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# Recovery Operations Overview

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**HSS RSF- Harvey**



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## **Overview**

**National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)**

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**Health and Social Services (HSS)**

**Recovery Support Function (RSF)**



# National Disaster Recovery Framework



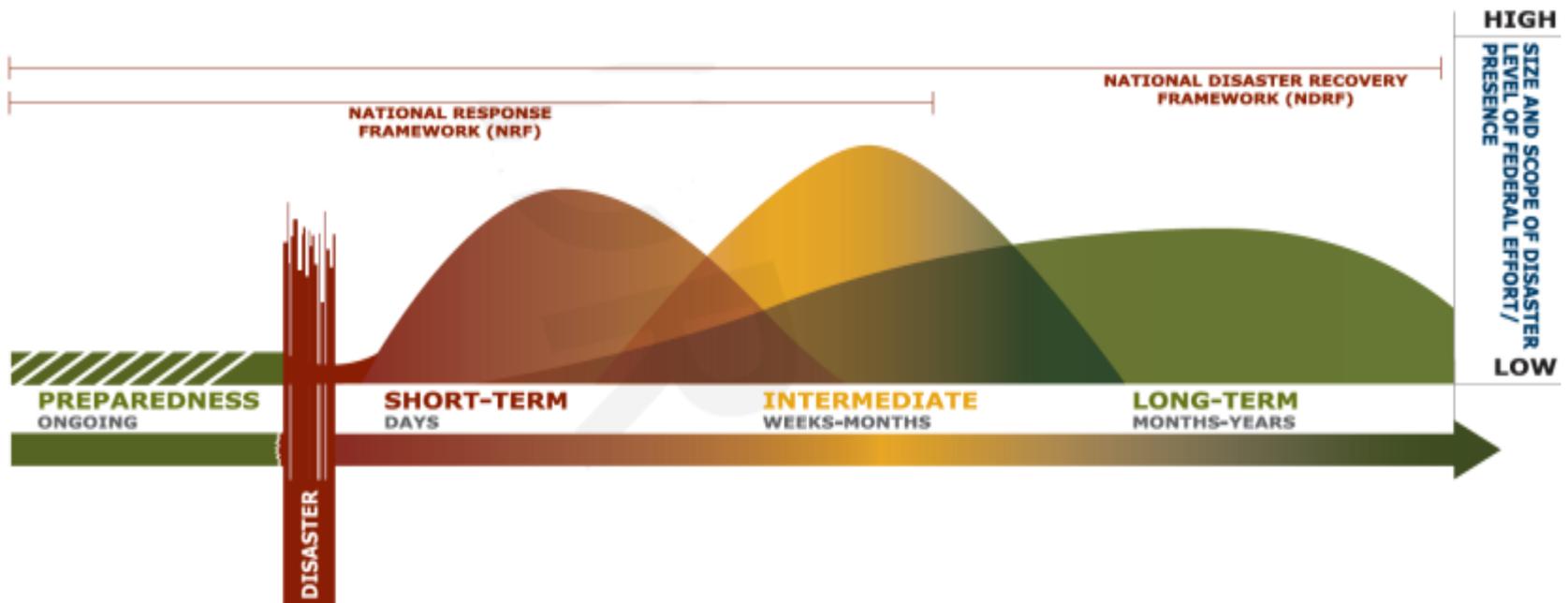
- Shifted recovery from an dispersed, agency-specific approach to an integrated, sector-based approach
- Established Recovery Support Functions (RSFs) to organize recovery activities:
  - Community Planning and Capacity Building – FEMA
  - Housing – HUD
  - Economic – Commerce
  - Infrastructure Systems – USACE
  - Natural and Cultural Resources – DOI
  - **Health and Social Services – HHS**
- **Emphasizes local primacy, unity of effort, and pre-disaster planning**



# National Disaster Recovery Framework **ASPR**

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- Recovery starts *with* response
- Division of Recovery supports ESF actions
- Recovery actions begin with situational awareness and impact evaluation – often through interagency coordination





# The HSS RSF has 10 Primary and 7 Supporting Agencies



## Primary:

- **Department of Health and Human Services**
- Corporation for National and Community Service
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice
- Department of Labor
- Environmental Protection Agency

## Supporting:

- American Red Cross
- Department of Education
- Department of Transportation
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- National Voluntary Organizations in Disaster
- Small Business Administration



