

FEMA grants \$10.7 million to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission

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AUSTIN, Texas — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded nearly \$10.7 million to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) following Hurricane Harvey.

The commission opened two shelters for displaced survivors in Port Arthur and Orange. The shelters operated from mid-September to mid-October after Harvey's August 2017 landfall.

The cost of the shelter operations at the Port Arthur Civic Center and the Orange Boat Ramp was more than \$11.8 million. The grant of nearly \$10.7 million is the federal share for the two shelters and requires a 10 percent nonfederal match by the applicant, or \$1.18 million.

This grant comes from FEMA's Public Assistance grant program, which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response to and during recovery from a disaster. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations.

FEMA's Public Assistance grant program provides project funding directly to the state for disbursement to applicants. The grant for HHSC shelters will be disbursed through the Texas Division of Emergency Management.



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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