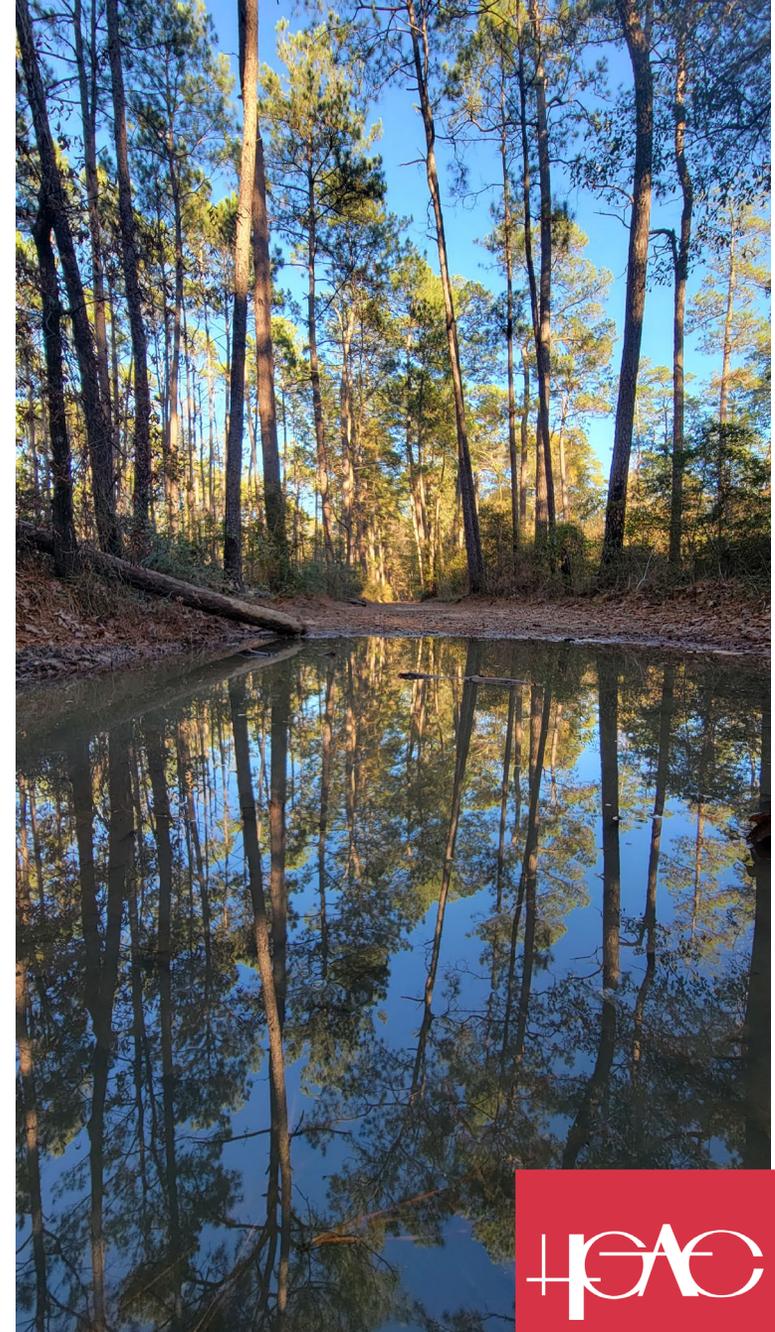


Regional Flood Management Committee

Quarterly Meeting, 1/15/25
Online, Via Zoom



Houston-Galveston
Area Council

1:30 PM **Welcome**
Roll Call
Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)

1:45 PM **Update: Regional Priority Projects**
Justin Bower
Director of Community & Environmental Planning, H-GAC

2:00 PM **Speaker Presentation: Current Funding Opportunities**
Merryl Holmes
Mitigation Coordinator, TDEM

