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Four State of Texas/FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers will open Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017: one in Newton County in the city of Orange; one in Harris County in the city of Houston; one in Matagorda County in Bay City; and one in Waller County in the city of Brookshire.

Disaster recovery centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses in 39 counties included in the Texas federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the State and other agencies will be at the centers to talk about assistance and to help anyone who needs guidance in filing an application. The new centers are at the following locations:

Deweyville Senior Citizen Center 43435 State Hwy 87 S Orange TX 77614 Hours: 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., 7 Days a week

The Church Without Walls 5725 Queenston Boulevard Houston TX 77084 Hours: 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., 7 Days a week

Bay City Civic Center 201 Seventh St. Bay City TX 77414 Hours: 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., 7 Days a week

Brookshire Volunteer Fire Department 910 Gresham Road Brookshire TX 77423 Hours: 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., 7 Days a week

The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as

possible. SBA representatives are available to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program and help business owners and residents apply to SBA.

Disaster recovery centers are accessible to people with disabilities. Centers have assistive technology equipment allowing disaster survivors to use amplified telephones, phones that display text, amplified listening devices for people with hearing loss, and magnifiers for people with vision loss. Video Remote Interpreting is available and in-person sign language is available by request. The centers also have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms.

If possible, homeowners, renters and businesses should register with FEMA before visiting a recovery center. Eligible residents may register for assistance the following ways:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Phone 800-621-3362 (voice, 711/VRS-Video Relay Service) (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).
- Via the **FEMA app**, available for **Apple** and **Android** mobile devices. To download visit: <u>fema.gov/mobile-app</u>.

The following information is helpful when registering:

- Address of the location where the damage occurred (pre-disaster address).
- Current mailing address.
- Current telephone number.
- Insurance information.
- Total household annual income.
- Routing and account number for checking or savings account (this allows FEMA to directly transfer disaster assistance funds into a bank account).
- A description of disaster-caused damage and losses.

Disaster survivors can visit any of the centers for assistance. Locations of other recovery centers are online at <u>www.fema.gov/DRC</u>.

Homeowners, renters and businesses in Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Dewitt, Fayette, Fort Bend,

Galveston, Goliad, Gonzalez, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Refugio, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Waller, Walker and Wharton counties may be eligible for help.