

Texas General Land Office

State of Texas CDBG-Mitigation Regional Mitigation Program
MIT COG MOD Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)



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Outreach

Explain how the COG will encourage citizens, with particular emphasis on persons of low- and moderate-income and other vulnerable populations, to submit their views regarding local mitigation needs and long-term resiliency solutions against future disaster(s).

The CTCOG will increase the awareness about the public input sessions through newspaper postings, social media, and through outreach with our partners. The outreach will highlight how this program will impact future mitigation and resiliency planning. The documents will utilize easy to read information that those of all education levels will be able to understand. The CTCOG will also consult with local partners on what other avenues are helpful to increase awareness of the program.

List the local government entities that will receive written notification concerning the date, time, location and topics to be covered at the method of distribution public hearings, at a minimum including:

- Cities;
- Counties; and
- Indian Tribes.

Coryell County:

- Coryell County
- City of Gatesville
- City of Copperas Cove
- City of Evant
- City of Oglesby
- City of South Mountain

Milam County:

- Milam County
- City of Cameron
- City of Rockdale
- City of Milano
- City of Thorndale
- City of Buckholts

List which local organizations that provide services or housing for low- and moderate-income persons will receive written notification concerning the date, time, location and topics to be covered at the method of distribution public hearings, at a minimum including:

- Local Public Housing Authorities;
- Local Health and Human Services Offices;
- Local mental health and MHMR Offices;
- Community Development Corporations; and
- Community Housing Development Organizations.

CTCOG Housing Division, Central Counties Services, and Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

For Coryell County: Copperas Cove EDC, Gatesville Housing Authority, Copperas Cove Housing Authority, Oglesby Housing Authority, Coryell County Indigent Health Care Program

For Miliam County: Cameron Housing Authority, Rockdale Housing Authority, Thorndale Housing Authority, Milam County Health Department, Central Counties Services, Cameron Economic Development Corp., and the Rockdale Municipal Development District

List which local organizations interested in fair housing issues and representing protected classes of individuals will be contacted to gain additional perspective on fair housing and civil rights issues in the region, including how the people they represent were affected by past disaster(s). Approaches beyond simple written notification of public hearings are encouraged.

In addition to the aforementioned agencies, CTCOG will also notify Lone Star Legal Aid, Texas Low Income Housing Information Service, Texas Housers, NAACP Killeen Branch, and Texas Appleseed to ensure fair housing and civil rights concerns are addressed through the process.

Accommodations

Explain how the COG will address Limited English Proficiency and disabilities, including auditory and visual impairments, that may hamper efforts to effectively notify residents, if necessary.

The COG will include information in all of the public hearing information about accommodations for those with disabilities and those with Limited English Proficiency. The facilities at the COG, and hearing locations that will be used will be ADA compliant. The COG will provide reasonable accommodations for those that request assistance at least 48 hours in advance. This can be done by calling 254-770-2373 or emailing uryan.nelson@ctcog.org. The COG will also work with local agencies that work with those with disabilities to help find the best ways to market the public sessions.

Explain how the COG will provide interpretive services when a significant number of Limited English Proficiency residents will participate in the public hearing, if necessary.

While the COG acknowledges language differences may play a role in effectively reaching non-English speaking residents there is limited anticipation that language differences will be a problem. Although there is not much anticipation, the COG will provide both English and Spanish language comment forms as well as public notices, and CTCOG will address other languages on a case by case basis. If other languages are requested, CTCOG will provide reasonable accommodations for those that wish to participate. If any language other than English is required, notification must be made to CTCOG at least 48 hours in advance by calling 254-770-2373 or emailing uryan.nelson@ctcog.org.

Accessibility

Explain how the COG will hold hearings at a time and location convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, and how the COG will provide accommodations in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The COG understands that many people work during the day which may limit attendance. Due to this, the COG will do one session during the typical work day and another outside of that time in the evening. There will be both virtual and in person attendance options to make the hearing easier to attend. The facilities where the sessions take place will be ADA compliant and CTCOG will have staff available to make any additional changes as necessary.

Efforts Exceeding Minimum Participation Requirements

Explain how the COG will seek additional public participation when developing the Method of Distribution.

Public Hearing Content

The public hearings will include at a minimum a discussion of the following topics:

- The development of projects to mitigate the effects of future disasters;
- The amount of funding available;
- All eligible activities under the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation program, including linking activities to the mitigation needs of the region;
- Proposed objective factors; and
- The GLO-conditionally-approved Preliminary Method of Distribution for the MOD Public Hearing.

Public Hearings Scheduling Information

To the extent possible, the COG will adhere to the following schedule of hearings and notifications:

****Scheduling information is subject to change depending on the availability of facilities and staff; if changes are necessary CTCOG will notify the GLO of such** Virtual meetings will be held using the gotomeeting platform**

Public Planning Meeting – 1st Public Hearing ****Planning Meeting**

Date/Time:	February 17, 2022 12:00PM	Location:	Coryell County Commissioners Courtroom, 800 E Main Street Suite A, Gatesville, TX	
Virtual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	https://meet.goto.com/499692549 You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (224) 501-3412
Access Code: 499-692-549

MOD Public Hearing – 2 Public Hearing ****Planning Meeting**

Date/Time:	March 22, 2022 12:00PM	Location:	Milam County Courthouse, 101 S Fannin Ave, Cameron, TX	
Virtual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	https://meet.goto.com/229658829 You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (786) 535-3211
Access Code: 229-658-829

Optional Additional Public Hearings

Date/Time:	February 17, 2022 6:00 PM		Location:	Coryell County Commissioners Courtroom, 800 E Main Street Suite A, Gatesville, TX			
Virtual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Planning Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOD Public Hearing	https://meet.goto.com/702367461 United States: +1 (872) 240-3412 Access Code: 702-667-461
Date/Time:	March 22, 2022 6:00 PM		Location:	Milam County Courthouse, 101 S Fannin Ave, Cameron, TX			
Virtual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Planning Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOD Public Hearing	https://meet.goto.com/229658829 United States: +1 (786) 535-3211 Access Code: 229-658-829
Date/Time:	Aug 2, 2022 12:00PM and 6:00PM		Location:	Coryell County Commissioners Courtroom, 800 E Main Street Suite A, Gatesville, TX			
Virtual See link below	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Planning Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOD Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date/Time:	Aug 3, 2022 12:00PM and 6:00PM		Location:	Milam County Annex, 806 N. Crockett, Cameron, TX			
Virtual See link below	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Planning Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOD Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date/Time:			Location:				
Virtual	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Planning Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOD Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notification Methods

Notification consistent with GLO requirements will be provided on or before the following dates:

Dates Direct Notice of Hearings will be sent to entities:	Coryell PM February 10, 2022 Milam PM March 14, 2022	PH July 27, 2022
Dates Notice of Hearings will be published on the COG's Website:	Coryell PM February 9, 2022 Milam PM March 14, 2022	PH July 27, 2022
Dates Notice of Hearings will be published in regional newspaper(s):	Coryell PM 2/11-12/2022 Milam PM 3/17/2022	Coryell PH 7/29&30/2022 Milam PH 7/28&29/2022

Posting of GLO-conditionally-approved Preliminary Method of Distribution for Public Review

Date/Time:	July 27, 2022 10:00AM- August 11, 2022 5:00PM 16 Days	Website Address:	https://ctcog.org/emergency-services/glo-mitigation/
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Virtual Meeting Link for Public Hearing (Link will be the same for each meeting)

Meeting available from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/583072445>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (408) 650-3123

Access Code: 583-072-445