Legislative Updates

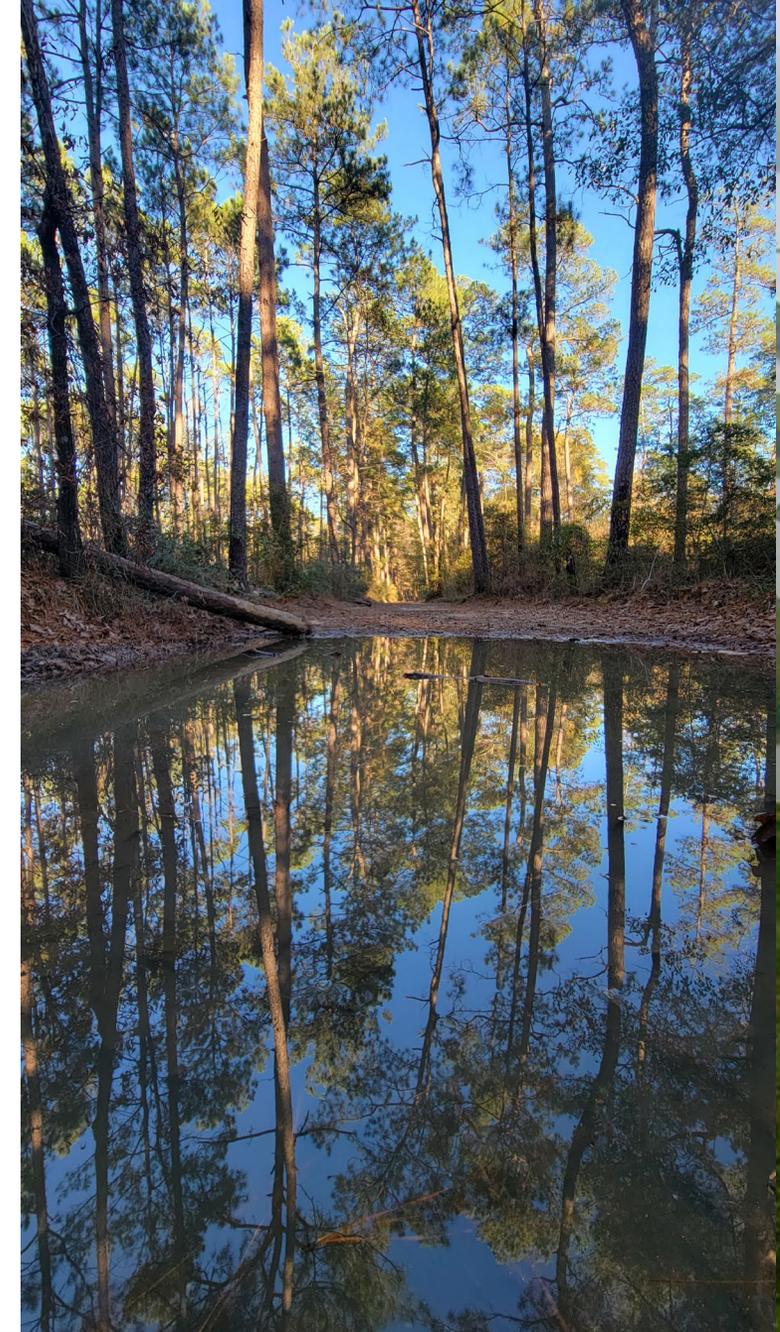
Other Announcements or Business

Member Roundtable

- What would you like to take away from the RFMC in 2025?
- How can we best support your work?

Next Meeting Reminder

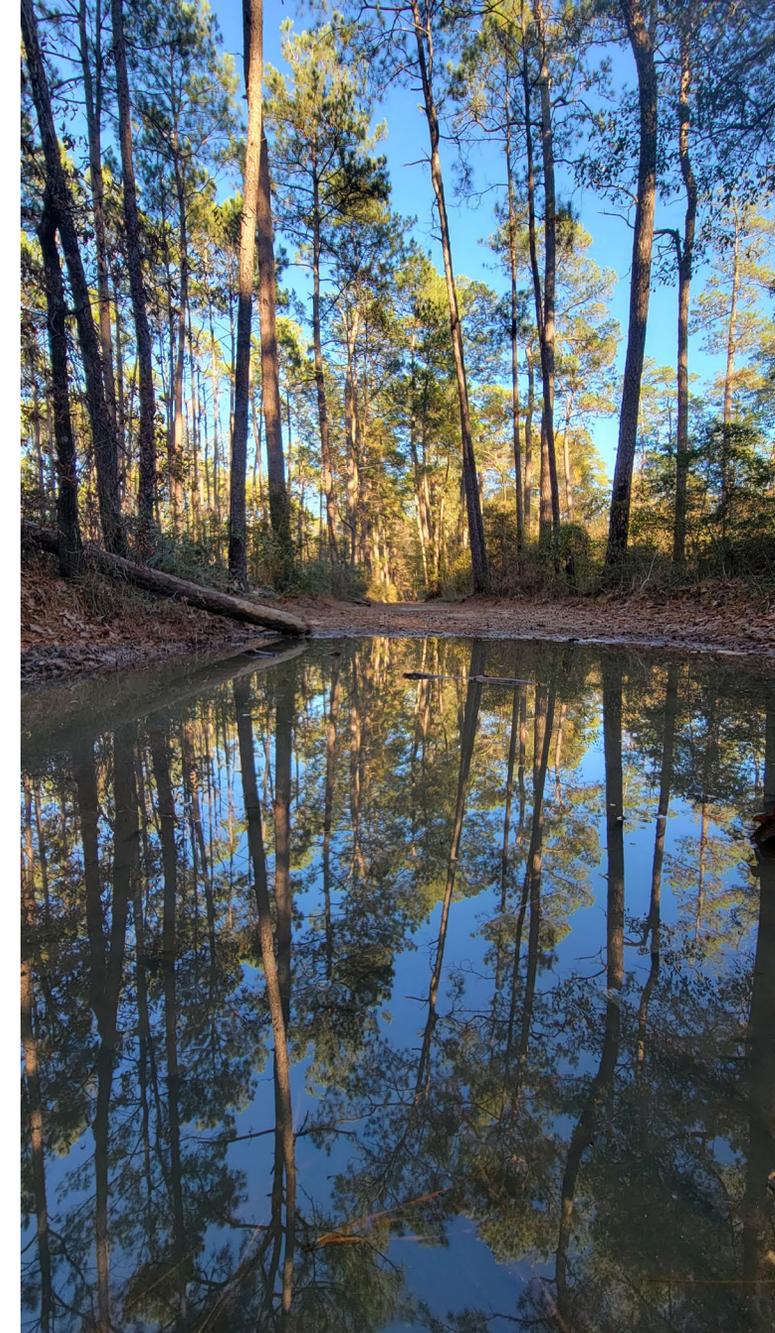
3:30 PM **Adjourn**



Roll Call

Primary and Alternate Board Members

Please unmute your microphone and voice that you are present at the meeting when you hear your name called



