

# FEMA awards \$5.6 million to the City of Friendswood for acquisition project

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AUSTIN, Texas – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded more than \$5.6 million to the City of Friendswood through the Texas Division of Emergency Management to purchase and demolish 26 flood-prone homes impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

After the homes are removed, the land will be maintained as open space to reduce future flood damages in the area as a part of FEMA's long-term commitment to help Texas and its communities recover from Harvey and to become more resilient.

The project is a part of FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and requires a 25 percent nonfederal match.

HMGP provides funds to implement hazard mitigation measures following a presidentially declared disaster. Grants are designed to assist local communities, states, federally recognized tribes and territories with implementing mitigation measures during the recovery process. The goal is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding in future disasters.

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



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