

FEMA grants more than \$76 million to the Texas General Land Office for PREPS program reimbursement

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AUSTIN, Texas – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded \$76.7 million to the Texas General Land Office as a reimbursement for the management and execution of the Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering (PREPS) program following Hurricane Harvey.

The PREPS program provided emergency repairs and power restoration to single-family, owner-occupied homes. These repairs made the home safe, sanitary, and secure so that the homeowner could return home, rather than shelter in a hotel or rental property, while they continued to work on their full recovery.

The measures taken during the PREPS repair process provided only the minimal and essential repairs necessary to make the home safe and sanitary.

This FEMA grant of \$76 million requires a 10 percent non-federal match, or \$8.5 million, of the nearly \$85 million award. The total cost of the PREPS program, with previous reimbursements, was more than \$170.5 million.

This funding comes from FEMA's Public Assistance grant program which reimburses state agencies for actions taken during response and recovery from disasters, such as Hurricane Harvey. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations.



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FEMA obligates funding for these projects directly to the state. It is the state's responsibility to ensure that the eligible final recipients receive these awards. Following the state's review process and upon receipt of appropriate documentation, they will provide funds to the final recipients on a reimbursable basis.

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



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