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DISTRICT 19
HARDIN, JASPER
NEWTON, POLK, TYLER

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Agency Assistance For Citizens Affected by Hurricane Harvey

(Austin, TX) – Texas state agencies have promptly responded to providing aid for citizens affected by Hurricane Harvey. In an attempt to serve as many Texans as possible, agencies such as the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC), the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), and the General Land Office (GLO) coordinated with local officials and State Representative James White to roll out assistance in House District 19.

TWC has served 4,573 citizens in Jasper, Newton, Polk, Tyler, and Hardin counties who submitted for unemployment benefits.

Workforce Board	County Code	County Name	Total Claims
Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas	241	Jasper	862
Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas	351	Newton	241
Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas	373	Polk	358
Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas	457	Tyler	275
Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas HD 19 Claims			1,736
Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas	199	Hardin	2,837
Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas HD 19 Claims			2,837
Workforce Solutions Total HD 19 Claims			4,573

14,151 people were able to fill out applications with HHSC to receive Disaster SNAP benefits. HHSC coordinated with local officials to implement 7 day rollout periods in which eligible impacted residents from the five counties in House District 19 could apply.

County	Applications Received
Hardin	4,618
Jasper	3,140
Newton	1,132
Polk	4,298
Tyler	963
HD 19 Total	14,151



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Additionally, TDHCA administered federal funding appropriated as Community Services Block Grant Disaster Funds. This assistance helped Texans who were impacted by the disaster and were at 125% poverty level. For House District 19, Tri-County Community Action rolled out these funds to people located in Newton, Jasper, and Tyler counties. A total of 254 people were served with the amount of funds available.

County	Households Assisted	Amount of Assistance	Type of Assistance
Jasper	99	\$33,300	Food, gas and clothing vouchers
Newton	76	\$33,300	Food, gas and clothing vouchers
Tyler	79	\$33,400	Food, gas and clothing vouchers
HD 19 Total	254	\$100,000	Food, gas and clothing vouchers

The GLO has also been attentive to the housing needs of the district and has worked with FEMA to get Southeast Texans the assistance they need. A total of 1,122 homeowners submitted applications and are in the process of being helped.

County	No Contact	Located Other Housing	To Be Worked	Needs Direct Housing	In Process of Delivery	Total Applicants
Hardin	250	470	25	188	41	977
Jasper	16	16	0	2	7	41
Newton	8	37	2	12	0	61
Polk	4	15	1	6	1	28
Tyler	2	6	0	6	1	15
HD 19 Totals	280	544	28	214	50	1,122



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Citizens should note that all data from state agencies was received on October 12, 2017 and the number of people served may have risen since the time the information was requested. If you and your family are still in need of assistance please do not hesitate to contact either Saul Mendoza, Chief of Staff, or Shawn Dunn, District Director, for further assistance at 512-463-0490 or 409-283-3700.

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