

TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

# Texas Schools

## Damage Assessment and Public Assistance

### Overview



# TEA Updates

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- The **Disaster Aid Assistance Survey** link was sent to superintendents on Monday
- The purpose of this survey is to estimate district costs not covered by insurance or FEMA for possible Legislative appropriation under TEC, Sec. 48.251
- The deadline to submit the survey is Thursday, April 8
- Please email questions to [FSPdisasterremediation@tea.texas.gov](mailto:FSPdisasterremediation@tea.texas.gov)

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- Continue to document all costs related to the winter storm in the event of additional federal relief from the U.S. Department of Education
- USDE has launched a mobile application to support documentation collection:  
<https://rems.ed.gov/SITEASSESS.aspx>

# Category B - Emergency Protective Measures

Emergency Protective Measures are actions taken by a community before, during, and following a disaster to save lives, protect public health and safety, or eliminate immediate threat of significant damage to improved public and private property through cost effective measures.

The Federal Cost share for this event is 75%.



# Work Eligibility

General eligibility requirements that apply:

- Direct result of the incident
- During the stated Incident Period
- Must be in the designated area
- Must be the legal responsibility of the applicant

**Each entity must submit its own application**

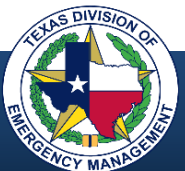


# Category B - Emergency Protective Measures

## Eligible Activities Include:

- Transporting and pre-positioning equipment and other resources for response
- Evacuation and sheltering
- EOC-related costs
- Emergency access
- Supplies and commodities
- Medical care and transport
- Security, such as barricades, fencing, or law enforcement
- Use or lease of temporary generators for facilities that provide essential community services
- Public information

*For the full list of Eligible Category B activities, please reference the PAPPG.*



# How Do I Request Public Assistance?

- Step 1: Go to the Grants Portal home page at <https://grantee.fema.gov/>
- Step 2: click “Register your Organization and Request Public Assistance.”
- Step 3: Complete each section and follow the prompts.



# Major Disaster Declaration Public Assistance (PA)

Two fiscal thresholds **must** be met for PA assistance:

1. State threshold \$38,975,620
2. Each county must meet their individual threshold

Thresholds are adjusted each October and they are based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the latest official census (2010).

Please note this the threshold dollar amount only includes public infrastructure, debris and response cost.



# Public Assistance Categories of Work

## Emergency Work

Address the Immediate Threat:

- Category A - Debris
- Category B - Emergency Protective Measures

## Permanent Work

Restoration of:

- Category C - Roads and Bridges
- Category D - Water Control Facilities
- Category E - Buildings and Equipment
- Category F - Utilities
- Category G - Parks, Recreational Facilities and Other Items





# Disaster Summary Outline

Disaster strikes



## Identify Damages

Begin to identify damages right away. Track costs and relevant paperwork.

Document, Document, Document!



## Start DSO Process

Submit a DSO as soon as you identify there are damages within the jurisdiction.

Best Practice - Update the DSO at the end of each operational period.



## Launch of Data Collection Tools

It's important to track and collect data in real time. Utilizing standardized tools can assist in this process: iSTAT, pSTAT, windshield and field assessments.

Photos and locations are important!



## Select Assessment Team

Assessment teams should consist of individuals that know the community and local infrastructure.

Example: Road and Bridge, CERT, County Volunteers, etc. can receive Just In Time training to perform the needed tasks.




## Continue to Update DSO

Utilizing damage estimates from your assessment tools, continue to revise and improve your data within the DSO.




## TDEM Verifies Damages

TDEM verifies the locally reported damages received via the iSTAT / pSTAT and submits to FEMA for their certification.



## pSTAT is now the JointPDA

Due to the nature of COVID-19, Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments are not taking place in the field. FEMA is now utilizing data collected within the pSTAT to certify damages.



## Potentially support a disaster declaration and federal assistance

Your identified and reported damages could potentially support a disaster declaration and request for federal assistance.

If FEMA doesn't see it reported, they don't know it exists!

Contact your TDEM District Coordinator with any questions.



