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**PRESS RELEASE**

**FEMA Announces Award to Constituents of the 18th Congressional District of Texas for Houston Independent School District**

**Washington, D.C.** - The Office of the 18th Congressional District of Texas proudly announces that the Houston Independent School District (HISD) has been awarded \$1,404,336.27 in federal funding for management costs related to FEMA-DR-4485-TX (COVID-19 Pandemic). This award represents an important investment in the district's ability to manage and oversee disaster recovery efforts effectively.

This funding is authorized under Section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Act and amended by Section 1215 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA). The amendment expands the definition of management costs to include both direct and indirect administrative expenses, ensuring that state, local, tribal, and territorial governments can better manage disaster-related projects. HISD conducted management cost-related activities, including tracking, charging, and accounting for items specifically tied to eligible projects for this incident.

The \$1,404,336.27 award is within the allowable 5% cap for all eligible obligated projects and will support HISD in maintaining administrative efficiency while continuing to serve the needs of students and educators across the district. This funding is part of FEMA's Public Assistance Program, which provides essential financial support to local governments and organizations for disaster recovery efforts.

For more information about this award and other federal funding initiatives, please contact the Office of the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

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