

FEMA grants \$24 million for debris removal

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AUSTIN, Texas — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded more than \$24 million to these three applicants for debris removal following Hurricane Harvey.

Corpus Christi received \$10.6 million, Aransas Pass received \$7.4 million and the Texas General Land Office received \$6 million to remove marine, vegetative, construction and demolition debris left behind by the rain and winds from Harvey.

- In Corpus Christi, the city removed 454,100 cubic yards of vegetative, construction and demolition debris left by more than 50 inches of rain and days of tropical storm force winds brought on by Harvey. The total cost of the repairs was more than \$11.8 million and included a \$1.18 million nonfederal cost share.
- In Aransas Pass, the city removed more than 459,000 cubic yards of vegetative and construction debris left in city roads, rights of way and culverts by Harvey's flooding and winds. The large amount of debris restricted access to emergency services and reduced communication and power capabilities. The total cost of the debris removal was nearly \$8.3 million and included an \$829,493 nonfederal cost share.
- The GLO removed more than 29,000 cubic yards of vegetative, construction and appliance debris from the coast and waterways in Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda,



Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Patricio and Victoria counties. The total cost of debris removal exceeded \$6.6 million. FEMA's grant of nearly \$6 million required a \$660,058 nonfederal cost share.

The grants come from FEMA's Public Assistance grant program, which reimburses eligible applicants for actions taken in the immediate response to and during recovery from a disaster. These 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 grants 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/>.