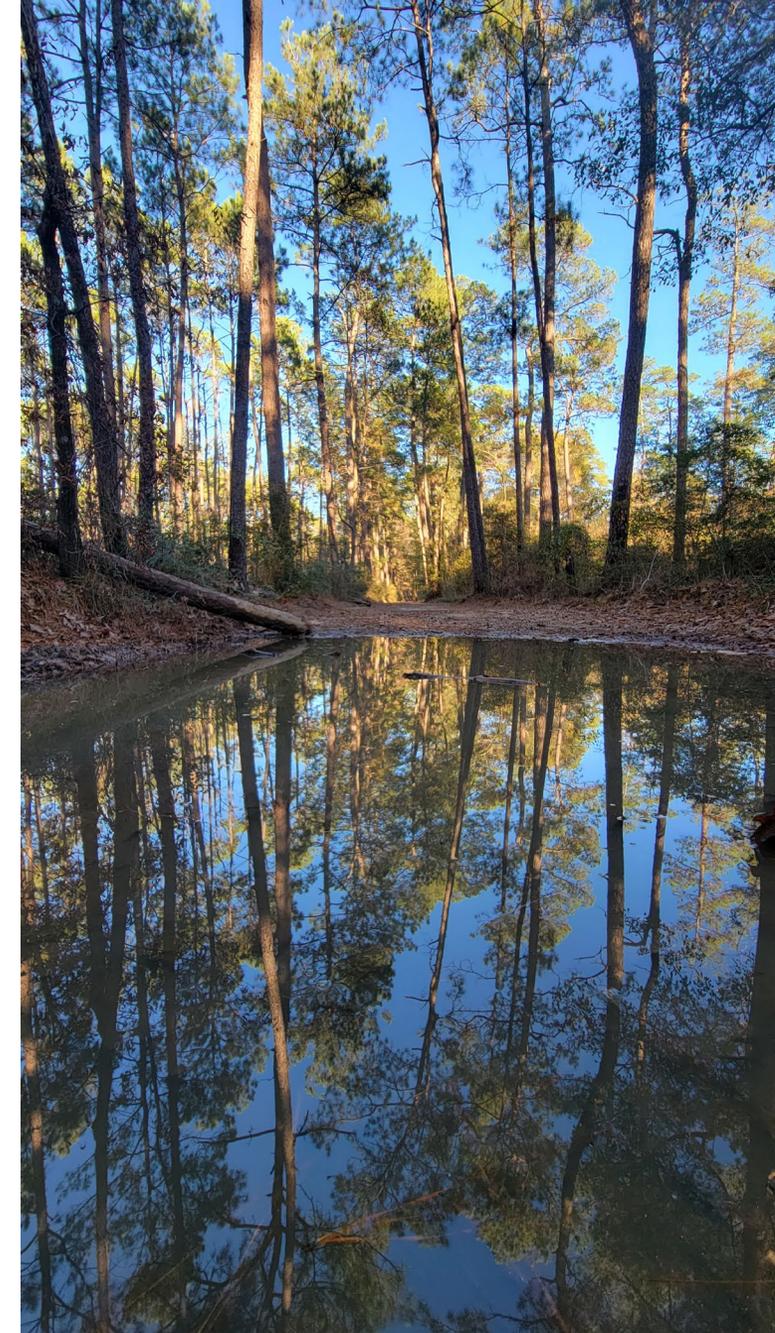
Public Comment

3 Minutes Per Speaker

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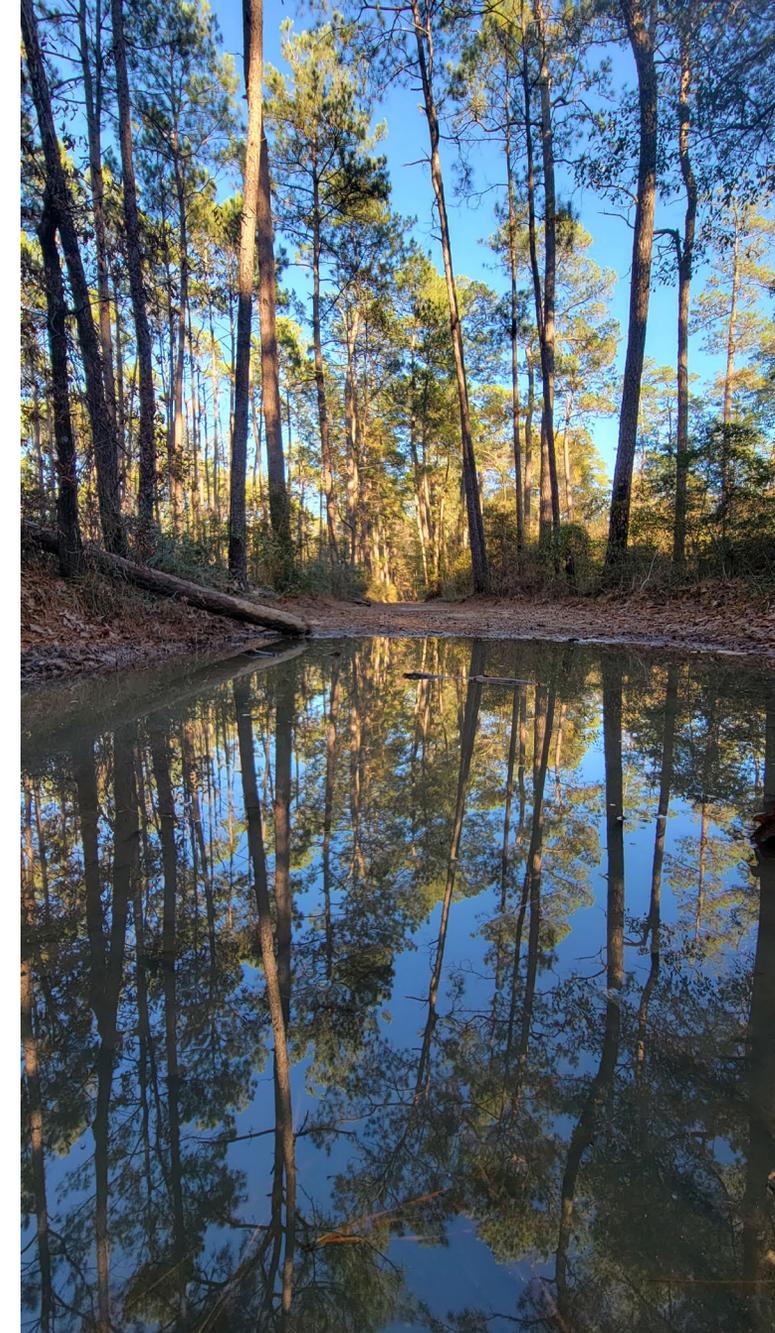
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Update: Regional Priority Projects

Justin Bower

Director of Community & Environmental Planning
H-GAC



Regional Priority Projects and CDBG MIT Update

January 15, 2025

H-GAC RFMC

Regional Priority Projects

- As part of its Board Water Resources Committee, H-GAC maintains **Priority Project Lists**
 - Water/Wastewater and Flood/Disaster Mitigation
 - Projects recommended by member governments, tiered and approved by Committee/Board (criteria apply)
 - Tiers represent both the importance/need of the project AND potential H-GAC role.

Regional Priority Projects

- Purpose of Priority Lists
 - Generate regional support/coordination
 - Prioritize for H-GAC assistance
 - Help identify funding, other resources (Not a funding source themselves)
 - Coordination
 - Data assistance
 - Increase visibility/attractiveness for grants, etc.

Case Study – CDBG-MIT Projects

- H-GAC developed a Method of Distribution for \$489 million in CDBG-Mitigation funds for GLO
 - H-GAC managing a \$62,000,200 allocation for regional priority projects upon GLO's requirement
- Funded projects primarily drawn from Priority List(s) based on Board decision.
- H-GAC will serve as primary/"pass through"

Current CDBG-MIT Projects Status

Project	Type	Status
Lower Colorado River and San Bernard River Flood Warning System – <i>Wharton County</i>	Flood modeling and river gauges	In review.
Simonton Pinch Point Project – <i>Fort Bend County</i>	Erosion control on Brazos River	Approved, in contract.
Crosby-Eastgate wetlands detention bank - <i>HCFC</i>	Wetland mitigation bank and local flood mitigation	In review.
WWTP Replacement – <i>City of Columbus</i>	WWTP replacement	Approved, in contract
Surfside Wastewater improvements – <i>Surfside Beach</i>	Wastewater collection system rehabilitation	In review.

