

BRAZOS VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS P.O. DRAWER 4128 · BRYAN, TEXAS 77805-4128

September 20th, 2022

Michael Parks Executive Director 3991 E. 29th St. Bryan, Texas 77802

RE: Regional Mitigation Program - BVCOG MOD Funding Notification

Dear Judge Peters:

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated \$25,041,000 to the Brazos Valley region as a part of the Regional Mitigation Program. BVCOG has been tasked with developing the method by which the funds will be distributed, also known as a Method of Distribution (MOD), under the State of Texas Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Action Plan as amended.

BVCOG will post the state-approved preliminary MOD for <u>public comment on October 14th</u>, <u>2022</u>. Brazos County is included as a <u>potential</u> recipient of funding in the amount of \$920,700.00. This amount is <u>subject to will most likely change</u> as the public participation process is undertaken. The minimum allocation for any entity according to the program requirements is \$500,000. The final MOD will be approved by the BVCOG Board of Directors and sent to the GLO for final approval.

Due to CDBG-MIT grant requirements, the state and the Brazos Valley region are required to reach a threshold tied to benefitting low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. Therefore, 100% of your funding should be used for projects that benefit LMI persons in your community, according to the preliminary MOD. This amount is also **subject to change** as the public participation process is undertaken and as entities decide whether to receive funding. The above-mentioned public comment period will be open until October 31st, 2022. BVCOG is required to address every comment and deliver the final product to the Board of Directors for approval.

To accept or decline the funds allocated through the MOD, please sign, and return the attached form to BVCOG, via email to Cagan.Baldree@bvcog.org, by October 13th, 2022. Failure to submit the form by the deadline indicates the entity is declining to receive the funds. Once the GLO approves the final MOD, the GLO will post application information at https://recovery.texas.gov/mitigation/programs/regional-mitigation/index.html. From this point on in the process, the GLO will be managing the projects.

The process ahead will require a long-term commitment from each respective entity. Please note that declining to participate in the reception of these funds may exclude Brazos County if there are any future allocations or reallocations of funds through this Regional Mitigation Program. It is recommended each entity carefully consider their decision and officially involve their city council, county commissioners court or other governing board in the decision to accept or decline funds. If you have any questions, call Cagan Baldree @ 979-595-2800, ext. 2028.

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