



City Council
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2026

Flood Recovery Update

FEMA & TDEM Public Assistance Process and Status



FEMA



TDEM
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM





July 5, 2025 Flood Event

- The worst flood event in the history of the City.
- Impacts included:
 - Public infrastructure damage
 - Debris accumulation
 - Damage to City facilities and systems

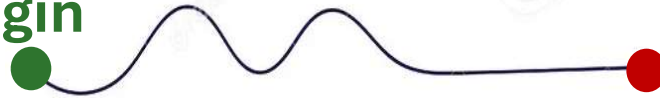




The Recovery Process

If the City of Burnet were able to complete renovation projects under typical state and local laws and City processes:

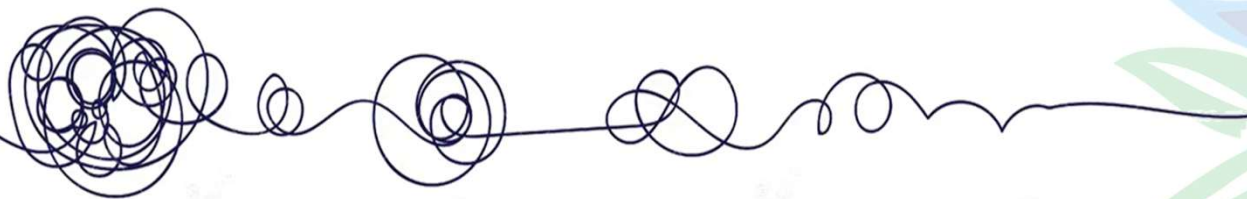
Begin



End

When the City of Burnet is completing renovation projects under FEMA rules and processes:

Begin



End



What is FEMA Public Assistance

- FEMA Public Assistance (PA) helps local governments recover from declared disasters
 - Reimburses eligible costs for:
 - Emergency response
 - Debris removal
 - Repair or replacement of damaged public facilities
- FEMA does not pay upfront- costs are reimbursed after review, approval, and the project is completed
- **FEMA reimburses 75%** of eligible disaster recovery costs
- The **City is responsible for 25%** of eligible costs



TDEM's Role (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

- Acts as the State partner between the City and FEMA
- Provides technical assistance and guidance throughout the process
- TDEM is the City's primary day-to-day contact
- Funding will flow from FEMA → TDEM → City



FEMA Projects

- A group of disaster-related damages that are similar in type, location, and scope of work, and are combined for funding, review, and reimbursement
- The City of Burnet has identified **17 FEMA Projects** and all of them are classified as “Small Projects” except one
- A Small Project is one where the total eligible **cost is less than \$1,062,900**
 - Simplified Processing
 - Actual costs are not reconciled dollar-for-dollar at closeout
 - If the City completes the approved work for less than the estimate, the City keeps the savings and FEMA does not reconcile the final cost
 - On the flipside- the City is also responsible for any cost overruns



FEMA Categories

17 FEMA Projects Divided Among 7 Categories

- Category A: Debris Removal **1 Project**
- Category B: Emergency Protective Measures **1 Project**
- Category C: Roads and Bridges **3 Projects**
- Category D: Water Control Facilities **1 Project**
- Category E: Buildings and Equipment **1 Project**
- Category F: Utilities **3 Projects**
- Category G: Parks and Other Public Facilities **7 Projects**
- Category Z: Administrative and Management Costs
 - Category Z includes the costs of managing FEMA projects, and since it is limited to 5% of the total eligible recovery costs, it can only be finalized after all FEMA projects are complete



FEMA Public Assistance Project Lifecycle

- **Phase 1** Disaster Response and Initial Eligibility



- **Phase 2** Early Stage - Project Development
- **Phase 3** Middle Stage/Being Reviewed- Cost Review and Validation
- **Phase 4** Nearing Completion- Final Review and Signatures
- **Phase 5** Completed or Waiting on Funding- Obligation and Closeout



3 Projects in Phase 2

Phase
2

Phase
3

Phase
4

Phase
5

Early Stage - Project Development

Citywide Emergency Protective Measures (Cat. B)

