

FORT BEND COUNTY FY 2009
COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Date Submitted: April 21, 2009	Submitted By: Marilyn Kindell <i>mkindell</i>
Court Agenda Date: April 28, 2009	Department: Community Development
	Phone Number: 281-341-4410

SUMMARY OF ITEM: Take all appropriate action to authorize County Judge to sign and submit Method of Distribution of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds to Houston-Galveston Area Council.

RENEWAL AGREEMENT/APPOINTMENT YES NO X
 REVIEWED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: YES NO X

List Supporting Documents Attached:

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

BUDGETED ITEM: YES NO x
 FUNDNG SOURCE: N/A

COUNTY JUDGE
 RECEIVED
 APR 22 2009

Activity (If Applicable) N/A
 DESCRIPTION: Method of Distribution of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds

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x	Information Technology	(281-341-4526)	x	County Clerk	(281-341-8697)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:		x	County Atty	(281-341-4557)

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Special Handling Requested (specify):

4-30-09 copy received

FORT BEND COUNTY TEXAS

**2008 SUPPLEMENTAL DISASTER RECOVERY FUND:
HURRICANE IKE**

METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
4520 Reading Road, Suite A
Rosenberg, Texas 77471
281-341-4410**

COUNTY METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION FORM

**State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery
County Method of Distribution Form**

1. Summary Information:

COG Region:

County Name: -Fort Bend County	Principal Contact: Phone: E-mail:	Marilynn Kindell, Community Development Director 281 341 4410 kindemar@co.fort-bend.tx.us
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County Allocation: Total Funding Available for All Activities

\$2,636,844

Housing Total:	\$	<input type="text" value="1,582,107"/>	<input type="text" value="60"/>	%
			+	
Non-housing Total:	\$	<input type="text" value="1,054,738"/>	<input type="text" value="40"/>	%
			=	100%

Affordable Rental Subtotal: \$

2. Citizen Participation Narrative:

Describe how the County solicited and considered citizen input (attach agendas, sign in sheets, and summaries of each comment received) in determining the method of distribution and allocations.

Describe the citizen participation process:

Fort Bend County mailed letters to local governments on March 27, 2009 regarding the 2008 Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund. The County also published a notice in the newspaper on April 1, 2009 and posted the notice on the County website. The County placed the Method of Distribution (MoD) Preference Form for discussion and approval on Fort Bend County's Commissioners Court on April 7, 2009. FBC Commissioners Court opted for the County Level MoD. The County held a public meeting with interested nonprofits and local governments on April 8, 2009. At this meeting the County informed the public of anticipated funding levels, to determine community needs and to answer questions from interested organizations and local governments regarding the County's Request For Proposals (RFPs). The County's RFP was made available on Friday, April 3, 2009. The deadline for the submission of RFPs was 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2009. The County received seven (7) proposals from organizations and local governments, totaling \$2,014,840 in requests. A public comment period regarding the County's application is scheduled from May 1 to May 18th. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2009 to finalize the County's applications to TDHCA and ORCA.

Public Meeting

Date: 4-8-09 Location: Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex, 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg, Texas

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| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summary of Comments Attached |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign-In Attached |
| Required Notifications: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Notice |
| (Check all completed) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Website |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice to eligible applicants |

3. Long-Term Planning & Recovery:

Provide a brief explanation of how the county's method of distribution fosters long-term community recovery that is forward-looking and focused on permanent restoration of infrastructure, housing, and the local economy. *(If available, additional documentation such as planning documents considered, reports reviewed and other documents used may be referenced.)*

Fort Bend County evaluated all proposed projects for consistency with Fort Bend County's Consolidated Plan. The County's Consolidated Plan places a very high priority on water and sewer improvements especially in low- and moderate-income communities.

Fort Bend County used the opportunity provided by the 2008 Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund to discuss the problems encountered by communities during and immediately after Hurricane Ike. Foremost, among the problems encountered was the lack of electricity and, as a result, the subsequent loss of water and sewer services in large sections of the County. The County also surveyed the cities regarding the need for housing assistance by residents of their communities. The surveys returned cited the need for emergency repairs and owner-occupied rehabilitation and/or reconstruction.

4. Method of Distribution Between Housing & Non-Housing Funds:

Describe the process used in the method of distribution between housing and non-housing activities for the county, if applicable.

Describe the method of distribution:

This distribution was determined for the County by HGAC

5. Method of Distribution Detail:

Activity subtotals for the Housing and Non-Housing must be identified in the Method of Distribution Detail Worksheet.

Method of Distribution Detail Worksheet Attached *(Excel document)*

NON-HOUSING

For non-housing funds, the distribution process must be done in an objective manner using verifiable data.

