

Dear Texas colleagues,

I hope you and your loved ones are continuing to stay safe from the severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding that are continuing to occur. The Heritage Emergency National Task Force (HENTF), a public-private partnership between FEMA and the Smithsonian Institution, is supporting response and recovery efforts of Texas' arts & culture sector – and the public. **Please see updates below highlighted in yellow:**

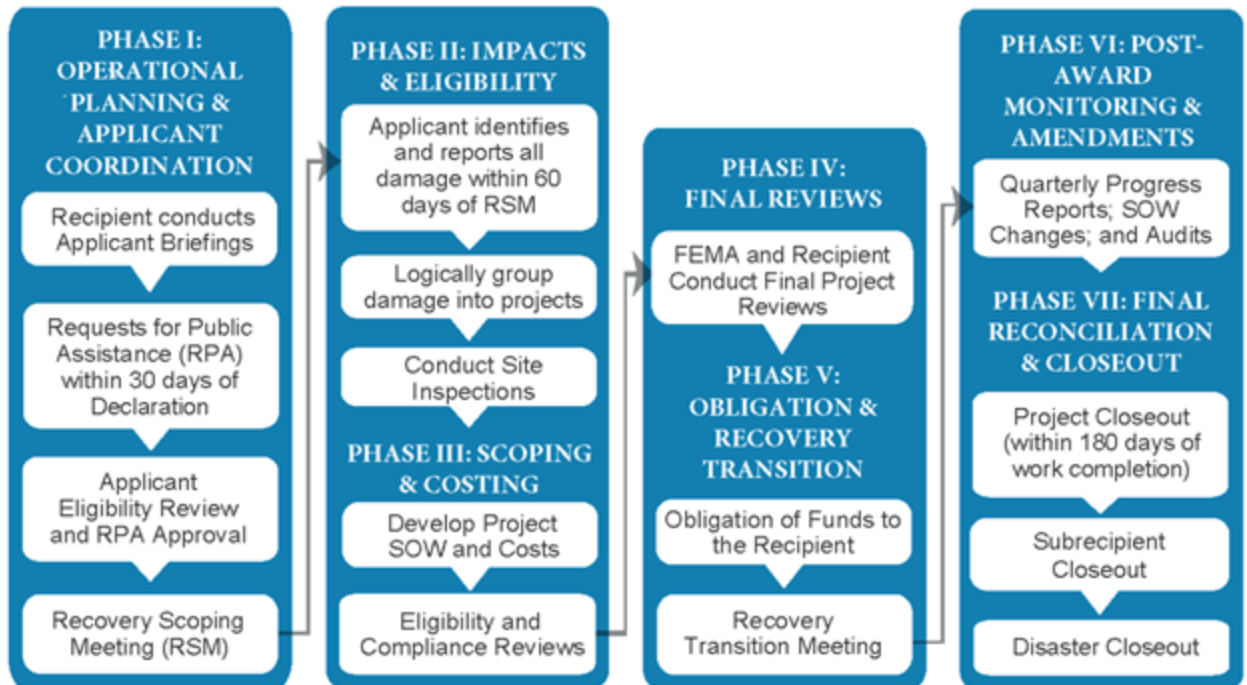
A major disaster declaration has been made on **July 6, 2025 (DR-4879)**.

- a. **Public Assistance** is currently available for categories A-G in the following counties: **Coke, Concho, Williamson, Burnet, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Tom Green, Kerr, Kendall, Kimble, Menard, and San Saba Counties**. Learn more about [Public Assistance Categories](#). We will keep you informed of any updates.

**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

The Public Assistance Program Delivery Process. For more information, go to [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide Version 4 \(fema.gov\)](#).



**Figure 1. PA Program Delivery Process**

- b. **Individual Assistance** is available to individuals and households in the following counties: **Kerr, Burnet, San Saba, Tom Green, Travis, and Williamson Counties**. For disasters declared on or after March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](#). Find Disaster Recovery Center locations as they become available here: [DRC Locator](#).
- c. Information on **DR-4879** can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4879>.