As Tropical Storm Harvey continues to batter eastern Texas and southwest Louisiana, life safety and access to safe shelters remain a priority of local responders, Texas officials, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the entire federal family. More than 230 shelters are currently open across the affected and surrounding areas. As a result, residents and business owners in designated counties who sustained damage due to Tropical Storm Harvey, and are able to do so, should apply for assistance by:

- **Contacting the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)**
- **Using the FEMA mobile app**
- **Accessing the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)**
- **Applying online**

The app also enables users to receive push notifications reminding them to take important steps to prepare their homes and families for disasters.