



TRAPS SPECIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Application for Special Assistance Related to:

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COVID-19 Pandemic

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Hurricane Laura or Beta

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Wildfires

The Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) has aided and provided support during times when our members have needed it the most, e.g., after wildfires and hurricanes. Currently, there are some amongst our membership that are in need, not only because of the impact of Hurricane Laura or Beta or wildfires, but because of the needs that have arisen as a result of the months of the Corona virus and the resulting economic downturn, which has had an impact on the Texas work force, one's job and career. TRAPS is here to help with *Special Assistance grants*!

Special Assistance grants will be provided to eligible Texas parks and recreation professionals, who are current members of the Texas Recreation and Park Society (see below for eligibility) impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic or Hurricane Laura/Beta or wildfires.

Eligible professionals can apply to receive a one-time grant of \$500 for special assistance. Up to \$10,000 in grants will be awarded through this program. Applications will be accepted through October 9, 2020. A committee of TRAPS members will review each application to verify eligibility. Because of limited funding, all eligible applications will then be placed in a drawing. Awardees will be selected at random, on October 15, 2020 to receive the \$500 grant. TRAPS will distribute grants by check to awardees at their home address (re: application) or as otherwise requested by awardee. Grant recipients will remain confidential.





APPLICATION INFORMATION (all fields are required)

LEGAL FIRST NAME:

LEGAL LAST NAME:

HOME ADDRESS:

PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS:

AGENCY/FORMER AGENCY:

POSITION/FORMER POSITION:

LENGTH OF SERVICE AS A PARKS & RECREATION PROFESSIONAL:

Were you an active hourly or salary employee of a local parks and recreation or therapeutic recreation agency within Texas who satisfies each of the following criteria?

- ◆ Employed by a Texas parks and recreation or therapeutic recreation agency at some time between January 1, 2019 to March 13, 2020: yes ☐ no ☐
- ◆ Experienced an interruption of salary, wages or compensation: yes ☐ no ☐
- ◆ Currently a professional member of the Texas Recreation and Park Society: yes ☐ no ☐

ALL APPLICANTS MUST EXPLAIN THE FOLLOWING (***All Applications will Remain Confidential***):

I have experienced the following due to the COVID-19 pandemic/hurricane/wildfire. *Check all that apply.*

☐ Furlough ☐ Layoff ☐ Otherwise significantly impacted

Have your current circumstances forced you to consider leaving the parks and recreation field?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Please submit your detailed application to traps@traps.org.

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