# HSS RSF Encompasses Nine Core Mission Areas



- Public Health
- Healthcare Services
- Behavioral Health
- Environmental Health
- Food Safety and Regulated Medical Products
- Long-term Responder Health Issues
- Social Services
- Disaster Case Management/Referral to Social Services
- Children and Youth in Disasters



# Core Mission Area Overview



- **Public Health**

- Develop strategies to assess and monitor the public health, disease surveillance, and injury prevention of the affected community in order to identify and mitigate health problems
- Develop and implement risk communications and public health messaging for the disaster
- Provide technical assistance regarding site-specific hazards and their implications related to recovery

- **Healthcare Services**

- Identify and assess affected health care services, and the applicability of programs and waivers that may be strategically leveraged to meet health care deficits
- Strategize to address availability of interim and long-term health care services while damaged facilities are permanently restored



# Core Mission Area Overview



- **Behavioral Health**
  - Assess disaster-caused service deficits, connect practitioners with resources, and identify best practices that include prevention to address ongoing surveillance and long-term treatment assistance
  - Develop and disseminate consistent messaging and guidance concerning stress management and stress mitigation strategies
- **Environmental Health**
  - Survey the environment in an affected community to determine whether post-disaster conditions may cause adverse public health effects
  - Identify and mitigate public health threats in sheltering, potable water, and wastewater that can cause or exacerbate negative environmental health outcomes
  - Provision of technical assistance (e.g., scientific data and models) and environmental health training
- **Food Safety and Regulated Medical Products**
  - Provide technical assistance for regulated biologics, medical devices, drugs, animal feed, and human food establishments to protect public health; and support of the safety of the nation's supply of meat, poultry, and processed egg products



# Core Mission Area Overview



- **Long-term Responder Health Issues**
  - Monitor and survey long-term health (including behavioral health) issues specific to responders; and establish long-term health monitoring capacity of disaster responders
- **Social Services**
  - Assess disaster-related structural, functional and operational impacts to social services facilities
  - Assess disaster-related impacts to at-risk individuals
- **Disaster Case Management/Referral to Social Services**
  - Facilitate technical assistance for impacted states and communities with grant support of the Federal Disaster Case Management Program
- **Children and Youth in Disasters**
  - Facilitate technical assistance, programs, and activities to support children and youth who are displaced as a result of the disaster including access to school and access to healthy meal services
  - Identify behavioral health needs of children, youth, expectant and nursing mothers and provide age-appropriate messaging



# Why so broad?



- Health and social services consequences do NOT respect organizational authorities and functions after a disaster
- States and communities often struggle with the issues that stem from the 9 core mission areas in “blue sky” – post-disaster impacts amplify that challenge
- Systematic approach is necessary to address interconnected recovery issues and building resilience
- *Ultimately* – reduce “transaction costs” for impacted communities and support a more efficient/effective recovery to support the survivor.



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# HSS RSF Recovery Operations