Indicate which method best describes the county's process:

Allocation recommendation: **direct allocation** to each eligible entity. Cities, eligible entities and corresponding amounts must be identified in the Method of Distribution Detail Worksheet. Factors considered in the allocation process, such as FEMA damage estimates, local distress factors, economic impacts, storm surge, wind speed, etc. must be identified and submitted to ORCA. *(Attach additional pages to detail recommendation for allocation by community / activity.)*

Distribution Factor

Verifiable Data

Distribution factor:	Name of verifiable data source:
Distribution factor:	Name of verifiable data source:
Distribution factor:	Name of verifiable data source:
Distribution factor:	Name of verifiable data source:

Allocation recommendation: **competitive process**. If competitive, smart-growth and green building incentives are encouraged as part of the process. Guidelines proposed to be used for the competitive process must be submitted to ORCA for approval before the competition is conducted.

Distribution Factor

Verifiable Data

Distribution factor: Impact	Name of verifiable data source: document verification
Distribution factor: Type of Eligible Activity	Name of verifiable data source: document verification
Distribution factor: Location of Activity	Name of verifiable data source: HUD Low Mod Data
Distribution factor: Target Population	Name of verifiable data source: document verification

See attached evaluation form.

Combination of direct allocation and competitive process. Applicable cities/ eligible entities and corresponding amounts must be identified. Guidelines proposed to be used for the competitive process must be submitted to ORCA for approval before the competition is conducted.

Identify the distribution factors and verifiable data sources used in the corresponding areas above: list factors used for the competitive process in the **competitive process** section, and factors used for direct allocation in the **direct allocation** section.

HOUSING

For housing funds, the distribution process must be done in an objective manner using verifiable data.

Indicate which method best describes the county's process: County wide project with no direct allocation to cities

Allocation recommendation: **direct allocation** to each eligible entity. Cities/ eligible entities and corresponding amounts must be identified in the Method of Distribution Detail Worksheet. Factors considered in the allocation process, such as FEMA damage estimates, local distress factors, economic impacts, storm surge, wind speed, etc. must be identified and submitted to TDHCA.
(Attach additional pages to detail recommendation for allocation by community / activity.)

Distribution Factor

Verifiable Data

Distribution factor:	Name of verifiable data source:
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Distribution Factor

Verifiable Data

Distribution factor:	Ownership	Name of verifiable data source:	document verification
Distribution factor:	Income	Name of verifiable data source:	document verification
Distribution factor:	Special Needs	Name of verifiable data source:	document verification
Distribution factor:		Name of verifiable data source:	

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6. Signatory Authority:

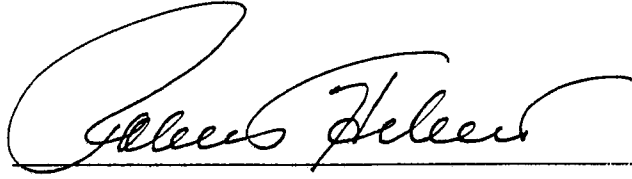
Typed Name of Authorized Representative: The Honorable Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

Title: County Judge

Telephone Number: (281) 341-8608

Date: April 28, 2009

Signature of Authorized Representative:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert E. Hebert", written over a horizontal line.

**Fort Bend County Community Development Department
FY 2008 Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund: Hurricane Ike Evaluation Form**

Fort Bend County will use the criteria in this form in the selection of grant recipients. Each application and its accompanying statement of activities will be evaluated and, based on the information contained in the application, the applicant's proposal will be numerically rated on each criteria within the range provided. The highest ranking applicant(s) will be recommended to Commissioners Court based on allocation of funds available to the County and on any funding maximums on activities imposed by federal regulations.

Applicant: _____

Project Name: _____

National Objective: _____

Eligible Activity: _____

Amount CDBG Funds Requested: _____

Total Project Costs: _____

<u>Criteria:</u>	Maximum Points	Actual Points	Comments
1. Project is consistent with Consolidated Plan. If <u>yes</u>,			
High priority	(50 pts)	_____	
Medium priority	(25 pts)	_____	
Low or No priority	(0 pts)	_____	
2. Impact by Hurricane Ike:			
Physical Damage: Hurricane Force Winds	(10 pts)	_____	
Failure to Function	(5 pts)	_____	
Hurricane Disaster Relief	(5 pts)	_____	
Long-Term Recovery	(5 pts)	_____	
Restoration of Infrastructure	(5 pts)	_____	
3. Eligible CDBG Activity:			
Water Improvements	(10 pts)	_____	
Sewer/Wastewater Improvements	(10 pts)	_____	
Drainage Improvements	(5 pts)	_____	
Road/Street/Bridge Improvements	(5 pts)	_____	
Other Public Improvement	(5 pts)	_____	
Public Services	(3 pts)	_____	
Other Eligible Projects	(3 pts)	_____	
4. Sponsor Type:			
Local Government	(10 pts)	_____	
Nonprofit Organization	(7 pts)	_____	
Partnership (nonprofit/for-profit)	(5 pts)	_____	
For-Profit Organization	(0 pts)	_____	

