



## TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

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### Performance Report: Hurricane Harvey Technical Assistance Grant (Attachment D)

Region: Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Quarter: Quarter 2: 12/1/17 to 2/28/17

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Number of Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions Assisted Through Technical Assistance This Quarter: Austin County – 5 cities (Bellville, Industry, San Felipe, Sealy, Wallis); Chambers County – 6 cities (Anahuac, Beach City, Cove, Mont Belvieu, Old River-Winfree, Shoreacres; Liberty County – 10 cities (Ames, Cleveland, Daisetta, Dayton, Dayton Lakes, Devers, Hardin, Kenefick, Liberty, Plum Grove), Waller County – 7 cities (Brookshire, Hempstead, Katy (pt.), Pattison, Pine Island, Prairie View, Waller); Matagorda County – 2 cities (Bay City and Palacios)

Hours of Technical Assistance Provided This Quarter: 73

#### Activity Report

Activity Title/ Jurisdiction Assisted	Site visit with Austin County Judge (February 12, 2018)
Activity Description	Meeting with Judge Tim Lapham and Dianna Grove (Senior Administrative Assistant) <i>See County meeting notes.</i>  <b>Austin County Stated Needs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fund to repair the Mill Creek Bridge</li><li>• About \$5,000 total to help pay for elevation certificates for the flooded homes</li></ul>
Expenditures	\$975.70

Activity Title/ Jurisdiction Assisted	Meeting with Extension Agent (October 31, 2017) and Site visit with Chambers County Judge (February 14, 2018)
Activity Description	Meeting with Chambers County Extension Agent to discuss Farm Service Agency  Meeting with Judge Jimmy Sylvia, Sarah Cerrone (Economic Development Coordinator), and Roy (Kim) Turner (Emergency Management) <i>See County meeting notes.</i>  <b>Chambers County Stated Needs</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A better mass notification system that is backed-up somewhere that's not on the coast. The current system is backed up in Baton Rouge, LA and that is seen as a weakness.</li> </ul>
Expenditures	\$1,344.94 \$71.69 Travel/Mileage

Activity Title/ Jurisdiction Assisted	Site visit with Liberty County Judge (February 26, 2018)
Activity Description	Meeting with County Judge Jay Knight and Tom Branch (Emergency Management) <i>See County meeting notes.</i>  <b>Liberty County Stated Needs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential: feasibility study in anticipation of a drainage district.</li> </ul>
Expenditures	\$975.70

Activity Title/ Jurisdiction Assisted	Site visit with Waller County Judge (February 27, 2018)
Activity Description	Meeting with County Judge Trey Duhon and Brian Cantrell (Emergency Management) <i>See County meeting notes.</i>  <b>Waller County Stated Needs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A regional grant navigator (someone akin to Laura Clemmons, who has helped rural communities navigate FEMA), or a "knowledge desk" at H-GAC</li> <li>An understanding of public appetite for a drainage or flood control district and the cost/benefit</li> <li>An understanding of potential partnerships across counties, including multi-jurisdictional flood control mechanisms (reservoirs, districts, joint powers, interlocal agreements, etc...); what works best?</li> <li>Understand the difference between Flood Control and Drainage Districts, and understand the financing and governance models of HCFC</li> </ul>
Expenditures	\$1,214.10

Activity Title/ Jurisdiction Assisted	Hosted Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) webinar (January 4, 2018)
Activity Description	H-GAC will host a webinar in partnership with the <a href="#">Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)</a> of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides a variety of post-Harvey resources for agricultural producers and municipal organizations, ranging from technical assistance to financial support for a variety of production recovery, land

	<p>conservation, and erosion mitigation projects. NRCS representatives will discuss details of each program, application criteria, and other key information for applicants.</p> <p>29 attendees</p> <p>PowerPoint attached</p>
Expenditures	\$78.74

Activity Title/ Jurisdiction Assisted	Hosted Office of Rural Development webinar (January 10, 2018)
Activity Description	<p>Hosted webinar in partnership with USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) to discuss how these resources can be used for Hurricane Harvey recovery. The webinar will also provide information on eligibility requirements and the application process. The <a href="#">Office of Rural Development</a> of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides a variety of programs for rural businesses, residents, and municipalities through grants and loans.</p> <p>19 attendees</p> <p>PowerPoint attached</p>
Expenditures	\$199.28

Activity Title/ Jurisdiction Assisted	Social Media Follow up meeting with Matagorda County (January 22, 2018)
Activity Description	<p>H-GAC staff met with Matagorda County Judge McDonald and about 6-8 staff to discuss the creation and implementation of a county Emergency Management Facebook page. H-GAC created a guidance document and draft Facebook page for the county, which is not live at this time. We discussed posting protocol, legal requirements on their end, how to grow a following, how and with what entities and agencies to share information, how to update posts, post design options, and other social media basics. After the meeting, Judge McDonald corresponded that they would need to develop a social media policy before making the page live and becoming its administrator. To aid them, H-GAC supplied links to some existing government social media policies.</p> <p>11 Matagorda County attendees; 3 H-GAC staff members</p> <p>Social media polices attached</p>
Expenditures	<p>\$1,551.82</p> <p>\$80.66 Travel/Mileage</p>

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Activity Title/ Jurisdiction Assisted	Miscellaneous Expenses
Activity Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postage of \$20.98 to mail signed contract to TARC for execution. October 2017</li> <li>• Travel for previous quarter (staff didn't request reimbursement for travel during the quarter the travel occurred) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$79.18 travel for site visit with Matagorda County Judge (October 10, 2017)</li> <li>• \$90.42 travel to site visit to Colorado County Judge (November 2, 2017) and site visit to Wharton County Judge (November 2, 2017)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Expenditures	\$190.58

Total Quarter Expenditures:

\$ 6,683.21

Executed By:

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