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Fact Sheet

Deadline for Governmental Jurisdictions and Private Nonprofits to Request Reimbursement for Public Infrastructure Repair Is Oct. 31

Local and state jurisdictions and private nonprofit organizations seeking reimbursement for Hurricane Harvey expenses have until **5 p.m. Oct. 31, 2017** to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

Submission of the RPA notifies 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. The form is one-page long and should take about 10 minutes to fill out. 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 schools, roads, bridges and other public infrastructure. The federal cost-share for all categories of public assistance is 90 percent, except for assistance previously approved at 100 percent.

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For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, the [FEMA Harvey Facebook page](#), the [@FEMARegion6 Twitter account](#) and the [Texas Division of Emergency Management website](#).