5. **Location of Activity:**
CDBG Low-Income Area (51% low-income or more) (10 pts) _____
Community-Wide (5 pts) _____
Other Areas (0 pts) _____

6. **Target Population:**
Very, very low-income (less than 30% MFI) (10 pts) _____
Very low-income (between 30% and 50% MFI) (7 pts) _____
Low income (between 50% and 80% MFI) (3 pts) _____
Not Low Income (over 80% MFI) (0 pts) _____

7. **Special Populations:** Homeless, Persons with Disabilities,
and Large Families (five or more persons) (10 pts) _____
Elderly (age 62 or older) (5 pts) _____
All Other Low Income (0 pts) _____

8. **Are matching funds a part of the proposal? If yes, what is
the percent of matching funds?**
51% or more (10 pts) _____
26% to 50% (7 pts) _____
1% to 25% (5 pts) _____
None (0 pts) _____
Total Matching Funds: _____ Actual Percent: _____

TOTAL 120 points _____

Special Considerations/Site Visit: _____

Evaluator: _____

Date Evaluated: _____

METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION DETAIL WORKSHEET

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION DETAIL WORKSHEET							
2	(To be submitted with County Method of Distribution Form. Enter amounts in dollars. Additional rows may be inserted if needed.)							
3	COUNTY NAME:	Fort Bend County	NON-HOUSING			HOUSING		
4	City or Eligible Entity**	Total by Grantee	Economic Development	Non-Housing (Infrastructure, Public Services, etc.)	Non-Housing Subtotal	Non-Rental Housing	Rental Housing*	Housing Subtotal
5	Fort Bend County	\$2,636,844.00		\$1,054,738.00	\$1,054,738.00	\$1,582,107.00	\$0.00	\$1,582,107.00
6								\$
7								\$
8								\$
9								\$
10								\$
11					\$			\$
12					\$			\$
13					\$			\$
14					\$			\$
15	Total:	\$2,636,844.00		\$1,054,738.00	\$1,054,738.00	\$1,582,107.00	\$0.00	\$1,582,107.00
16				Non-Housing % of Total by County	40%	Housing % of Total by County		60%
17				Total Rental Housing:*				0
18				Rental as % of Total:*				0
19								
20								
21								
22								
23								

*Allocations for affordable rental housing activities **should be** identified here, even if that amount is zero. To calculate the amount of rental housing funds for the region, sum the total of all proposed rental (column G), then divide this amount by Total by Region (sum of column B). This will give you "Rental as % of Total."

**For Housing, all awards (when made) will be to subrecipients that comply with demonstrated capacity requirements. See Section 5-iv of the MOD Guidelines.

The Total by Grantee, Non-Housing Subtotal, and Housing Subtotal columns must reconcile with each other (columns B, E, and H) because they are the primary budget categories.

NON-HOUSING ACTION PLAN

Fort Bend County, Texas
Hurricane Ike CDBG Disaster Recovery Funding
Non Housing Action Plan

General

Fort Bend County has been targeted to receive a direct allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for Disaster Recovery as a result of Hurricane Ike. The allocation is \$1,054,738 for non housing activities such as infrastructure and economic development.

Purpose

The purpose of the Non Housing Action Plan is to establish a methodology for disbursement of CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds within Fort Bend County. This allocation is for all areas within the County, including incorporated communities, to assist in funding infrastructure, public service, public facility, and business needs in the County. The funding will assist with long term recovery efforts and infrastructure restoration.

Eligible Entities

The service area for the Fort Bend County Non Housing Action Plan includes the unincorporated areas of the County and the incorporated areas of **Arcola, Beasley, Fairchilds, Fulshear, Kendleton, Meadows Place, Missouri City, Needville, Orchard, Pleak, Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, Stafford, Sugar Land, and Thompsons**. The County's service area does not include the cities of Houston or Katy.

Eligible Activities

Activities must be specifically related to Hurricane Ike and must meet the following criteria:

Activity must be a CDBG eligible project

Activity must have been impacted by Hurricane Ike in one of the following ways:

Direct verifiable damage from Hurricane Ike that requires improvement of conditions or

The facilities must have "failed to function" in the normal capacity as a result of Hurricane Ike.

