

Fact Sheet: Debris Removal Cost Share



What is the Debris Removal Cost Share?

Governor Abbott, in partnership with Texas House and Senate leaders, authorized funding to assist cities and counties with the, up to, 10 percent local cost share associated with debris removal under FEMA's Public Assistance disaster grant program. Jurisdictions listed on the presidential disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey (DR-4332) are eligible for this funding to assist with federally approved projects for debris removal.

What will the payment be?

Cities and counties will be advanced 50 percent of the local cost share upon the initial obligation of the Category A (Debris Removal) project. Final cost share funding will be sent upon project closeout.

What do I need to do to receive the Cost Share?

If you have already (1) submitted a Request for Public Assistance (RPA), (2) attended an applicant briefing, (3) signed a grant agreement from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and (4) submitted information for a FEMA project worksheet (PW or expedited PW) for Category A Debris Removal, you have already started the process to be eligible to receive these funds.

If you have not yet submitted an RPA form (attached to this email), please do so immediately to start the process to be eligible for this funding. The RPA form should be submitted to TDEMRecovery.rpa@dps.texas.gov no later than Sunday, December 17, 2017 (*please note this is a new consolidated deadline for all RPA submissions*).

When the steps above are completed, the applicant will receive a notification letter from TDEM via email with the amount of the total estimated cost share payment and the 50 percent advance. When all steps below are complete, the 50 percent payment will be advanced to the applicant.

Quick Steps

- Submit RPA by deadline
- Attend applicant briefing meeting
- Sign the TDEM grant agreement
- Submit information for a FEMA Category A (Debris Removal) Project Worksheet (PW)
- When FEMA reviews and approves the Category A PW and the funds are obligated in the FEMA PA portal, your jurisdiction will be eligible to receive up to the 10 percent cost share
- A notification letter awarding state funds for the local cost share will be sent to the primary contact listed for the Category A PW. This letter will state amount of cost share for the applicant
- Notification letters are scheduled for distribution to eligible applicants that have already completed all required steps beginning Monday, November 27, 2017 and continuing thereafter as other applicants complete all of the required steps
- 50 percent of the local cost share will be advanced to eligible applicants as they complete all of the required steps beginning Wednesday, November 29, 2017
- Final state funds will be distributed to the applicant upon Category A project closeout (timeline is dependent on the sub-applicant)

*Please remember that the applicant must submit all supporting documentation to support the debris removal claim.

What if I have additional questions?

Please contact your TDEM Recovery, Mitigation and Standards [Section Administrator](#) (please click on link to see a map of TDEM Section Administrators).

If you do not complete the RPA process or do not receive a Category A project, you are not eligible for the state funding for a local cost share. In addition, if you are participating in the FEMA Debris Pilot Program and your cost share is less than 10 percent, you will only be funded the amount of your cost share (e.g. if your FEMA cost share is 8 percent, your cost share payment will be 8 percent and not 10 percent.)