

MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administrator
Court Date: March 31, 2025
RE: Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)
DR-4798 – Hurricane Beryl

BACKGROUND

Hurricane Beryl hit Galveston County between July 5th – 9th, 2024 and caused damages and a need for emergency protective measures throughout the county. Commissioners Court ratified the submission of the FEMA Request for Public Assistance on July 22, 2024.

In December, staff submitted a full Damage Inventory and has been working with FEMA to organize those damages into eleven (11) logical projects.

SUMMARY

FEMA's current process will require sub-applicants like the County, to provide descriptions of the damages as well as documented expense records before a project is awarded. With this process in mind, staff is requesting permission to open individual project grant accounts to allow for separation and documentation of expenses for each proposed FEMA project. Although, staff anticipates FEMA eligibility, at this time, the projects are proposed and there is not an available guarantee FEMA will reimburse for the expenses, which would leave the General Fund to pay for repairs.

Category	Project	Estimated Amount
A	Galveston County Debris Countywide	\$348,411
B	Galveston County Emergency Protective Measures Countywide	\$750,000
B	Galveston County Vector Control Countywide	\$70,000
E	Animal Shelter Damages	\$37,500
C	Galveston County Roads Damages	\$54,750
E	Galveston County Building Damages Countywide	\$122,920
G	Park Damages, Multiple	\$724,875
G	Multiple Parks Mobile Restroom, Beach Barrel Loss	\$61,575
G	Multiple Parks and Ballfields Damages	\$132,375
E	Roof Damages Countywide	\$253,125
E	Justice Center Damages	\$48,750
		\$2,604,281.00



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Potential FEMA Grant Request	\$1,953,210.70
Potential County Match (25%)	<u>\$651,070.30</u>
TOTAL	\$2,604,281.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court to consider approval to initiate individual project accounts for Hurricane Beryl projects.

ATTACHMENTS FOR WET SIGNATURE

☐ None