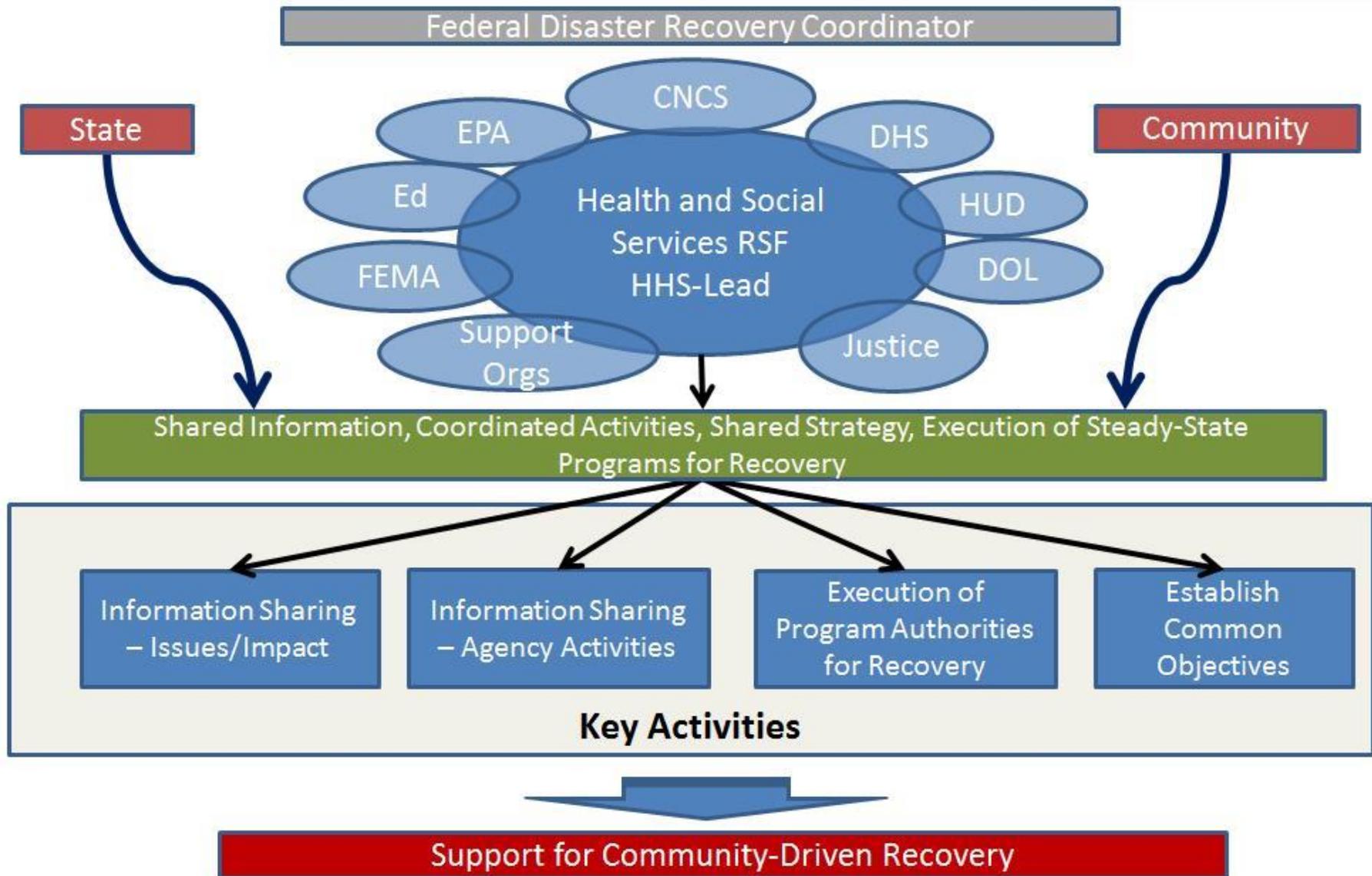
# Recovery Implementation



- **Division of Recovery carries out three basic steps:**
  - Conduct a Mission Scoping Assessment – In partnership with the state, capture the overarching issues as it relates to health and social services recovery
  - Develop a Recovery Support Strategy – In partnership with the state, document the federal capabilities available to be leveraged to support health and social services recovery.
  - Implement/Facilitate the Recovery Support Strategy – Undertake those initiatives identified in the Recovery Support Strategy and work with the state to facilitate the transition to steady-state operations.
- **RSF activities fall into three major categories:**
  - Technical assistance – (e.g. Peer-to-peer planning workshops)
  - Information sharing – (e.g. connecting the dots between disparate data sources – providing the state a strategic view across the mission areas)
  - Leveraging existing resources – (e.g. working with federal program staff to retool planned initiatives to also support immediate recovery needs)



# Recovery Coordination Model





# Roles of Health Care Coalitions in Recovery



- Healthcare facilities are on the “receiving end” of the consequences of negative health and social services recovery outcomes
- HCCs can:
  - Support the impact assessment process by raising issues of trends, themes, or persistent needs of patients
  - Help spread post-disaster public health communications (e.g. mold and environmental health hazards)
  - Ensure they’re connected with recovery assistance programs
  - Participate (or support) community-wide recovery planning and organization efforts

