



Alamo Resource Conservation & Development Area Inc Hurricane Harvey Relief Program



We will strive to provide basic needs assistance to families, that have been displaced due to Hurricane Harvey and now are refugees living within the Texas counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson.

Our Mission lives on the old rural philosophy of “neighbors helping neighbors” as we strive to assist those who live within the small rural communities in the San Antonio Area. We know that many rural Texas small towns struggle with social service needs on a daily basis and when a Disaster occurs the situation is made even worse. So when Hurricane Harvey hit Texas we knew that we wanted to help the rural counties we serve that touch Bexar County.

We were able to apply for a Disaster Relief Grant that was generously provided by the **John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation Fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation**. This grant is limited, but it will provide basic needs assistance to many families and individuals who lived in the FEMA Designated Disaster Counties that now are displaced and are living in Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson Counties.

We obtained the funding on Sept. 30, 2017 but have been contacting our partner agencies in several counties prior to that date to facilitate the location and registration of displaced families in each county. **We have also placed all the information needed to register for our assistance on our web page at www.alamorcd.org.** We have also hired a consultant to help us manage and implement the program.

Our goals are to help displaced families by providing them with the opportunity to apply for basic needs assistance in the form of “gift cards” (such as HEB and Visa cards) that will help them purchase their own needs such as food, clothing, medicines, doctor fees, and more. Our partner agencies in each county are assisting with registration and referral. Families also need to **go to our web page for information on our Relief Program and to LINK to other agencies who are also providing some assistance.** We know that our assistance will not cover all their needs.

The application process requires each family to submit a complete application, authenticated by an ID that demonstrates former residence in a FEMA Designated Disaster County. Our Relief Review Committee will review each application to make a determination of how much assistance will be provided to each registered family. Then our Consultant will establish a date and time, within each county, (usually at our County Registration & Distribution Centers) where distributions of assistance will be made. **All decisions of our Review Committee will be final and the registered Head of Household for each family will need to be present at Distribution, with proper ID to sign out for their assistance.**

Due to funding restrictions at this time, we will be only able to make one distribution per family. We are actively asking our donors to help by donating to our Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. If we can offer other help into the future, we will need to contact each family so it is **imperative that we have a direct contact capacity for each family registered such a phone number or email. Please keep in contact with us at the email below or visit our web page for future announcements.**

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Our Mission is to help communities and the people who make them thrive, meet local needs by protecting our water and land resources, encouraging environmental sustainability, promoting agriculture and enhancing the quality of life for all citizens in our ten county area.

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