CDBG Eligible Activities

- Water System Improvements
- Wastewater System Improvement
- Emergency Generators for Systems
- Drainage Improvements
- Gas System Improvements
- Road/Street Improvements
- Fire Protection Facilities
- Accessibility Improvements to Public Buildings

Public Health Care Facilities
Community/Senior/Social Services Centers
Shelter for Persons with Special Needs

CDBG Ineligible Activities

Repair or Reconstruction of Facilities used for the General Conduct of Government (exception can be for hardening facility against storm impact of providing emergency generators if facility will be used to house first responders and essential personnel)

Purchase of Construction Equipment

Operation and Maintenance Expenses

Method of Distribution

A public meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2009 at the Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex, Training Room, 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg, Texas to inform the public of anticipated funding levels, to determine community needs and to and to answer questions from interested organizations and local governments regarding the County's Request For Proposals (RFPs). The County's RFP was made available on Friday, April 3, 2009. The deadline for the submission of RFPs was 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2009. The County received seven (7) proposals from organizations and local governments, totaling \$2,014,840 in requests.

The County has developed an evaluation form, in order to evaluate, score and rank the submitted proposals. The proposals will be ranked from highest score to lowest score. Funds will be awarded from the highest ranked project down until all funds are allocated.

All funding will be in the form of a grant with no match required.

HOUSING ACTION PLAN

**Fort Bend County, Texas
Hurricane Ike CDBG Disaster Recovery Funding
Housing Action Plan**

Purpose

The purpose of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds for housing action plan is to detail the allocation of housing funds for eligible households whose primary residence was impacted as a result of Hurricane Ike.

Designated Authority to Administer Program

Fort Bend County shall be the entity designated as Administrator of this fund. Authority over guidelines and operations of the program shall be with the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court. All program rules and guidelines also must be approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

Allocation

A preliminary allocation has been designated for Fort Bend County. The use of this allocation shall be divided into assistance for Owner Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, and Replacement. This division of funds has been determined using local government's assessments of the need in their communities. Fort Bend County expects to receive \$1,582,107 in Hurricane Ike CDBG housing funds. Fort Bend County's proposed use of funds is listed below.

Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000.00
Owner Occupied Reconstruction	\$482,107.00
Owner Occupied Replacement	\$100,000.00
Total Allocation	\$1,582,107.00

The County estimates that the greatest need will be from repairs from wind damage and subsequent water and mold damage. The County estimates that there may be a few homes that suffered great damage from wind storm damage.

Eligible Improvements

Owner Occupied Rehabilitation: If a structure is determined able to be rehabilitated, funds shall be used for those repairs and/or replacements that are necessary to bring the structure into compliance with Texas Minimum Construction Standards, local codes and ordinances, Gulf Coast Windstorm Insurance Requirements and FEMA determined elevation requirements. Incipient deficiencies also are considered eligible costs. Rehabilitation shall be limited to stick built structures.

Reconstruction. If structure is determined to be beyond repair, funds will be used to reconstruct that structure as a site built or a modular home, whichever is deemed economically feasible by the Administrator. Reconstruction shall be defined as the demolition, removal, and disposal of an existing structure or structures and the replacement of that unit on the same lot with a unit that complies with the universal design features in new construction established by the Texas Government Code, Local Government Codes, Texas Minimum Construction Standards, Gulf Coast Windstorm Insurance Requirements, and REScheck standards for energy efficiency.

Replacement: Replacement housing shall be defined as the replacement of housing taken or demolished by government action as a result of Hurricane Ike. Replacement will be for a comparable units at a location that is not in the 100 year floodplain. The new unit must comply with the universal design features in new construction established by the Texas Government Code Windstorm Insurance Requirements, and REScheck standards for energy efficiency.

Demolition: Demolition shall be considered the total removal of all standing structural components and any buildings debris. The purpose will be to make the property ready for the housing activities above. The cost will be incidental to the cost of rehabilitation or reconstruction and shall be included in the costs of those activities.

Participants

Owner Occupied: Generally, the program shall assist recognized homeowners that used this property as their principal residence on or before September 13, 2008. Further, the recipient's property must be shown as homestead property under the Fort Bend County Appraisal District records.

The following type of dwellings are eligible for assistance:

- Single Family Site Built Structures
- Manufactured Housing Units include Mobile Homes

Primary eligibility shall be based on the following:

- Owner Occupied as of September 13, 2008.
- Proof of Ownership and Homestead
- Income Level at or below 80% of the Adjusted Median Family Income
- Paid Property Taxes or involved in an approved payment plan

Assistance will be granted in accordance with applicable program guidelines. Generally, priority will be given for the following reasons:

- Designated structure was impacted by storm surge
- Currently displaced from designated residence
- Household member is verified as physically or mentally disabled
- Household member is elderly
- Recognized as single head of household or large family
- Uninsured or underinsured

Housing assistance will be available for applicants countywide. Fort Bend County reserves the right to amend this Housing Assistance Plan and Method of Distribution as needs dictate based on applicant participation.

