**1.Introduction & Contact Information**

Newton County is seeking input on the Method of Distribution for $32,907,781 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. This funding for long-term recovery needs related to the March 2016 floods.

In the first section of the survey, we would like you to prioritize the eligible categories to identify the greatest needs in your community to assist with long-term recovery from the 2016 floods.

In the second section of the survey, we would like you to identify the eligible project activities that could assist your community with long-term recovery from the 2016 floods.

**1.Contact Information (please print legibly)**

Name:

Entity (if applicable):

Neighborhood Area

 (if applicable)

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

**2.Please check the category you represent.**

󠄊 Resident

󠄊 Community Group

󠄊 Local Government

󠄊 Non-Profit Agency

󠄊 For-Profit Agency

󠄊 Other

**2.Identifying Long-Term Recovery Needs from the March 2016 Floods**

1.In this section, please think of the greatest needs in your community to assist with long-term recovery from the March 2016 floods. Answer the questions with 2016 flood affected area needs in mind, and identify the categories you think are important enough to be a priority for CDBG-DR funds.

For the six funding areas listed below, please rank the top three areas by letting us know which one represents:

-The most urgent need (the most urgent area of investment in your community for long-term recovery)

-An urgent need (but not necessarily the most urgent)

-An important need (but not as urgent)

No more than three categories can be ranked.

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|  | **Most Urgent Need** | **Urgent Need** | **Important Need** |
|  |  |  |  |
| Infrastructure: Drainage | □ | □ | □ |
| Infrastructure: Communication | □ | □ | □ |
| Infrastructure: Streets, bridges, water/sewer facilities, debris removal, etc. | □ | □ | □ |
| Housing (buyouts, elevation, reconstruction, repair or replacement, new construction, etc.) | □ | □ | □ |
| Economic Development (micro-enterprise, small business assistance, commercial rehabilitation) | □ | □ | □ |
| Demolition and Code Enforcement | □ | □ | □ |

**3. Identifying project types for long-term recovery.**

1. Please identify the project types you think will be needed or not needed to assist with long-term recovery in your community from the 2016 floods. Select as many as you like.

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|  | **Needed** | **Not Needed** | **Unsure** |
|  |  |  |  |
| Single family home repair  | □ | □ | □ |
| Multi-family home repair  | □ | □ | □ |
| Elevation of housing  | □ | □ | □ |
| Reconstruction or replacement of affected housing in same location | □ | □ | □ |
| Construction of new housing  | □ | □ | □ |
| Buyout of affected housing  | □ | □ | □ |
| Hazard mitigation  | □ | □ | □ |
| Other activities associated with the recovery of housing stock impacted by the 2016 floods | □ | □ | □ |
| Drainage  | □ | □ | □ |
| Water & Sewer Facility improvements  | □ | □ | □ |
| Removal of Debris  | □ | □ | □ |
| Streets and bridges  | □ | □ | □ |
| Other infrastructure needs  | □ | □ | □ |
| Code Enforcement  | □ | □ | □ |
| Demolition  | □ | □ | □ |
| Micro-Enterprise loans  | □ | □ | □ |
| Small business assistance  | □ | □ | □ |
| Commercial rehabilitation  | □ | □ | □ |
| Other economic development activities | □ | □ | □ |

**4.Thank You!**

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your assistance will help the County develop the method of distribution as well as inform local governments about the remaining need to better plan for the future.

If you have questions or comments regarding this survey, please contact Newton County at 409-379-5691, newtoncountyjudge@co.newton.tx.us, or 409-379-5755, Elizabeth.holloway@co.newton.tx.us.

If you wish to return your survey by mail, please send it to: Newton County, Attn: CDBG DR-4266 Program, P.O. Box 296, Newton, TX 75966. The surveys must be received by 4:30 p.m. on June 13, 2017.