Policy: CDBG – Emergency Assistance Program

Title: Relocation Assistance – Households Displaced by a Disaster Event

Effective Date: March 16, 2018

OVERVIEW

Description: This policy is intended to offer limited, focused relocation assistance to Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) households which are being voluntarily displaced from their home due to a natural or man-made disaster event.

Purpose: This need for this policy exists to assist households that are displaced by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded activity (Acquisition/Demolition/Relocation) under the following conditions:

1. The sub-grantee (UGLG) is not exercising eminent domain.
2. The household is voluntarily accepting a buy-out as the cost of repairing their home exceeds 50% of the pre-disaster Fair Market Value (FMV).

Policy:

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

Under the Emergency Assistance Program, CDBG-EAP grantees may offer optional relocation assistance to owner-occupants or tenants that meet income guidelines (below 80% of County Median Income) and have been or are in the process of being displaced from their homes by a natural or man-made disaster and need shelter. The policy to assist this population is as follows:

A. Income eligible owner occupants or tenants displaced due to hazardous conditions may be eligible for the following:

1. Immediate hotel or transitional housing expenses (up to two months),
2. Security deposit on permanent replacement housing and the first two month’s rent, up to a total of $3,000. Assistance will be provided to the tenant to locate a replacement dwelling, and
3. Temporary storage and/or moving expenses not to exceed $500.
4. Total project costs shall not exceed $8,000 per household.