Current/Future Opportunities

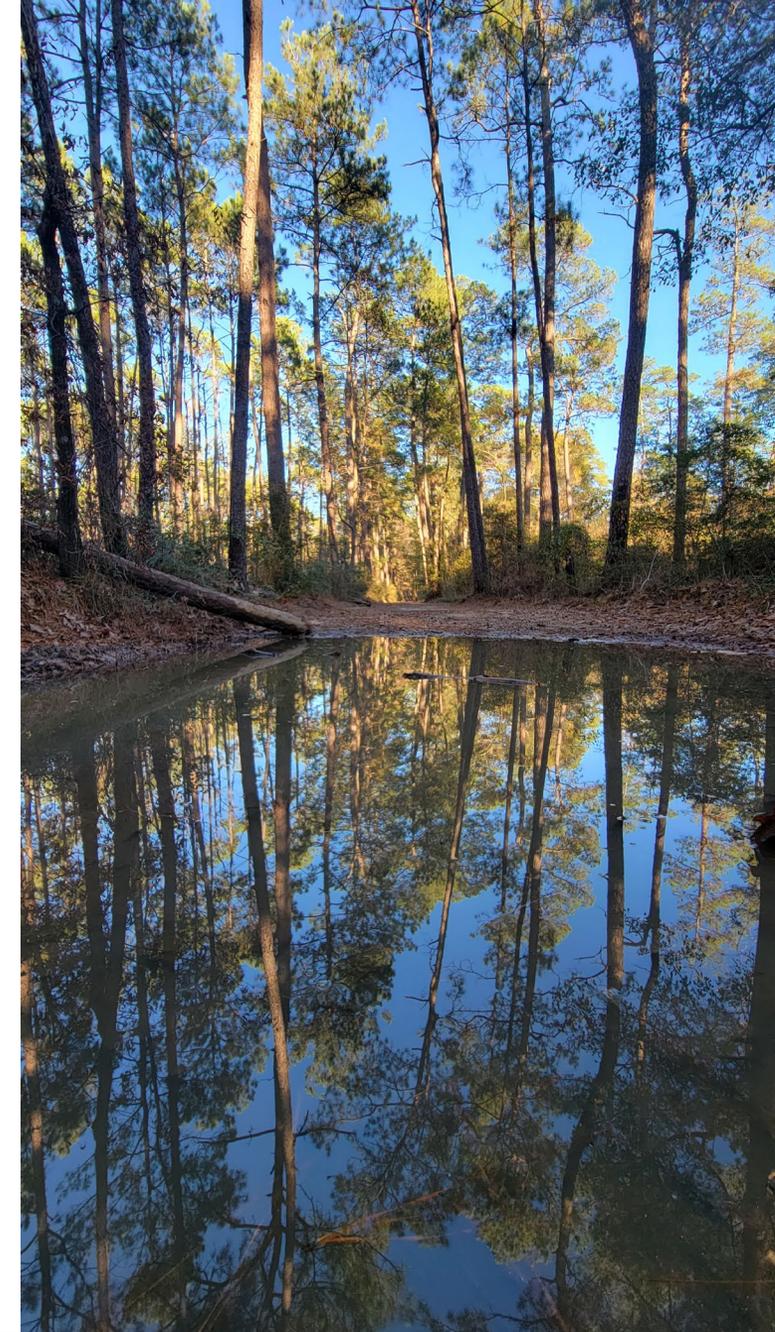
- Currently seeking project ideas for Water Resources Committee review
 - Short description, several questions, online – not appreciable effort.
 - Rolling submittals, likely reviewed each quarter
 - Contact Justin Bower for more information
- Next Committee meeting is February 27th.
- We encourage you to get involved and submit ideas.
- *(No funding is currently available)*

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Speaker Presentation: Current Funding Opportunities

Merryl Holmes
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TDEM
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

SUMMARY

Governor Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announce the open application period for the FEMA DR-4781, April 2024 Severe Storms grant. The application period will open on July 15, 2024 and close on February 28, 2025.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation program helps communities implement hazard mitigation measures before disasters strike.

All entities seeking funding under this opportunity must have a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan at the time the project is submitted to FEMA for consideration and at the time an award is made except for projects to develop or update mitigation plans. An exception to this requirement may be requested on a case-by-case basis in accordance with [FEMA's 2023 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance](#).

All applications must be received by TDEM through the [Grants Management System](#) (GMS) no later than **February 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM** to be considered for funding.

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
April 2024 Severe Storms, FEMA DR-4781

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND STATE PRIORITIES

Eligibility

Eligible sub-applicants include local governments and communities, state agencies, and private nonprofit organizations providing essential governmental services.

Priorities and Considerations

- Eligible jurisdictions within the declared counties for the disaster declaration
- Projects that address the principal hazards associated with the disaster declaration (including requests made for assistance from the Texas State Operations Center)
- Projects that demonstrate the greatest community benefit including high Benefit-Cost-Analysis (BCA) and verifiable population directly served or benefiting from the proposed projects
- Projects that clearly link to the sub-applicants' hazard mitigation plan
- Projects that focus on multi-jurisdictional, regional, watershed, or COG levels

TIPS FOR APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

- Attend DR-4781 Information sessions (see next page)
- Demonstrate experience in managing grants as part of submission including understanding federal procurement processes and experience with FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance.
- Contact your TDEM regional hazard mitigation grant coordinator early to assist with preparing a quality application.
- Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the TDEM Grants Management System (GMS). GMS is used to apply for, track, and manage a variety of FEMA grants. To register, please visit <https://grants.tdem.texas.gov/>.



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[FEMA Declared Counties Map](#)

[Regional Chiefs Map](#)

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES *

Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition/Relocation

- ✓ Structure Elevation
- ✓ Mitigation Reconstruction
- ✓ Dry Floodproofing
- ✓ Generators
- ✓ Flood Risk Reduction Projects
- ✓ Retrofitting of Existing Buildings and Structures
- ✓ Safe Room Construction
- ✓ Infrastructure Retrofit
- ✓ Soil Stabilization
- ✓ Wildfire Mitigation
- ✓ Post-Disaster Code Enforcement
- ✓ Hazard Mitigation Plans

*Other eligible activities described in the [2023 HMA Guidance](#)

TRAINING AND FEMA PROGRAM INFORMATION

Click on the links below to be redirected for information:

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Information (FEMA) (Reference)

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation>

TDEM Applicant Information Sessions (Highly Recommended)

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Federal Procurement Training (Highly Recommended)

[TDEM Federal Procurement Training](#)

TDEM Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Overview (Highly Recommended)

Applicants with construction projects are encouraged to participate in an information session on the methods for demonstrating cost effectiveness. Click [here](#) to register.

