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TSLAC awards \$222,100 in Texas Responds grants to libraries damaged by Hurricane Ike

AUSTIN, Texas - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) awarded a total of \$222,100 for the Texas Responds grant program, to assist Texas public, school and academic libraries that sustained damage during Hurricane Ike.

The grant winners will use the resources to replace books and other library materials.

“The most constant need that we saw on the majority of the grant applications was funds for the replacement of books,” said Peggy D. Rudd, TSLAC director and librarian. “Some schools lost their entire collections or just have enough books for a few students to use at a time.”

TSLAC received 12 Texas Responds grant proposals totaling more than \$1 million . The grants that have been funded are:

1. **Beaumont Independent School District** (\$44,420) – Four campus libraries in its district of 33 schools sustained significant damage. French Elementary and Southerland Pre-K lost their entire book collections due to wind, water, mold and mildew damage. Fehl Elementary and Homer Drive Elementary lost books due to roof damage that allowed rain and moisture into the buildings.
2. **Bridge City Independent School District** (\$44,420) – Sims and Hatton Elementary lost all books in 3 to 5 feet of water.
3. **Clear Creek Independent School District** (\$44,420) – Falcon Pass Elementary, Stewart Elementary and Clear Creek High School 9th Grade Center Library were hit the hardest by the storm and lost more than 4,000 books at Falcon Pass alone.
4. **LaMarque Independent School District** (\$44,420) – The Early Childhood Learning Center and LaMarque High School Library, the only high school in LaMarque ISD, both lost every volume in their collections.
5. **Rosenberg Library in Galveston** (\$44,420) – The library received almost 6.5 feet of water and had its entire children’s collection “wiped out,” and suffered damage to original 1904 children’s furniture.

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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.

Applicants must have been 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 more information and guidelines on Texas Responds grants visit:
<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/responds/index.html>

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