



## Qatar Harvey Fund – A Fact Sheet

### OVERVIEW

In response to the devastation in Texas caused by Hurricane Harvey in August 2017, the State of Qatar\* announced a gift of \$30 million for the long-term recovery of the storm’s victims in Texas. The Qatar Harvey Fund (“QHF” or “the Fund”) was created to administer the gift. The Qatar Harvey Fund serves as a commitment of solidarity between the people of Qatar and the people of Texas.

The Fund is chaired by Qatar’s Ambassador to the U.S., Meshal bin Hamad Al-Thani. Ambassador Al-Thani named Chase Untermeyer, former U.S. Ambassador to Qatar and long-time Houston resident, to advise the Embassy on the QHF and, in particular, to recommend special projects.

A distinguished advisory Board was established to identify projects that will have a meaningful, long-term impact on the families who were most affected by Hurricane Harvey. The Fund has specific focus areas that include housing, education, and community development – all critical to helping ensure that Houston recovers fully and thrives. The Board includes the following prominent Houstonians:

- Ryan Lance, Advisory Board Chairman and CEO of ConocoPhillips
- Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor of the University of Houston System
- Eileen Lawal, President, Houston Freedmen’s Town Conservancy
- Graciela Saenz, attorney and former Houston City Council member
- The Honorable Bill White, former Mayor of Houston

### FUND ALLOCATIONS

Of the \$30 million gift, the following allocations were established:

- \$2.5 million will go to the City of Houston
- \$2.5 million will go to Harris County
- \$5 million will go to the Rebuild Texas Fund, launched by Governor Greg Abbott and Michael and Susan Dell as a collaborative project of the Dell Foundation and the OneStar Foundation
- \$20 million will go to various special projects to be finalized later this year

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## **PROJECT ALLOCATIONS - OCTOBER, 2018 (PHASE 1)**

### City of Houston:

A \$2.5 million grant will go towards Mayor Sylvester Turner's Fund to Reduce Homelessness. Houston's homeless population increased for the first time since 2011 due to Hurricane Harvey. This is a new initiative by Mayor Turner and the QHF is a "Founding Funder." The mayor will direct the funds to homelessness services in the pilot program neighborhoods of his Complete Communities initiative: Acres Home, Gulfton, Near Northside, Second Ward and Third Ward.

### Harris County:

Under the leadership of Judge Ed Emmett, Harris County plans to use its \$2.5 million grant towards the Riverside Hospital Project, a \$39 million renovation to bring much needed medical care and health services to Houston's Third Ward community. While Riverside Hospital was not flooded by Hurricane Harvey, it has been closed since 2015 and other medical facilities were severely damaged by the storm, causing a lack of medical facilities for this underserved African-American community.

### State of Texas, Rebuild Texas Fund:

A total of \$5 million in funding will support the Rebuild Texas Fund, a collaborative project of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and OneStar Foundation. Approximately \$622,000 will be provided to eleven Boys and Girls Clubs in Texas. These funds will be used for both physical repairs and programmatic support. Some 21,000 youth who use these Clubs were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Approximately \$1.2 million is being awarded to the YMCA of Greater Houston to build out and furnish a new site for their Cossaboom YMCA. Hurricane Harvey significantly damaged the Cossaboom YMCA site, which has remained closed since the hurricane. This facility serves approximately 5,000 members in Houston's East End, a historic and predominantly Hispanic area. Approximately \$3.16 million will go towards scholarship programs in the Greater Houston and southeast Texas area to support students impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

### Additional Houston Support:

In addition to the above projects, the Wesley A.M.E. Church in Houston's historic Third Ward will also be included in the Phase 1 allocation. The Church, founded in 1877, suffered extensive roof, wall and ceiling damage from Hurricane Harvey. An annex building was completely destroyed. The QHF will grant approximately \$184,000 so the church can serve its more than 500 members and the broader community through such outreach programs as a food pantry, toiletry supplies, and a Men's Ministry.

## **State of Qatar**

*Qatar is an independent state in the southern Arabian Gulf. It has a population of approximately 2.7 million people, the majority of whom live in and around Doha, the capital. Diplomatic relations with the United States were established in 1972; in the same year, Qatar's first diplomatic mission in Washington, D.C. opened. The relationship between the two countries has always been friendly, highly productive, and reciprocal. Qatar is home to many Americans, and the United States is both Qatar's largest foreign investor and its largest source of imports. Qatar-U.S. relations are growing continuously in multiple areas: economic, political, military, educational, and cultural. Qatar is a close ally of the United States and a strong advocate of building a peaceful, prosperous, and stable Middle East. Qatar has provided significant humanitarian and development assistance to countries around the world, including the United States. In 2005, the State of Qatar announced the Qatar Katrina Fund, which provided \$100M in grants for housing, healthcare and education projects directly to local partners across Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama to support long-term recovery in the region after Hurricane Katrina.*

