

**INVITATION TO PROVIDE INPUT AND COMMENT ON THE**

**METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION FOR DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS**

Notice is hereby given that Newton County is seeking input on the **method of distribution for $32,907,781**, a Regional Allocation, in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds offered by the Texas General Land Office through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These dollars are for long-term recovery needs related to the **March, 2016 floods**.

COMMUNITY MEETING: Meetings will be held on **May 22, 2017, at 1:00 p.m**., at the **Newton County Courthouse**, 110 Court Street, 2nd Floor, Newton, TX 75966, **May 22, 2017, at 5:30 p.m**., at the **Newton County Cade Building**, State Highway 63 East, Burkeville, TX 75932, and on **May 23, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.,** at the **Deweyville High School Library**, 171 Highway 12 West, Deweyville, TX 77614, to collect input on the housing and community development needs remaining from the 2016 floods. The Community Meeting will be conducted in English, with a Spanish translator present. Requests from persons needing other language interpretation or special accommodations should be received by Newton County staff 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 409-379-5691 to request assistance.

PARTICIPATION FORM: From May 9 to 19, 2017, if you cannot attend the community meeting, you can provide input by filling out a Participation Form that can be accessed through the Newton County Website at [www.co.newton.tx.us](http://www.co.newton.tx.us) or at one of the Newton County Courthouse Annex locations (listed below), or by requesting that it be mailed to you by calling 409-379-5691. All paper forms must be received no later than May 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

COMMENT PERIOD AND DRAFT DOCUMENT: Comments will be accepted for 14 days beginning May 31, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and ending June 13, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Beginning May 31, 2017, a draft of the proposed Method of Distribution will be available for download on the Newton County website, [www.co.newton.tx.us](http://www.co.newton.tx.us), or available for review at the Newton County Courthouse Annex locations (listed below).

Newton County Courthouse 110 Court Street, Newton, TX 75966

Newton County Clerk’s Office 115 Court Street, Newton, TX 75966

Newton County Sub-Courthouse Spur 272, Deweyville, TX 77614

Newton County Commissioner Pct. 1 129 County Road 3073, Kirbyville, TX 75956

Newton County Commissioner Pct. 2 FM 1414, Burkeville, TX 75932

Newton County Commissioner Pct. 3 248 County Road 2101, Burkeville, TX 75932

PUBLIC HEARING: The public can provide comments by attending the Public Hearing scheduled for June 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Deweyville High School Library, Deweyville, TX. The meeting will be conducted in English. Requests from persons needing language interpretation or special accommodations should be received by Newton County 48 hours prior. Please call 409-379-5691 for assistance.

MAILING YOUR COMMENTS: The public can also mail their comments to: Newton County, Attn: CDBG DR-4266 Program, P. O. Box 1380, Newton, TX 75966, or e-mail them to the County Judge, newtoncountyjudge@co.newton.tx.us, or the County Auditor at Elizabeth.holloway@co.newton.tx.us. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on June 13, 2017.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS: Newton County is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call 409-379-5691 to request assistance.