Required Grant Terms and Conditions (Review Only)

Prior to application, please review the grant terms and conditions that are required under this NOFO. [Click Here](#)



TDEM
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

SUMMARY

Governor Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announce the open application period for the FEMA DR-4798, Hurricane Beryl grant. The application period will open on August 5, 2024 and close on March 14, 2025.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation program helps communities implement hazard mitigation measures before disasters strike.

All entities seeking funding under this opportunity must have a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan at the time the project is submitted to FEMA for consideration and at the time an award is made except for projects to develop or update mitigation plans. An exception to this requirement may be requested on a case-by-case basis in accordance with [FEMA's 2023 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance](#).

All applications must be received by TDEM through the [Grants Management System](#) (GMS) no later than **March 14, 2025 at 5:00 PM** to be considered for funding.

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
Hurricane Beryl, FEMA DR-4798

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND STATE PRIORITIES

Eligibility

Eligible sub-applicants include local governments and communities, state agencies, and private nonprofit organizations providing essential governmental services.

Priorities and Considerations

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- Projects that focus on multi-jurisdictional, regional, watershed, or COG levels

TIPS FOR APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

- Attend DR-4798 Information sessions (see next page)
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- ✓ Wildfire Mitigation
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Required Grant Terms and Conditions (Review Only)

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SUMMARY

Governor Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announce the open application period for the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) FY2024 grant. The application period will open on January 6, 2025 and close on March 4, 2025.

FEMA's BRIC program helps communities implement hazard mitigation measures before disasters strike.

All entities seeking funding under this opportunity must have a FEMA-approved State or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 201 by the application deadline and at the time of obligation of the award.

(Hazard mitigation planning subapplications submitted by applicants are exempt from this mitigation plan requirement).

All applications must be received by TDEM through the [FEMA GO](#) system no later than **March 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM** to be considered for funding.

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) 2024 Grant Program

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND STATE PRIORITIES

Eligibility

Communities, including local governments, cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and tribal governments are eligible subapplicants. Private nonprofits are not eligible subapplicants for BRIC and must partner with an eligible subapplicant to apply.

Community Disaster Resilience Zones are eligible for an increase in cost share up to 90% federal/10% non-federal with the goal to lessen the financial burden on communities performing resilience-related activities.

Additional information regarding eligibility can be found in the [BRIC 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#).

Priorities and Considerations

FEMA establishes scoring criteria for National Competition projects in the BRIC 2024 NOFO. TDEM will prioritize applications for the state allocation based on population impacted and community benefit (as measured by the benefit cost analysis).

Available Funding

FEMA has made \$750 million available for the BRIC 2024 Program. FEMA has made \$2,000,000 available for the Texas state allocation and \$2,000,000 available for building code related projects. In addition, subapplicants may submit an unlimited number of applications to the national competition, each valued up to \$50,000,000 federal share.

TIPS FOR APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

- Attend TDEM BRIC Application Training (see next page)
- Attend routine FEMA offered BRIC application preparation webinars. National scoring criteria are reviewed and are key in being considered beyond the Texas State Allocation.
- Demonstrate experience in managing grants as part of submission including understanding federal procurement processes and experience with FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance.
- Contact your TDEM regional hazard mitigation grant coordinator/ specialist early to assist with preparing a quality application.
- Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO). FEMA GO will be used to apply for, track, and manage a variety of FEMA grants including BRIC. To register, please visit <https://go.fema.gov/>.



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EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES *

Acquisition and Demolition

- ✓ Purchase of flood-prone structure
- ✓ Conversion of the land to open space through the demolition of the structure

Wildfire Mitigation

- ✓ Defensible space
- ✓ Reducing hazardous fuels/standing burned trees
- ✓ Ignition-resistant construction

Non-localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects

- ✓ Projects that lessen the frequency or severity of flooding in an area that is regional in scale.

Infrastructure Retrofit

- ✓ Strengthen or harden water systems that were burned and caused contamination

Soil and Slope Stabilization

- ✓ Reseeding ground cover
- ✓ Planting grass to prevent the spread of noxious weeds
- ✓ Mulching with straw or chipped wood
- ✓ Placing logs/other erosion barriers to catch sediment on slopes
- ✓ Installing debris traps to modify road and trail drainage mechanisms

*Other eligible activities described in the [2024 HMA Guidance](#)

TRAINING AND FEMA PROGRAM INFORMATION

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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Information (FEMA Reference)

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation>

TDEM BRIC Application Training (Highly Recommended)

<https://tdem-texas-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluf-yorTkoE915a4NuTB9E-ztXe5bvOvsk>

Federal Procurement Training (Highly Recommended)