# Public Assistance State of Texas Assessment Tool

## pSTAT

Mobile Platform to Capture Storm  
Related Damages:

- Pictures
- Address
- Damage Assessment

Used for Rapid Damage  
Assessments

Public State of Texas Assessment Tool (pSTAT)

Reporting damage to Emergency Management is a voluntary activity, is not a substitute for reporting damage to your insurance agency, and does not guarantee disaster relief assistance.

Para la opción de encuesta en español, clique "English" en la parte superior de la encuesta para cambiar el idioma.

Contact Information:

What type of site is the impacted location?\*

Government Facility, Infrastructure, or Site

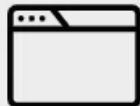
Impacted Location Information:

Click Map to Move Pin to Indicate the Exact Impacted Location:

<https://arcg.is/0f1PK5>



Open in browser



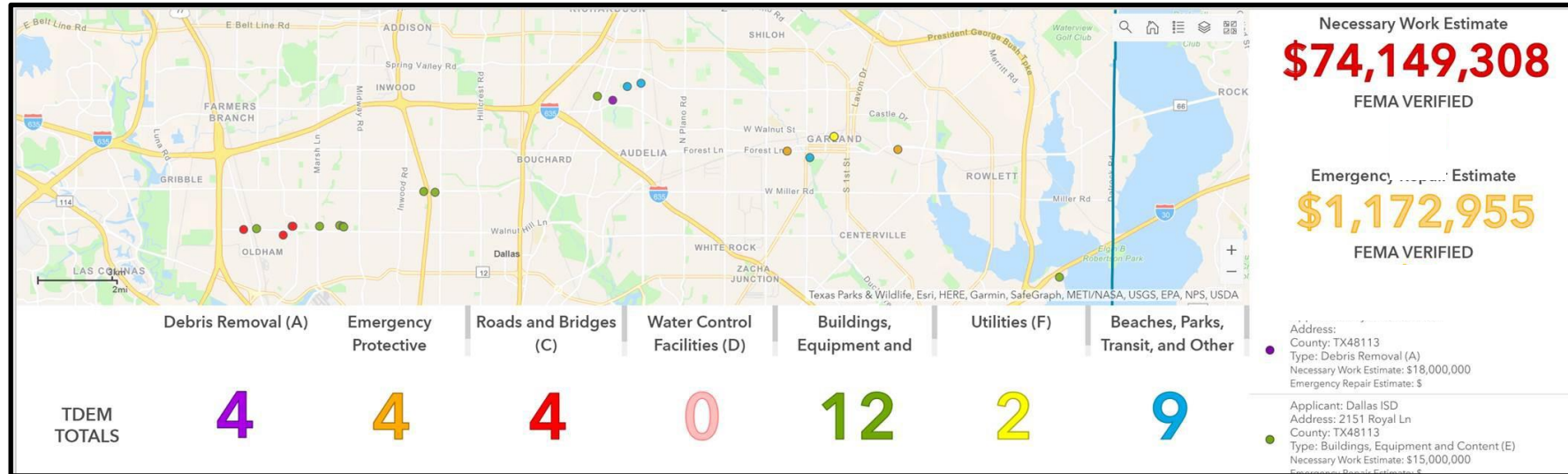
Open in the Survey123 field app



If you don't have the Survey123 field app, please download it first.

 Download

# FEMA Declaration (DR-4586) Public Assistance (PA)



The Public Assistance Categories will automatically populate to the PDA Recovery Team



# RDA – pSTAT Captures the PA Categories of Work

PA Work Categories	
Category A Debris	<p><b>Emergency Work</b></p> <p><i>This work must be done immediately to save lives; protect public health and safety; protect improved property; or eliminate or lessen the threat of additional damage.</i></p>
Category B Emergency Protective Measures (EPM)	
Category C Roads and Bridges	<p><b>Permanent Work</b></p> <p><i>Work that is required to restore a facility damaged by the event to its pre-disaster size, capacity, and function in accordance with applicable codes and standards.</i></p>
Category D Water Control Facilities	
Category E Buildings and Equipment	
Category F Utilities	
Category G Parks, Recreational, and Other Facilities	