ATTACHMENTS

Fort Bend County Community Development Department
FY 2008 CDBG
Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund
Hurricane Ike
Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex
Training Room
April 8, 2009
10:00 a.m.

- I. Introduction
- II. CDBG Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund Hurricane Ike (handout)
- III. Method of Distribution (handout)
- IV. Assistance Expected To Be Received By Fort Bend County
 - A. Non-Housing (handout)
 1. Amount of Assistance
 2. Range of Activities
 - B. Housing (handout)
 1. Amount of Assistance
 2. Range of Activities
- V. Comments and Questions and Answers

Community Development Staff:

Marilynn Kindell, Director

Annette Mata, Receptionist

Carol Borrego, Planner

Debra Watson, Administrative Secretary email: watsodeb@co.fort-bend.tx.us

Karen Bringol, Assistant Project Coordinator

Carla Hannah Beckendorff, Rehabilitation Specialist

**Hurricane Ike
Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex
Training Room
April 8, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Summary of Comments**

Ms. Keely Aust, Missouri City

Ms. Aust stated that the City of Missouri City really did not sustain any damage from Hurricane Ike although the parts of the city did lose electric power for up to eleven days. Ms. Aust stated that communities that sustained damage should get the disaster funds not cities that did not have any damage. Ms. Aust stated that there still are blue tarps on some roofs and housing assistance is needed by some homeowners who did not have insurance or enough funds to cover their insurance deductible. Ms. Aust stated that the City would soon start issuing citations on homes that have not fixed their roofs or other damages such as fences damaged by Hurricane Ike. They will refer low-income homeowners to the County for assistance.

Ms. Stacie Henderson, City of Sugar Land

Ms. Henderson stated that Sugar Land also did not sustain any damage from Hurricane Ike but suffered electric power outages. She stated that there are still a few tarps still on roofs.

Mr. Arnold Brown, City of Arcola

Mr. Brown asked if generators were eligible for funding. Mr. Brown stated that the Arcola city hall needed a back up generator. He also wanted to know if businesses were eligible. He stated that there are several businesses in Arcola that sustained damage as a result of Hurricane Ike.

Mr. Kelly Kaluza, Kelly Kaluza and Associates

Mr. Kaluza asked if a generator that serves a community-wide system was eligible under the CDBG Disaster Program. He stated that the City of Needville is eligible only under the exception criteria for the County's CDBG Program.

Ms. Reela Smart and Ms. Yolanda W. Truby, Texas Pride

Ms. Smart and Ms. Truby represented Texas Pride, non-profit that provides assistance to persons recovering from devastating events. Ms. Smart asked what assistance was available to residents of Fort Bend County through the CDBG Supplemental Disaster Program.

FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
FY 2008 CDBG Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund Hurricane Ike
Public Meeting
April 8, 2009

(Please print.)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION/ AGENCY
Reela Smart	6200 Savoy	(713) 970-7700			Texas Pride
Yolanda W. Truby	6200 Savoy Houston TX 77036	713-970-7700		Yolanda.Truby@mhmrharris.org	Texas Pride

FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
FY 2008 CDBG Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund Hurricane Ike
Public Meeting
April 8, 2009

(Please print.)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION/ AGENCY
Keely Aust	1522 TX PKWY MISSOURI City 77459	(281) 403- 8600	(281) 208- 5525	kaustemissouri city.tx.gov	City of Missouri City - CDBG
Stacie Henderson	2700 Town Center Blvd. North Sugar Land, TX 77479	281-275- 2172	281-275- 2771	shenderso@sugarlandtx.gov	City of Sugar Land
Kelly Kaluza	3014 AVE I ROSENBERG	281-341- 0808	281-341 6333	K.KALUZA@KELLY KALUZA.COM	Richmond Needville
ARNOLD BROWN	13222 5TH CORLETA, TX	281 431- 0606	281-431 1523	ARNOLD.BROWN@18 @Yaloo.com	City of Arroyo

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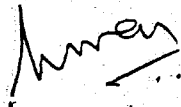
THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Seshadri Kumar who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the publisher of India Herald and that said newspaper meets the requirements of Section 2051.044 of the Texas Government Code, to wit:

1. It devotes not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of its total column lineage to general interest items;
2. It is published at least once each week;
3. It is entered as second-class postal matter in the county where it is published; and
4. It has been published regularly and continuously since 1995.

