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Progress. Partnerships. Preparedness: six months after Hurricane Harvey

Six months since Hurricane Harvey battered the Lone Star State, Texans in coastal towns, urban areas, and rural counties continue to move forward with their unprecedented recovery.

Hundreds of thousands of homeowners are already repairing or rebuilding their hurricane damaged houses or have found new rental apartments or homes. Their recovery activity was fueled by billions of dollars in federal grants, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans, and flood insurance payments currently in their pockets.

Funding from other federal agencies, nonprofit agencies and private sector donations also contributed to the recovery efforts, in addition to federal funds for immediate social needs to include crisis counseling, disaster legal aid, reimbursement to food banks, and disaster unemployment.

Expectedly, there is still much to do, and many Texans are still navigating their way through disaster recovery steps, especially survivors still living temporarily in hotels, short-term apartment rentals, with friends and family, or in temporary housing in the form of mobile homes, travel trailers or leased apartments.

Some survivors with unmet needs, not covered by available financial resources will continue to require the support of local, state, federal, nonprofit, and private sector partners in the form of regular social services and innovative long-term recovery collaboration at the local level.

While survivors continue to recover from Harvey, it is important for everyone to keep in mind that Hurricane Season is only four months away, and spring flooding in March is quickly approaching. There is no time like the present for survivors to know their risks and take preventative actions to protect their homes. For information on ways to prepare visit: <https://www.ready.gov/>.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, or Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey>, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion6, or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.

BY THE NUMBERS

1: It takes ONE team of partners at the local, state, federal level, and from nonprofit agencies, the private sector and the survivors themselves to recover from Hurricane Harvey.

17: Disaster Recovery Centers that remain open to support survivors.

41: Counties designated for Individual Assistance.

53: Counties designated for Public Assistance.

103: Public Assistance obligated projects to repair critical infrastructure.

306: Communities in Harvey impacted area participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

1,923: Survivors in temporary disaster housing.

8,750: Households temporarily in FEMA-funded hotels.

91,000: Flood insurance claims.

11,903,736: Cubic yards of debris cleaned in Harvey impacted areas.

\$19,976,306: Funds dedicated to Disaster Unemployment Assistance.

\$625,000,000: Dollars obligated for Public Assistance projects.

\$1,183,209,235: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds available for projects that lessen the impact of future disasters

\$1,557,571,583: Grants for Housing and Other Disaster-related expenses paid to survivors.

\$3,100,000,000: Approved U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loans

\$8,300,000,000: National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) payments.

\$13,000,000,000: Money in survivors' pockets from Federal and State grants, SBA low-interest disaster loans, and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) payments.



Private Sector Advisory: FEMA seeks applicants for National Advisory Council

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requests that qualified individuals who are interested in serving on the FEMA [National Advisory Council \(NAC\)](#) submit an application to be considered for appointment.

The NAC is a federal advisory committee of up to 35 members that advises the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of emergency management to ensure input from and coordination with state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, and the private sector on federal plans, programs, and strategies for all hazards. The NAC provides consensus recommendations to the Administrator and gives FEMA access to expertise, information, and advice on a broad range of issues. Topics of recent recommendations included provision of medical countermeasures, duplication of benefits in the Individual Assistance Program, and tribal partnerships training.

NAC members represent a geographically diverse mix of officials, emergency managers, and emergency response providers from all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, tribes and the private sector. Individuals appointed to these positions represent the whole community and bring their experience and expertise, along with their diversity of views and willingness to express them.

FEMA is now accepting applications for open positions in the following discipline areas:

- Elected Local Government Official (one representative appointment)

- Elected State Government Official (one representative appointment)
- Emergency Management Field (one representative appointment)
- Emergency Response Providers, which includes fire, law enforcement, hazardous materials response, emergency medical services, and organizations representing emergency response providers (two representative appointments)
- Communications Expert, an expert in communications infrastructure, public safety and first responder communications systems and networks, and/or broadcast, cable, satellite, wireless, or wireline services and networks (one Special Government Employee, or SGE)
- Cybersecurity Expert, an expert in protecting and defending information and communications systems from damage, unauthorized use or modification, or exploitation, (one SGE)
- In-Patient Medical Provider, a provider of medical care to patients admitted to a healthcare facility, such as a hospital or skilled nursing facility (one SGE)
- Administrator Selections (up to two SGE appointments)

All appointments are for three-year terms beginning in September 2018. Applications must be received on or before March 18, 2018.

Detailed instructions on how to apply can be found at: <http://www.fema.gov/membership-applications> and in the forthcoming [Federal Register](#) notice.



Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) eligibility review is Feb. 20, 2018

Some Harvey survivors have already received an auto-dial call notifying them they are no longer eligible for the temporary program. Survivors who are ineligible will need to prepare for a **Feb. 21 checkout date**. Guests unsure of their continued TSA eligibility and check-out date can:



- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** (voice, **711** or **VRS**) or **800-462-7585** (TTY).
- Log into their account on <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>.
- Visit a Disaster Recover Center (DRC). For DRC locations and hours go to www.fema.gov/DRC.
- Ask the hotel to look in the CLC Lodging web portal to see whether they have eligibility beyond Feb. 20.

