

Dear Texas Arts Colleagues,

A major federal disaster declaration has been made on **July 6th** for the Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding that occurred in Texas this past weekend ([DR-4879](#)).

I'm sharing this information and resources from [NCAPER](#) and our partners at [HENTF](#); please distribute to your communities/constituents who may have been impacted. If, in the coming week(s), it would be helpful for NCAPER to host a Response Facilitation Call to connect those impacted on the ground with responders and resources, please let me know and we are happy to coordinate this.

a. **Public Assistance** is currently available for categories A-G in the following county: **Kerr County**. Learn more about [Public Assistance Categories](#). We will keep you informed of any updates to this as it happens. The Public Assistance Program Delivery Process. For more information, go to [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide Version 4 \(fema.gov\)](#).

b. **Salvage/Emergency Protective Measures** may include, but are not limited to:

1. Temporary emergency repair (blue roofs and other work) or stabilization of an eligible facility if it eliminates or lessens an immediate threat
2. Wet vacuuming, damp wiping, or vacuuming with High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) equipment of the interior space
3. Removal of contaminated gypsum board, plaster (or similar wall finishes), carpet or floor finishes, and ceilings or permanent light fixtures
4. Cleaning of contaminated heating and ventilation (including ductwork), plumbing, and air conditioning systems or other mechanical equipment
5. Removal or relocation of collections to prevent damage or loss
6. For help salvaging paper, media, textiles and objects/artifacts, email the **National Heritage Responders** at NHRpublichelpline@culturalheritage.org or call the NHR Hotline at 202-661-8068. The National Heritage Responders, a team of trained conservators and collections care professionals administered by the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation, are available 24/7 to provide advice and guidance. HENTF's (the [Heritage Emergency National Task Force](#)). **Save Your Family Treasures** guidance for water and fire/smoke damage is available at <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/save-family-treasures>

c. **Individual Assistance** is available to individuals and households in the following county: **Kerr County**. For disasters declared on or after March 22nd, 2024, FEMA's Individual Assistance program was expanded to include quicker access to needed funds including simplifying assistance for self-employed individuals such as self-employed artists and entrepreneurs. Learn more about [individual assistance for self-employed applicants](#) and share the [Quick Reference Guide for Self-Employed Applicants](#).

d. Emergency grants/resources for individual artists [are listed here](#).

e. Find Disaster Recovery Center locations as they become available here: [DRC Locator](#).

f. Were any cultural institutions or arts organizations affected? If so, how? Please encourage those impacted to fill out one of the following **Rapid Damage Assessment Forms** hosted by the National Coalition of Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response and the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation:

- [Cultural Institutions](#)
- [Arts Organizations](#)
- [Individual Artists and Performing Groups](#)

Please continue to reach out to your members and constituents to help gather reports of damage, identify any unmet needs, and share the following resources:

We would appreciate it if you could copy fema-hentf@fema.dhs.gov and info@ncaper.org on your distributions of this messaging to give us a better sense of the audiences that it is reaching. This will help us better tailor the messaging for future outreach. Please stay safe and I will stay in touch as disaster assistance evolves.

With thanks,

Mollie