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The Watershed Citizens Watchdog Group introduces the newest federal grant program offered by HUD, CDBG-MIT

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HUD CDBG-MIT Watershed Initiatives are designed to assist state government floodplain management with federal taxpayer dollars to protect the citizens and property in the state to which the grant awards were given.

The Watershed Citizens Watchdog Group introduces the newest federal grant program offered by the DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).

HUD using it's Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) has allocated \$6,875,044.000 (billion) in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds to state governors (Grantees) recovering from disasters declared and qualifying disasters for the years of 2015, 2016, and 2017.

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Building Resilient and Infrastructure Communities (BRIC)

Address mitigation in the most impacted and distressed (MID) areas.

The Appropriations Act provides CDBG-MIT funds as a supplemental appropriation to the Community

Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Accordingly, the alignment of CDBG-MIT funds with other federal mitigation programs must also occur within the basic CDBG framework.

The national objectives of the CDBG program are:

- a) providing benefit to low- and moderate-income persons
- b) preventing or eliminating slum and blighting conditions or
- c) addressing a severe and recently arising urgent community welfare or health need.

Unlike other forms of Federal disaster recovery assistance, CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT grants have a statutory focus on benefiting vulnerable lower-income people and communities and targeting the most impacted and distressed areas.

HUD recognizes that this first-time appropriation of mitigation-only CDBG funds may pose challenges to grantees in aligning their mitigation strategies and activities with their obligation to use most of their CDBG-MIT funds to benefit low- and moderate-income persons and to use the funds in the MID areas resulting from a disaster. Accordingly, this notice provides grantees with flexibility on the percentages related to a CDBG-MIT grant's overall benefit requirement and MID expenditure requirement. As with CDBG-DR, HUD encourages CDBG-MIT grantees to consider a wide range of community development objectives related to recovery and economic resilience. This notice provides a waiver and establishes an alternative requirement to include new urgent need national objective criteria that are applicable to CDBG MIT funds only, as described in section V.A.13. of this notice. This urgent need mitigation (UNM) national objective requires activities funded with the CDBG-MIT grant to result in measurable and verifiable reductions in the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters and yield community development benefits.

The amount of CDBG-MIT funding grantees must expend to mitigate risks within the HUD-identified MID areas is listed in Table 1.

Disaster No.	State	Grantee	CDBG-MIT Allocation	Minimum amount that must be expended to the HUD-Identified "Most Impacted and Distressed" areas listed herein.	HUD-Identified "most impacted and distressed" areas
4344 4353	California	State of California	\$88,219,000	\$44,109,500	Sonoma and Ventura counties: 93108. 91558. 95422, 95470, and 95901 Zip Codes
4280 4283 4337 4341	Florida	State of Florida	\$633,485,000	\$316,742,500	Brevard, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duvak Hilisborough, Lee, Miani Dade, Monroe, Orange. Osceola. Palm Beach, Polk. St. Johns, St. Lucie, and Volusia counties 32084, 32091,

					32136, 32145, 32771, 33440. 33523, 33825, 33870, 32068, 33935, and 34266 Zip Codes
4294 4297 4338	Georgia	State of Georgia	\$26,961,000	\$13,480,500	31520, 31548, and 31705 Zip Codes
4263 4277 4272	Louisiana	State of Louisiana	\$1,213,917,000	\$606,958,500	East Baton Rouge, Livingston, Ascension, Tangipahoa, Ouachita, Letavette, Vermilion, Acadia, Washington, and St. Taniniany Parishes
4317	Missouri	State of Missouri	\$41,592,000	\$20,796,000	63935, 63965, 64850, 65616, and 65775 Zip Codes.
4285	North Carolina	State of North Carolina	\$168,067,000	\$84,033,500	Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Robeson, and Wayne Counties.
4241 4286	South Carolina	State of South Carolina	\$157,590,000	\$50,978,000	Charleston, Clarendon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hony, Marion, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties.
4241		Columbia	\$18,585,000	\$18,585,000	Columbia.
4241		Lexington County (Urban County)	\$15,185,000	\$15,185,000	Lexington County Urban County Jurisdictions
4241		Richland County (Urban County)	\$21,864,000	\$21,864,000	Richiand County Urban County Jurisdictions
4223: 4245 4266 4269 4272 4332	Texas	State of Texas	\$4,297,189,000	\$2,105,646,500	Aransas, Brazoria. Chambers, Fayette. Fort Bend, Galveston, 4272: 4332 Hardin. Harris. Hays, Hidalgo, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgonety, Newton, Nueces, Orange. Refiigio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Travis, Victoria, and Wharton

					counties 75979, 77320, 77335, 77351, 77414, 77423, 77482, 77493, 77979, 78934, 78945, 77612, 75956, 77632, and 78377 Zip Codes.
4223 4245		Houston	\$61,884,000	\$61,884,000	Houston.
4223 4245		San Marcos	\$24,012,000	\$24,012,000	San Marcos.
4273	West Virginia	State of West Virginia	\$53,247,000	\$53,247,000	Greenbrier, Clay, Kanawha and Nicholas Counties.
		Total*	\$6,875,044.000		

* The remaining \$9,059,472,000 will be allocated at a later date.

Notes:

- HUD strongly encourages grantees to designate the agency that administers its CDBG-DR funds to also administer this CDBG-MIT grant.

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