TSA is a temporary sheltering program. Under TSA, FEMA pays directly for short-term lodging for eligible survivors while they repair their homes or look for alternative housing.



Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA)

As of Feb. 14:

- Total TSA applicants checked in: **8,701** (-49 from previous day)
- Total TSA rooms occupied: **10,106** (-56 from previous day)
- Total hotels utilized: **1,079** (-4 from previous day)

- Survivors are encouraged to use their Permanent Housing Checklist
 - Finding permanent housing can be a major task in the recovery process. FEMA offers a Permanent Housing Checklist to help create a plan of action and make finding permanent housing a reality, which can be downloaded at <https://go.usa.gov/xnE88>.
- Resources available to assist in finding housing:
 - **Hurricane Harvey information from Office of the Governor:** Information and referral hotline: 800-843-5789 or visit: <https://gov.texas.gov/hurricane>

- **Housing resources from Texas Rebuilds:** Eligibility questions: 888-610-1622; maintenance issues: 877-503-6053; qualifications for FEMA housing: 888-958-0877; if denied housing: 800-621-3362; or visit: <http://texasrebuilds.com/index.html>
- **Subsidized apartment search.** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offers programs to assist both homeowners and renters: <https://www.hud.gov/states/texas>
- **Post-hurricane housing resources from Texas Apartment Association.** TAA offers extensive options to find available housing by region and provides helpful information and guidance for renting in Texas: www.taa.org/renters/helpful-info/
- **Search for rental homes and apartments in Texas.** Search by zip code, type of home and price. Zillow: 206-470-7000 or <https://www.zillow.com/rent/>, Apartments.com: 888-658-7368 or <https://www.apartments.com/>
- **Mortgage relief options.** Federal Housing Administration offers mortgage relief options for FHA homeowners. Call 800-225-5342 or visit: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/gaho0121
- **Mortgage Servicers.** Fannie Mae works with mortgage servicers offering special options for those impacted by disasters. Call 800-232-6643 or visit www.knowyouroptions.com/relief
- **Affordable housing options** and housing resources are available through Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Call 512-475-3800 or visit: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/texans.htm>
- The **Section 811 Project Rental Assistance** program provides project-based rental assistance for extremely low-income persons with disabilities linked with long-term services. Call 512-475-3800 or visit: www.tdhca.state.tx.us/section-811-pra/index.htm



Disaster Case Management (DCM): a process to assist with a disaster recovery plan

Disaster Case Management (DCM) is a limited-time process that involves a partnership between a case manager and a disaster survivor to develop and carry out a disaster recovery plan.

- The disaster recovery plan includes resources, services, decision-making priorities, progress reports and the goals needed to assist the survivor on their road to recovery.

This partnership gives the survivor a single point of contact facilitating access to a broad range of resources. Survivors can call the Disaster Case Management Hotline at **855-742-5989** (press **2** for Spanish). A case manager will return the call within 24 hours.



Home repair information available in Galveston, Harris, Jefferson and Nueces Counties February 20th -24th

As Texans repair or rebuild their homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent flooding, FEMA and home improvement stores in Galveston, Harris, Jefferson and Nueces counties are teaming up to provide free information, tips and literature on making homes stronger and safer.



FEMA mitigation specialists will be on hand to answer questions and offer tips and techniques to build hazard-resistant homes using proven methods that will prevent or reduce damage from future disasters. Most of the information and the free publications provided are geared to do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Recovery topics covered include flood insurance, elevating utilities and rebuilding flooded homes. Free reference booklets with information on protecting a home from flood damage will be available. FEMA advisers will be available at these stores:

County	Locations	Dates / Hours
Galveston	Clear Lake Shores Home Depot (Store #6560) 507 FM 2094, Clear Lake Shores, 77565	Tues. Feb. 20: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wed. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 24: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Harris Meyerland Lowe's (Store #1570) 4645 Beechnut St., Houston, 77096	Tues. Feb. 20: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wed. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 24: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Harris	Brinkman Home Depot (Store #577) 999 North Loop West, Houston, 77008	Tues. Feb. 20: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wed. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 24: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Jefferson	Beaumont Lowe's (Store #0095) 4120 Dowlen Road, Beaumont, 77706	Tues. Feb. 20: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wed. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 24: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Nueces Ace Hardware-Western Auto 10605 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, 78410	Tues. Feb. 20: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wed. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 24: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For Texas disaster mitigation information, visit www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation.

For other information about mitigation, visit www.fema.gov/what-mitigation.

More information about strengthening properties can be found at www.fema.gov/protect-your-property.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at

www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, the FEMA Harvey Facebook page

at www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account

at twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at

www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.

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NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY: Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (voice), 711/VRS – (Video Relay Service), (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).