambers. The City Council will also hold a public hearing on the draft CZO and the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 100, Section 100.01, and Chapter 100, Section 100.02, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019, at the City Council Chambers.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk at (512) 786-1234.

even in existence at the time these four homes were completed under this emergency repair program. There were discussions on funneling money into an emergency repair fund, so he wants to know if they are pulling the four homes out of the ten homes that Southside completes annually.

There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Derrick, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mihalkanin, to approve Resolution 2019-264R.

Council held discussion and asked questions. Staff provided that they will provide a summary of how many homes were repaired and the amount of how much was spent on each along with additional details on the homebuyers assistance program.

The motion to approve Resolution 2019-264R carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Council Member Gonzales, Council Member Derrick, Mayor Hughson, Mayor Pro Tem Mihalkanin, Council Member Marquez and Council Member Baker

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Rockeymoore

18. Receive a Staff presentation and hold a Public Hearing to receive comments for or against adopting the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation ("CDBG-MIT") Action Plan that provides for the allocation of \$24,012,000 of CDBG-MIT funds for program year 2019; and provide direction to staff.

Michael Ostrowski, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services, provided a presentation on the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation ("CDBG-MIT") Action Plan.

Mayor Hughson opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Those who spoke:

Roland Saucedo, expressed his concern and wants to make sure that the funding money awarded to the City of San Marcos for the 2015 Blanco Gardens flood money has been allocated for the neighborhood and the prevention of repetitive loss. If the money hasn't been allocated to take care of Blanco Gardens, Council needs to be mindful that this money would also benefit other parts of the city like Sewell park that gets flooded. There are areas that are not included in the disaster area and make sure we are not

doubling up money since that money was for 2015 flooding and he is happy to see what staff has come up with regarding the Riverine project. Make sure not too much money is placed in one area where we have enough funding on that project, and we need to take care of the other parts of the city.

There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Council held discussion and no action is needed this evening.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

- 19. Consider approval of Ordinance 2019-46, on the first of two readings, amending Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles, of the San Marcos City Code, by adding a new Article 9 that prohibits motor-assisted scooters on public property, streets and sidewalks; providing a savings clause; providing for the repeal of any conflicting provisions; providing for penalties; and providing an effective date.**

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales, seconded by Council Member Derrick, to approve Ordinance 2019-46, on the first of two readings.

Lee Hitchcock, Director of General Services provided a brief update on the scooter ordinance and stated that City Council directed staff to draft an ordinance prohibiting the use of a motor-assisted scooter in the public right-of-way, including sidewalks and streets at the April 2nd Work Session.

Staff conducted a peer review of cities in the central Texas region including Dripping Springs, New Braunfels, and Fredericksburg which have all successfully prohibited motor-assisted scooters in their respective municipalities.

Council directed staff to bring back some revision prior to second reading regarding personal scooters and how they are ticketed, how to register a scooter, notification regarding impoundment, and changing the fine to \$25.00.

The motion to approve Ordinance 2019-46 on first reading carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Council Member Gonzales, Council Member Derrick, Mayor Hughson, Mayor Pro Tem Mihalkanin and Council Member Marquez

Against: 1 - Council Member Baker

Absent: 1 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Rockeymoore



Legislation Text

File #: ID #19-850, Version: 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a Staff presentation and hold a Public Hearing to receive comments for or against adopting the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (“CDBG-MIT”) Action Plan that provides for the allocation of \$24,012,000 of CDBG-MIT funds for program year 2019; and provide direction to staff.

Meeting date: December 17, 2019

Department: Planning and Development Services

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: Click or tap here to enter text.

Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

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Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: Click or tap here to enter text.

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

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Choose an item.

Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- Economic Development - Choose an item.
- Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- Land Use - Choose an item.
- Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- Transportation - Choose an item.
- Not Applicable

Master Plan: [Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]

Choose an item.

Background Information:

In compliance with Federal Register Notice 6109-N-02, the City shall submit an Action Plan prioritizing the use of \$24,012,000 for hazard mitigation/preparedness in response to the 2015 floods. This presentation will provide the background on the funding, discuss the process moving forward, and identify a proposed budget, along with funding categories. At the meeting, we will also have a public hearing to receive public comments. No formal action by the City Council is needed at the December 17th meeting. Following the presentation and public hearing, there will need to be a 45-day public comment period on the draft. After this, the City will need to respond to, and incorporate the comments before final approval by the City Council. Following the City Council approval, the City will then submit the Action Plan to HUD.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Mitigation Action Plan – Public Hearing

Staff presentation and public hearing regarding the \$24,012,000 San Marcos – Mitigation Action Plan

Purpose:

- Staff Presentation
 - Background
 - Process
 - Proposed Budget
 - Funding Categories
- Public Hearing
- Council Input/Recommendations



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The Basics

Federal Register Notice
Published: August 30, 2019

San Marcos Allocation:
\$24,012,000

Action Plan Due:
March 3, 2020

THE RULES

At least 50% of funds must address mitigation needs within the city limits of San Marcos.

May expend funds outside of city limits if demonstrate how funds will benefit the city.

50% of allocation must be spent in 6 years.
100% of allocation must be spent in 12 years.

50% of all CDBG-MIT funds must benefit low-to-moderate income persons.

Planning Funds:
Maximum 15% of total grant.

Action Plan Development

Aug. 30, 2019



Federal Register
Notice

Oct.-Dec. 2019



Stakeholder
Outreach

Dec. 2019



City Action Plan
Development

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Translate to
Spanish

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45-Day Public
Comment
Period

Feb. 2020



Respond &
Incorporate
Comments

March 3, 2020



Submit Action
Plan to HUD

ACTION PLAN

Risk-Based Mitigation Needs Assessment
Hazard Mitigation Plan informs needs assessment

Promote local & regional long-term planning

Promote coordination and leveraging of funds

Promote natural infrastructure

CATEGORIES

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SHELTERING

EVACUATING

PRESERVING

ADDRESSING REPETITIVE
LOSS

WARNING SYSTEMS

SIGNS & BARRICADES

Proposed Program Budget

• Addressing Repetitive Loss	\$16,000,000
• Preservation of Land	\$2,849,600
• Warning Systems	\$300,000
• Signs & Barricades	\$60,000
• Planning	\$3,601,800
• Administration	<u>\$1,200,600</u>
Total	\$24,012,000



Addressing Repetitive Loss

Managing Repeat Loss Properties:

Drainage improvements to properties that have been flooded multiple times.

Construction of public improvements can benefit multiple properties/neighborhoods.

Preserving

Establishing Land Banks: Preservation of land in strategic upland and floodplain areas to mitigate flooding.

Land can be used for storage/infiltration of flood waters and the reduction of impervious cover.



Warning Systems

Improve flood and hazard warning systems: Increasing number of gauges, installing and improving hazard sirens, and improved modeling capability through mapping.

Provides accurate, timely information to the public prior to and during a disaster.





Signs & Barricades

Increase number of warning signs and barricades at low water crossings: This improves safety and protects lives during a disaster.

Evacuating

Establishing evacuation plans and improving routes: Identifying and equipping potential evacuation routes and improving current evacuation routes.

Improves safety and access for people and first responders.





Sheltering

Disaster Shelter Improvements:

Identifying and equipping a system of shelters throughout the city limits.

Provides accommodations and a secure place for people as a result of a disaster.

WHAT IS INELIGIBLE?



Funding for buildings used for general conduct of government

Forced Mortgage Payoff

Enlargement of dam or levee beyond original design

Assistance to private utilities

Emergency Response Service (ERS)

Funds may be used to enhance the resilience of facilities

Contact Info

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WEB LINK
www.smtxfloodrecovery.com/mitigation

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HUD LINK
www.HUD.gov



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Questions?

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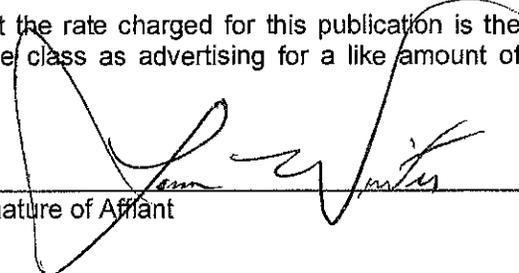
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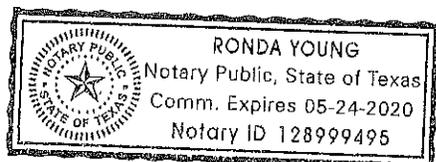
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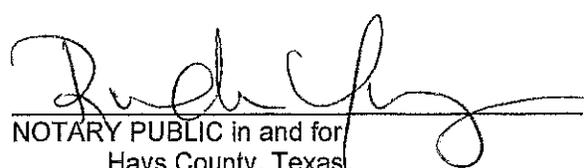
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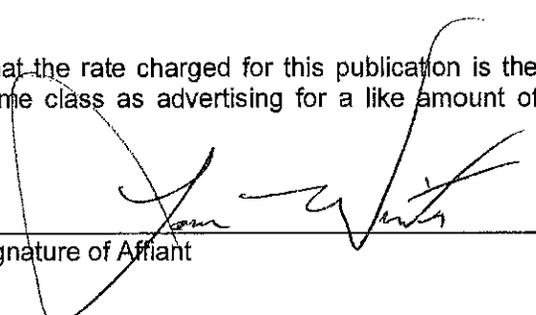
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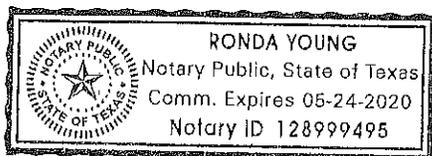
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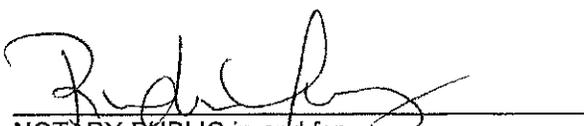
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NOTICIA FERIA A ADHESION DE UN PLAN DE SALUD PARA EL SECTOR DE LA INDUSTRIA DE LA CONSTRUCCION EN SAN MARCOS

El Plan de Salud para la Industria de la Construcción en San Marcos, Texas, se presenta como una iniciativa pionera que busca proporcionar acceso a servicios médicos y de bienestar para los trabajadores del sector. Este plan es el resultado de un esfuerzo conjunto entre líderes empresariales y comunitarios locales.