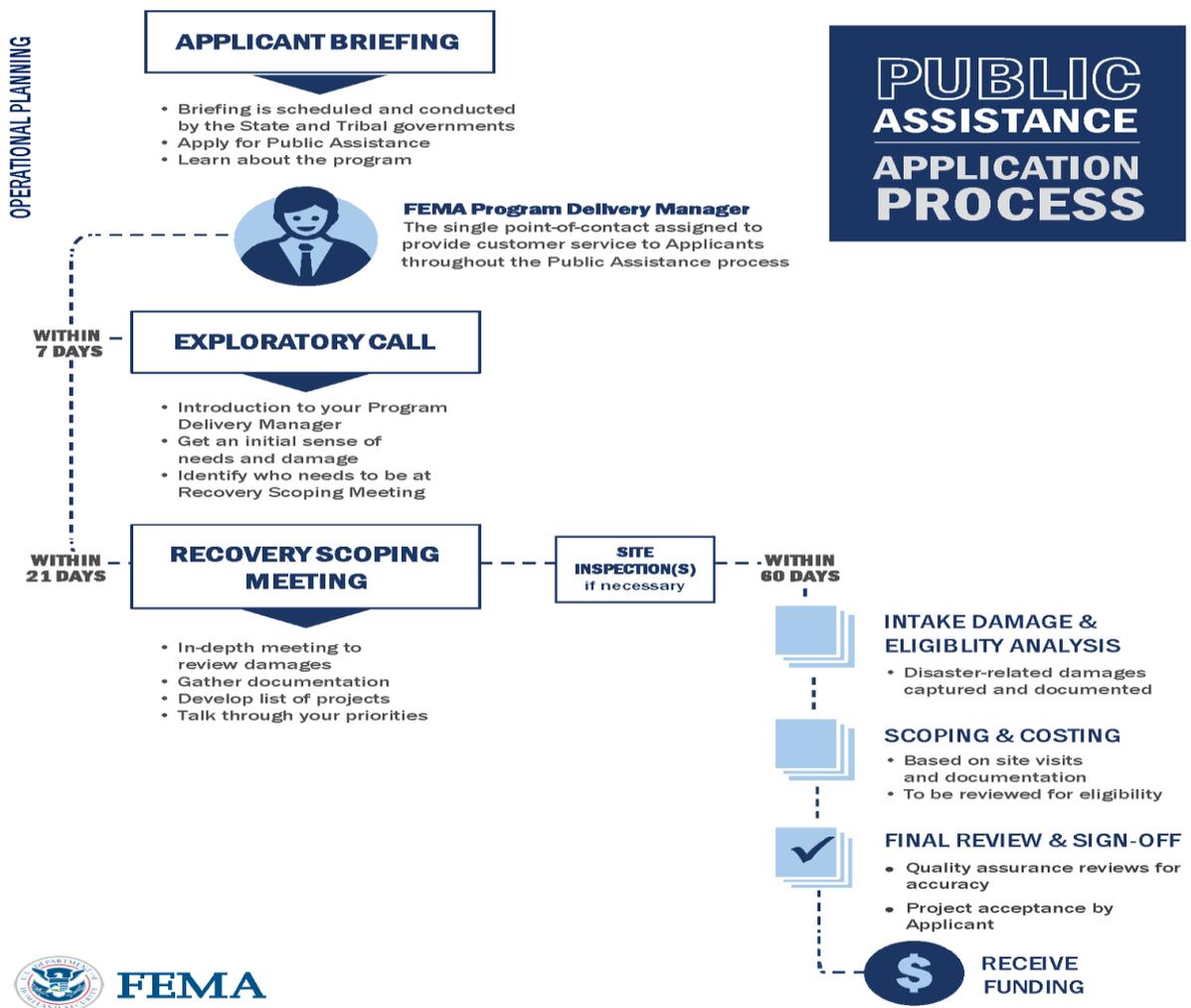


# Public Assistance (PA)



- Supplementary funding for Tribal, State, and Local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations
  - Addresses immediate threats to life, public health, and safety and protects improved public and private properties (e.g. debris removal, emergency protective measures)
  - Helps repair, restore, or replace eligible permanent facilities (e.g. roads, bridges, water control, buildings/equipment, utilities, parks and recreation)
- FEMA currently funding Texas PA at 90/10 percent of grants, grantee covers the balance; tribal governments may receive PA as State sub-recipients or direct grantees
- Encourages mitigation measures