# Documentation to be gathered after the RDA is completed

1. Confirm Location on RDA Platform– Address/ GPS Coordinates (decimal format)
2. Update Damage Description and Dimensions (DDD)
3. Upload Additional Photographs  
(already captured on the RDA)
4. Request Scope of Work (SOW)
5. Request Estimate Costs or Actual Costs
6. Force Account Labor/ Contract/ Both
7. Identify Codes and Standards
8. Environmental and Historical Preservation (EHP) Considerations
9. Other Federal Agencies who have Authority



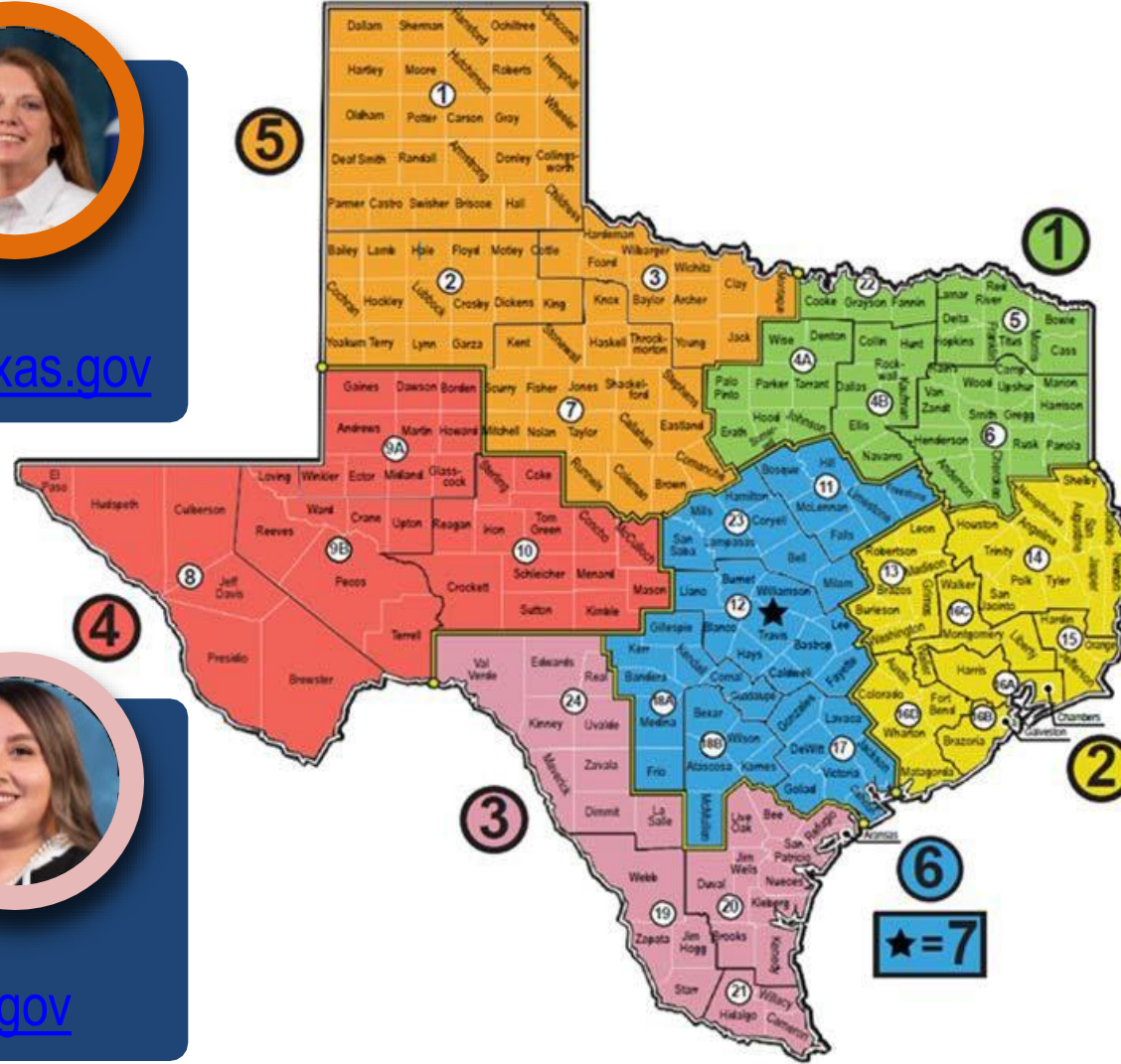
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