

The Texas Center for Child and Family Studies

Short-Term and Immediate Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Harvey

Application

Overview

The Texas Center for Child and Family Studies (referred to as the Center) and the Texas Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) have coordinated to connect children, youth, and families in need due to the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey with community resources for short-term and immediate disaster relief. The contributions received will be directed to the children in the State of Texas conservatorship, foster families, kinship caregivers, and other direct care staff who have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey. This policy will be used as a guideline in receiving contributions and distributing the contributed funds to the eligible children and families in need.

Funding Amounts and Rules

Governance. The Center Board of Directors will provide governance over the program. It may award grants in equal and fixed amounts per recipient, with the individual amount dependent upon the number of applicants and the amount of funds available at any given time. The final decision regarding the number, timing, and amount of grants is solely within the purview of the Center Board of Directors.

Award Limit. Maximum award of \$250 per recipient (child, family or facility) will be used as a guideline. The Center Board of Directors will have the authority to review individual claims and approve additional funding.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Eligible applicants – The following organizations and individuals can submit a request for funding:
 - a. Organizations with a current 24-hour child care license with DFPS.
 - b. CPS verified foster families and kinship caregivers with current placements.
 - c. Licensed organizations helping impacted operations and/or housing displaced families and staff.
2. Eligible recipients – The applicants must identify the individuals who will receive the aid (the recipients). Eligible recipients will include:
 - a. Children, foster families, and kinship caregivers whose primary residence is located in FEMA declared disaster area.
 - b. Children in the State of Texas conservatorship.
 - c. Foster parent with current placements.
 - d. Kinship caregivers.
3. Eligible assistance will cover the following type of expenses:
 - a. Assistance for child and youth specific needs. Examples include food, clothing, personal care items, bedding, educational supplies, and other basic necessities.
 - b. Assistance to foster families and kinship caregivers with storm related expenses that are needed to support the care of the children in care. Examples include home and auto repairs, temporary shelter expenses, gas cards, food, water, and other basic necessities, etc.

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- c. Assistance to support the care of children and youth impacted by the storm. Examples include non-Medicaid funded trauma support, educational support, transportation or travel expenses, etc.
- d. Assistance for expenses from storm related damages sustained by DFPS licensed 24-hour child care contractors which impacted the ability of the organization to provide child care services. Examples include damages to facilities, staffing related issues, evacuation expenses and relocation expenses, etc. that are NOT covered by insurance, federal, state or local programs.

Responsibility of Applicant:

1. Complete the online application form.
2. By submitting the application, the applicant will certify that the information included in the application is true and complete. The applicant acknowledges that the funds received, if any, will be used for the intended purpose of providing disaster relief to the children who are in the Texas conservatorship and the foster families that care for them. The applicant understands that the granting of emergency assistance is neither a right nor an entitlement and the Texas Center Board of Directors shall have sole discretion in determining the eligibility of my request.

Questions or Assistance

Any questions may be forwarded to info@tacfs.org or call TACFS office at (512) 892-2683.