El plan de salud incluye una amplia gama de beneficios, desde atención primaria y especializada hasta servicios de salud mental y bienestar. La implementación de este plan representa un hito significativo en el compromiso de las empresas con el bienestar de sus empleados y la comunidad.

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El Plan de Salud para la Industria de la Construcción en San Marcos

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Por: [Nombre del Autor]



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Feedback Sought on Mitigation and Recovery Funding

The City of San Marcos is hosting a community meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins St. to provide information and seek public comment about the proposed draft Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Mitigation Action Plan and proposed amendments to the CDBG Action Plan for Disaster Recovery. The public is invited to attend.

Mitigation Action Plan Status Update

The City has created a draft Mitigation Action Plan for the \$24 million CDBG Mitigation Grant announced last year from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The plan incorporates public feedback from the recent priority spending survey and open house into a spending allocation strategy aimed at reducing future losses in areas impacted by the May and October 2015 floods.

The draft plan can be viewed online at www.sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation, and print copies are available for review at the San Marcos Public Library and City Hall. Public feedback will be used in the drafting of the final Action Plan.

Disaster Recovery Action Plan Amendments

The City was awarded over \$33 million in CDBG Disaster Recovery funds to address the impact of the floods of 2015. The City is proposing to change one of the eligibility criteria for grant programs for single family homes related to the two major 2015 floods. The change would make the Disaster Recovery grant programs apply to any single family home citywide that was affected by those two floods, instead of just the homes located in the 100-year floodplain.

Another proposed Disaster Recovery Action Plan amendment would change the Blanco-Riverine storm water infrastructure project to be categorized as an “Acquisition” program instead of “Infrastructure Construction.” With this change, the CDBG Disaster Recovery funding will be used to acquire land needed for the project, and construction will be funded with other sources.

Information about these proposals can be found online at www.smtxfloodrecovery.com (Disaster Recovery) and www.sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation (Mitigation) and on paper at the San Marcos Public Library, 625 E. Hopkins, and City Hall Lobby, 630 E. Hopkins.

The Activity Center is ADA accessible and a Spanish-speaking individual will be present to assist anyone with limited English proficiency. Individuals who need auxiliary aids and services for this meeting should call 512.393.8000 or call Texas Relay Service (TRS) at 7-1-1. Requests can also be sent by e-mail to ADArequest@sanmarcostx.gov.

For more information contact Carol Griffith, Community Initiatives Administrator, at 512.393.8147 or by e-mail at cgriffith@sanmarcostx.gov. For media inquiries, contact communicationsinfo@sanmarcostx.gov.

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The City of San Marcos wants to hear your feedback about our CDBG flood and disaster-related initiatives.

We will be updating the public on the status of our Mitigation Action Plan and the \$24 Million Mitigation Grant.

We'll also explain the Disaster Recovery Action Plan Amendments that would expand recovery services from the 100-year floodplain to any single family home citywide affected by the May or October 2015 floods.

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2nd Paragraph: We will be asking for your comments on the Mitigation Action Plan for an upcoming \$24 million CDBG-Mitigation grant. The Plan is available for review here:

<https://www.sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation>

3rd Paragraph: We'll also explain a proposed CDBG Disaster Recovery Action Plan amendment that would make grant-funded single-family housing programs available citywide for those affected by the May or October 2015 floods. See the proposed amendments here:

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

January 31, 2020

Congratulations to our San Marcos Hostage Negotiation Team!!

The San Marcos Police Hostage Negotiation Team placed 3rd this year out of 40 international teams at the 30th Annual Hostage Negotiations Conference held here at Texas State University. The Negotiation Team focuses on taking care of people and resolving issues, but more importantly, they work with SWAT to save lives and reduce the levels of police force required in certain situations. In past years, we have really focused on placing high in the competition, however, this year SMPD focused on the opportunity to develop our newer members, by allowing them the “hot seat” so they could learn and grow in their jobs. With that in mind, our Team still placed very well. 3rd Place is quite an accomplishment!

Additional congratulations goes out to our county partners; Tiffany Williams, Joyce Bender, Duwayne Poorboy, Roya Williamson and Don Lee who were on the competition team this year.

New Carpet for the Activity Center

Carpet installation is scheduled to begin at the Activity Center on Sunday, February 2nd and will be completed by February 29th. The project will be scheduled during non-business hours to prevent any disruption in Activity Center operations. We will be notified immediately of any delays which may push this schedule out.

- Schedule will be Sunday – Thursday. Sunday work schedule will be approximately 7AM – 4PM. Monday – Thursday work schedule will be 10PM – 5AM.
- No work will be performed on Sunday February 9th due to a scheduled event (Celtic Fest).
- Contractor will work a full day on President’s Day February 17th since we are closed to the public.

Little Library installed at Dunbar

The newest Little Library has been installed at Dunbar Park. The attached picture shows the little library, as well as the bench with the name of those who donated.



City provides opportunities to comment on the use of Community Development Block Grant funds

San Marcos citizens and property owners have several upcoming opportunities to provide input on the use of CDBG funds:

Five-Year Consolidated Plan

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan process is about to begin. This Plan is the policy document used from October 2020 - September 2025 to guide selection of projects for annual CDBG allocations. A public meeting will be held on February 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Activity Center allow comment on priority categories for CDBG funding, and to complete a survey, which will be open from February 2 – February 23. Staff intends to present public comments and priority recommendations to the City Council for guidance in March.

For more information, please visit:

www.sanmarcostx.gov/cdbg

CDBG-Disaster Recovery Action Plan Amendment

CDBG-Disaster Recovery Action Plan Amendment #9 will be presented for public comment at a meeting on February 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Activity Center, and then to the City Council in March. Amendment #9 would modify eligibility criteria for all Single Family Housing Activities to be citywide, instead of just the ones that were damaged within the 100 year floodplain. In addition, this amendment would change the activity category of the Blanco Riverine project to “Acquisition”.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.smtxfloodrecovery.com>

CDBG-Mitigation Action Plan

The CDBG-Mitigation Action Plan continues to be open for public comment through February 27. A meeting will occur on February 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Activity Center to seek additional public comment, with anticipated final action by the City Council in March.

For more information, please visit: www.sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation





Federal Railroad Administration Collecting Records on Stopped Trains

The Federal Railroad Administration is requesting that residents report stopped or stalled trains that congest traffic and potentially delay emergency services. The records can be submitted online at <https://www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings/>. The City of San Marcos Communications Team posted the link to Facebook and Twitter for a combined 21,385 impressions, 475 Reactions, Comments or Shares, and 231 link clicks.

GSMP Survey: The Greater San Marcos Partnership is seeking resident feedback to help determine their five year economic development strategy through an online survey. The survey covers ways that San Marcos can improve their economic growth, the current outlook on jobs and businesses, and gives the respondent ample opportunity to suggest their solutions to current city issues. The San Marcos Communications Team shared the link to the survey on Twitter and Facebook on Wednesday, January 29. To take the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreaterSanMarcos2025>.

In January, the City received sales tax collections for November 2019. Report attached. Highlights

- Total November collections \$3.9M
- Total change from last year's collections: decrease of \$317K or 7.4%
- Total fiscal YTD Collections \$9.9M
- Total fiscal year collections exceed budget by \$318.9K
 - Best Buy Call Center: \$296.3K exceeding budget
 - Outlet Malls: \$40.2K exceeding budget
 - Base Sales Taxes: \$17.6K below budget
- 12-month average growth:
 - Outlet Malls: 4%
 - Base Sales Taxes: 7%

Although there was a decrease year over year in November collections we will not have a clear picture of the impact of holiday shopping until the December sales tax collection results are received. The shopping patterns have shifted to cross November and December.

Neighborhood Enhancement Annual Report attached.



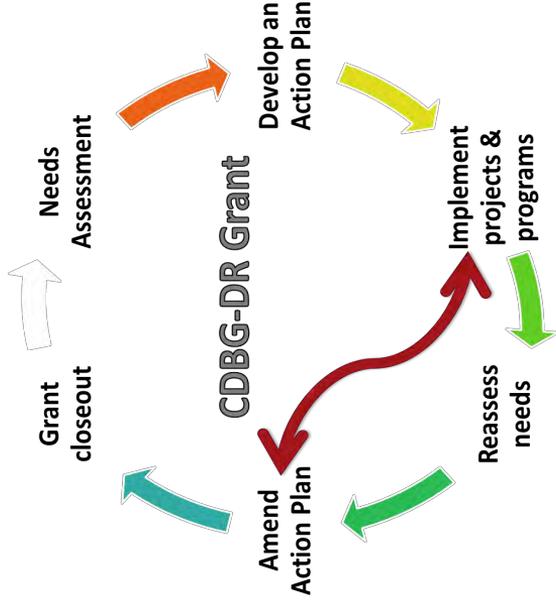
CDBG-DR GRANT Action Plan for Disaster Recovery Amendment No. 9

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Overview

In response to the Memorial Day Floods and All Saints Flood of 2015, San Marcos received a \$33M allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD).

