



CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING - 2024 DISASTERS (DR-24)

Draft Action Plan for Disaster Recovery - 2024 Derecho and Hurricane Beryl

June 10, 2025



The City of Houston | Housing and Community Development Department | Disaster Recovery 2024 Derecho and Hurricane Beryl



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Director's Opening Remarks
- Presentation
- Public Hearing
- Q & A Segment
- Closing Remarks



Speakers



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Administrative Coordinator



Michael C. Nichols
Director



Alan Isa
Staff Analyst



DIRECTOR'S OPENING REMARKS



Allocation Background

The 2024 Derecho and Hurricane Beryl exposed existing challenges that informed the City's approach to preparing for disaster events and reducing this risk for all residents. In the City's assessment of disaster response deficiencies following these disasters, it became evident that the City must strengthen its capacity.

Critical capability gaps identified include:

- Emergency power generation to support critical public facilities
- Disaster response and public safety operations
- Pre-disaster vegetation management
- Post-disaster debris removal operations

Congress directly allocated funding to the City, ensuring a more efficient deployment of resources where they are most needed. The Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2024 Derecho and Hurricane Beryl describes how the City will utilize CDBG-DR funding to enhance the City's preparedness and resilience.



Allocation Considerations

- Allocating limited long-term recovery resources when unmet needs far surpass available funding can be challenging.
- Many factors from the various assessments and available data help to guide these decisions, however there are other factors that must be considered.
- The City's allocation of CDBG-DR resources related to disasters in 2008, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2021 favored a housing centered response approach (with more than 80% of awarded funding and nearly \$775 million invested in housing-related programs).
- Failure to consider and address the City's capacity to mount an effective disaster response and recovery strategy and ensure the appropriate resources to do so, has left the City vulnerable and this poses a risk to all Houstonians.



Housing Outlook

- The City estimates that other federal funding, including annual CDBG (50%) and HOME (90%) allocations, are estimated to contribute nearly \$106 million to housing-related programs over the next five years.
- The City was also a co-applicant with the Houston Housing Authority, in bringing in a \$50 million dollar Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant to support the development of affordable rental housing (Cuney Homes) and spur investment in the surrounding community.
- Included in the nearly \$775 million allocated to Housing from prior disasters are the HbAP 2.0 program funded with nearly \$20 million in DR-17 funding and the Home Repair and Reimbursement Program funded with just over \$40 million in DR-21 funding, that are getting set to kick off.
- The City will continue to seek opportunities for collaboration and leveraging to prioritize housing needs as it makes decisions on how to best utilize the limited federal funding the City receives.

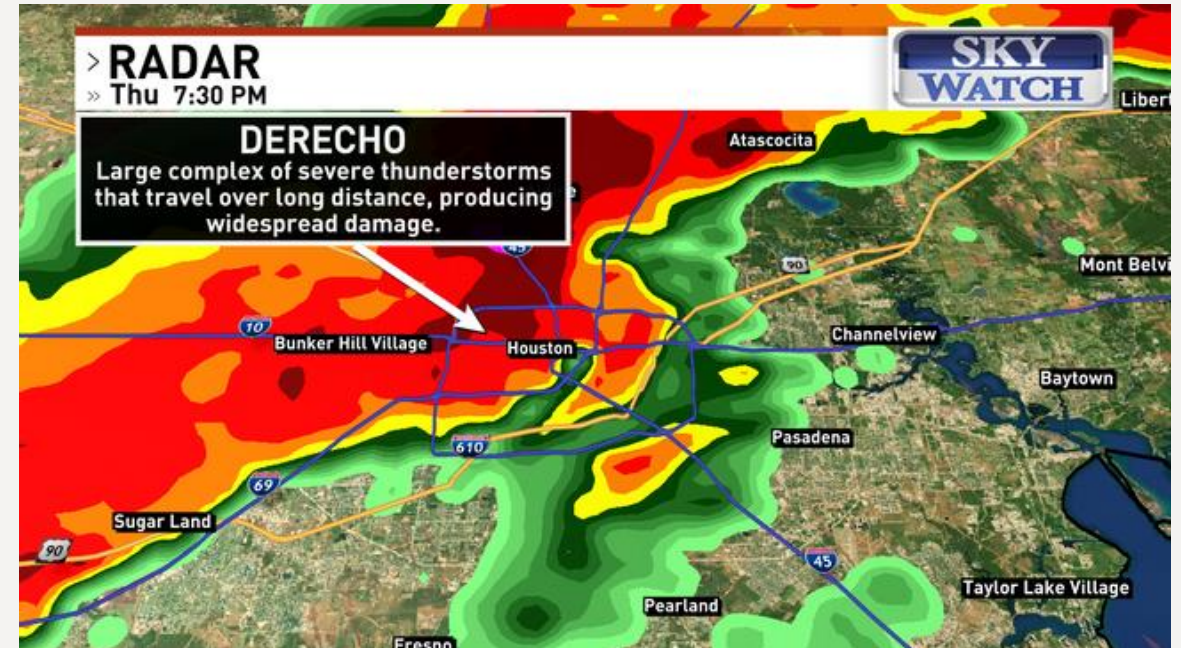


2024 DISASTERS



Derecho

- Occurred May 16 -17, 2024
- Straight-line winds of up to 100 mph, with intense thunderstorms, heavy rain, and damaging wind gusts.
- Downed power lines across the City, leaving over a million customers without electricity.
 - More than 24 hours later, almost 555,000 customers remained without power.
- Eight people lost their lives in Greater Houston.
- Large trees were uprooted, crashing into homes and blocking major roadways.
- Extensive roof damage, broken windows, and flooding due to heavy rains.
- The storm also damaged several public buildings and schools, prompting temporary closures.

