



Rebuild Texas Fund

ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP

The Rebuild Texas Fund and KaBOOM! have partnered to invest \$2.1 million to create 35 great, safe places to play in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Southeast Texas. The partnership will build 15 community-designed playground projects and award 20 Imagination Playground™ and Rigamajig grants to organizations across 41 counties in Southeast Texas, providing new opportunities to play for more than 87,500 kids over the next generation.

This partnership is part of the Rebuild Texas Fund's ongoing effort to help stabilize areas across Southeast Texas. These efforts started when Hurricane Harvey made landfall on August 25th of last year, impacting more than eight million residents in 41 Texas counties in its aftermath. The Rebuild Texas Fund was launched immediately following Hurricane Harvey by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and the OneStar Foundation with the goal of helping Texas communities devastated by Hurricane Harvey rebuild and thrive.

To learn more about the Rebuild Texas Fund, visit rebuildtx.org.

GET STARTED

- Not sure where to begin? Visit our website to learn more about the opportunity and application process, or to schedule a consultation with one of our representatives.
- Complete the application and share how your community and families would benefit from a new playspace by visiting apply.kaboom.org.
- Spread the word! Share this flyer with members of your community via email or re-tweet [@kaboomgrants](https://twitter.com/kaboomgrants) on Twitter.
- Interested in learning how the playgrounds and creative play products are brought to life? Visit kaboom.org/communitypartner to find more details.

AVAILABLE PLAY OPPORTUNITIES

15 Community-Built Playgrounds

Done-in-a-day, volunteer-built playgrounds are designed by the kids and built by community. Under the guidance of a KaBOOM! Project Manager, a 6-12 week planning process culminates in a six-hour community day, where the outdoor space is transformed to include a permanent play structure and various site enhancements.

10 Imagination Playground™ grants

Imagination Playground™ empowers kids to build and rebuild the playspace of their dreams using a collection of blue foam blocks with no limits to their creativity. Designed to be customized to a community's needs and suitable for children age one into their teens, Imagination Playground™ can be implemented in many situations, in any community. The wheeled carts allow for movement indoors or outdoors as needed.

10 Rigamajig grants

Rigamajig, a collection of wooden planks, wheels, pulleys, nuts, bolts and rope, allows kids to follow their curiosity through play while learning 21st century skills. Rigamajig fits with principles of STEM and STEAM education through hands-on, inquiry-based learning to provide children opportunities for creativity, innovation, collaboration and critical thinking. The kit enables easily accessible, cognitively challenging play opportunities for children of any age in any environment.

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WHICH IMPACTED AREAS OF TEXAS WILL BE SERVED?

Together, KaBOOM! and the Rebuild Texas Fund will focus on bringing playspaces to the following counties in Southeast Texas:

- **Region 1:** Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Tyler, Walker
- **Region 2:** Grimes, Harris, Montgomery, Waller
- **Region 3:** Matagorda, Brazoria, Galveston, Wharton, Fort Bend, Colorado, Austin, Fayette, Bastrop, Lee
- **Region 4:** Refugio, Caldwell, Calhoun, Goliad, Victoria, Jackson, Karnes, Dewitt, Lavaca, Gonzales
- **Region 5:** Kleberg, Nueces, San Patricio, Aransas, Bee

WHY DOES THIS WORK MATTER?

Ensuring kids have safe places to play is critical to helping kids and communities heal following a disaster, as they deal with the stress of lost homes, lost loved ones, lost routine and lost normalcy. By creating and providing playspaces, this work will help kids and communities continue to regain a sense of normalcy and make play an easier choice for families.

KaBOOM! and the Rebuild Texas Fund will work side-by-side to bring play to kids impacted by Hurricane Harvey in communities big and small, and provide them a safe, fun environment to build resiliency and cope with the stress often associated with natural disasters.

HOW TO APPLY

The Rebuild Texas grant application is currently open for eligible counties in Southeast Texas. We encourage applicants from all sectors to apply—this includes municipal (county, city, town and public school) organizations, government entities, community groups, non-profit organizations, local business groups and faith organizations.

To learn more about the chance to help increase play opportunities to these communities, visit kaboom.org/rebuildtexas.