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HURRICANE HARVEY

Fact Sheet

Update: Deadline for Governmental Jurisdictions and Private Nonprofits to Request Reimbursement for Public Infrastructure Repair

Because of the scope of damage from Hurricane Harvey and the extended emergency response, several Texas counties were added to the federal disaster declaration over a period of six weeks. Most recently, 10 counties were added Oct. 11.

The State of Texas is encouraging local and state jurisdictions and private nonprofit organizations seeking reimbursement for Hurricane Harvey expenses to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) by 5 p.m. Oct. 31, 2017, so recovery projects can begin as soon as possible.

Federal law requires that applicants submit RPAs within 30 days of their county being designated for FEMA Public Assistance. At the request of the State of Texas, FEMA extended the deadlines for some counties to ensure that local jurisdictions have enough time to prepare their requests for assistance.

While the federal deadlines are regulatory, the State of Texas and FEMA encourage applicants to submit requests even sooner to speed recovery efforts.

Here are the extended federal deadlines for the following counties:

Nov. 22 2017:

Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Dallas, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kleberg, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tarrant, Travis, Victoria, Waller and Wharton.

Dec. 14, 2017:

Austin, Bastrop, DeWitt, Gonzales, Karnes, Lavaca, Lee, Polk, Tyler and Walker.

Dec. 17, 2017:

Burleson, Caldwell, Comal, Grimes, Guadalupe, Jim Wells, Madison, Milam, San Augustine and Washington.

Submission of the RPA is an important first step to notify the State of Texas and FEMA that the applicant has sustained damage caused by the hurricane and its aftermath. The RPA also allows the applicant to provide the State and FEMA their contact information.

To download the RPA form, go online to <https://grants.dps.texas.gov/site/PA.cfm> and click on Forms, or contact your TDEM district coordinator. All information on the form must be completed. Return the form to TDEMrecovery.rpa@dps.texas.gov.

If you have questions, call TDEM at 512-424-2208 or the FEMA Public Assistance Hotline at 855-336-2003. FEMA representatives are available from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. CDT Mondays through Fridays. Before 7 a.m. or after 5:30 p.m. weekdays or on weekends, please leave a voice-mail message and your phone call will be returned the next business day.

Under FEMA's Public Assistance program, eligible applicants are reimbursed for disaster-related costs for emergency response, debris removal and permanent work such as repairs or replacement of disaster-damaged schools, roads, bridges and other public infrastructure. The federal cost share for all categories of Hurricane Harvey Public Assistance is 90 percent, except for assistance previously approved at 100 percent.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the [Hurricane Harvey disaster web page](#), the [FEMA Harvey Facebook page](#), the [@FEMARegion6 Twitter account](#) and the [Texas Division of Emergency Management website](#).

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