<https://bit.ly/TDEMProcurement>

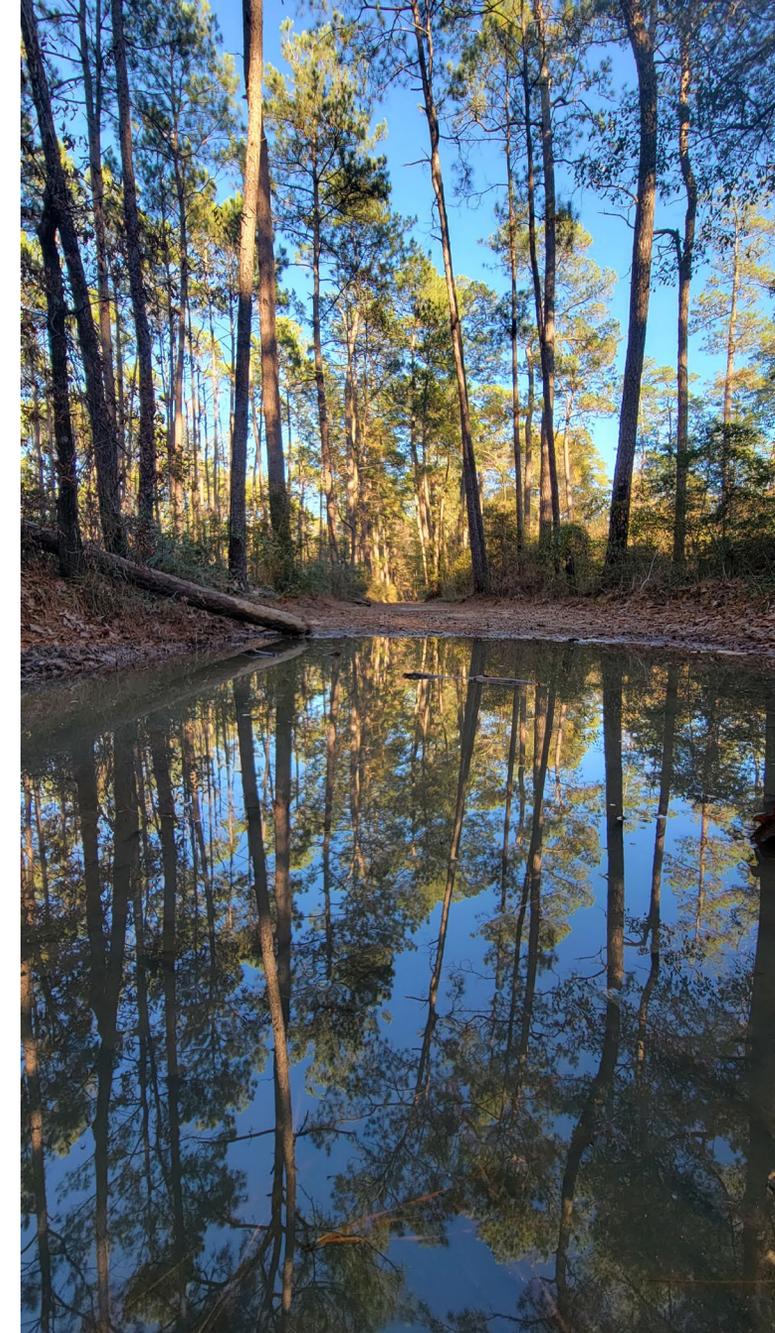
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[Terms and Conditions](#)

FEMA Fact Sheet for the 2024 BRIC NOFO

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_hma_bric-nofo-fact-sheet_fy2024.pdf

Legislative Updates



Here are a few items we are keeping an eye on from the 119th Congress (2025-2026)

H.R. 152: Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act

To amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments.

More Information: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/152>

H.R. 153: Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act

To provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance.

More Information: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/153>

H.R. 164: POWER Act of 2025

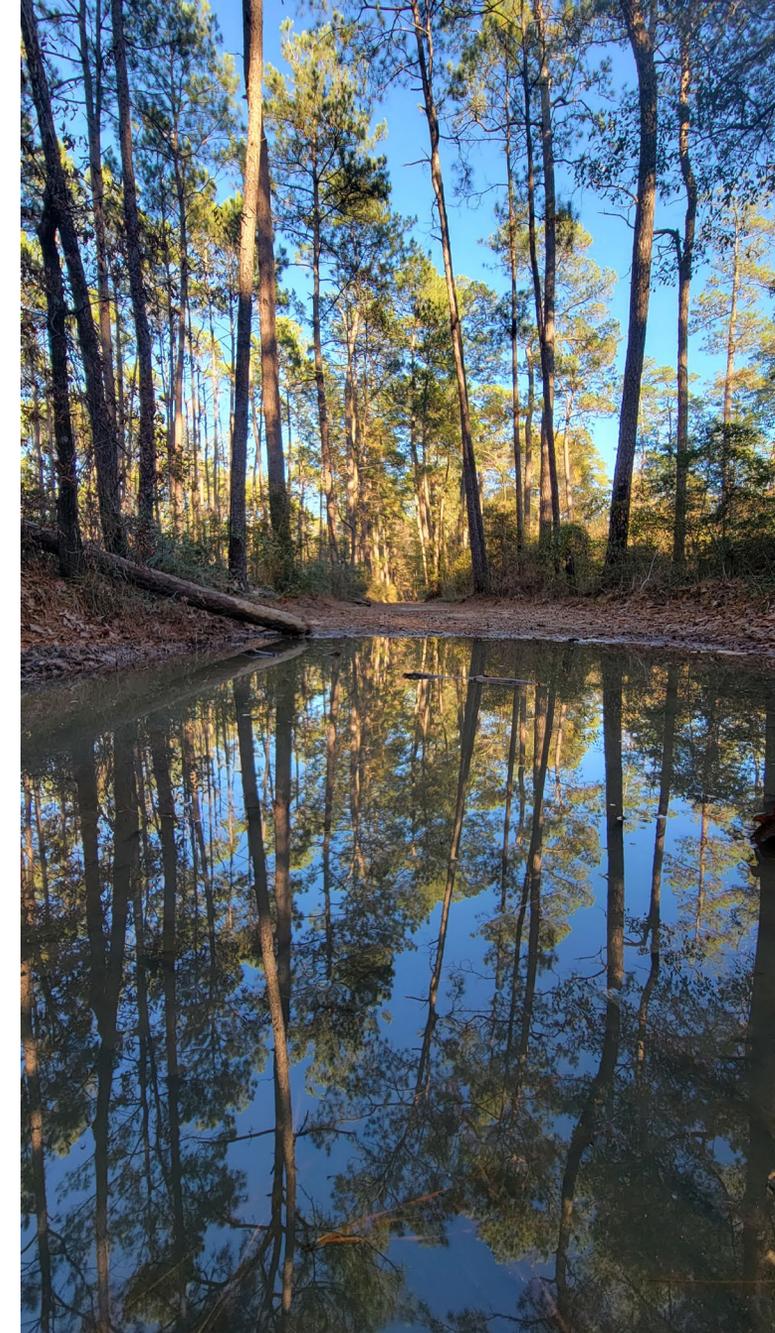
To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize Federal agencies to provide certain essential assistance for hazard mitigation for electric utilities.