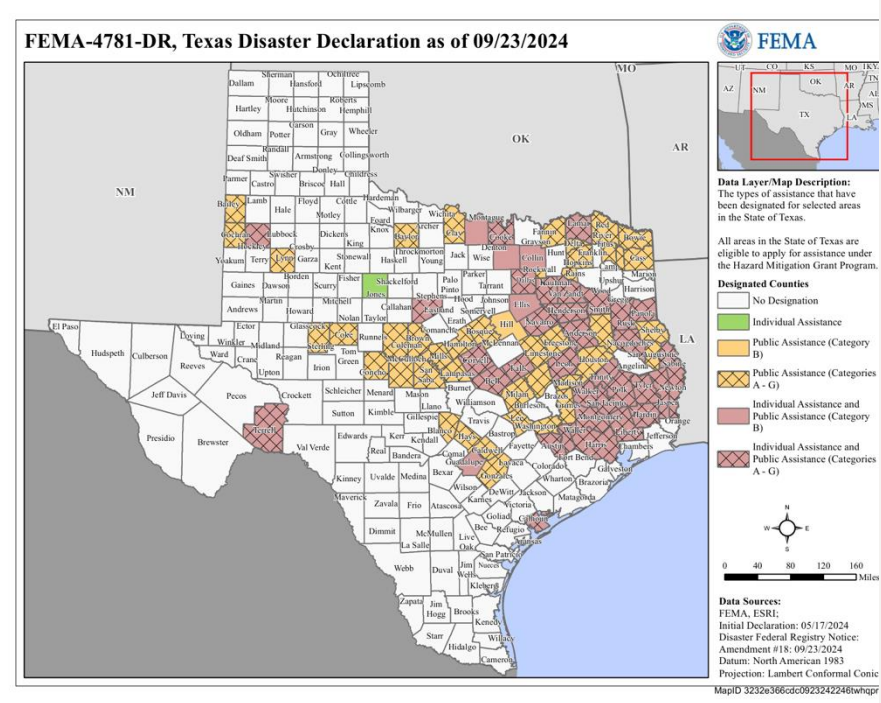


Hurricane Beryl

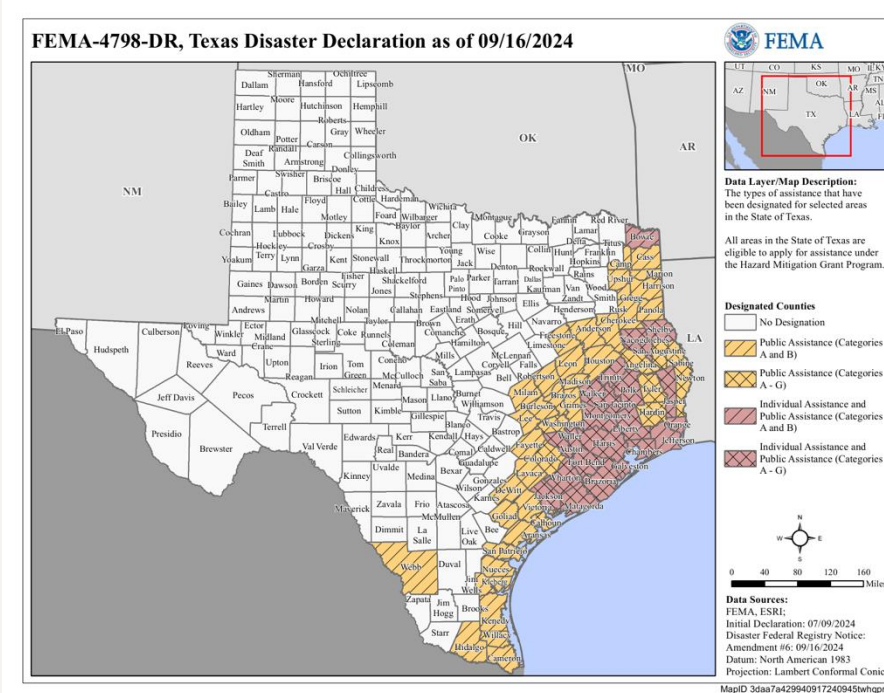
- A category 1 hurricane hit the Houston area from July 7 through July 9, 2025
- Houston experienced extensive flooding and property damage, with some neighborhoods submerged due to heavy rainfall.
- More than 2.7 million households and businesses lost power, with some areas without power for more than 9 days
- 44 people lost their lives in greater Houston area
 - The post-storm power outages played a contributing factor in at least ten deaths related to excess heat or nonfunctional medical equipment.
- Hot temperatures and high humidity in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl resulted in triple-digit heat indexes
- City also saw major roads rendered impassable and significant damage to homes and public buildings.



FEMA Disaster Declaration Maps



Derecho (FEMA-4781-DR)



Hurricane Beryl (FEMA-4798-DR)



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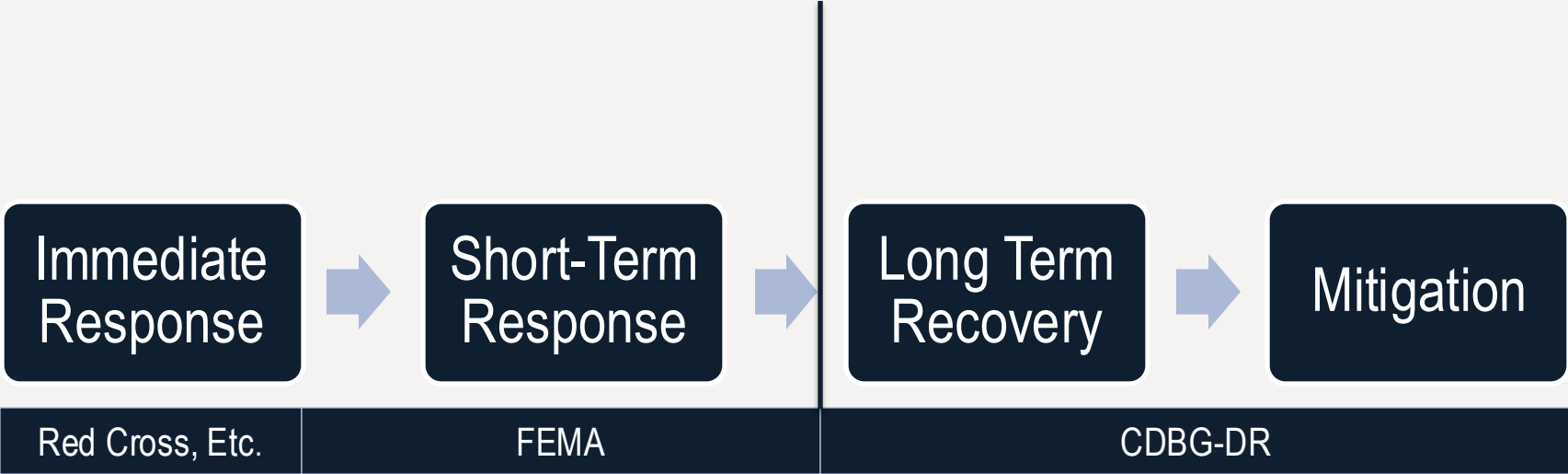
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CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY ALLOCATION



Disaster Recovery Phases



Disaster Funding Allocation

- CDBG-DR funding is made available following a presidentially declared disaster through Congressional appropriation. This funding is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist with long-term recovery and resilience.
- On January 16, 2025, HUD announced Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding allocations for 2023 and 2024 disasters.