**About 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](http://www.rebuildtx.org).*



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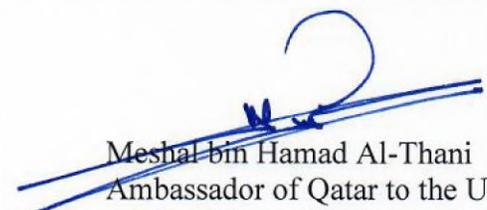
Dear Qatar Harvey Fund Scholar,

Congratulations on your selection as a **Qatar Harvey Fund Scholar**.

The Qatar Harvey Fund Scholars program is part of a \$300,000 grant to the Houston Community College Foundation provided by the State of Qatar through its Qatar Harvey Fund, a \$30 million fund established in 2017 for the long-term recovery of southeast Texas. The funding is granted through a partnership between the Qatar Harvey Fund and the Rebuild Texas Fund. The Rebuild Texas Fund, a collaborative project of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and the OneStar Foundation, was created to support the rebuilding of Texas communities hit hard by Hurricane Harvey.

Both the Qatar Harvey Fund and the Rebuild Texas Fund consider education to be a fundamental investment in a community's greatest resources – its people. But all too often, a disaster like Hurricane Harvey can jeopardize the pursuit of higher education as the lives of students and their families are upended. Recovery for those most impacted by the storm will be long and challenging but it is our hope that this scholarship is a reminder that the journey need not be undertaken alone.

To date, the Qatar Harvey Fund and Rebuild Texas Fund have provided nearly \$3M in scholarships and student support to four college and university systems in Houston and southeast Texas. Up to 1,457 students from Houston Community College, Lamar University, the University of Houston System and the Texas A&M University System will be selected as Qatar Harvey Fund Scholars in the coming months. We are proud to invest in your future as you continue your education.



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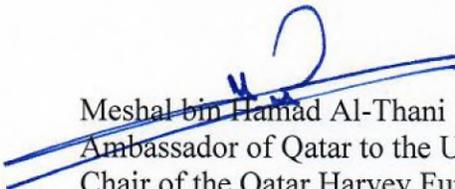
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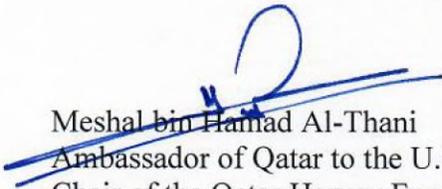
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## Qatar Harvey Fund

Friday, October 18, 2019

Dear Qatar Harvey Fund Scholar,

Those of you who were able to join today's lunch heard the exciting announcement; Later this year, we will be organizing a Qatar Harvey Fund Scholars trip to Doha, Qatar! The trip will be held December 12 – 19, inclusive of travel days. This unique opportunity will allow participants to attend the annual Doha Forum, an international conference for global dialogue on critical challenges facing our world. Throughout the course of the trip, students will have the opportunity to experience the culture and natural beauty of Qatar through tours and activities, with the trip culminating on Qatar National Day, one of the most festive days of celebration in Doha.

Up to two Scholars from each of the five scholarship institutions will be selected via application for the trip. The application will be open from today through November 10. Students who apply should:

- Be in good academic standing
- Demonstrate an interest in international affairs and/or cross-cultural understanding
- Be able to participate for the duration of the trip (please ensure your finals schedule does not conflict with the dates before applying as there will not be flexibility on the travel/trip dates)
- Have a passport that is valid through June 2020

Air travel, accommodations, local transport in Doha and meals will be provided. Those selected will need to arrange airport transportation to and from the Houston airport and cover any incidentals beyond the trip itinerary (e.g. souvenirs, snacks, etc.)

Interested students should send responses to the attached application by November 10, 2019 to [info@qatarharveyfund.com](mailto:info@qatarharveyfund.com).

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line.

Meshal Al-Thani  
Ambassador and Chair of the Qatar Harvey Fund



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### Qatar Harvey Fund Scholars Doha Trip Application Questions

- The application deadline is Sunday, November 10, 2019.
- Questions about the trip and/or responses to the application questions should be sent to [info@qatarharveyfund.com](mailto:info@qatarharveyfund.com).

*Name:*

*Year in School:*

*School:*

*Major/Area of Focus:*

*Do you have a passport with at least 2 blank full pages? If so, when does it expire?*

*In 350 words or less, please describe your interest in the December Scholars trip and why you are interested in applying and what you would want to learn from it.*

*In 350 words or less, please explain how the December Scholars trip is relevant to your current and future academic interests.*