- Step One: Needs Assessment
- Step Two: Action Plan
- Step Three: Implementation
- Step Four: Reassessment of Needs
- Step Five: Amendment as Needed**
- Step Six: Work Completion



Single Family Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

Current:

Homes within the updated 100 year floodplain are eligible

Proposed Amendment:

Any home within the City Limits of San Marcos that was damaged in the two major 2015 flood events



906 Conway

Blanco Riverine Infrastructure Project

Current:

Funds to be used for construction

Proposed Amendment:

Funds to be used for acquisition

Project Description:

Modifications to banks and channels to reduce the potential for overflow

Proposed Amendments: **No Impact on the Budget**

Project/Activity	Budget
<u>Housing Program</u>	
1. Owner-Occupied Rehab/Recon	\$5,000,000
2. Rental-Unit Rehab/Recon	\$659,013
3. Public Housing Authority	\$864,987
4. Reimbursement Program	\$1,000,000
<u>Infrastructure Projects</u>	
1. Midtown/Aquarena Springs	\$1,700,000
2. Blanco Gardens	\$8,071,987
3. Clarewood/Barbara Drive	\$175,000
4. Uhland Road	\$7,179,000
<u>Acquisition</u>	
1. Blanco Riverine	\$5,385,213
<u>Planning</u>	
	\$2,069,100
<u>Administration</u>	
	\$1,689,700
TOTAL	\$33,794,000

Questions?



CDBG-MIT GRANT Mitigation Action Plan Public Meeting for Comment

Wednesday, February 12, 2020



The Basics

Federal Register Notice
Published: August 30, 2019

San Marcos Allocation:
\$24,012,000

Action Plan Due:
April 3, 2020

Federal Definition of Mitigation Activities:

Those activities that

- increase resilience to disasters and
- reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

84 FR 45838

Dictionary Definition of Mitigation:

Mitigate: to make less severe

ACTION PLAN

Risk-Based Mitigation Needs Assessment
Hazard Mitigation Plan informs needs assessment

Promote local & regional long-term planning

Promote coordination and leveraging of funds

Promote natural infrastructure

THE RULES

At least 50% of funds must address mitigation needs within the city limits of San Marcos.

May expend funds outside of city limits if demonstrate how funds will benefit the city.

50% of allocation must be spent in 6 years.
100% of allocation must be spent in 12 years.

50% of all CDBG-MIT funds must benefit low-to-moderate income persons.

Planning Funds:
Maximum 15% of total grant.

Action Plan Development

Aug. 30, 2019



Federal Register Notice

Oct.-Dec. 2019



Stakeholder Outreach

Dec. 2019



City Action Plan Development

Dec. 2019



Translate to Spanish

Jan.-Feb. 2020



45-Day Public Comment Period

Feb. 2020



Respond & Incorporate Comments

April 3, 2020



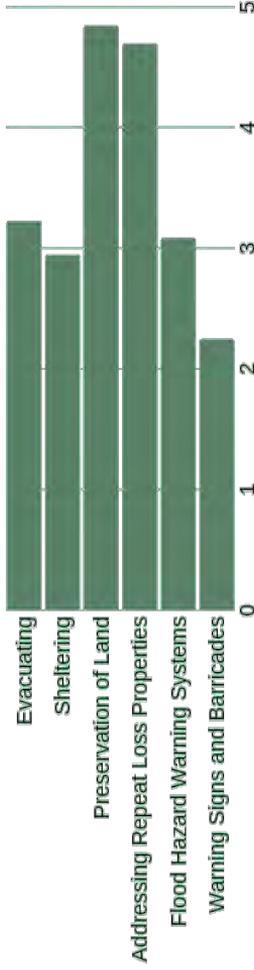
Submit Action Plan to HUD



Mitigation Survey *Report*

Mitigation Actions

Respondents were asked to rank the potential mitigation activities from 1-6 According to their priorities. (1-Most Important; 6-Least Important)



CATEGORIES



SHELTERING

EVACUATING

PRESERVING

ADDRESSING REPETITIVE LOSS

WARNING SYSTEMS

SIGNS & BARRICADES



Addressing Repetitive Loss

Managing Repeat Loss Properties:

Drainage improvements to properties that have been flooded multiple times.

Construction of public improvements can benefit multiple properties/neighborhoods.

Preserving

Establishing Land Banks: Preservation of land in strategic upland and floodplain areas to mitigate flooding.

Land can be used for storage/infiltration of flood waters and the reduction of impervious cover.



Warning Systems

Improve flood and hazard warning systems: Increasing number of gauges, installing and improving hazard sirens, and improved modeling capability through mapping.

Provides accurate, timely information to the public prior to and during a disaster.

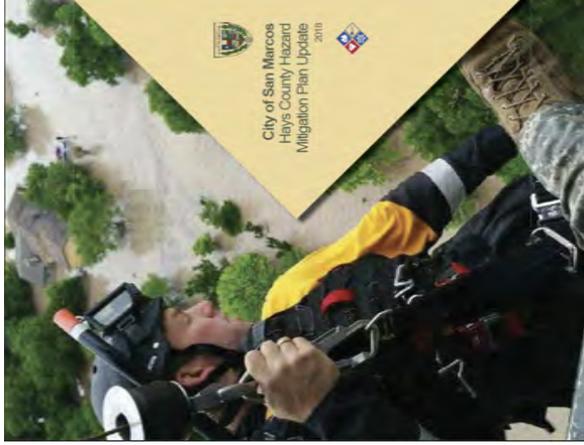




Signs & Barricades

Increase number of warning signs and barricades at low water crossings:

This improves safety and protects lives during a disaster.



Planning

Some possible uses:

- Create engineering designs to lessen the risk of flooding
- Plan for first responder and traffic coordination of evacuations
- Obtain data for use in comprehensive planning

Planning ensures the most effective use of funds.



Administration

Pay for staff and other costs to implement the programs and oversee projects:

Oversight keeps projects moving and ensures federal compliance.

Addressing Repetitive Loss	\$16,000,000
Preservation of Land	\$2,849,600
Warning Systems	\$300,000
Signs & Barricades	\$60,000
Planning (15%)	\$3,601,800
Administration (5%)	\$1,200,600
TOTAL	\$24,012,000

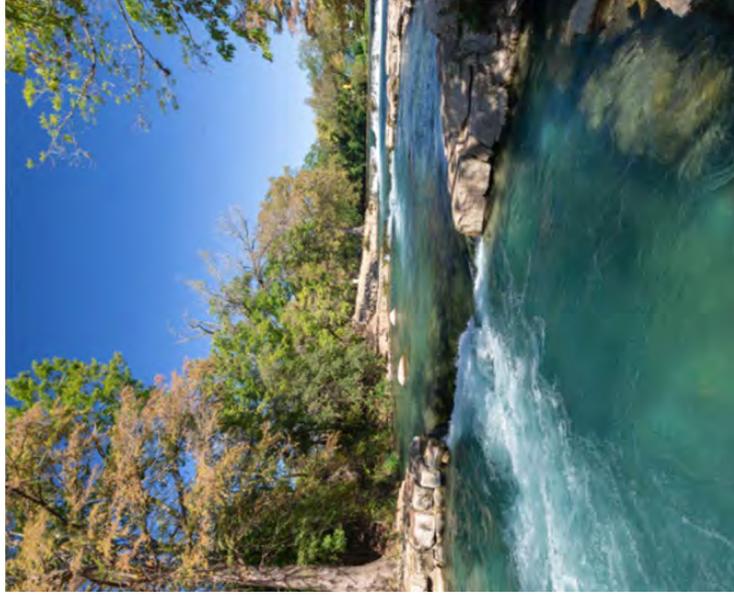
For More Info

City of San Marcos



WEB LINK
www.sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation

HUD Link
www.federalregister.gov



Questions?

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Public Hearing to Receive Comments
 CDBG-DR Disaster Recovery Amendment #9 and CDBG-MIT Mitigation Action Plan
 February 12, 2020, San Marcos Activity Center, 6:00pm

Please Sign In!

Name	Street Address, City, St, Zip	Email Address	Phone Number
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Name	Street Address, City, St, Zip	Email Address	Phone Number
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Lana Wagner	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Mark Gleason	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Rachel Zummo	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Ben Kvanli	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Alice Howard	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Griffin Spell	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
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Comment Period

02/27/20

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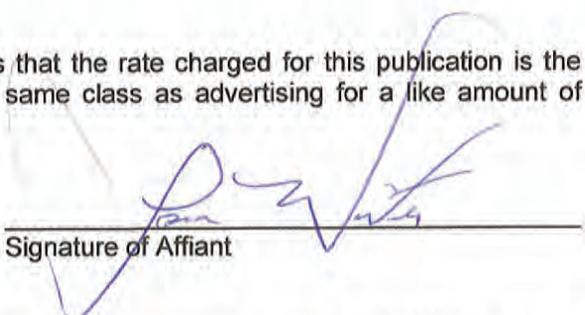
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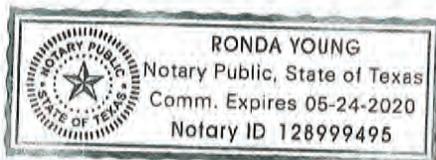
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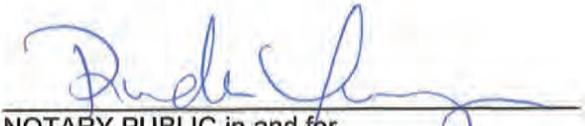
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Signature of Affiant

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PUBLIC NOTICE 2019 CDBG-MIT ACTION PLAN 45-DAY CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

The City of San Marcos Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Action Plan Draft will be available for citizen review/comment beginning January 13, 2020 at 8 a.m. through February 27, 2020 at 5 p.m. Copies of the Action Plan Draft will be available at the San Marcos Public Library and City Hall Lobby. If a copy of the Action Plan is desired it may be requested via an Open Records Request through the City Clerk's office.

