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PRESS RELEASE

FEMA Amends Disaster Declaration to Give Fort Bend County Residents the Ability to Apply for Hurricane Beryl Assistance

(FORT BEND, TX) – Fort Bend County filed its Disaster Declaration on July 8, 2024, in response to the damage caused by Hurricane Beryl. The County was subsequently approved to receive federal funding under President Biden's Major Disaster Declaration for the state of Texas on July 9, 2024. The initial approved declaration provided the County funding for Emergency Work, Category A: Debris Removal, and Category B: Emergency Protective Measures. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has since amended the Disaster Declaration adding supplementary information that reads as follows:

“ **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of July 9, 2024.

Fort Bend and Nacagdoches Counties for Individual Assistance (already designated for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program).”

This amended Disaster Declaration gives Fort Bend County residents the ability to apply for individual federal disaster assistance to help support their recovery efforts.

As a result of Hurricane Beryl, Fort Bend County has sustained over \$20 million in damages. Residents are encouraged to complete the Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool iSTAT and the pSTAT survey for businesses provided by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). The iSTAT and the pSTAT surveys are critical for gathering initial damage assessment information and evaluating the impact on residences, businesses, and agricultural losses.

County Judge KP George is working diligently with TDEM to ensure that Fort Bend County is a high priority. Currently, TDEM officials are on the ground assessing damages within the County.

“Our team has been working with state, federal, and local agencies to make sure that we are addressing this catastrophe the right way, stated Judge George. “Our goal is to simply make sure that our citizens are taken care of, which is why I signed the Disaster Declaration on July 9, without hesitation.”

Additionally, Small Business Administration (SBA) assistance is available under specific conditions for residents of Fort Bend County. Businesses experiencing economic injury (unable to cover operating expenses) qualify for this assistance. Residents can search by state and county and proceed to apply through the [MySBA Loan Portal](#).

The County has made significant progress in restoring power, with the number of residents without electricity immediately following Hurricane Beryl at 353, 292, and is now reduced to 27,333. Debris removal has also commenced in the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Beryl. Fort Bend County Offices and Courts will resume normal hours of operation on Monday, July 15.

Fort Bend County Judge KP George will host a Water, Food, and Cleaning Supply Distribution event on Sunday, July 14, starting at 11:00 a.m. The distribution will take place at the Fort Bend County Epicenter, located at 28505 Southwest Fwy, Rosenberg, TX 77471.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-4798-DR]

[Docket ID FEMA-2024-0001]

Texas; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster

Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas (FEMA-4798-DR), dated July 9, 2024, and related determinations.

DATE: This amendment was issued July 13, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Webster, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2833.

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The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance - Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050 Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households - Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.



Deanne Criswell,

Administrator,

Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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11:00 AM WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
FORT BEND EPICENTER
28505 SOUTHWEST FWY, ROSENBERG, TX 77471



FORT BEND COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE