

## Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund through the City of Houston

(serves areas in surrounding counties as well)

<https://ghcf.org/nonprofits-grants/>

### ROUND 4 GRANT DISTRIBUTION

On March 15, 2018, the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund announced the fourth round of grants totaling \$42.3 million to 27 carefully-vetted, local nonprofit organizations to provide additional aid and services to Hurricane Harvey flood victims in the Houston area. This fourth round of grants brings the total amount distributed by the fund to \$108.8 million. Since August, HHRF has supported 123 local nonprofit organizations that are focused on providing a wide-variety of support to those who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. HHRF grants complement federal and state funds, and the work of volunteers, to provide flood victims with much needed financial, health, legal and other support.

#### FOCUS AREAS

##### *Home Repair Services*

\$31.6 million in grants is being disbursed to eight organizations to support continued home repair efforts. For example, a grant will be given to the LISC Collaborative, which is composed of five organizations that will work to repair homes across Houston. Funded projects also include volunteer initiatives, such as 4B Disaster Response Network's Home Repair Blitz that will take place March 10-24 to repair 110 homes in southeast Harris County.

##### *Behavioral Health Services*

\$6 million in grants is being disbursed to six organizations for behavioral health services. Research clearly shows that after a major natural disaster, behavioral health problems caused by all of the stressors of the disaster manifest themselves over a period of two years. HHRF is supporting best practices by investing in the integration of behavioral health into primary care in our largest hospital systems, as well as bringing behavioral health services to local area schools, to address this long-term need following the storm.

##### *Legal Services*

\$4.3 million in grants is being disbursed to six organizations to help provide legal services. The grants will continue to help homeowners and renters facing legal issues related to Harvey. Organizations will work on cases that span from consumer protection issues, such as landlord/tenant issues and breach of contract, to title clearance and FEMA appeals. Additionally, the nonprofit organization Disability Rights Texas will focus on issues directly related to assisting individuals with disabilities, including

discrimination based on disability, accommodations from service providers and access to educational services.

### *Homelessness Prevention*

HHRF is making a grant to the Houston Coalition for the Homeless to provide case management and longer-term housing to 550 households at risk of homelessness after Hurricane Harvey. The residents had nowhere to go from the emergency disaster shelters and were not eligible for FEMA assistance. This funding provides an opportunity for vulnerable Houston-area residents to land in more stable living situations than before the storm.

For more information regarding these services, please contact 2-1-1.

### **List of Round 4 Grantees, Grant Purposes, and Service Areas:**

<https://ghcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/HHRF-Round-4-Grantees-Summary-FINAL-3.15.18.pdf>

## **ROUND 3 GRANT DISTRIBUTION**

On December 27, 2017, the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund announced the third round of grants totaling \$27.6 million to 28 nonprofit organizations to provide services and support to flood victims.

The latest grants will provide direct financial aid and services to an estimated 12,470 households with 71,328 individuals.

For this round, HHRF grants committee members met with 30 nonprofit organizations in seven of the hardest hit zip codes in Harris County as identified by a needs assessment by the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University. Grant committee members hosted roundtable discussions with these nonprofit organizations to learn more about the unmet needs of the populations in those neighborhoods.

The grants will provide flood victims with:

- Financial Assistance
- Disaster Case Management
- Basic Needs
- Furniture, Furnishings, and Appliances
- Behavioral Health Services
- Educational Services

This grant round includes over \$1.8 million of funding that will be directed toward local school districts, which are well-positioned to provide direct assistance to the families they serve. School districts will use the funds to support families through direct emergency financial assistance, tutoring and educational services, and basic supplies for students.

The Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund is also partnering with St. Bernard Project to place over 70 AmeriCorps members in social services organizations serving the community.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is sharing the cost of the placements, which will increase staffing of the community organizations, particularly for disaster relief efforts related to home repair and construction.

### **List of Round 3 Grantees, Grant Purposes, and Service Areas:**

<https://ghcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/HHRF-Round-3-Grantees-Summary.pdf>

## **ROUND 2 GRANT DISTRIBUTION**

On November 15, 2017, the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund announced the second round of grants totaling \$28.9 million to 90 nonprofit organizations to provide services and support to flood victims.

The 90 nonprofit organizations selected are trusted, experienced groups with the proven ability to identify clients and their needs and then assist them directly. Direct funding and services to be provided by the non-profit recipients include but are not limited to:

- Assistance with paying for food, clothing, rent, mortgage payments and utilities
- Home repairs
- Replacement of flood-damaged furniture and appliances for those who did not have flood insurance.
- Case management for elderly, disabled, and other individuals who need help applying for assistance and developing a recovery plan.
- Trauma/crisis intervention
- Job training and employment services

### **List of Round 2 Grantees, Grant Purposes, and Service Areas:**

<https://ghcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/HHRF-Round-2-Summary-PDF.pdf>

### **Summary of Grant Applicants Zip Code Service Areas:**

<https://ghcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Map.pdf>

## **ROUND 1 GRANT DISTRIBUTION**

Round 1 applications were by invitation only due to the expedited time frame

**28 organizations** were awarded grants to provide emergency/immediate need

assistance and focused in the following focus areas:

- Basic Needs
- Temporary Housing/Rapid Re-housing/Home Restoration
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Emergency Case Management to support the Focus Areas Listed Above

<https://ghcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/HHRF-Round-1-Grantees.pdf>