FEMA grants $119 million to the City of Houston for emergency protective measures during and after Hurricane Harvey

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AUSTIN, Texas – In the two years since Hurricane Harvey made landfall, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded more than $119 million to the City of Houston for emergency protective measures taken after Hurricane Harvey's landfall.

The City of Houston staff extracted water, removed damaged building materials, towed city vehicles to safety and cleared mud and silt from various public facilities damaged by Harvey. The city was reimbursed for sheltering survivors in the George R. Brown Convention Center as well as for food and medical supplies.

FEMA provided grants to reimburse the city for projects that were 100 percent federally funded as is policy for grantees that complete emergency work within 30 days of the disaster declaration. For the work completed after the first 30 days, FEMA awarded grants with a 10 percent nonfederal contribution.

These grants come from FEMA's Public Assistance grant program which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response to and during recovery from a disaster. FEMA's Public Assistance grant program provides project funding directly to the Texas Division of Emergency Management for disbursement to the applicants. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments and certain

private nonprofit organizations.

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/.