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The Council on Recovery Receives \$375K from Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund

Grant Allows Council to Provide Services at No Cost to Those Impacted by the Storm

HOUSTON, Texas (March 20, 2018) – The Council on Recovery is pleased to announce that it has received a \$375,000 grant from the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund to provide additional services to hurricane victims. The Fund was established by Mayor Sylvester Turner and Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, and is administered by the Greater Houston Community Foundation. The Council was one of only 27 non-profit organizations to share in the fourth round of grants totaling \$42.3 million. The Council will use the funds to provide support for individuals and families by affected substance abuse and mental health disorders who are still struggling to recover more than six months after the hurricane hit the coast of Texas.

In the aftermath of the storm, The Council was among the mental health “First Responders”, deploying dozens of its counselors to the mass shelters at the George R. Brown Convention Center and the NRG Center. It was also instrumental in arranging Twelve Step meetings for residents in those facilities.

“Since the hurricane, we’ve continuously provided help to both flood victims and those whose lives were disrupted by the storm,” says Mel Taylor, President & CEO of The Council. “The trauma people experienced precipitated or compounded many addiction and mental health issues that we still deal with every day,” Taylor says, “This funding will allow us to remain the starting point for people who need help.”

The Council on Recovery will provide direct services across its broad spectrum of behavioral health and substance abuse programs to individuals affected by Hurricane Harvey. Services such as assessment, evaluation, intensive education, clinical treatment, case management, and recovery support will be expanded beyond current capacity. Those who qualify will receive these services free of charge.

“Our slogan is ‘You Know Someone Who Needs Us’,” Taylor says, “and Hurricane Harvey amplified that message across the Houston area. Thanks to the generous grant from the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund, we’ll continue to meet the vital needs of our community with commitment and compassion.”

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About The Council on Recovery: Founded in 1946, The Council on Recovery is Houston’s oldest and largest non-profit organization providing the full spectrum of prevention, education, intervention, treatment, and recovery services for individuals and families who are affected by alcoholism, drug abuse, other addictions, and co-occurring mental health disorders. Directly touching over 60,000 lives each year through programs for children and youth, in-school and clinical counseling for teens, outpatient substance abuse treatment for adults, services for the elderly, and more, our mission is to provide the highest quality of care at affordable rates, while turning no one away. Affiliated with the United Way of Greater Houston, The Council receives funding from private contributions and grants, special events, and program fees. Visit us at www.councilonrecovery.org.