

RESOLUTION 2023-24

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF LA FERIA DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR REQUESTING FUNDS PERTAINING TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM (CDBG-DR) GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) STATE CONTRACT NUMBER 23-152-002-E069.

WHEREAS, City of La FERIA has received a Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery award to provide Storm Sewer Improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint persons to execute contractual documents and documents requesting funds from the Texas General Land Office and;

WHEREAS, an original signed copy of the CDBG-DR Depository/Authorized Signatories Designation Form is to be submitted with a copy of this Resolution, and;

WHEREAS, City of La FERIA acknowledges that in the event that an authorized signatory changes (elections, illness, resignations, etc.) the following will be required:

- a resolution stating the new authorized signatory (A new resolution is not required if this original resolution names only the title and not the name of the signatory); and
- a revised CDBG-DR *Depository/ Authorized Signatories Designation Form*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

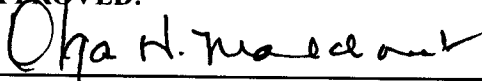
SECTION 1: The Mayor, Interim City Manager and City Manager be authorized to execute contractual documents between the Texas General Land Office and the City for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.

SECTION 2: The Mayor, Interim City Manager, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Secretary be authorized to execute the *State of Texas Purchase Voucher* and *Request for Payment Form* documents required for requesting funds approved in the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.

SECTION 3: The Mayor be authorized to execute environmental review and related documents as the responsible entity (RE) for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:



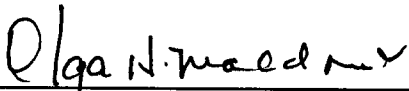
City Secretary

SECTION 3 POLICY

In accordance with 12 U.S.C. 1701u, (Section 3), City of La Feria agrees to implement the following steps, which, to the *greatest extent feasible*, will provide job training, employment and contracting opportunities for Section 3 residents and Section 3 businesses of the areas in which the program/project is being carried out.

- A. Introduce and pass a resolution adopting this plan as a policy to strive to attain goals for compliance to Section 3 regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting for Section 3 residents and businesses.
- B. Assign duties related to implementation of this plan to the designated Section 3 Coordinator.
- C. Notify Section 3 residents and business concerns of potential new employment and contracting opportunities as they are triggered by CDBG-DR grant awards through the use of: Public Hearings and related advertisements; public notices; bidding advertisements and bid documents; notification to local business organizations such as the Chamber(s) of Commerce or the Urban League; local advertising media including public signage; project area committees and citizen advisory boards; local HUD offices; regional planning agencies; and all other appropriate referral sources. Include Section 3 clauses in all covered solicitations and contracts.
- D. Maintain a list of those businesses that have identified themselves as Section 3 businesses for utilization in CDBG-DR funded procurements, notify those businesses of pending contractual opportunities, and make this list available for general Grant Recipient procurement needs.
- E. Maintain a list of those persons who have identified themselves as Section 3 residents and contact those persons when hiring/training opportunities are available through either the Grant Recipient or contractors.
- F. Require that all Prime contractors and subcontractors with contracts over \$100,000 commit to this plan as part of their contract work. Monitor the contractors' performance with respect to meeting Section 3 requirements and require that they submit reports as may be required by HUD or GLO to the Grant Recipient.
- G. Submit reports as required by HUD or GLO regarding contracting with Section 3 businesses and/or employment as they occur; and submit reports within 20 days of federal fiscal year end (by October 20) which identify and quantify Section 3 businesses and employees.
- H. Maintain records, including copies of correspondence, memoranda, etc., which document all actions taken to comply with Section 3 regulations.

As officers and representatives of the City of La Feria, we the undersigned have read and fully agree to this plan and become a party to the full implementation of this program.


Signature

Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor
Name, Title

9-26-2023
Date

Excessive Force Policy

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.325(b)(6), City of La Feria hereby adopts and will enforce the following policy with respect to the use of excessive force:

1. It is the policy of City of La Feria to prohibit the use of excessive force by the law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.
2. It is also the policy of City of La Feria to enforce applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
3. City of La Feria will introduce and pass a resolution adopting this policy.

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Limited English Proficiency Plan - 23-152-002-E069

Texas General Land Office

Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery

Grant Subrecipient:	City of La Feria
Community Population:	6,339
LEP Population:	1,094 17.26%
Languages spoken: 1) by more than 5% of the eligible population or beneficiaries and has more than 50 in number; or 2) By more than 1,000 individuals in the eligible population in the market area or among current beneficiaries	Spanish

Program activities to be accessible to LEP persons:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Notices and hearings regarding applications for grant funding, amendments to project activities, and completion of grant-funded project
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Publications regarding CDBG-DR application, grievance procedures, <i>complaint procedures</i> , <i>complaint procedures</i> , <i>answers to complaints</i> , <i>notices</i> , <i>notices of rights and disciplinary action</i> , and other vital hearings, documents, and program requirements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other program documents: Documents available in Spanish for directly assisted beneficiaries, if applicable.

