

State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery County Method of Distribution Form

1. Summary Information:

COG Region:

County Name: Harris	Principal Contact: David B. Turkel E-mail: david.turkel@csd.hctx.net	Phone: 713-578-2000
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County Allocation: Total Funding Available for All Activities

\$ 140,693,071

Housing Total:	\$	56,277,228	40	%
			+	
Non-housing Total:	\$	84,415,843	60	%
			= 100%	

Affordable Rental Subtotal: \$

2. Citizen Participation Narrative:

Describe how the County solicited and considered citizen input (attach agendas, sign in sheets, and summaries of each comment received) in determining the method of distribution and allocations.

Describe the citizen participation process:
 Beginning just after the storm, the county in conjunction with its local cities completed an report assessing the hurricane damages to housing, infrastructure, facilities, economy, and the social service network. The Harris County Damage Assessment was the product of two community meetings (December 18, 2008 and February 5, 2009), 22 city focus groups and presented to the County Commissioners Court on February 10, 2009. Once H-GAC published its MOD, Harris County used the information collected in the assessment report to determine its own MOD. The County's MOD was transmitted to the local small cities for comment was on March 6, 2009 and to the County Commissioners Court on March 10, 2009. After city and court comments and revisions were made, the MOD was published to the CSD website on March 12, 2009 where it was available for public comments until May 5, 2009. A public hearing was held on May 5, 2009 at the Harris County offices at 1001 Preston, Houston, Texas at 10:00 am. The county published a public notice of the MOD and public hearing in the Houston Chronicle (local newspaper) and to the CSD website on April 30, 2009. Email of the notice of the MOD and public hearing was emailed to ORCA and TDHCA representatives, eligible cities and other entities on April 30, 2009. (See attachments)

Public Hearing: One Public Hearing Required

Date: 5/5/09 Location: 1001 Preston, Houston, Texas Summary of Comments Attached

Sign-In Attached

Required Notifications: Newspaper Notice

(Check all completed) County Website

Notice to eligible applicants

3. Long-Term Planning & Recovery:

Provide a brief explanation of how the county's method of distribution fosters long-term community recovery that is forward-looking and focused on permanent restoration of infrastructure, housing, and the local economy. *(If available, additional documentation such as planning documents considered, reports reviewed and other documents used may be referenced.)*

On September 13, 2008, Hurricane Ike made landfall along the upper Texas gulf coast. Hurricane Ike was the third most destructive hurricane to ever make landfall in the United States and the third costliest U.S. hurricane of all time. Since this date, Harris County and her small cities have admirably provided quick responses in the recovery and rebuilding efforts. The urgency in the response and rebuilding after a hurricane must be balanced with informed decisions. To this effort, Harris County with the cooperation of its small cities, Authorities, Social and Healthcare networks, Transportation providers, and emergency management networks developed a comprehensive damage assessment of Harris County. This assessment serves as a resource to further refine and direct the county's recovery efforts to meet the needs of our residents and further prepares Harris County communities for the planning and implementation of short and long-term recovery efforts.

This report was prepared with the input of the county's small cities, County's Commissioners Court, county and city departments, non-profit organizations, healthcare and mental health providers, economic development organizations, educational providers, housing providers, FEMA, and other emergency and recovery networks. The county used focus group leaders in the fields of housing, infrastructure, economic development, social services, health services, workforce development, transportation, and navigation and waterways to survey and interview those affected by the storm and recovery providers. Samples of meeting notices, survey instruments, and focus group leaders as well as a copy of the Assessment Report have been attached to this document. Once H-GAC published its MOD, Harris County used the information collected in the Assessment Report to determine its own MOD.

4. Method of Distribution Between Housing & Non-Housing Funds:

Describe the process used in the method of distribution between housing and non-housing activities for the county, if applicable.

Describe the method of distribution:

The percentages for the county's housing and non-housing allocation were published in H-GAC's MOD.

Of the approximately \$140 million, 40% or \$56,277,228 will be for a housing program and 60% or \$84,415,843 will be for non-housing activities (infrastructure and economic development). These percentages were based on the total damage figures presented in the Harris County Damage Assessment report.

5. Method of Distribution Detail:

Activity subtotals for the Housing and Non-Housing must be identified in the Method of Distribution Detail Worksheet.

Method of Distribution Detail Worksheet Attached *(Excel document)*

NON-HOUSING

For non-housing funds, the distribution process must be done in an objective manner using verifiable data.

Indicate which method best describes the county’s process:

Allocation recommendation: **direct allocation** to each eligible entity. Cities, eligible entities and corresponding amounts must be identified in the Method of Distribution Detail Worksheet. Factors considered in the allocation process, such as FEMA damage estimates, local distress factors, economic impacts, storm surge, wind speed, etc. must be identified and submitted to ORCA.
(Attach additional pages to detail recommendation for allocation by community / activity.)

Distribution Factor

Verifiable Data

Distribution factor: FEMA damage estimates	Name of verifiable data source: FEMA
Distribution factor: Local distress factors	Name of verifiable data source: HC Damage Assessment
Distribution factor: Economic Impact	Name of verifiable data source: HC Damage Assessment
Distribution factor: Storm surge	Name of verifiable data source: HC Flood Control District

Allocation recommendation: **competitive process**. If competitive, smart-growth and green building incentives are encouraged as part of the process. Guidelines proposed to be used for the competitive process must be submitted to ORCA for approval before the competition is conducted.

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Combination of direct allocation and competitive process. Applicable cities/ eligible entities and corresponding amounts must be identified. Guidelines proposed to be used for the competitive process must be submitted to ORCA for approval before the competition is conducted.

Identify the distribution factors and verifiable data sources used in the corresponding areas above: list factors used for the competitive process in the **competitive process** section, and factors used for direct allocation in the **direct allocation** section.

HOUSING

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6. Signatory Authority:

Typed Name of Authorized Representative: David B. Turkel

Title: Director of Harris County Community Services Department

Telephone Number: 713-578-2000

Date: May 5, 2009

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____