The draft will also be placed on the City's website at <https://www.sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation>.

The Action Plan outlines how the City's CDBG-MIT allocation of \$24,012,000 will be used to fund and carry out strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses in areas impacted by recent disasters (the May and October 2015 floods). The Action Plan includes a needs assessment; a description of the funding allocation and prioritization method; discussions of the City's approach to activities, monitoring, citizen participation; and identifies National Objectives and eligible activities/projects.

Comments will be accepted online and in writing. Online comments will be accepted via the form provided on the City's mitigation website referenced above. Written comments may be submitted: (a) in comment boxes located at the San Marcos Public Library (625 East Hopkins) and City Hall Lobby (630 East Hopkins); (b) via e-mail to mitigation@sanmarcostx.gov; or (c) by USPS mail addressed to CDBG-Mitigation, City of San Marcos, 630 E Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666. All written and e-mail comments will be entered into the online tracking system.

A summary of the comments received during the public comment period will be included in the Final Action Plan.

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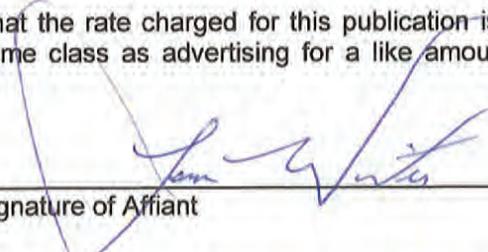
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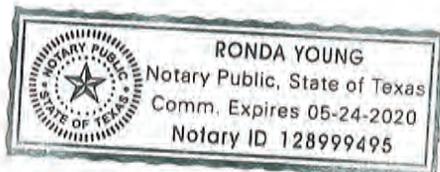
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**AVISO PÚBLICO 2019 CDBG-MIT
PLAN DE ACCIÓN CIUDADANA
PERÍODO DE COMENTARIO
PÚBLICO DE 45 DÍAS**

El borrador del Plan de Acción de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario y Mitigación (CDBG-MIT) de la Ciudad de San Marcos estará disponible para revisión y comentario público empezando el 13 de enero de 2020 a las 8:00 a.m. hasta el 27 de febrero de 2020 a las 5 p.m. Copias del borrador del Plan de Acción estarán disponibles en la Biblioteca Pública de San Marcos y en el lobby del Ayuntamiento. Si desea una copia del Plan de Acción puede solicitarla a través de una solicitud de Registros Abiertos a través de la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal.

El borrador también aparecerá en el sitio web de la Ciudad en: <https://www.sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation>.

El Plan de Acción describe cómo la asignación de \$24,012,000 para CDBG-MIT de la Ciudad será utilizada para financiar y llevar a cabo actividades estratégicas y de alto impacto para mitigar los riesgos de los desastres y reducir las pérdidas futuras en las zonas afectadas por los desastres recientes (inundaciones de mayo y octubre de 2015). El Plan de Acción incluye una evaluación de las necesidades; una descripción del método de priorización y asignación de financiamiento; discusiones en cuanto al planteamiento de actividades, el seguimiento, y la participación ciudadana del municipio; e identificación de los objetivos nacionales y las actividades y proyectos elegibles.

Se aceptarán comentarios en línea y por escrito. Los comentarios en línea serán aceptados a través del formulario facilitado por la ciudad en el sitio web de mitigación mencionado anteriormente. Los comentarios escritos podrán presentarse: a) en las cajas para comentarios situadas en la Biblioteca Pública de San Marcos (625 East Hopkins) y en el lobby del Ayuntamiento (630 East Hopkins); b) por correo electrónico a mitigation@sanmarcostx.gov o (c) por correo USPS dirigido a CDBG-Mitigation, City of San Marcos, 630 E Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666. Todos los comentarios escritos y por e-mail serán introducidos en el sistema de seguimiento en línea.

Un resumen de los comentarios recibidos durante el período de comentario público será incluido en el Plan de Acción Final.

La Ciudad de San Marcos no discrimina por razón de discapacidad en la admisión o acceso a sus servicios, programas o actividades. Las personas que necesitan asistencia y servicios auxiliares para esta reunión deben ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador de ADA de la Ciudad de San Marcos en 512-393-8000 (voz) o llamando al Servicio de Retransmisión de Texas (Texas Relay, o TRS) marcando el 7-1-1. Las solicitudes también pueden enviarse por fax al 512-393-8074 o por correo electrónico a ADArequest@sanmarcostx.gov.

Tammy Cook
Interim Secretaria Municipal

Outreach – Comment Period

The City of San Marcos held a public comment period on the draft CDBG Mitigation Action Plan (“the draft Plan”) from January 13, 2020, through February 27, 2020. The draft Plan was posted on the City’s website for this time period in English and Spanish. A public notice published in English and Spanish in the local newspaper, the San Marcos Daily Record, on January 5, 2020, informed the public where the paper and electronic versions of the document could be found during the comment period, as well as the purpose of the document.

During the comment period, the City also held a public meeting on February 12, 2020, to present information and receive comment on the draft Plan. A translator was present at the meeting. Comments were received in writing on comment cards.

Eight comments were received on comment cards and three comments were received by email.

The draft Plan includes proposed allocations of funding to programs for the following: repetitive loss infrastructure, land preservation, hazard warning system, signs and barricades, planning, and administration.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

Three of the comments were in support of the allocations, particularly repetitive loss infrastructure and land preservation. One comment requested information a project underway as part of disaster recovery efforts.

The other comments provided suggestions for the following specific projects to be funded within the program categories. These suggestions will be considered by staff when making final selections for projects to be funded with CDBG-MIT funds within the programs that have been allocated funding. Staff will consider HUD eligibility, public impact compared to cost, and the need for funding competing priorities when reviewing project suggestions.

Project Suggestions:

Suggestion	Source
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a reimbursement program for bioremediation of soil surrounding single family homes	Citizen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install backflow valves to prevent sewage back up into homes during floods	Citizen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drainage improvements onsite at C.M. Allen Homes <i>(one comment received against this proposal)</i>	Public Housing Authority
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make funds available for updated code adoption (planning)• Broaden the city’s inclusion of funding for building code enforcement to include not only flood hazards but wind hazards as well (repetitive loss infrastructure)• Provide funding for post-disaster damage assessment training	International Code Council

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Require FEMA's minimum standards and appropriate training for plan reviewers and building code enforcers for mitigation projects | |
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Mitigation - Draft Action Plan Comments Received 1/13/20-2/27/20

As for as the CM Allen homes are concerned and the San Marcos. The Housing Authority they have their own federal funding funds. They get millions and millions since the 2015 flood. Why are they requesting more funds from the CDBG – Mitigation Action Plan. Improvements from the San Marcos Housing Authority uses the funds to benefit their own agendas.

The housing authorities submitted a request for funding for drainage at CM Allen. Can funds be expected to be provided? Mitigation reimbursements are established by HUD are met. Repetitive loss, LMI Priority, Drainage project will lessen the risk of future flooding of building and persons.
Document Attached

This is great start, but it has to be done to really understand the ramifications. If we can see how this works it will make it better.

Why is the City leveling out trenches within the city instead of leaving the trenches as they are. (Barrio Pescado, Purgatory)

I would like to suggest that backflow valves (check valves) be installed with mitigation funds. These devices are required by building codes in low lying European Countries. Several neighbors in Blanco Gardens had damage (especially in Oct. 2015) where sewage backed up and exploded with lots of pressure behind it causing sewage damage in their bathrooms. (Sewage even exploded up to their bathroom ceiling.) The devices would prevent sewage damage in homes. I know for a fact that some BG homes that didn't have flood damage experienced sewage damage. The check valves can be installed for less than \$1000 apiece. Citizens could even install these themselves and a rebate program could be used to refund citizens. This way if a flood threatens the neighborhood we could activate the check valves and save our homes from sewage damage.

I'm the bioremediation mom 😊, happy to volunteer to get the word out and in any other way I can to help the project work out. Really wanting to give the power to homeowners to soak up rain. Slow it down, & reduce runoff – healthier soils can reduce floods by 1/15th! Will bring names, contact info, & signatures from the other mom's March 3rd, strength in numbers 😊

We support the current CDBG mitigation action plan and support the “addressing repetitive loss “budget category to be used for the Riverine construction project for Blanco Gardens.

I agree, good ideas, all. The top 2 can be well spent & quickly (& should be!) since we need to buy up spots that can help soak in floodwaters, before that spot is building on or paved. The purchase of land on Purgatory Creek in town is also a good idea as part of the flood mitigation project there.

Document attached: Letter from Public Housing Authority

Document Attached: Letter from ICC

Document Attached: Bioremediation Program Proposal

Soil into Sponges Project Proposal-- San Marcos

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What the report found:

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This is a plea to City Council to please set aside a portion of the CDBG-Disaster funding within the "Land Preservation" category for a Soil into Sponges (SIS) Project. San Marcos Utilities already has a funded program where homeowners get a \$75 max annual rebate when they submit receipts for mulch or compost to improve their soil conditions, the goal being to reduce city water usage/ bills because their lawns won't use as much water to stay healthy. The SIS rebate project would complement this program with further funding through CDBG that can bioremediate entire properties, instead of a small patch. SIS will also complement the Department of Agriculture's existent funding to help SM homeowners cover the cost of native TX grasses to keep yearlong drought-resistant groundcover.