Publisher further deposes and says that the attached notice was published in said newspaper on the following date (s) to wit:



Seshadri Kumar

Publisher

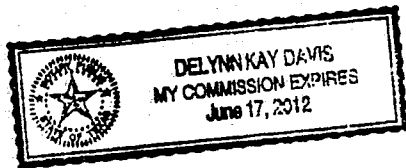
April 1, 2009
 Fort Bend County FY 2008 CDBG Disaster
 Recovery Program.
 FBC CDBG Homeless Prevention and
 Rapid Re-housing Program.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME by Seshadri Kumar who

Is personally to me, or

Provided the following evidence to establish his/ her identity,

On this the 2nd day of April 2009, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.



Delynn Kay Davis
 Notary Public, State of Texas

WORLD

Arms cache in Islamic school in Bangladesh

Bangladeshi police are investigating a madrasa (or Islamic theological school) established by a British charity where a cache of weapons was uncovered.

The BBC's Abdullah al-Minyid has been to visit the madrasa at the centre of the story.

I saw the poster on the wall of the ferry I caught to Bhola: "So bombing and killing people is not allowed in Islam". It referred to a hadith - the stories of the words and deeds of the Prophet Muhammad handed down by word of mouth.

It was an expression of the deep concern over the rise of militant activities and bombing incidents across Bangladesh.

Recently the country's elite anti-terror force, the Rapid Action Battalion, uncovered a huge stash of firearms, ammunition and explosives at a madrasa.

It is not new to find this type of thing in madrasas, but for the first time a UK link has been found.

Green Crescent Madrasa was established by a British citizen of

Bangladeshi origin and the organisation which provides funds for it is registered as a charity in the UK.

After driving more than 143 miles and crossing over three big rivers, my 12-hour journey came to an end.

I had reached the village of Runkeshob in the island district of Bhola.

The village does not look different from any other in the country, but an unusual pink-coloured single-storied building in a well-defended complex has pushed this place into the media spotlight.

The Green Crescent Madrasa complex is in the rear side of the village and a narrow zigzagging driveway connects it to the main road.

The four hectare (10 acre) site is cut off from the village by a 2.4m (8 ft) wide canal full of water.

The entrance has a small bridge with a gap negotiated by an iron sheet which acts as a drawbridge.

Two policemen were guarding the main entrance and they rolled the bridge to let us in.

There are eight rooms in the first building around a courtyard in the middle which is not visible from outside, and this has an extension as well.

In one of the rooms the police allowed me to enter, I saw benches and a blackboard on the wall. The adjacent room was being used as the bedroom for the students, and the next one to it was the dining room.

This building is connected to another one - used as the teachers' quarters - by a concrete path, and

in between these two buildings is a big pond or water tank.

It was in this second building that the discovery of firearms, ammunition and explosives was made.

All the weapons and explosives were found in the ceiling of the three rooms - well hidden from the eyes of anyone.

Mohammad Ali, the local council member, said foreigners were seen coming and going, but no one knew what their purpose was.

"They brought in people from other places to build this place and rarely allowed us to go inside. We are very afraid after this discovery of these dangerous things," said Ali.

No-one ever suspected militant activity at the complex.

Assistant Superintendent of police H M Azimul Haque is leading the investigation team.

"As we recovered some books on jihad, I think there is a strong connection to militancy and maybe they were piling up these things to create anarchy in the country," he told me.

Nitul Dey, a businessman I met on the ferry, said: "I no longer feel safe as they can throw a bomb in a busy marketplace full of innocent people, now safety has become a major concern for many of us."

"I do not understand why these educated people are doing these things when they are living relatively better than us."

Sri Lanka 'could halt fighting'

COLOMBO

The Sri Lankan government says it is considering a humanitarian pause in the offensive against Tamil Tiger rebels in the north-east of the country.

The pause would allow civilians caught up in the fighting time to escape.

A senior foreign ministry official told the BBC that the details for a halt would be worked out shortly.

Earlier, the Sri Lankan military said more than 50 Tamil Tiger guerrillas were killed in land and sea battles in the north-eastern region.

"The government is considering a humanitarian pause and the modalities will be worked out shortly," Sri Lankan Foreign Secretary Dr Palitha Kohona told the BBC, without elaborating further.

The Sri Lankan government has been under immense pressure from the UN and other international bodies to call a temporary halt in the fighting to allow time for tens of thousands of trapped civilians to escape.

The UN says nearly 3,000 civilians may have been killed and 7,000 others injured in the fighting in the last two months.

Earlier, the military said two separate clashes in the north-eastern region had left more than 50 rebels dead.

There has been no reaction from the Tamil Tigers to the claims but pro-rebel websites said the rebels were offering stiff resistance in the area.

Neither version of events could be independently confirmed, as journalists are not allowed to report from inside the conflict zone.

Meanwhile, officials say more than 1,600 civilians fled the war zone and reached government-controlled areas on Monday.

