

# Grantee: American Samoa

## Grant: B-19-DT-60-0001

October 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024

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| <b>Grant Number:</b><br>B-19-DT-60-0001           | <b>Obligation Date:</b>                 | <b>Award Date:</b>                                    |
| <b>Grantee Name:</b><br>American Samoa            | <b>Contract End Date:</b><br>01/16/2036 | <b>Review by HUD:</b><br>Submitted - Await for Review |
| <b>Grant Award Amount:</b><br>\$1,470,000.00      | <b>Grant Status:</b><br>Active          | <b>QPR Contact:</b><br>No QPR Contact Found           |
| <b>LOCCS Authorized Amount:</b><br>\$1,470,000.00 | <b>Estimated PI/RL Funds:</b><br>\$0.00 |   |
| <b>Total Budget:</b><br>\$1,470,000.00            |   |   |

### Disasters:

#### Declaration Number

FEMA-4357-AS

### Narratives

#### Mitigation Needs Assessment:

The US Census, AS DOC 2018-2019 Statistical Yearbook, and FEMA Tropical Cyclone Gita Assessment Data were used to analyze the Tualauta District area marked for the project area. Portions of the Census Tracts used to extend beyond the marked area of impact are the only best available data. Therefore, population data and housing data are expected to be negligible and or non-existent. However, to best represent the physically impacted areas by Tropical Cyclone Gita, the following data was extracted from the FEMA Assessment Report, Annual Statistical Yearbook 2018-2019, and US 2020 Census data. To analyze and identify concentrations of a specific population or housing characteristics, we heavily depend on the 2018-2019 Statistical Annual Yearbook and internal programmatic data provided through various community development and community services programs.

Risk assessment is the process of measuring the potential loss of life, personal injury, economic injury, and property damage resulting from natural hazards. It allows emergency management personnel to establish early response priorities by identifying potential hazards and vulnerable assets. The process focuses on the following elements:

- Hazard identification - Use all available information to determine what types of disasters may affect a jurisdiction, how often they occur, and their potential severity.
- Vulnerability identification - Determine the impact of natural hazard events on the people, property, environment, economy, and lands of the region.
- Cost evaluation - Estimate the cost of potential damage or cost that can be avoided by mitigation.

In developing the Territory's 2020 [Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan \(MHMP\)](#), which has informed this CDBG-MIT Action Plan, a thorough hazard risk and needs assessment was conducted. The Territory has used the most recent risk assessment completed through the FEMA HMP process to inform the hazards analyzed here and subsequent use of CDBG-MIT funds (84 FR 45840 and 86 FR 561). The Territory also acknowledges the availability of the following resources and certifies such were considered, as appropriate, in the assessment:

- FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Local Mitigation Planning Handbook
- DHS (Department of Homeland Security)
- Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management (ODAPMO)
- The Department of Human & Social Services (DHSS)
- Governor's Office

#### Proposed Use of Funds:

The Department of Commerce intends to meet the National Objective of Benefitting LMI Persons and meeting urgent needs in its implementation of the MIT Action Plan and programs.

DOC fully understands the importance of maximizing the value of limited financial resources. As such, DOC has made it a priority to leverage FEMA funding to support the greatest potential hazard mitigation benefits. This includes prioritizing projects in which other Federal, State, and Territory funding sources can be leveraged to allow CDBG Mitigation funding to pay only a portion of these costs. This strategy will allow the DOC to utilize limited CDBG-Mitigation funding to support a maximum number of programs and projects. As identified with the Territory's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, DOC pursues and utilizes numerous resources to advance critically important hazard mitigation projects.

The Tualauta District of American Samoa has been determined as the "most impacted and distressed" (MID) area. The CDBG-MIT funding will be used to pursue the implementation of the Fagaima Drainage System as outlined in the Territory's



| Overall                                     | This Report Period | To Date     |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
| Total Projected Budget from All Sources     | \$0.00             | \$73,500.00 |
| Total Budget                                | \$0.00             | \$73,500.00 |
| Total Obligated                             | \$0.00             | \$73,500.00 |
| Total Funds Drawdown                        | \$0.00             | \$0.00      |
| Program Funds Drawdown                      | \$0.00             | \$0.00      |
| Program Income Drawdown                     | \$0.00             | \$0.00      |
| Program Income Received                     | \$0.00             | \$0.00      |
| Total Funds Expended                        | \$0.00             | \$0.00      |
| HUD Identified Most Impacted and Distressed | \$0.00             | \$0.00      |
| <b>Other Funds</b>                          | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00     |
| Match Funds                                 | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00     |
| Non-Match Funds                             | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00     |

### Funds Expended

| Overall  | This Period | To Date |
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| American Samoa Department of Commerce (ASG/DOC). | \$ 0.00     | \$ 0.00 |

### Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

| Requirement                  | Target         | Projected   | Actual |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------|
| Overall Benefit Percentage   | 50.00%         | .00%        | .00%   |
| Overall Benefit Amount       | \$698,250.00   | \$ .00      | \$ .00 |
| Limit on Public Services     | \$220,500.00   | \$ .00      | \$ .00 |
| Limit on Admin/Planning      | \$294,000.00   | \$73,500.00 | \$ .00 |
| Limit on Admin               | \$73,500.00    | \$73,500.00 | \$ .00 |
| Most Impacted and Distressed | \$1,470,000.00 | \$73,500.00 | \$ .00 |

### Overall Progress Narrative:

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Agreement has been executed between the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Department of Corrections (DOC) to formalize their partnership and incentivize the efforts of DPW in the implementation and construction of the Tualauta Drainage System. Additionally, a Work Agreement has been established with DOC and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to provide technical assistance to DPW and DOC during the pre-design and construction phases of the Tualauta Drainage System. During the current reporting period, non-substantial amendments are being developed to reflect the initiatives of the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program. Following the recent loss of FEMA matching funds, the CDBG mitigation funds are now allocated to support the activities of the CDBG-DR Program. The revised strategy now includes the incorporation of the Fagaima Stream into the Tualauta Drainage System, as it constitutes a significant component of this drainage system.

Note: No activity is set up in the CDBG MIT yet until non-substantial amendments are submitted to reflect the real efforts of the project. As of right now, Fagaima Drainage is part of the Tualauta Drainage Project, which combines CDBG-DR and MIT. Plans to request inclusion are underway and will be submitted in the 1st qtr period of 2025. There are no draws for the CDBG MIT at the moment, the next draw should be reflected in the next QPR



# Project Summary

Project #, Project Title

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|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|  | Program Funds Drawdown | Project Funds Budgeted | Program Funds Drawdown |
| 001_Mitigation, Fagaima Drainage Project Admin | \$0.00                 | \$73,500.00            | \$0.00                 |
| 9999, Restricted Balance                       | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 |

