



**Public comment period begins for Galveston County Hurricane Ike Round 2.2 on Tuesday, February 5, 2013.**

The Needs Assessment is designed to assist Galveston County in overcoming impediments to fair housing by ensuring that recovery efforts are focused upon those persons and locations with the greatest needs. This document has been prepared in accordance with the Homeowner Opportunity Program (HOP) Guidelines, dated October 1, 2012, as provided by the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program administered by the State of Texas through its General Land Office (GLO).

**The Needs Assessment includes:**

- Analysis of the overall damage caused by Hurricane Ike in Galveston County
- Analysis of income categories of households in the community affected by Hurricane Ike
  - 0% - 30% Area Median Family Income (AMFI)
  - 31% - 50% AMFI
  - 51% - 80% AMFI
- Analysis of the locations of damages that remain unpaid
- Break-out of areas identified as FEMA High Risk areas
- Break-out of areas in County that have 2000 U.S. Census Neighborhood Block Groups with poverty concentrations of 35% or more
- Break-out of areas in the County that have 2000 U.S. Census Neighborhood Block Groups with minority or ethnic group concentrations of 65% or greater

This Needs Assessment will be used to complete the Round 2.2 General Housing Activities Application and will facilitate the outreach, intake, and application phase of Galveston County’s disaster recovery housing program. Specifically, the Needs Assessment helps to define target areas in greatest need of housing assistance.

The target areas identified in this Needs Assessment are not final. The final target areas will be informed by important public and stakeholder feedback. Once adopted, targeted outreach may begin in those areas with priority given to elderly and disabled applicants.

Criteria for target areas	Target Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area of High Minority Concentration – 65% or more of minorities</li> <li>• Area of High Poverty Concentration – 35%</li> </ul>	<p><b>Primary</b> – All three criteria are met</p> <p><b>Secondary</b> – Two of three criteria are met</p> <p><b>Tertiary</b> – One criteria is met</p>

or more living in poverty

- FEMA-Designated High Risk Area - Areas vulnerable to significant wind and/or storm surge damage and areas located in 100-year flood zones

**(February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 final public meeting has been canceled)**

**A new date will be established and announced in the near future.**

The next step in the Needs Assessment process includes a public comment period and final meeting. Galveston County has held three public meetings and will host a final meeting February 26<sup>th</sup> to announce the targeted areas.

**Galveston, Texas: February 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Galveston County Courthouse, Main Courtroom 722 Moody**

Public comment on the Needs Assessment may also be submitted in writing until February 19, 2013. All comments will be part of the public record, and are generally posted without change for public viewing to <http://www.co.galveston.tx.us/HousingDept/index.htm>. All personal identifying information voluntarily submitted by the commenter, such as name and address, may be publicly accessible. Confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information should not be submitted.

Comments may also be submitted via email to [GCHAP@horne-llp.com](mailto:GCHAP@horne-llp.com) with the subject "Public Comment Needs Assessment".

Comments submitted by mail can be directed to:

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