Resources available to Grant Recipient:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Translation services: available upon request
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interpreter services: available upon request with prior notice
	Other resources: _____

Language Assistance to be provided:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Translation (oral and/or written) of advertised notices and vital documents for: <u>Public hearing, Complaint and Grievance, Equal Opportunity, Policy of Non-discrimination Based on Disability Status and Fair Housing notices are available in Spanish. Other CDBG required program notices are available in Spanish upon request.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Referrals to community liaisons proficient in the language of LEP persons <u>Spanish-speaking liaisons are available upon request.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public meetings conducted in multiple languages: <u>Available upon request with two days advance notice.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notices to recipients of the availability of LEP services: <u>Included in translated notices.</u>
	Other services: _____

Olga W. Maciel
Signature - Chief Elected Official or Civil Rights Officer

9-26-2023
Date

Section 504 Policy against Discrimination based on Handicap and Grievance Procedures

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 8, Nondiscrimination based on Handicap in federally assisted programs and activities of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5309), City of La Feria hereby adopts the following policy and grievance procedures:

1. Discrimination prohibited. No otherwise qualified individual with handicaps in the United States shall, solely by reason of his or her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
 2. City of La Feria does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities.
 3. City of La Feria's recruitment materials or publications shall include a statement of this policy in 1. above.
 4. City of La Feria shall take continuing steps to notify participants, beneficiaries, applicants and employees, including those with impaired vision or hearing, and unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the recipients that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in violation of 24 CFR Part 8.
 5. For hearing and visually impaired individuals eligible to be served or likely to be affected by the CDBG-DR program, City of La Feria shall ensure that they are provided with the information necessary to understand and participate in the CDBG-DR program.
 6. Grievances and Complaints
 - a. Any person who believes she or he has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability may file a grievance under this procedure. It is against the law for City of La Feria to retaliate against anyone who files a grievance or cooperates in the investigation of a grievance.
 - b. Complaints should be addressed to the Mayor, 115 E Commercial Ave, La Feria, TX, 78559 or call , who has been designated to coordinate Section 504 compliance efforts.
 - c. A complaint should be filed in writing or verbally, contain the name and address of the person filing it, and briefly describe the alleged violation of the regulations.
 - d. A complaint should be filed within thirty (30) working days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation.
 - e. An investigation, as may be appropriate, shall follow a filing of a complaint. The investigation will be conducted by the Mayor. Informal but thorough investigations will afford all interested persons and their representatives, if any, an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to a complaint.
 - f. A written determination as to the validity of the complaint and description of resolution, if any, shall be issued by Mayor, and a copy forwarded to the complainant with fifteen (15) working days after the filing of the complaint where practicable.
 - g. The Section 504 coordinator shall maintain the files and records of the City of La Feria relating to the complaint files.
 - h. The complainant can request a reconsideration of the case in instances where he or she is dissatisfied with the determination/resolution as described in f. above. The request for reconsideration should be
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made to City of La Feria within ten working days after the receipt of the written determination/resolution.

- i. The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint filed hereunder shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a Section 504 complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Utilization of this grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.
- j. These procedures shall be construed to protect the substantive rights of interested persons, to meet appropriate due process standards and assure that City of La Feria complies with Section 504 and HUD regulations.

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Signature

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Code of Conduct Policy of City of La Feria

As a Grant Recipient of a CDBG-DR contract City of La Feria shall avoid, neutralize or mitigate actual or potential conflicts of interest so as to prevent an unfair competitive advantage or the existence of conflicting roles that might impair the performance of the CDBG-DR contract or impact the integrity of the procurement process.

For procurement of goods and services, no employee, officer, or agent of City of La Feria shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by CDBG-DR funds if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict could arise if the employee, officer or agent; any member of his/her immediate family; his/her partner; or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

No officer, employee, or agent of City of La Feria shall solicit or accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors or firms, potential contractors or firms, or parties to sub-agreements, except where the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal intrinsic value.


Contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements.

For all other cases, no employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected or appointed official of the state, or of a unit of general local government, or of any designated public agencies, or subrecipients which are receiving CDBG-DR funds, that has any CDBG-DR function/responsibility, or is in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from the CDBG-DR activity.