The government says more than 61,000 people have already fled from rebel-held areas and have been housed in special camps in the northern region.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 for Walmart Murphy Parkway Lakes being a replat of restricted reserve "A" of Shoop at Parkway Lakes, Pct. 3. The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom, William B. Travis Bldg., 309 S. Fourth St., Rm. 700, Richmond, Texas.
Under state law, you the owner, have certain rights with respect to the proposed replat. Should you wish to exercise your right, you may be heard at the planned public hearing. You may contact Corinne Coming with Bowden Survey Co. at 281-531-1900 for information prior to the hearing.
Submitted by, Dianne Wilson Fort Bend County Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 for LaQuinta - Sugar Land being a partial replat of Restricted Reserve "A" Block 1 of Sunnyland United Plaza, Pct. 3. The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom, William B. Travis Bldg., 309 S. Fourth St., Rm. 700, Richmond, Texas.
Under state law, you the owner, have certain rights with respect to the proposed replat. Should you wish to exercise your right, you may be heard at the planned public hearing. You may contact Michael Malcolm-Hicks with Miller & Associates at 281-497-8700 for information prior to the hearing.
Submitted by, Dianne Wilson Fort Bend County Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas has set a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 for The Retreat at Sovereign Shores Section 1 Partial Replat No. 1, Pct. 1. The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom, William B. Travis Bldg., 309 S. Fourth St., Rm. 700, Richmond, Texas.
Under state law, you the owner, have certain rights with respect to the proposed replat. Should you wish to exercise your right, you may be heard at the planned public hearing. You may contact Mark Mills with TMG Engineering Inc. at 281-343-1400 for information prior to the hearing.
Submitted by, Dianne Wilson Fort Bend County Clerk

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS
Sealed Bids will be received in the Office of Gilbert D. Jalomo, Jr., Purchasing Agent, Fort Bend County, Rosenberg Annex, 4520 Reading Road, Suite A, Rosenberg, TX 77471 for the following until THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009 at 1:30 P.M. (CST). All bids will then be publicly opened and read in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Rosenberg Annex, 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471. Bids received after the specified time will be returned unopened.
BID 09-068 - FUEL TREATMENT PROGRAM
Fort Bend County has implemented a new financial software program and has phased out the mailing of legal notices. All Bids, RFPs and SOCs, except for construction projects may be accessed online by visiting www.co.fort-bend.tx.us and linking to Purchasing.
Fort Bend County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Signed, Gilbert D. Jalomo, Jr., Purchasing Agent Fort Bend County, Richmond, Texas

LEGAL NOTICES

Fort Bend County's legal notices are also available on line at www.India-Herald.com and www.fbindependent.com.

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

For a New Branch:

Notification is given that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43271 has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on or about 3/31/2009, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to establish a domestic branch at 10410 Hwy 6, Fort Bend County, Missouri City, TX, 77459. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Licensing Manager, Large Banks Licensing Operations, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Mail Stop 7-13, Washington, D.C. 20219 within 30 days of the date of this publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FY 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

On November 26, 2008 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the allocation of \$2.1 billion dollars in disaster recovery assistance to 13 States and Puerto Rico. The emergency funding is intended to help address unmet housing, economic and infrastructure needs following the natural disasters of 2008. HUD allocated the majority of the funding (\$1.3 billion dollars) to the State of Texas. The emergency funding is provided through HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and will support the State's long-term disaster recovery. This is the first allocation of approximately \$6.5 billion dollars appropriated by Congress immediately following Hurricane Ike. These funds can be used to address housing and infrastructure damage caused by Hurricane Ike. The majority of funding must benefit low and moderate income citizens.

Fort Bend County expects to receive \$2,636,844 in CDBG Disaster Program funds. This amount includes \$1,582,107 set-aside for housing activities and \$1,054,738 set-aside for non-housing activities. All eligible activities must have documented proof of impact by a major natural disaster declared in 2008. There must be a

clear and compelling need related to a major natural disaster (Hurricane Ike) declaration, hurricane disaster relief, long-term recovery and/or restoration of infrastructure. All eligible activities must be related to Hurricane IKE through actual damage or a failure to function. Eligible entities include local governments and non-profit organizations.

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2009, 10:00 a.m., at the Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex, 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg, Texas to receive comments from the public regarding the use of these funds and to provide information to applicants. The public is encouraged to attend and to submit comments to Marilyn Kindell, Community Development Director, 4520 Reading Road, Suite A, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Comments will be incorporated into the draft FY 2008 CDBG applications, as appropriate. Persons with vision or hearing impairments or other individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and services may contact the department at (281) 341-4410 regarding reasonable accommodations for the meeting.

