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CITY OF ROCKPORT ANNOUNCES GRANTS FROM REBUILD TEXAS FUND

ROCKPORT, TX – The City of Rockport has been awarded two grants totaling \$440,073 from the Rebuild Texas Fund to enhance and expand the facilities of Memorial Park.

The first grant will help with the installation of stadium seating at the junior baseball field in Memorial Park. As a result, the three major baseball playing fields will now have adequate, comfortable seating for parents and fans attending Little League and other community baseball games.

The second grant will enable the City to replace the exercise stations, which were severely damaged by Hurricane Harvey, with a fitness court that has several exercise stations. In addition to the new fitness court, the grant will pay for the pad to allow the City to move its skateboard park, which is currently adjacent to the Community Pool, to a larger area in the northeast corner of Memorial Park. The old skatepark location will then be redeveloped into three pickleball courts.

“We are grateful for the Rebuild Texas Fund’s dedication and passion for rebuilding and revitalizing communities, including Rockport, which was severely impacted by Hurricane Harvey,” said City Manager Kevin Carruth. “Through this generous grant, we will be able to expand and enhance the recreational services offered at Memorial Park with almost no tax dollars.

“If it weren’t for the Rebuild Texas Fund, the recovery of our community might have taken as long as 10 years,” he noted. “Their involvement, from the initial relief stages to the current,

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Ongoing, recovery efforts, have touched our residents’ lives in so many ways.

“Not only because of the donations to Memorial Park by Rebuild Texas, but also the support of other community-based organizations, caring individuals, and our community’s grit, we’ve been able to propel our recovery efforts while we await federal and state funding,” he added

The Rebuild Texas Fund was launched just days after Hurricane Harvey devastated Texas communities. A collaborative project of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and the OneStar Foundation, the initiative is dedicated to the economic recovery of hard-hit Texas communities. Funded organizations such as Rockport, play a critical role as rebuilding continues in the community.

“We are excited to give the City of Rockport this grant to continue our collective mission of helping communities rebuild after Hurricane Harvey,” said Neeraj Aggarwal, Program Director of Rebuild Texas Fund. “The repairs to these fields will help Rockport’s residents come together once again as a community to celebrate the things that matter most: time together with family and neighbors. We know it takes all parts of a community to rebuild after a storm like Harvey, and we can’t wait to see Rockport come back stronger than ever.”

The Rebuild Texas Fund supports organizations across all five regions impacted by Hurricane Harvey and that provide services in six focus areas: community and economic

development; health; housing; education and childcare; transportation and workforce; and capital for rebuilding small businesses.

For more information, to apply for a Rebuild Texas Fund grant, or to learn more about how you can help our neighbors in need, please visit www.rebuildtx.org.

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About the Rebuild Texas Fund: The Rebuild Texas Fund is a collaborative project of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and the OneStar Foundation, established to support the rebuilding efforts in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The Rebuild Texas Fund works alongside organizations within the impacted communities that are making an impact in the following six focus areas: community and economic development; health; housing; education and childcare; transportation and workforce; and capital for rebuilding small businesses. The Rebuild Texas Fund will continue to fund projects and organizations within these areas through the end of 2019. Funding through the Rebuild Texas Fund is provided to eligible nonprofit, government, corporate, and philanthropic organizations working on the ground in Texas communities, that have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. More information about the Rebuild Texas Fund is available at www.rebuildtx.org.