

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

# **CDBG-Mitigation Action Plan Public Hearing and Request for Approval**

Staff Presentation

- Background and Process

- Proposed Budget

- Funding Categories

Public Hearing

Council Discussion and Action



## The Basics

Federal Register Notice  
Published: August 30, 2019

San Marcos Allocation:  
\$24,012,000

Action Plan Due:  
April 3, 2020

## Federal Definition of Mitigation Activities:

Those activities that

- increase resilience to disasters and
- reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

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## Dictionary Definition of Mitigation:

Mitigate: to make less severe

## **ACTION PLAN**

Risk-Based Mitigation Needs Assessment  
Hazard Mitigation Plan informs needs assessment

Promote local & regional long-term planning

Promote coordination and leveraging of funds

Promote natural infrastructure

## THE RULES

At least 50% of funds must address mitigation needs within the city limits of San Marcos.

May expend funds outside of city limits if demonstrate how funds will benefit the city.

50% of allocation must be spent in 6 years.

100% of allocation must be spent in 12 years.

50% of all CDBG-MIT funds must benefit low-to-moderate income persons.

Planning Funds: Maximum 15% of total grant.

## Action Plan Development

Aug. 30, 2019



Federal Register  
Notice

Oct.-Dec. 2019



Stakeholder  
Outreach

Dec. 2019



City Action Plan  
Development

Dec. 2019



Translate to  
Spanish

Jan.-Feb. 2020



45-Day Public  
Comment  
Period

Feb. 2020



Respond &  
Incorporate  
Comments

April 3, 2020



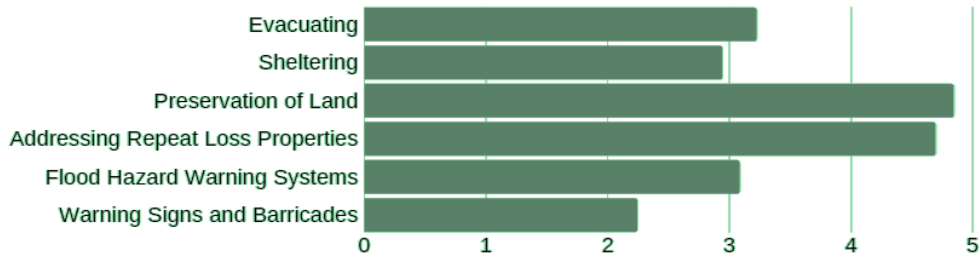
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Plan to HUD



## Mitigation Survey *Report*

### Mitigation Actions

Respondents were asked to rank the potential mitigation activities from 1-6 According to their priorities.  
(1-Most Important; 6-Least Important)





**CATEGORIES**



SHELTERING

EVACUATING

PRESERVING

ADDRESSING REPETITIVE LOSS

WARNING SYSTEMS

SIGNS & BARRICADES



## Addressing Repetitive Loss

**Managing Repeat Loss Properties:**  
Drainage improvements to properties that have been flooded multiple times.

Construction of public improvements can benefit multiple properties/neighborhoods.

## Preserving

**Establishing Land Banks:** Preservation of land in strategic upland and floodplain areas to mitigate flooding.

Land can be used for storage/infiltration of flood waters and the reduction of impervious cover.



## Warning Systems

**Improve flood and hazard warning systems:** Increasing number of gauges, installing and improving hazard sirens, and improved modeling capability through mapping.

Provides accurate, timely information to the public prior to and during a disaster.





## Signs & Barricades

**Increase number of warning signs and barricades at low water crossings:**

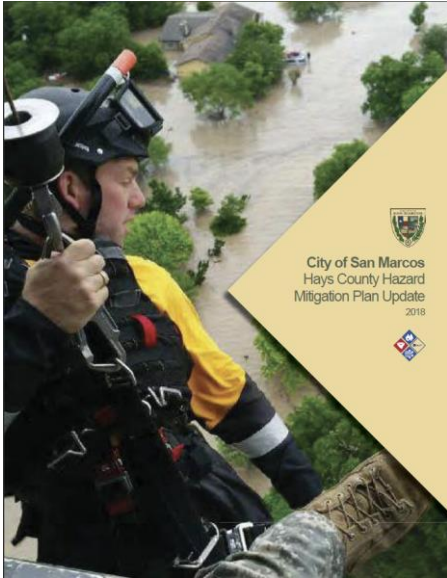
This improves safety and protects lives during a disaster.

## Planning

Some possible uses:

- **Create engineering designs to lessen the risk of flooding**
- **Plan for first responder and traffic coordination of evacuations**
- **Obtain data for use in comprehensive planning**

Planning ensures the most effective use of funds.





## Administration

**Pay for staff and other costs to implement the programs and oversee projects:**  
Oversight keeps projects moving and ensures federal compliance.

## **Draft Action Plan Public Comment Period Jan 13 – Feb 27**

Including a Public Meeting Feb 12

### 11 Comments Received:

- 3 in support, especially for repetitive loss infrastructure and land preservation
- 8 proposing specific projects within the categories in the Action Plan, which are under staff review



Addressing Repetitive Loss	\$16,000,000
Preservation of Land	\$2,849,600
Warning Systems	\$300,000
Signs & Barricades	\$60,000
Planning (15%)	\$3,601,800
Administration (5%)	\$1,200,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,012,000</b>

**For More  
Info**

City of San Marcos



**WEB LINK**

[www.sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation](http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/mitigation)

**HUD Link**

[www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov)

# **CDBG-Mitigation Action Plan Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that City Council approve a Resolution adopting the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Action Plan that provides for the allocation of the \$24,012,000 to be awarded by HUD to the City of San Marcos, authorizing the City Manager to act as the Official Representative of the City in matters related to the CDBG-MIT Program and Action Plan, and declaring an effective date