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: \$133,155



Citywide – Main Street Backfill & Wallace Riddell Parking Lot

- Submitted to FEMA: No
- Est. Reimbursement: \$48,750



Transformer Damage at Hamilton Creek Park

- Submitted to FEMA: No
- Est. Reimbursement: \$15,000





8 Projects in **Phase 3**

Phase
2

Phase
3

Phase
4

Phase
5

Middle Stage/Being Reviewed- Cost Review and Validation

Delaware Springs Golf Course

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: Pending FEMA's Costing



Citywide Streets

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: Pending FEMA's Costing

Water / Wastewater / Electric / Lift Station Utilities

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: Pending FEMA's Costing





8 Projects in Phase 3



Middle Stage/Being Reviewed- Cost Review and Validation

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: Pending FEMA's Costing

North and South Drainage

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: Pending FEMA's Costing

Flood Control Dam No. 1 (Large Project)

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: Pending FEMA's Costing



8 Projects in **Phase 3**



Middle Stage/Being Reviewed- Cost Review and Validation

Hamilton Creek Park – Electrical

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: \$670,251



Galloway Park Buildings

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: Pending FEMA's Costing





5 Projects in Phase 4



Nearing Completion- Final Review and Signatures

Galloway Park – Sports Quadplex

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: \$747,131



Haley Nelson Park

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: \$113,032

Hamilton Creek Park – Miscellaneous Damage

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: \$69,703





5 Projects in Phase 4



Nearing Completion- Final Review and Signatures

Animal Shelter

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: \$6,487

Citywide Debris Removal City (*Local)

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Est. Reimbursement: \$111,694



*Not the Citywide waterway debris clearing



TDEM Contracted Waterway Debris Clearing

Overall Totals

- Total Loads Removed: 1,842
- Total Volume Removed: 84,378 cubic yards

Material Breakdown

Marine-Based Vegetation & Woody Debris

- 1,820 loads
- 83,417 cubic yards

Marine-Based Construction & Demolition Debris

- 22 loads
- 961 cubic yards



Projects in **Phase 5**

Completed or Waiting on Funding



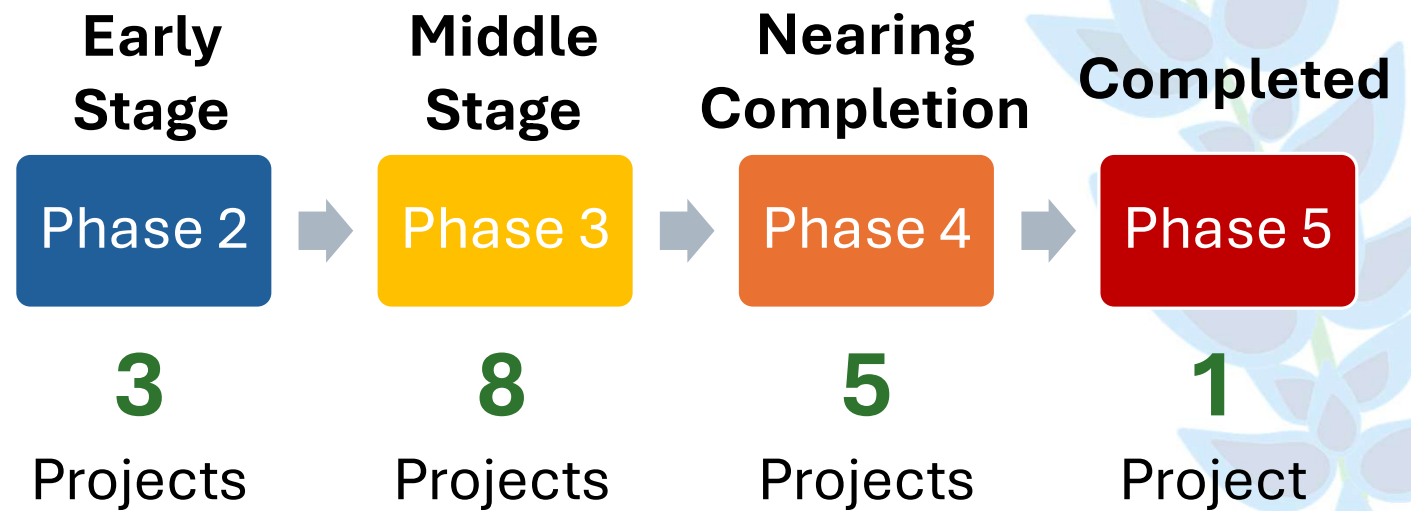
Airport

- Submitted to FEMA: Yes
- Reimbursement: \$28,210





Project Status Recap





FEMA Timeline

- FEMA generally expects **Emergency Work** to be completed within **6 months** of the disaster declaration
 - Emergency work target- January 2026 ✓
- FEMA generally expects **Permanent Work** within **18 months** of the disaster declaration
 - Permanent work target- January 2027



Questions?

