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TDHCA issues housing plan to rebuild communities in wake of hurricanes Ike and Dolly

(AUSTIN) — Emphasizing local input and local control, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today issued a plan detailing how it will expend the housing portion of \$1.7 billion in Community Development Block Grant funds for disaster recovery activities relating to hurricanes Ike and Dolly. TDHCA expects housing programs to receive approximately 50 percent of the total funding award, or about \$850 million. However, the final decision will be made by local officials through regional Councils of Government (COGs), who will determine how much funding will go to housing, infrastructure, and economic development activities.

The plan was forwarded to the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), the state's lead agency for Ike and Dolly recovery activities, where it was combined with plans for non-housing activities that will result in an action plan amendment that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) later this year.

This funding allocation represents Round II of Community Development Block Grant awards for Texas' disaster recovery efforts related to hurricanes Ike and Dolly. The federal government in April 2009 previously awarded the state \$1.3 billion in federal disaster recovery funds in Round I. In support of this local initiative, TDHCA and ORCA have announced a series of five public hearings around the state to accept comment on the plan. Hearings are scheduled for the following times and locations:

Hearing 1	Hearing 2	Hearing 3	Hearing 4	Hearing 5
Weslaco	Galveston	Houston	Beaumont	Groveton
Thursday August 13, 2009 9 am to 11 am	Tuesday August 18, 2009 6 pm to 8 pm	Wednesday August 19, 2009 10 am to 12 pm	Monday August 31, 2009 2 pm to 4 pm	Tuesday September 1, 2009 10 am to 12 pm
Texas AgriLife Research Center Auditorium Room 102 2415 E. Hwy. 83 Weslaco, TX 78596	Galveston County Commissioners Court 722 Moody, 1st Fl. Galveston, TX 77550	Houston City Hall Annex, Public Level Chamber 900 Bagby Houston, TX 77002	Southeast Regional Planning Commission Homer E. Nagel Meeting Room 2210 Eastex Fwy. Beaumont, TX 77703	Trinity County Commissioners Courtroom 219 West First Groveton, TX 75845

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The housing plan may be viewed on this Web site at <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/cdbg/ike-and-dolly/action-plan.htm> and will be provided to the public at each of the five hearings. The broader state plan incorporating the housing plan may be found on the ORCA Web site at <http://www.orca.state.tx.us/index.php/Home/HURRICANE+RECOVERY>.

About The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is the state agency responsible for affordable housing, community services, energy assistance, and colonia housing programs. The Department annually administers more than \$400 million through for-profit, nonprofit, and local government partnerships to deliver local housing and community-based opportunities and assistance to Texans in need.