The Fort Bend County CDBG-IKE Program Request For Proposals (RFPs) will be available on Friday, April 3, 2009. Questions from applicants will be answered at the April-8 meeting. Proposals must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2009. For more information, please call Carol Borrego at (281) 341-4410.

PUBLIC NOTICE FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FY 2008 CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

Fort Bend County proposes to amend its approved FY 2008 Consolidated Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR 91.505 state that a jurisdiction shall amend its approved plan whenever it makes one of the following decisions:

- (1) To make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
 - (2) To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income), not previously described in the action plan; or
 - (3) To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiary of an activity.
- In March of 2009, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the allocation \$1.5 billion in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) Program funds. Fort Bend County expects to receive \$777,971 in Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds during FY 2008. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. Eligible entities include local governments and non-profit organizations.

public regarding the use of these funds. The public is encouraged to attend and to submit comments to Marilyn Kindell, Community Development Director, 4520 Reading Road, Suite A, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Comments will be incorporated into the draft FY 2008 HPRP Consolidated Plan amendment, as appropriate. Persons with vision or hearing impairments or other individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and services may contact the department at (281) 341-4410 regarding reasonable accommodations for the meeting.

Fort Bend County must obligate these funds by September 30, 2009, and must expend the HPRP Program funds within two years. Fort Bend County must submit its action plan amendment detailing how it plans to manage the HPRP funds to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 18, 2009.

The Fort Bend County FY 2008 Consolidated Action Plan Amendment will be available for public comment and review. The public is encouraged to submit written comments by Monday, April 24, 2009 to Marilyn Kindell, Community Development Director, at 4520 Reading Road, Suite A, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Comments will be incorporated into the Consolidated Action Plan Amendment, as appropriate. Persons with vision or hearing impairments or other individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and services may contact the department at (281) 341-4410.

The Fort Bend County HPRP Program Request For Proposals (RFPs) will be available on Friday, May 1, 2009. Proposals must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2009. For more information, please call Carol Borrego at (281) 341-4410.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m., at the Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex, 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg, Texas to receive comments from the

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From: Debra Watson
To: ITHelpDesk
Date: 3/27/2009 2:40 PM
Subject: Community Development's Website
Attachments: HPRP public notice 030109.doc; public notice 03-08-09.doc

Please add the following notices to the Community Development Website. The notices should be accessible after clicking on the "Breaking News" link on our site.

Thank you,
Debra Watson
Fort Bend County Community Development
Phone: 281-341-4410

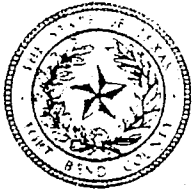
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fort Bend County, Texas

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Marilynn Kindell
Director

(281) 341-4410
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TO: Interested Cities **VIA FAX AND MAIL**

FROM: Marilynn Kindell *MKindell*

DATE: March 30, 2009

RE: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2008 Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund Hurricane Ike

The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. Law 110-329), enacted on September 30, 2008, appropriates \$6.5 billion through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for "necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization in areas affected by hurricanes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring during 2008 for which the President declared a major disaster...".

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was designated by Congress as the administering agency. In November 28, 2008, HUD made an allocation to Texas for \$1,314,990,193. These funds can be used to address housing and infrastructure damage caused by Hurricane Ike. The majority of funding must benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.

Fort Bend County has been designated a set-aside county under this program and expects to receive \$2,636,844 in CDBG Disaster Program funds. This amount includes \$1,582,107 set-aside for housing activities and \$1,054,738 set-aside for non-housing activities. There are two options for recommending projects:

1. **Participate in regional process.** Jurisdictions in set-aside counties can participate in an H-GAC sponsored process. The regional process would be based upon objective scoring criteria and a scoring committee with county representation. Eligible projects would be ranked based upon the criteria and recommended for funding up to the set aside amount. The county would not have any additional responsibility for documenting the selection process under this approach.
2. **Develop County method of distribution.** This approach requires the County to develop a process for recommending projects from entities within the County. The County must either develop an objective scoring process or an allocation to jurisdictions, based upon objective criteria. The approach must be included in a county-wide method of distribution (MOD) document adopted by the commissioner's court after a public hearing.

At least 51% of the cities in the county, representing two-thirds of total city population, must concur in the MOD.

Fort Bend County must indicate its preferred approach to H-GAC by Wednesday, April 8, 2009. If the County chooses to develop a MOD, it must be submitted to H-GAC by April 29, 2009. Under either approach the amount of funding to the county and its jurisdictions remains the same.

The County is requesting that your city indicate your preferred approach to accessing CDBG disaster recovery program funds on the attached form. Please return the form by **Monday, April 6, 2009**.

If you need additional information, please call Carol Borrego with this office.

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