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Griffith, Carol

From: Kristy Money [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Griffith, Carol
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Disaster Recovery Amendment 9 and the MIT Action Plan

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Thank you so much! Please see wording at end of this paragraph on details on how the program might possibly work, I would love to know what you think and would welcome any and all feedback/edits of course, don't hold back! I can turn any edits around within 24 hours, no problem. I have at least 1-2 other mamas who will come with me Feb 12th, thank you for the guidance! More letters of support to come from those that can't make it. Do you think it would be helpful to receive a letter from Elizabeth Arceneaux, an environmental engineer who works for the city? She and I have been talking about bioremediation and new soil to cover the old damaged stuff in our town for about a year in a half now, and she knows her stuff! I have also brought my concerns up in person to both Mark Rocky-Moore and Joca and they were very receptive.

This is a plea to City Council to please set aside a portion of the CDBG-Disaster funding within the "Land Preservation" category to be used toward bioremediation of San Marcos homeowner's properties to prevent future flooding. Bringing in new soil/compost mixes, mulching, and planting native grasses/plants will revive old and contaminated soils helping more excess rainwater to return to the ground rather than running right over the properties and into the city's stormwater systems. Lead in the soil is of particular concern in combination with flooding because, as researchers showed after Hurricane Katrina, lead levels increased by spreading around leaded soils by the floodwaters. 90% of tested San Marcos children (and only 10% of San Marcos children are even tested) were positive for lead exposure, and lead exposure causes irreversible damage to a child's developing brain including lowered IQ, ADHD, behavioral problems, and learning disabilities. Bioremediation has the dual benefit of not only preventing floods in our city, but also lowering lead levels of our children, who cannot advocate for ourselves. We must do it for them.

The particulars of a bioremediation program for homeowners could include \$25,000 set aside for rebates. Homeowners who qualify as low-income (based on what the city uses for CDBG-normal funds), and/or in neighborhoods considered as "blights," can submit receipts to the community development office, which can include costs for supplies like new soil/compost mixes, mulch, and native plants. A volunteer (I am happy to do this) can help homeowners by layering funding sources, helping them also apply for the Department of Agriculture's native grasses program in which the DOA will help them buy native grass seeds at no cost to them. This volunteer will also educate the community through social media, events at the library, and through the San Marcos Cinema Club, on the benefits of bioremediation and the city's offer to help them clean up their soils so that more rainwater can enter the environment and not flood our streets as much as before. Furthermore, bioremediation will have the added benefit of reducing harmful air quality during times of drought, as bare dirt/dead parched lawns kick up a lot of dust and is harmful to residents' lungs, not only of the property owners but of the entire city as the contaminated soil is spread easily by the wind. I am also happy to volunteer my time helping homeowners fill out applications for the rebate program, which can be as simple as filling out an initial application with photos, getting the green light based on income and availability of funds, and then submitting receipts once they complete bioremediation. Target number of properties that undergo bioremediation for the first year of the program are 10-15 homes, with an average of \$2,000 per property spent. I am also happy to put together a 1-page infographic for homeowners on the benefits of bioremediation and particulars of the program that can be handed out all around the city and at meetings, and spread on social media.

On Thu, Feb 6, 2020 at 9:12 AM Griffith, Carol <CGriffith@sanmarcostx.gov> wrote:



February 24, 2020

City of San Marcos
City Hall, 630 East Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666
San Marcos, TX 78666

Via email: mitigation@sanmarcostx.gov

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the International Code Council (the “Code Council”) to provide comments on the City of San Marcos’ CDBG Mitigation Action Plan (CBDG-MIT Plan).

The Code Council is a member-focused non-profit association dedicated to building safety and sustainability and we are proud to count San Marcos among our Governmental Members. The Code Council develops the model building codes, the I-Codes, used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. The I-Codes, including the International Residential Code (IRC), the International Building Code (IBC) and International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) are the most widely used and adopted set of building codes in the U.S. and around the world. Developed through a consensus-based process, the I-Codes incorporate the latest technology and provide the safest, most resilient structures for our families and communities.

We commend the City for the Plan’s attention to flood and other hazard mitigation; however, the Plan is silent about the importance of adopting and broadly applying modern, resilient, building codes as the first and most impactful step towards mitigation. For this reason, our comments focus on the importance of incorporating code adoption and enforcement into San Marcos’ CDBG-MIT Plan implementation. San Marcos should take steps to advance long-term resilience and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property by adopting and applying the most recent editions of the national model codes that address existing natural hazards.

STUDIES SHOW BENEFITS OF MODERN BUILDING CODES AGAINST DISASTERS

Numerous studies confirm that the adoption and implementation of current model building codes is one of the nation’s best defenses against the natural hazards San Marcos’ CDBG-MIT Plan identifies as presenting the greatest risks to the City, including hurricanes, tornadoes, and flooding. For example:

- The 2019 FEMA Mitigation Assessment Team (MAT) report following Hurricane Harvey found that National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations reduced average claim payments by almost half and following modern code requirements reduced the average claim payments by an additional 90%.¹ In addition, the National Institute for Building Sciences’ Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves report found that adhering to current codes’ flood mitigation requirements in the floodplain saves \$6 for every \$1 invested.²

¹ FEMA P-2022, *Mitigation Assessment Team Report: Hurricane Harvey in Texas, Building Performance Observations, Recommendations, and Technical Guidance*, February 2019, See https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/177700?utm_source=gd&utm_medium=ces&utm_campaign=HarveyMAT

² National Institute for Building Sciences, *Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves: 2018 Interim Report*

- The Mitigation Saves 2018 Interim Report also found that designs meeting the 2018 IRC and IBC result in a national benefit of \$11 for every \$1 invested.³
- Although building code adoption alone generates enormous mitigation benefits, code enforcement is equally important. FEMA quantified the cost of Dade County’s inadequate code enforcement as a quarter of the \$16 billion in insured losses from Hurricane Andrew.⁴ Researchers found similar results about 15 years later: that implementing building codes at the local level by ensuring proper staffing, training, and certification provides an additional loss reduction value on the order of 15 to 25 percent.⁵

Several Texas-specific studies reached similar conclusions. The Governor’s Commission to Rebuild Texas, “Eye of the Storm” report established that resilient building codes for all new structures are needed on the Texas coast as outdated building codes and local ordinances contribute to wind and flood damage. The report recommended to the Texas Legislature that “Updating and improving these regulations would make Texas more resilient.”⁶ And the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Hurricane Harvey: Texas at Risk, report states, “The evidence from numerous studies and interviews with local officials proves irrefutably that properly written and rigorously enforced disaster-focused building codes significantly reduce wind and flooding damage caused by hurricanes.”⁷

Recognizing the life safety and mitigation benefits that current building codes provide for communities, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’ (HUD) has both required applicants for disaster recovery funding commit to adopt resilient codes and made available significant sums for codes’ adoption and implementation. For the past seven years, and across multiple allocations, HUD has required Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) applicants demonstrate in their action plans how they will support the adoption of resilient building codes.⁸

HUD’s CDBG-MIT funding notice states that “through this allocation for mitigation,” HUD seeks to “support the adoption” of the “latest edition of the published disaster-resistant building codes and standards (to include wildland urban interface, flood and all hazards, ASCE-24, and ASCE-7 respectively).” As such, “[g]rantees are encouraged to propose an allocation of CDBG-MIT funds for building code development and implementation, land use planning and/or hazard mitigation planning activities that may include but need not be limited to: (a) The development and implementation of modern and resilient building codes consistent with an identified model or

³ National Institute for Building Sciences, Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves: 2018 Interim Report

⁴ Burby, R., *Hurricane Katrina and the paradoxes of government disaster policy: Bringing about wise governmental decisions for hazardous areas* (2006) citing *FEMA Building Performance Assessment Team, Preliminary Report in Response to Hurricane Andrew, Dade County, Florida* (1992).

⁵ Czajkowski, J. et. al., *Demonstrating the Intensive Benefit to the Local Implementation of a Statewide Building Code* (2017).

⁶ Eye of the Storm, Report of the Governor’s Commission to Rebuild Texas, Chapter 7 – Building a More Resilient Texas, Pages 115-116, https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/RebuildTexasHurricaneHarveyEyeOfTheStorm_12132018.pdf

⁷ Andrew Natsios, “Hurricane Harvey: Texas at Risk,” Texas General Land Office, George P. Bush, Commissioner, August 2018, Pages 25-29; See <http://www.glo.texas.gov/recovery/files/texas-at-risk-report.pdf>.