2024 CDBG-DR Allocation

City of Houston funding allocation breakdown:

HUD Determined Unmet Need:	\$273,604,000
Mitigation Set-Aside (Unmet Need + 15%)*:	<u>\$ 41,041,000</u>
Total Allocation:	\$314,645,000

*HUD defines mitigation as 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.



Grant Requirements

- Funding must be spent in the Most Impacted and Distressed Areas (MID). The City of Houston is a 100% MID area.
- A minimum of 70 % of CDBG-DR funding, overall, must be spent to benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.
- Funding must address a direct or indirect impact from the disaster (tie-back).
- Eligible activities include:
 - Planning
 - Administration
 - Housing
 - Infrastructure
 - Public Services
 - Economic Revitalization
 - Mitigation



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



Key Dates

- Universal Notice: January 8, 2025
- Federal Register: January 16, 2025
- Request for Extension/Approval: March 6, 2025
- Universal Notice Revision Memo: March 19, 2025
- HUD Technical Assistance: March 24-25, 2025
- BFA Committee Meeting: June 3, 2025
- City Council: June 25, 2025
- HUD Submission Deadline: July 20, 2025
- HUD Review and Approval*: September 3, 2025

*45 days from submission



Action Plan for Disaster Recovery



Grant Lifecycle:

- Phase 1 – The Action Plan
- Phase 2 – Financial Certification and Oversight of Funds
- Phase 3 – Implementation of Universal Notice Requirements

Action Plan Components

- Executive Summary
 - Overview
 - Disaster Overview/Impacts
 - Unmet/Mitigation Needs Summary
- Unmet Needs Assessment
 - Housing
 - Infrastructure
 - Economic Revitalization
- Mitigation Needs Assessment
- Grantee Proposed Use of Funds
 - Grant Budget
 - Distribution of Funds
 - Program Details
- General Information
 - Citizen Participation Plan
 - Public Engagement/Consultation
 - Public Comments
 - Public Hearings
 - Citizen Complaints
 - Modifications to the Action Plan
 - Performance Reports



BUDGET & ACTIVITIES



Threshold Requirements

Budget Caps:

- Administration not more than 5% of the Total Allocation
- Planning not more than 15% of the Total Allocation
- Public Services not more than 15% of the Total Allocation



Proposed Budget

This budget has changed since delivered during the public meetings on 6/10, 6/12, and 6/17. The updated budget can be found at <https://houstontx.gov/housing> or <https://houstontx.gov/hcdrecovery/DR24>.

Activity Type	Activity Name	Amount
Planning	Planning	\$200,000.00
Administration	Administration	\$15,732,250.00
Infrastructure - Public Facilities	Power Generation Resilience Program	\$151,291,150.00
Infrastructure - Public Facilities	FEMA Public Assistance Local Cost Share	\$8,800,000.00
Public Services	Emergency Response/Public Safety Program	\$56,540,000.00
Public Services	Homeless Services Program	\$41,040,600.00
Mitigation* - Public Facilities	Debris Repository Acquisition/Development Project	\$32,791,000.00
Mitigation* - Public Services	Vegetation Management/Debris Removal Program	\$8,250,000.00
Total		\$314,645,000.00

* Mitigation = \$41,041,000.00 Mitigation Set-Aside Amount



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Resident / Agency Survey



www.houstontx.gov/hcdrecovery/public-hearing/

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU



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Public Hearing

Ground Rules

1. For the record, please state your first and last name before speaking.
2. Each speaker has 3 minutes to testify.
3. Yielding time to another person is not allowed.

Note that:

- Testimony is recorded and transcribed.
- This is not a Q & A session.
- Summaries with responses will be included in our Action Plan for Disaster Recovery.



Public Hearing

START

Please begin your statement



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MINUTE REMAINING



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Public Hearing

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SECONDS REMAINING



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SECONDS REMAINING



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Public Hearing

TIME'S UP

Please complete your statement



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Q & A SEGMENT



Ground Rules

1. If you have not already done so and would like to ask a question, please type it into the chat.
2. Director Nichols and other members of the HCD team will respond to questions that have been provided in the chat.
3. If follow up is needed, we will ask that you send your contact information in HCDPlanning@houstontx.gov.



WRAP UP



Public Comments

Public Comment Period: May 23, 2025 – June 22, 2025

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FINAL REMARKS