The conflict of interest restrictions and procurement requirements identified herein shall apply to a benefitting business, utility provider, or other third party entity that is receiving assistance, directly or indirectly, under a CDBG-DR contract or award, or that is required to complete some or all work under the CDBG-DR contract in order to meet the National Program Objective.

Any person or entity including any benefitting business, utility provider, or other third party entity that is receiving assistance, directly or indirectly, under a CDBG-DR contract or award, or that is required to complete some or all work under the CDBG-DR contract in order to meet a National Program Objective, that might potentially receive benefits from CDBG-DR awards may not participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by CDBG-DR funding.

Any alleged violations of these standards of conduct shall be referred to the City of La Feria Attorney. Where violations appear to have occurred, the offending employee, officer or agent shall be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to dismissal or transfer; where violations or infractions appear to be substantial in nature, the matter may be referred to the appropriate officials for criminal investigation and possible prosecution.



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These procedures are intended to serve as guidelines for the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction services and professional services for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR) Program. The regulations related to conflict of interest and nepotism may be found at the Texas Government Code Chapter 573, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 171, Uniform Grant Management Standards by Texas Comptroller, 24 CFR 570.489(g) &(h), and 2 CFR 200.318

Fair Housing Policy

In accordance with Fair Housing Act, City of La Feria hereby adopts the following policy with respect to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing:

1. City of La Feria agrees to affirmatively further fair housing choice for all seven protected classes (race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, and national origin).
2. City of La Feria agrees to plan at least one activity during the contract term to affirmatively further fair housing.
3. City of La Feria will introduce and pass a resolution adopting this policy.

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to attend the hearings and an applicant must make arrangements for individuals who require auxiliary aids or services if contacted at least two days prior to each hearing.

4. When a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate in a public hearing, an interpreter will be present to accommodate the needs of the non-English speaking residents.
5. City may conduct a public hearing via webinar if they also follow the provisions above. If the webinar is used to conduct a public hearing, a physical location with associated reasonable accommodations must be made available for citizens to participate so as to ensure that those individuals without necessary technology are able to participate.
6. If applicable, the locality must retain documentation of the hearing notice(s), attendance lists, minutes of the hearing(s), and any other records concerning the actual use of funds for a period of three years after the project is closed out. Such records must be made available to the public in accordance with Chapter 552, Government Code.

Olga H. Maldonado
Signature

Olga H. Maldonado
Name, Mayor

9-26-2023
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**LA FERIA
PLAN DE PARTICIPACIÓN CIUDADANA
PROGRAMA DE RECUPERACIÓN DE DESASTRES EN ASIGNACIONES EN BLOQUES DE
DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG-DR)**

PROCEDIMIENTOS DE QUEJA

Estos procedimientos de queja cumplen con los requisitos del La Oficina General de Tierras de Texas de Recuperación de Desastres en Asignaciones en Bloques de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG-DR) y los requisitos del gobierno local de Texas que se encuentran en 24 CFR §570.486 (Código de Regulaciones Federales). Los ciudadanos pueden obtener una copia de estos procedimientos en La Feria, 115 E Commercial Ave, La Feria, Texas 78559 (Dirección postal), (956) 797-2261, (teléfono) durante el horario de oficina.

A continuación se presentan los procedimientos formales de quejas y reclamos relacionados con los servicios prestados en el marco del proyecto CDBG-DR.

1. Una persona que tiene una queja o reclamo sobre cualquier servicios o actividad en relación con el proyecto CDBG-DR, ya sea un proyecto propuesto, en curso o completado de CDBG-DR, pueden durante las horas regulares presentar dicha queja o reclamo, por escrito al Mayor, a La Feria, 115 E Commercial Ave, La Feria, Texas 78559, (956) 797-2261.
2. Una copia de la queja o reclamo se transmitirá por el Alcalde a la entidad que es encargada de la queja o reclamo y al Abogado del La Ciudad dentro de los cinco (5) días hábiles siguientes a la fecha de la queja o día que el reclamo fue recibida.
3. El Alcalde completará una investigación de la queja o reclamo, si es posible, y dará una respuesta oportuna por escrito a la persona que hizo la queja o reclamo dentro de los diez (10) días.
4. Si la investigación no puede ser completada dentro de diez (10) días hábiles, la persona que hizo la queja o reclamo será notificada, por escrito, dentro de los quince (15) días cuando sea posible después de la entrega de la queja original o reclamo y detallará cuando se deberá completar la investigación.
5. Si es necesario, la queja y una copia escrita de la investigación posterior se remitirán a la CDBG-DR para su posterior revisión y comentarios.
6. Se proporcionara copias de los procedimientos de queja y las respuestas a las quejas, tanto en inglés y español, u otro lenguaje apropiado.