⁸ HUD, Allocations, Common Application, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for 2017 Disaster Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grantees, 83 Fed. Reg. 5844, (Feb. 9, 2018); Notice of National Disaster Resilience Competition Grant Requirements, 81 Fed. Reg. 36,557 (June 7, 2016); Allocations, Common Application, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for Grantees Receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds in Response to Hurricane Sandy, 78 Fed. Reg. 14,329 (Mar. 5, 2013).

standard, such as ASCE 24 and ASCE 7 as may be applicable, in order to mitigate against current and future hazards.”⁹

FEMA has similarly prioritized code adoption and enforcement, concluding in its most recent five-year strategic plan that current building code adoption and enforcement are two of the most effective mitigation measures a jurisdiction can undertake by stating: “[d]isaster resilience starts with building codes, because they enhance public safety and property protection.”¹⁰ In the Plan’s very first objective, FEMA highlighted the importance of the Agency’s “advocate[ing] for the adoption and enforcement of modern building and property codes.”¹¹

In August of 2019, the Mitigation Framework Leadership Group (MitFLG)—chaired by FEMA and made up of another 13 federal agencies and departments as well as state, tribal, and local officials— released the National Mitigation Investment Strategy (NMIS). The Strategy makes several recommendations concerning the use, enforcement, and adoption of building codes: “[a]rchitects, engineers, builders, and regulators should use the latest building codes for the most up-to-date requirements for structural integrity, mechanical integrity, fire prevention, and energy conservation,” “trained, certified professionals [should] handle building inspections and code administration,” and “[u]p-to-date building codes and standard criteria should be required in federal and state grants and programs.”¹²

Lastly, FEMA’s “Required Minimum Standards” for all FEMA funded construction require the latest I-Codes.¹³ For post-disaster recovery, FEMA requires construction meet the latest editions of the IBC, IRC, IECC, International Existing Building Code (IEBC), International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC), International Plumbing Code (IPC), International Mechanical Code (IMC), International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), International Fire Code (IFC), ICC 500-14, ICC/NSSA Standard on the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters; ICC 600-14, and the Standard for Residential Construction in High-wind Regions.¹⁴ The Agency has deemed adherence to the current versions of these codes to be so important that it will not fund rebuilding of public facilities post-disaster if that construction deviates.

THE BENEFITS OF CODE ADOPTION FOR SAN MARCOS

Unfortunate events like the May and October 2015 floods¹⁵ have shown the need for San Marcos to become better prepared to take mitigating steps to build stronger for the future. As demonstrated above, adopting current codes is one of the most effective means to do so.

San Marcos has adopted the 2015 editions of the IBC, IRC, IPC, IMC, IFGC, IFC, IEBC, the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) and the 2009 edition of the IECC.¹⁶ The 2018 editions of these codes include numerous provisions that mitigate the hazards San Marcos has identified as presenting the greatest risk to the

⁹ HUD, Allocations, Common Application, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Grantees, 84 Fed. Reg. 45,838 (Aug. 30, 2019).

¹⁰ FEMA’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan (2018)

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² Mitigation Framework Leadership Group, *National Mitigation Investment Strategy* (Aug. 2019).

¹³ FEMA Policy 204-078-2.

¹⁴ FEMA Recovery Interim Policy FP- 104-009-11 Version 2.

¹⁵ See http://sanmarcostx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16506/CDBGMIT_COSMAActionPlan_20200109---Final

¹⁶ See <https://www.sanmarcostx.gov/1012/Building-Codes>; See also https://library.municode.com/tx/san_marcos/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=SPAGEOR_CH14BUBURE; See also <file:///C:/Users/ksadler/Downloads/Ordinance%20No.%202015-21.pdf>

City. For this reason, we'd strongly encourage San Marcos to consider facilitating their adoption through its CDBG-MIT allocation.

For example, updating to the 2018 IRC will require strengthened header support for high wind regions and improved flood safety provisions for stairways, ramps, and decks.

Updating to the 2018 IBC will also require structural observation for high rise and critical buildings to ensure that complex, critical design elements are reviewed and done to exact specifications.

Updating to the 2018 IFC will require retroactive installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems for high rise buildings; provisions to ensure fire service and occupant evacuation elevators are able to continue to function and serve their intended purposes in an emergency; evacuation plans for factory/industrial buildings and additional crowd managers for larger events; and provision to ensure water from automatic sprinklers is prevented from entering into fire service and occupant elevators.

Finally, updating to the 2018 IECC will boost building energy efficiency, ensuring that buildings can be conditioned using less energy, which means that they can also be habitable for longer periods of time after loss of power in both hot and cold exterior conditions.¹⁷

SAN MARCOS CDBG-MIT PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations urge the City to recognize as eligible for funding within the CDBG-MIT Action Plan, the adoption of building codes that update San Marcos' existing codes and improved code enforcement. These recommendations also encourage San Marcos to require FEMA's Minimum Standards as construction standards for mitigation projects and to require appropriate training and certifications for officials supporting those projects. Finally, our recommendations suggest funding for post-disaster damage assessment training.

The City's Plan Should Make Funds Available for Updated Code Adoption

The CBDG-MIT Plan sites "building codes improvements" as part of San Marcos' "past" mitigation action prior to 2017.¹⁸

In addition, the CBDG-MIT plan includes an "incomplete" goal for the "adoption of building structural engineering reviews." This goal is described as an "Ordinance update to require any public facility building plan be structurally reviewed and enforce highest possible building code levels that increase resiliency against natural hazard."¹⁹ Although the report states that "This enhancement to existing permitting and review processes is an action that would save the community from potential losses related to hazards that affect critical facilities and infrastructure that all citizens depend upon for services," this goal has not been completed by the City as of 2017.

¹⁷ Leigh, R., J. Kleinberg, C. Scheib, R. Unger, N. Kienzl, M. Esposito, E. Hagen, and M. Tillou. *Leaks and Lives: Better Envelopes Make Blackouts Less Dangerous*. ACEEE Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings. 2014; See <https://aceee.org/files/proceedings/2014/data/papers/1-439.pdf>.

¹⁸ See Section 4.2 Past Mitigation Action Progress Reports Summary - Completed and Canceled, Page 39,

http://sanmarcostx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16506/CDBGMIT_COSMAActionPlan_20200109---Final

¹⁹ See Page 39, http://sanmarcostx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16506/CDBGMIT_COSMAActionPlan_20200109---Final

The Code Council supports the City’s ongoing work to consider updating its codes. However, we respectfully believe the City should commit, through its Plan, to updating its building codes, and leave itself the option of leveraging CDBG-MIT funding to do so through a designated percentage in its “Planning” Funds allocation.

The City Plan Should Specify the Availability of Funds for Improved Code Enforcement

Building code application is most commonly measured through a community’s Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) score, an evaluation conducted by ISO, an analytics provider for the property/casualty insurance industry. BCEGS scores evaluate communities on staffing to permitting load, training, continuing education, and certification. Better BCEGS scores (i.e., lower scores out of 10) typically translate into lower insurance premiums for communities.

The Code Council supports San Marcos’ CDBG-MIT Plan to include code enforcement activities under its proposed allocation for “Repetitive Loss Infrastructure.”²⁰ We also suggest broadening the availability of enforcement funding beyond flood hazards given improved code compliance has been proven to increase loss avoidance from wind hazards, and given, per ISO, improved enforcement can lead to insurance savings.

The City’s Plan Should Provide Funding for Post-Disaster Damage Assessment Training

We recommend the City partner with the Code Council and the Building Officials Association of Texas (BOAT) to promote and alert communities about post disaster damage assessment training programs and to provide funding for these programs. After a disaster, an affected community is often left on its own to struggle with assessing its damage and determining whether structures can be re-inhabited. Local government officials may not be instructed on how to perform rapid safety evaluations or what data to collect. When assessments are not conducted quickly, a community’s residents may potentially reoccupy unsafe structures. Effective post-disaster building damage assessment can minimize the possibility for additional bodily injury by advising residents and aiding providers of eminent hazards at specific locations.

To this end, we recommend the City promote participation in existing post-disaster damage assessment training programs like the “When Disaster Strikes Institute.”²¹ This institute provides hands-on instruction on assessing damage through activities, case studies and interactive simulations that walk participants through various disaster scenarios. The institute stimulates discussion between participants and describes how paperwork should be completed. Participants learn techniques on how to become a properly trained second responder and, on completion, can be relied on to assist with performing post-disaster building assessments.²²

The City Should Require FEMA’s Minimum Standards and Appropriate Training for Mitigation Projects

The CDBG-MIT Plan provides a large allocation to flood mitigation projects; however, as discussed above, San Marcos’ adopted codes do not incorporate the latest hazard resistant design (not only for flood, but also for high

²⁰ See Page 48, file:///C:/Users/ksadler/Documents/CDBG/Texas/San%20Marcos/Page%20111%20CDBGMIT_COSMAActionPlan_20200109%20-%20Final.pdf

²¹ See https://learn.iccsafe.org/ihtml/application/student/interface.icc/index.htm?course_id=34141; See also https://learn.iccsafe.org/ihtml/application/student/interface.icc/index.htm?course_id=34141

²² See https://learn.iccsafe.org/ihtml/application/student/interface.icc/index.htm?course_id=34141

wind events). For this reason, the Code Council recommends San Marcos require adherence to the codes specified in FEMA’s Minimum Standards for public assistance funding to the construction projects proposed in its Plan. Utilizing the 2018 I-Code editions, as required by FEMA’s Minimum Standards, aligns with FEMA’s position on the adoption of current codes and the Agency’s prioritization in grant allocation:

“FEMA supports the adoption and use of the latest published editions of the I-Codes as a minimum standard for hazard resistance, including flood hazards, high winds, and earthquake hazards. FEMA encourages states and communities to adopt the most recent edition of the I-Codes to ensure enforcement of the latest hazard-resistant provisions. This will increase safety and reduce financial losses for individuals, supporting more rapid recovery after disasters. For the purposes of evaluating whether a community is deemed hazard-resistant, FEMA considers the two latest published editions of the I-Codes to be adequate. Additionally, new federal law and emerging policies tie some pre- and post-disaster federal assistance to the latest editions of codes and standards.”²³

Given the importance of proper code implementation, the Code Council also recommends that, consistent with the National Mitigation Investment Strategy, the City require appropriate certification and training of plan reviewers and code enforcement officials on the CBDG-MIT construction projects. We also recommend that third party, non-public entity training resources should be utilized to facilitate the highest possible level of compliance with the relevant building codes.

