



Host Site: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. – Edinburg Office

Project: Disaster Assistance Fellowship

Location: Edinburg Office

Description of Fellow Project:

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Disaster Assistance Fellow will work with TRLA's Disaster Assistance Group responding to the legal impacts from September 2017's Hurricane Harvey, the Great June Flood of 2018 in the Rio Grande Valley, and other events that may occur before the start of, or during, the internship. The Fellow will assist with appeals cases against the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as other disaster-related legal issues including landlord-tenant disputes, clearing title to real property or manufactured housing in order to seek home repair assistance, disaster unemployment, consumer issues such as problems with contractors, or insurance disputes. The Fellow may travel to communities of the disaster survivors served by TRLA, primarily in the rural counties of the Coastal Bend and Golden Crescent, throughout the Rio Grande Valley, and as needed in other parts of our service region, to meet with clients and community groups for information and Know Your Rights presentations. Outreach events will also provide the fellow the opportunity to make contacts with new partners, train key stakeholders on how to identify disaster-related cases, and educate the community about TRLA's legal work for disaster survivors.