ASISTENCIA TÉCNICA

Cuando se solicite, La Ciudad proporcionará asistencia técnica a los grupos que son representantes de las personas de ingresos bajos y moderados en el desarrollo de propuestas para el uso de los fondos CDBG-DR. La Ciudad, basándose en las necesidades específicas de los residentes de la comunidad en el momento de la solicitud, deberá determinar el nivel y tipo de asistencia.

ESFUERZOS PUBLICOS

En casos de un cambio en el alcance o impacto para los beneficiarios que resulte en un aumento o disminución del 15% en las cantidades, una variación del 25% en el número de beneficiarios, aumento o disminución de un área beneficiaria específica, o suma o resta de una actividad de HUD, el La Ciudad proporcionará un aviso público razonable para la evaluación, examinación y comentarios sobre las actividades propuestas para el uso de fondos de CDBG-DR. Estos esfuerzos incluirán:

1. Proveer y fomentar la participación ciudadana, en particularmente por personas de ingresos bajos y moderados que residen en áreas marginales o deterioradas y áreas en las cuales se proponen utilizar fondos de CDBG-DR;
2. Asegurar que los ciudadanos tendrán acceso razonable y oportuno a las reuniones locales, información y registros relacionados con el uso propuesto y real de fondos de CDBG-DR por parte de la entidad;
3. Proporcionar información a los ciudadanos, incluyendo pero no limitado a:
 - a) la cantidad de fondos CDBG-DR que se espera estén disponibles
 - b) la gama de actividades que se pueden emprender con los fondos CDBG-DR
 - c) La cantidad estimada de los fondos CDBG-DR que se propone utilizar para actividades que cumplan el objetivo nacional de beneficio para personas de ingresos bajos y moderados
 - d) si corresponde, las actividades propuestas de CDBG-DR que puedan resultar en desplazamiento y el plan de anti-desplazamiento y reubicación de la entidad;
4. Proporcionar a los ciudadanos un aviso anticipado razonable y la oportunidad de comentar sobre las actividades propuestas en una solicitud al estado y, para las subvenciones ya realizadas, las actividades que se proponen agregar, eliminar o cambiar sustancialmente de la aplicación de la entidad al estado. Cambios sustanciales significa cambios hechos en términos de propósito, alcance, ubicación o beneficiarios según lo definido por los criterios establecidos por el estado; y
5. Estos esfuerzos de divulgación pueden lograrse a través de uno o más de los siguientes métodos:
 - a) Publicación de un aviso en un periódico local: se puede utilizar un artículo de periódico publicado siempre que proporcione información suficiente sobre las actividades del programa y las fechas pertinentes;
 - b) Avisos destacados en edificios públicos y distribuidos a las Autoridades Locales de Vivienda ya otros grupos comunitarios interesados;
 - c) Publicación de aviso en el sitio web de la entidad local (si está disponible);
 - d) Audiencia pública; o
 - e) Notificación individual a ciudades elegibles y otras entidades según sea aplicable usando uno o más de los siguientes métodos:
 - i. Correo certificado
 - ii. Correo electrónico o fax
 - iii. Correo de primera clase (regular)
 - iv. Entrega personal (por ejemplo, en una reunión del Consejo de Gobiernos [COG]).

DISPOSICIONES PARA LA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Para cada audiencia pública programada y conducida por un solicitante o receptor de CDBG-DR, se observarán las siguientes disposiciones de audiencia pública:

1. Proporcionar a los ciudadanos información, que incluye pero no se limita a:
 - a. La cantidad de fondos de CDBG-DR disponibles por solicitud para Huracán Harvey;
 - b. El rango de actividades que se pueden realizar con los fondos de la CDBG de Huracán Harvey;
 - c. El monto estimado de los fondos de CDBG-DR Huracán Harvey propuestos para ser utilizados en actividades que cumplirán el objetivo nacional de beneficiar a las personas de ingresos bajos y moderados; y
 - d. Las actividades propuestas de CDBG-DR que probablemente resulten en desplazamiento y la unidad de los planes generales de anti desubicación y reubicación del gobierno local requeridos bajo 24 CFR 570.488
2. El aviso público de cualquier audiencia debe ser publicado por lo menos setenta y dos (72) horas antes de la audiencia programada. El aviso público debe ser publicado en un periódico local. Cada