# Public Assistance





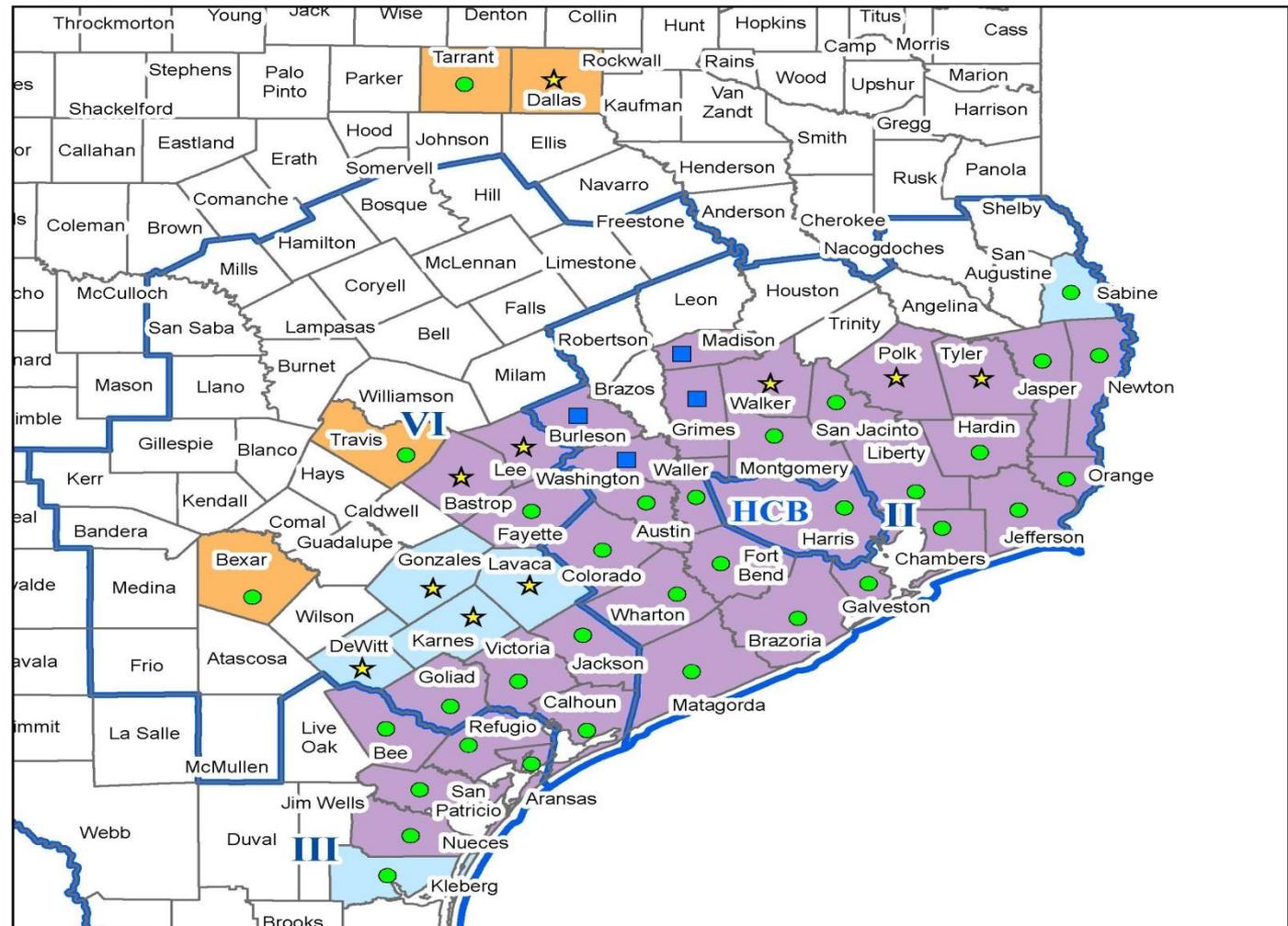
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## FEMA-4332-DR-TX - Hurricane Harvey PA Map (Amendment 9)



# FEMA

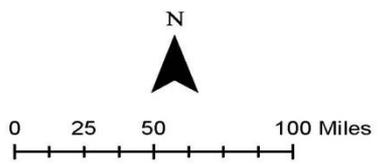


### Legend

- County
- Branch
- PA Cat: A-B
- PA Cat: A-G
- PA Cat: B

### Extension Deadline

- 12/17/2017
- 11/22/2017
- 12/14/2017





## More Info....

- PA eligibility and application process:
  - Texas Department of Public Safety Grant Coordinator, Monique Ortiz: [Monique.ortiz@dps.texas.gov](mailto:Monique.ortiz@dps.texas.gov)
  - [www.fema.gov/public-assistance-policy-and-guidance](http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-policy-and-guidance)
  - [www.fema.gov/r6-pa](http://www.fema.gov/r6-pa)
- If you are a private non-profit, submit application ASAP
- Displaced staff? Disaster Unemployment Assistance deadline extended to October 31; visit [www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/disaster-unemployment-assistance](http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/disaster-unemployment-assistance)



# Recent Activities



- **County level landscape of Health and Social Services (HSS) Recovery**
  - Goals of landscape
    - Understand current county landscape of HSS recovery
    - Ensure fastest possible restoration of HSS organizations & agencies
  - Informal visits to health and social services facilities
    - Hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, pharmacies, behavioral health
    - Schools (K-12), licensed childcare, Head Start
  - County pilot Sept 27 – 28
    - Follow on with other affected counties



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