SUMMARY

We believe it is crucial for the CBDG-MIT Plan to support efforts to enhance San Marcos’ building codes and their enforcement. Studies prove that the adoption and enforcement of up-to-date building codes increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property.

Sincerely,

Kelly D. Sadler

Kelly D. Sadler, J.D.
International Code Council, Government Relations Manager, TX

²³ ICC & FEMA, Reducing Flood Losses Through the International Codes (Oct. 2019).

Public Comments
CDBG-MIT Activities
02/12/2020

The City of San Marcos CDBG-MIT Action Plan as adopted by the City meets HUD requirements which represent a unique and significant opportunity to carry out strategic and high impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses. (P.5 of the Action Plan)

Use of Funds

P. 46 of the Action Plan states that funding is allocated for infrastructure programs to lessen the risk of flooding in buildings with the ultimate goal of removing people and property from harm's way.

LMI Priority

P. 47 – states that projects which would benefit LMI neighborhood should be considered a priority.

CDBG-MIT Activities

P. 48 – The Repetitive Loss Infrastructure program provides a strategy to improve the City's drainage program systems and reduce the risk of potential future flooding in neighborhoods and home.

The residents of C.M. Allen were twice flooded in ~~2015~~²⁰¹⁵. In May of 2015 – 100% of the residents were evacuated and all units were impacted and required repairs to all units. This property meets the criteria as defined by HUD and stated in the City as CDBG-MIT Action Plan.

On April 1, 2019 we requested funding to alleviate flooding of C.M. Allen Homes by the construction of drainage improvements from the CDBG-DR funds but we did not succeed.

On January 1, 2020 we again requested funds for the same reasons and today we are verbally stating the need for drainage improvements at C.M. Allen Homes.



Albert Sierra
Administrative Assistant

HOUSING AUTHORITY

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01/01/2020

Bert Lumbreras
City Manager
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San Marcos, TX 78666

Dear Mr. Lumbreras,

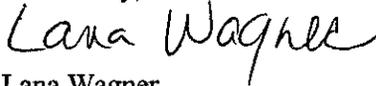
In anticipation that the City of San Marcos will prepare and submit an action plan to determine how the funds received through the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Grant, the San Marcos Housing Authority is requesting your consideration for the use of these funds to facilitate and improve drainage at C.M. Allen Homes.

Drainage improvements within the site would greatly minimize any future flooding of C.M. Allen Homes. Families residing at this property are families who can least afford to be displaced. In the floods that occurred in 2015, 100% of the families were forced to evacuate. It is our projections that about 1770 lineal feet of a 24" pipe system would minimize any future flooding.

The construction of the drainage system along Vanessa Street is estimated to cost approximately \$600,000.

Your consideration for the construction by the City of this drainage system would offer relief from future floods.

Yours truly,



Lana Wagner
Executive Director

CC: Shannon Mattingly
Michael Ostrowski
Mayor Jane Hughson



Public Hearing 2 and
City Council Approval

03/03/20

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-49R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS ADOPTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION (“CDBG-MIT”) ACTION PLAN THAT PROVIDES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF \$24,012,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ACT AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY IN MATTERS RELATED TO THE CDBG-MIT PROGRAM AND ACTION PLAN; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

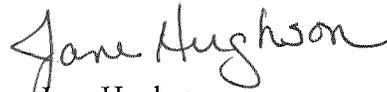
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:

PART 1. The allocation of Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (“CDBG-MIT”) funds in the amount of \$24,012,000 as set forth in Exhibit A, is approved.

PART 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to act as the official representative of the City in matters related to the CDBG-MIT Program and Action Plan.

PART 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED on March 3, 2020.


Jane Hughson
Mayor

Attest:


Tammy K. Cook
Interim City Clerk

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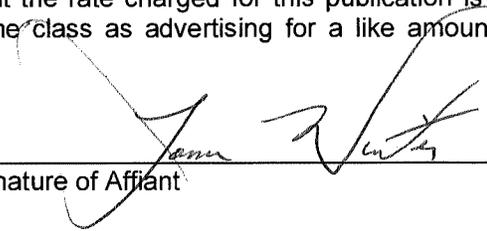
Before me, the undersigned authority, holding the office of Notary Public in and for Hays County, Texas, personally appeared Lance Winter, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:

My name is Lance Winter, and I am the Publisher, of the San Marcos Daily Record, a newspaper of general circulation in Hays County and Caldwell County, Texas, and a newspaper which has been regularly and continuously published in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas, for a period of more than one year immediately preceding the date of publications of the following, and that the said notice, a copy of which follows, was published in the regular edition of said newspaper for a period of

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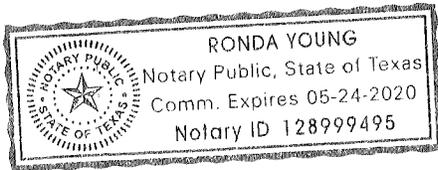
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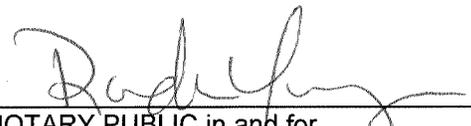
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Signature of Affiant

Subscribed and Sworn to me, by the said Publisher Lance Winter this 16th day of February, 2020 to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.





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**PUBLIC NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD –
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – MITIGATION
ACTION PLAN**

The City Council of the City of San Marcos, Texas, will hold a public hearing at the City Council meeting that begins at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the Council Chambers at City Hall (630 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666) to accept citizen comments on the draft City of San Marcos Action Plan for \$24,012,000 in Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation funds ("the draft Action Plan").

The draft Action Plan is currently available for public comment for 45 days. The public comment period began on January 13, 2020 and will end at 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2020.

Copies of the draft Action Plan are available at the San Marcos Public Library (625 East Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666) and City Hall Lobby (630 East Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666). If a copy of the draft Action Plan is desired it may be requested via an Open Records Request through the City Clerk's office.

The document is also available on the City's website at <http://sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation>.

The draft Action Plan outlines how the City's CDBG-MIT allocation of \$24,012,000 will be used to fund and carry out strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses in areas impacted by recent disasters (the May and October 2015 floods). The draft Action Plan includes a needs assessment; a description of the funding allocation and prioritization method; and discussions of the City's approach to activities, monitoring, citizen participation; and it identifies National Objectives and eligible activities/projects.

Comments will be accepted online and in writing. Online comments will be accepted via the form provided on the City's mitigation website referenced above. Written comments may be submitted: (a) in comment boxes located at the San Marcos Public Library (625 East Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666) and City Hall Lobby (630 East Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666); (b) via e-mail to mitigation@sanmarcostx.gov; or (c) by USPS mail addressed to Mitigation, City of San Marcos, 630 E Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666. All written and e-mail comments will be entered into the online tracking system.

After the public comment period ends the City will respond to each comment on the draft Action Plan. A summary of the comments received during the public comment period will be included in the Final Action Plan. The Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

The City of San Marcos does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to its services, programs, or activities. Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for this meeting should contact the City of San Marcos ADA Coordinator at 512-393-8000 (voice) or call Texas Relay Service (TRS) by dialing 7-1-1. Requests can also be faxed to 512-393-8074 or sent by e-mail to ADArequest@sanmarcostx.gov

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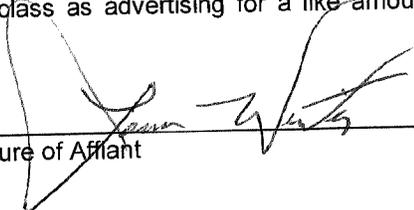
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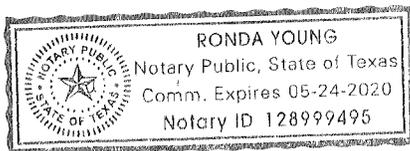
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NOTICIA PÚBLICA- AUDIENCIA A REALIZARSE - EL PLAN DE ACCIÓN DE MITIGACIÓN DE SUBVENCIONES EN BLOQUE PARA EL DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO

El Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de San Marcos, Texas, llevará a cabo una audiencia pública en la reunión del Consejo Municipal que comienza a las 6:00 p.m. el Martes 3 de Marzo del 2020 en las Cámaras del Consejo en el Ayuntamiento (630 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666) para aceptar comentarios de los ciudadanos sobre el borrador del Plan de Acción de la Ciudad de San Marcos por \$24,012,000 en Subsidio de Desarrollo Comunitario - Fondos de mitigación ("El borrador del Plan de Acción"). El borrador del Plan de Acción está actualmente disponible para comentarios públicos durante 45 días. El periodo de comentarios públicos comenzó el 13 de Enero de 2020 y finalizará a las 5:00 p.m. el 27 de Febrero de 2020.

Los copias del borrador del Plan de Acción están disponibles en la Biblioteca Pública de San Marcos (625 East Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666) y en el vestíbulo del ayuntamiento (630 East Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666). Si se desea una copia del borrador del Plan de Acción, se puede solicitar a través de una solicitud de registros abiertos a través de la oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad.

El borrador también aparecerá en el sitio web de la Ciudad en: <http://sanmarcos.tx.gov/mitigation>

El Plan de Acción describe cómo la asignación de \$24,012,000 para CDBG-MIT de la Ciudad será utilizada para financiar y llevar a cabo actividades estratégicas y de alto impacto para mitigar los riesgos de los desastres y reducir las pérdidas firmes en las zonas afectadas por los desastres recientes (inundaciones de mayo y octubre de 2015). El Plan de Acción incluye una evaluación de las necesidades; una descripción del método de priorización y asignación de financiamiento; discusiones en cuanto al planteamiento de actividades, el seguimiento, y la participación ciudadana del municipio; e identificación de los objetivos nacionales y las actividades y proyectos elegibles.

