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Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Federal Pass-Through – Housing Urban Development (HUD)

On January 6, 2021, HUD made \$2,288,000 in CDBG-MIT funds available to the State of Alaska to address damage caused by the 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake for the impacted boroughs of Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula and Mat-Su. The CDBG-MIT funding is in addition to the \$35,856,000 in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds HUD allocated to the State of Alaska on January 27, 2020. The state developed an action plan outlining the use of CDBG-DR funds for housing, infrastructure, and economic development programs.

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the current actions regarding both funding sources:

1. The CDBG-DR program prioritizes funding to first be used to assist damaged homes within low to moderate income households. Thereafter, funds may be used for repairs, enhancement and restoration of infrastructure for local communities impacted by the 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake as part of a comprehensive long-term recovery program. The Office of Emergency Management is working with the state to submit eligible mitigation projects that may fall within the HUD guidance.
2. The CDBG-MIT funds represent an opportunity for the State of Alaska to use this assistance in areas impacted by the Cook Inlet Earthquake to carry out strategic and high-impact projects that will mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses. A virtual, public meeting was held August 22, 2022 to gather input on the use of the mitigation funding. It is expected that these funds will be used for the largely impacted areas of Anchorage; however, the Kenai Peninsula may also be eligible to apply for the funds to supplement local mitigation projects identified in the 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Current plan information for both programs may be found at

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/GrantsSection/CDBG-DR.aspx>

Respectfully Submitted,



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