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HURRICANE HARVEY

Weekly Fact Sheet

Day 354

Survivors invited to share Harvey-inspired art

- Harvey survivors can share their disaster and recovery experience — and their creativity — by sending an illustration for FEMA to share with our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter followers
- Each day this month, one piece of artwork will be featured on our social media channels
- Email a design to FEMA-TX-Digital@fema.dhs.gov by Aug. 31
- By sending their artwork, participants acknowledge that they own the copyright and grant FEMA a royalty-free, unconditional license to post it on social media
 - FEMA will not share any image that is off-topic; contains obscene, racial, sexual, or harassing language; or includes advertisements or endorsements of products

FEMA social media channels feature survivor stories, “Harvey Heroes”

- As we approach the one-year mark since Harvey’s landfall, FEMA is recognizing resilient survivors and people and organizations that pitched in to help Texans in the aftermath of the disaster
- Throughout August, see articles and videos every weekday at www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey and <https://twitter.com/femaregion6>, and every Tuesday and Friday at www.instagram.com/fema

September is National Preparedness Month

- This year’s overarching theme: “Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.”
- Preparedness Month encourages us to take steps such as:
 - Taking time to learn lifesaving skills like CPR and first aid
 - Checking your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as floods, earthquakes and tornadoes
 - Considering the costs associated with disasters and save for an emergency
 - Knowing how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas
- Weekly themes: “Make and Practice Your Plan” (Sept. 1-8), “Learn Life Saving Skills” (Sept. 9-15), “Check Your Insurance Coverage” (Sept. 16-22) and “Save For an Emergency” (Sept. 23-29)
- Sept. 15 is a National Day of Action
 - Many groups will host preparedness events such as CPR classes, Community Emergency Response Team training events and opportunities to volunteer with a local recovery agency
- Learn more at www.ready.gov/september

Texas Recovery Hurricane Harvey: Partnerships and Progress

All totals as of July 30, 2018

- **41** individual assistance counties designated
- **53** public assistance counties designated
- **41,500** square miles of land mass impacted (larger than Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont combined)
- **373,440** approved registrations
- **295** participating NFIP communities in declared areas
- **96,301** Texans offered FEMA advice on rebuilding safer and stronger
- **19,015** survivors assisted by temporary housing and innovative repair programs
- **1,279** requests for public assistance
- **12 million** cubic yards of storm debris picked up
- **978** obligated projects for **\$813** million
- **\$13.81 billion** in survivors' pockets
- **\$1.63 billion** in housing and other disaster-related expenses
- **\$3.38 billion** in U.S. Small Business Administration loans approved
- **\$8.8 billion** in NFIP advance payments and claims paid (estimate)
- **91,000** flood insurance claims

Direct Housing

The housing mission is federally funded, state-administered and locally executed. The State of Texas and local officials are leading the way in finding new solutions to help Texans impacted by Harvey.

- As of July 30: **3,350** applicants were housed through the Direct Housing program

Direct Housing maintenance questions: Survivors living in mobile homes and travel trailers provided by the Texas General Land Office/FEMA Direct Housing should call the maintenance number provided with their unit if they need assistance with the unit or appliances.

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