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# TSLAC offers Texas Responds grants to aid libraries damaged by Hurricane Ike

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**AUSTIN, Texas** - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is offering a total of \$200,000 for the Texas Responds grant program, to assist Texas public, school and academic libraries that sustained damage during Hurricane Ike. The grants will also aid in restoring their library services and programs to patrons.

The grants will fund operating expenditures such as contractual services, equipment, furniture, library materials and supplies. Specific minor repairs may be allowed upon approval.

“Texas public libraries are valuable assets in our communities,” said Peggy D. Rudd, TSLAC director and librarian. “Helping the libraries damaged by Hurricane Ike recover is one of the best ways we can help their communities recover.”

This grant program is administered by TSLAC and funded by the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Public library applicants must be members of the Texas Library System for state fiscal year 2009.

Grant applications must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, October 31. Faxed applications will be accepted at (512) 463-8800. Libraries must contact TSLAC by October 29, to be considered for an extension.

Applicants must be located in a Texas county declared a disaster area. These counties include Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Austin, Bell, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Calhoun, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Coryell, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, El Paso, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Galveston, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Henderson, Hill, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Kaufman, Lamar, Lavaca, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Lubbock, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, McLennan, Milam, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Parker, Polk, Potter, Randall, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Tarrant, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Victoria, Waller, Walker, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Williamson, Wise and Wood.

For further questions contact [Stacey Malek](#), TSLAC Library Development Program Coordinator at (800) 252-9386 (Texas only) or at (512) 463-5532.

For more information, guidelines and application form visit:  
<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/responds/index.html>