



Healing from Harvey: Phase II Grants *Overview of RFP*

In February, the Rebuild Texas Fund awarded \$800,000 to the Texas Center for Child and Family Studies (“the Center”), the 501c3 non-profit arm of the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services (TACFS). The [phase one grant awards](#) were announced in April and projects are now underway to support recovery and relief efforts for foster care children impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

We are pleased to announce that a second phase of funding is now available. **An additional \$1.5 million will allow the center to continue its “Healing from Harvey” initiative, supporting ongoing relief and recovery efforts in impacted Gulf Coast communities.**

The Center invites proposals for projects which serve children and youth in the specified hurricane regions who are currently involved in the child protection system, at-risk of either becoming involved in the State’s Child Protection System, or are at-risk of entering foster care. The proposals must demonstrate that their proposal will address a need that has been impacted as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

The RFP and an online application form are online at tacfs.org/thecenter.

Project Objective: Mitigating Risk for Vulnerable Children and Families

The objective of this project is to serve children who are at-risk of either becoming involved in the State’s Child Protection System (whether it be a referral to CPS, an investigation, etc.), or are at-risk of entering foster care in the Harvey-impacted areas. These families and children often “fall through the cracks” of the system and are especially vulnerable to additional stressors in their lives as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Support is critical to keep the families intact while providing a safe home environment.

The following are examples of possible projects to mitigate risk for children and families that could be provided with this funding. Respondents have the flexibility to develop proposals that will effectively meet the unique needs of their community.

- Expansion of Kinship care support services for families caring for at risk children in the wake of Harvey (e.g., child care or household items to support children in the home long-term);
- Expansion of youth transition programs that were interrupted or discontinued during Harvey (e.g., creation or expansion of a supported housing program for runaway youth);
- Expansion of domestic violence interventions targeted toward families with children at immediate risk of removal;
- Expansion of research informed therapy practices designed to address PTSD brought on by Harvey (e.g., equine therapies for parents and/or children).

The targeted funding amount per proposal is up to \$100,000. The Center may consider proposals which exceed \$100,000, if substantiated and compelling community need for

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additional funding is demonstrated in the proposal. Respondents may only submit one proposal for consideration. The maximum project period is 9 months, October 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. The project funding will be paid in two installments; 80% of the contract award will be paid upon contract execution and 20% will be paid upon project completion.

Organizations that applied or received funding from Phase I are eligible to apply for Phase II funding. Phase II proposals may include expansion of current Phase I projects or new projects which fit the criteria established in this RFP.

Proposals are due no later than 5 pm, August 24, 2018 and tentative award announcements are anticipated on September 24, 2018.

For more information: tacfs.org/thecenter

Download the RFP: <http://bit.ly/HealingfromHarveyRFP>

Submit your proposal: <http://bit.ly/Phase2Proposal>