



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

HARRIS COUNTY POLLUTION CONTROL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOST A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT) FUNDING TO BE SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE HARRIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT 2023 CDBG-MIT GRANT CALL FOR PARTNERS.

PUBLIC NOTICE INFORMATION

Following the devastating impacts of flooding from the 2015, 2016, and 2017 extreme weather flooding events, the state of Texas received an allocation of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

CDBG-MIT funds represent a unique opportunity to provide assistance in areas impacted by recent disasters and carry out strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses in areas impacted by recent disasters. HUD defines mitigation activities as: “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.”

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) has been designated to administer the CDBG-MIT funds on behalf of Texas. GLO’s CDBG Mitigation Action Plan: Building Stronger for a Resilient Future (the Action Plan) outlines the use of funds, programs, eligible applicants, and eligibility criteria for these CDBG-MIT funds.

Per the requirements of the Community Services Department 2023 CDBG-MIT Grant this notice is being given that Harris County Pollution Control Services Department (PCS) will host a virtual public meeting regarding the PCS’ application for an allocation of CDBG-MIT funding in response to the Harris County Community Services Department 2023 CDBG-MIT Call for Partners.

The information for the meeting is as follows:

Harris County Pollution Control Meeting via Zoom | Date and Time: Thursday, June 1, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82799327346?pwd=eDliWFbXUThuT0pSS3hvdWFaVWlVZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 9932 7346 Passcode: 235656

The purpose of the meeting is to review the applications PCS will submit to the Call for Partners.

During the meeting the public will have an opportunity to learn more about the CDBG-MIT program and how the PCS allocation request will allow PCS to increase capacity for the importance of environmental monitoring capabilities, extend our reach through community engagement and broaden our capacity to address issues such as risk mitigation to hazards, environmental justice, community resilience, response, field inspections, laboratory services, monitoring & compliance, data collection, investigations, and testing in socially vulnerable & 50% low- to moderate-income areas for environmental justice interventions and help to mitigate health disparities in diminishing quality of life due to poor air and water quality and soil.

Obtaining a partnership would allow PCS to react to concerns – ranging from localized chemical leaks to County-wide disasters such as tropical storms, severe flooding, and other disasters. The allocations will also benefit our day-to-day enforcement of field investigations and attempts to increase air quality and water quality to bring clean living conditions to all Houston and Harris County residents.

Harris County PCS will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending this function. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by Harris County PCS staff 48-hours prior to the function. The public meeting will be conducted in English and requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least 72 hours prior to a function.”

Comments may be submitted during the meeting or emailed to Harris County Pollution Control via email until Monday, June 5, 2023 by 5 p.m. at: pcs-communications@pcs.hctx.net

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) and Section 504, Harris County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs, services, or activities. Harris County will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the County’s programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of Harris County, should contact the Harris County Pollution Control Services ADA Coordinator at 713-920-2831 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.