More Information: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/164>

H.R. 403: To enhance predisaster mitigation to prevent future natural disasters.

More Information: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/403>

Member Roundtable

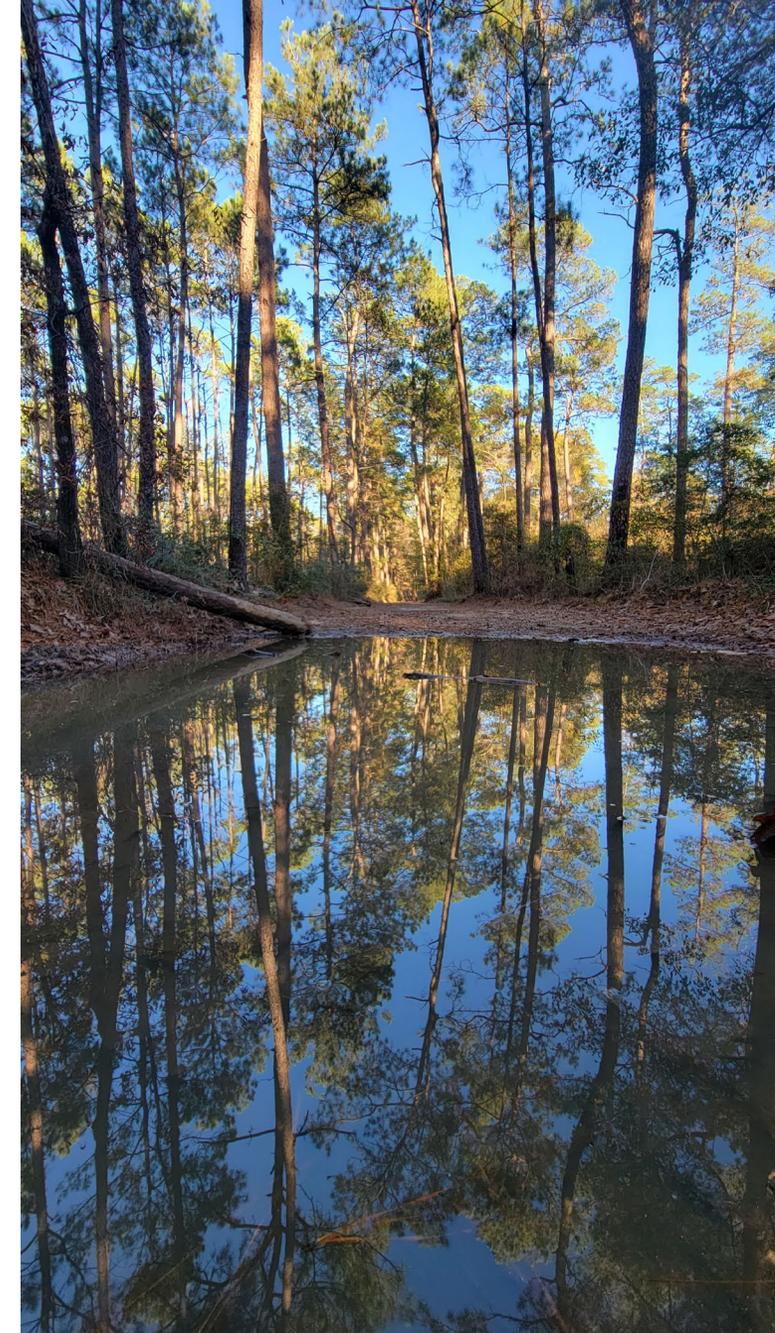


2025 Meeting Dates

April 16th- In-person, at H-GAC

July 16th- Virtual, via Zoom

October 15th- In-person, at H-GAC



We are adjourned, thank
you for attending!

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