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RE: Houses of Worship Request for Public Assistance Deadline

On January 2, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued guidance to consider private nonprofit (PNP) Houses of Worship as potential eligible applicants under the Public Assistance grant program. 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 disaster-damaged facilities. To be eligible, a House of Worship must be owned or operated by a PNP organization and, as a non-critical PNP facility under the Stafford Act, it must apply to the Small Business Administration for a loan.

FEMA applies this new guidance to incidents declared on or after August 23, 2017. Thus, this includes Houses of Worship impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The counties in Texas that are eligible for Public Assistance include: Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, and Wharton.

For Houses of Worship, FEMA is allowing a 30-day application period beginning January 5, 2018, and applications will be accepted no later than February 4, 2018, at 11:59 pm CST.

Houses of Worship that would like to apply for Public Assistance must first submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA). To download the RPA form, applicants can go online to <https://grants.dps.texas.gov/site/PA.cfm> and click on Forms. All information on the form must be completed. Applicants will then return the form to TDEMrecovery.rpa@dps.texas.gov. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin L. Hannes", written over a large, stylized scribble or signature.

Kevin L. Hannes
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FEMA-4332-DR-TX

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

O.M.B. NO. 1660-0017
Expires April 30, 2013

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APPLICANT (Political subdivision or eligible applicant)		DATE SUBMITTED
COUNTY (Location of Damages. If located in multiple counties, please indicate)	DUNS NUMBER	<input type="text"/>

APPLICANT PHYSICAL LOCATION

STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE

MAILING ADDRESS (If different from Physical Location)

STREET ADDRESS			
POST OFFICE BOX	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

Primary Contact/Applicant's Authorized Agent

Alternate Contact

NAME	NAME
TITLE	TITLE
BUSINESS PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE
FAX NUMBER	FAX NUMBER
HOME PHONE (Optional)	HOME PHONE (Optional)
CELL PHONE	CELL PHONE
E-MAIL ADDRESS	E-MAIL ADDRESS
PAGER & PIN NUMBER	PAGER & PIN NUMBER

Did you participate in the Federal/State Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA)? YES NO

Private Non-Profit Organization? YES NO

If yes, which of the facilities identified below best describe your organization? _____

Title 44 CFR, part 206.221(e) defines an eligible private non-profit facility as: "... any private non-profit educational, utility, emergency, medical or custodial care facility, including a facility for the aged or disabled, and other facility providing essential governmental type services to the general public, and such facilities on Indian reservations." "Other essential governmental service facility means museums, zoos, community centers, libraries, homeless shelters, senior citizen centers, rehabilitation facilities, shelter workshops and facilities which provide health and safety safety services of a governmental nature. All such facilities must be open to the general public."

Private Non-Profit Organizations must attach copies of their Tax Exemption Certificate and Organization Charter or By-Laws. If your organization is a school or educational facility, please attach information on accreditation or certification.

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