Se aceptarán comentarios en línea y por escrito. Los comentarios en línea serán recogidos a través del formulario facilitado por la ciudad en el sitio web de mitigación mencionado anteriormente. Los comentarios escritos podrán presentarse: a) en las cajas para comentarios situadas en la Biblioteca Pública de San Marcos (625 East Hopkins) y en el lobby del Ayuntamiento (630 East Hopkins); b) por correo electrónico a mitigation@sanmarcostx.gov o (c) por correo USPS dirigido a CDBG-Mitigation, City of San Marcos, 630 E Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666. Todos los comentarios escritos y por e-mail serán introducidos en el sistema de seguimiento en línea.

Después del comentario público el periodo de comentarios finaliza los ciudad responderá a cada comentario sobre el Proyecto de Plan de Acción. Se incluirá un resumen de los comentarios recibidos durante el periodo de comentarios públicos en el Plan de Acción Final. El Plan de Acción se presentará al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) para su aprobación.

La Ciudad de San Marcos no discrimina por razón de discapacidad en la admisión o acceso a sus servicios, programas o actividades. Las personas que necesitan asistencia y servicios auxiliares para esta reunión deben ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador de ADA de la Ciudad de San Marcos en 512-393-8000 (voz) o llamando al Servicio de Retransmisión de Texas (Texas Relay, o TRS) marcado el 7-1-1. Las solicitudes también pueden enviarse por fax al 512-393-8074 o por correo electrónico a ADArequest@sanmarcostx.gov

Tammy Cook, Secretaria Municipal



Legislation Text

File #: Res. 2020-49R, Version: 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a Staff presentation and hold a Public Hearing to receive comments for or against Resolution 2020-49R, adopting the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (“CDBG-MIT”) Action Plan that provides for the allocation of the \$24,012,000 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to act as the Official Representative of the City in matters related to the CDBG-MIT Program and Action Plan, and declaring an effective date; and consider approval of Resolution 2020-48R.

Meeting date: March 3, 2020

Department: Planning and Development Services

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Account Number: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Funds Available: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Account Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Sustainability

[Choose an item.](#)

[Choose an item.](#)

Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

Economic Development - [Choose an item.](#)

Environment & Resource Protection - Population Prepared for and resilient to Man-Made & Natural Disasters

Land Use - [Choose an item.](#)

- Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- Transportation - Choose an item.
- Core Services
- Not Applicable

Master Plan: [Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]

Choose an item.

Background Information:

On December 17, 2019, the City Council held a public hearing to receive comments and provided direction to staff to continue forward through the CDBG-MIT Action Plan approval process.

Federal Register Notice 6109-N-02 provides HUD’s requirement that the City submit an Action Plan prioritizing the use of a new allocation of \$24,012,000 to the City of San Marcos for hazard mitigation and preparedness.

City staff provided the opportunity for public comment on priorities for the funding through a survey open October 18-31, 2019, and a Town Hall Meeting October 29, 2019. Comments received by the public and from the City Council were incorporated into a draft Action Plan. The draft was posted [online <http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/3017/Action-Plan>](http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/3017/Action-Plan) for comment January 13, 2010-February 27, 2020, and a public meeting regarding the document was held February 12, 2020.

The Action Plan includes a risk-based mitigation Needs Assessment derived from the 2018 City of San Marcos / Hays County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Needs Assessment identifies and analyzes all significant current and future disaster risks and provides a basis for the proposed CDBG-MIT activities. As determined through the mitigation needs assessment and public input, CDBG-MIT activities will focus on decreasing the risks associated with flooding in San Marcos through multiple initiatives.

Based on public comments and staff analysis, the priorities proposed for the funding are as follows:

Addressing Repetitive Loss	\$16,000,000
Preservation of Land	\$2,849,600
Warning Systems	\$300,000
Signs & Barricades	\$60,000
Planning (15%)	\$3,601,800
Administration (5%)	\$1,200,600
TOTAL	\$24,012,000

Public comments and City responses are attached, as is a presentation.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Alternatives:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Recommendation:

City staff recommends approval of the resolution.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

CDBG-Mitigation Action Plan Public Hearing and Request for Approval

Staff Presentation
Background and Process
Proposed Budget
Funding Categories
Public Hearing
Council Discussion and Action



The Basics

Federal Register Notice
Published: August 30, 2019

San Marcos Allocation:
\$24,012,000

Action Plan Due:
April 3, 2020

Federal Definition of Mitigation Activities:

Those activities that

- increase resilience to disasters and
- reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

84 FR 45838

Dictionary Definition of Mitigation:

Mitigate: to make less severe

ACTION PLAN

Risk-Based Mitigation Needs Assessment
Hazard Mitigation Plan informs needs assessment

Promote local & regional long-term planning

Promote coordination and leveraging of funds

Promote natural infrastructure

THE RULES

At least 50% of funds must address mitigation needs within the city limits of San Marcos.

May expend funds outside of city limits if demonstrate how funds will benefit the city.

50% of allocation must be spent in 6 years.
100% of allocation must be spent in 12 years.

50% of all CDBG-MIT funds must benefit low-to-moderate income persons.

Planning Funds:
Maximum 15% of total grant.

Action Plan Development

Aug. 30, 2019



Federal Register
Notice

Oct.-Dec. 2019



Stakeholder
Outreach

Dec. 2019



City Action Plan
Development

Dec. 2019



Translate to
Spanish

Jan.-Feb. 2020



45-Day Public
Comment
Period

Feb. 2020



Respond &
Incorporate
Comments

April 3, 2020



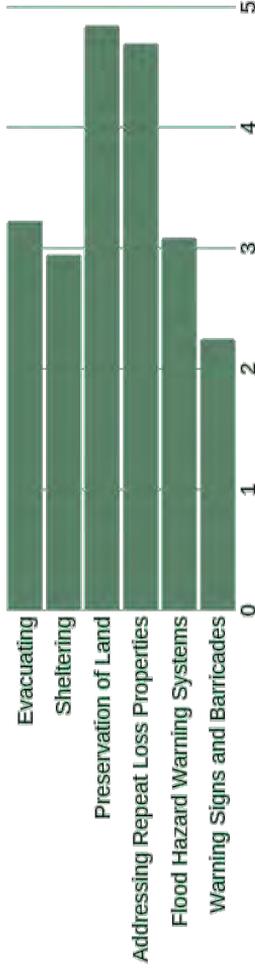
Submit Action
Plan to HUD



Mitigation Survey *Report*

Mitigation Actions

Respondents were asked to rank the potential mitigation activities from 1-6 According to their priorities. (1-Most Important; 6-Least Important)



CATEGORIES



SHELTERING

EVACUATING

PRESERVING

ADDRESSING REPETITIVE LOSS

WARNING SYSTEMS

SIGNS & BARRICADES



Addressing Repetitive Loss

Managing Repeat Loss Properties:

Drainage improvements to properties that have been flooded multiple times.

Construction of public improvements can benefit multiple properties/neighborhoods.

Preserving

Establishing Land Banks: Preservation of land in strategic upland and floodplain areas to mitigate flooding.

Land can be used for storage/infiltration of flood waters and the reduction of impervious cover.



Warning Systems

Improve flood and hazard warning systems: Increasing number of gauges, installing and improving hazard sirens, and improved modeling capability through mapping.

Provides accurate, timely information to the public prior to and during a disaster.

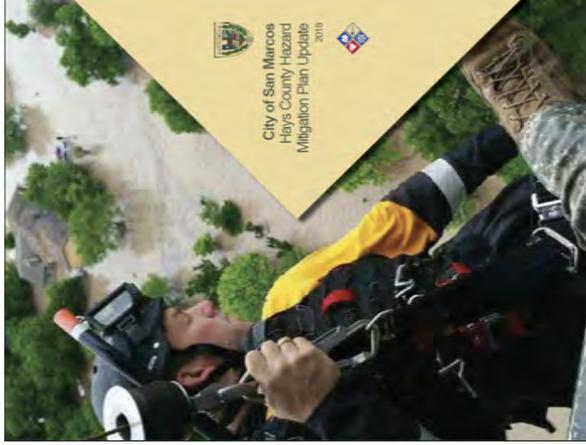




Signs & Barricades

Increase number of warning signs and barricades at low water crossings:

This improves safety and protects lives during a disaster.



Planning

Some possible uses:

- Create engineering designs to lessen the risk of flooding
- Plan for first responder and traffic coordination of evacuations
- Obtain data for use in comprehensive planning

Planning ensures the most effective use of funds.



Administration

Pay for staff and other costs to implement the programs and oversee projects:
Oversight keeps projects moving and ensures federal compliance.

Draft Action Plan Public Comment Period Jan 13 – Feb 27

Including a Public Meeting Feb 12

11 Comments Received:

- 3 in support, especially for repetitive loss infrastructure and land preservation
- 8 proposing specific projects within the categories in the Action Plan, which are under staff review

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For More Info

City of San Marcos



WEB LINK

www.sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation

HUD Link

www.federalregister.gov

CDBG-Mitigation Action Plan Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council approve a Resolution adopting the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Action Plan that provides for the allocation of the \$24,012,000 to be awarded by HUD to the City of San Marcos, authorizing the City Manager to act as the Official Representative of the City in matters related to the CDBG-MIT Program and Action Plan, and declaring an effective date