

June 13, 2019

Bridget Bean  
Assistant Administrator  
Grants Programs Directorate  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
500 C Street SW  
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Mrs. Bean:

On behalf of the City of San Antonio, I support the City's application for the FY2019 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP). On June 13, 2019, my City Council colleagues and I authorized the City's Office of Emergency Management to apply for these funds which will allow our region to enhance preparedness to respond to catastrophic disaster.

Since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the City has demonstrated a willingness to be a statewide partner in responding and assisting with recovery efforts from catastrophic disasters. After the devastation experienced in Houston and in communities along the Texas coast hit by Hurricane Harvey, City staff recognized the need to develop a regional catastrophic housing plan for our own residents. There is also a need to ensure that we have appropriate housing for the region's functional needs community during a disaster. These grant funds will substantially improve regional planning and better position the City to respond to a local catastrophic disaster while still allowing the City to support communities along the Texas coast.

I appreciate your consideration of the City of San Antonio's grant application for the FY2019 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP). Please let me know if you are ever in San Antonio so I can showcase our beautiful City.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

CC:

Erik Walsh, City Manager  
Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager  
Chief Charles Hood, Fire Chief  
Chief William McManus, Police Chief  
Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs

Patrick Zepeda, City Emergency Manager