



# News Release

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## **Spindletop Center Awarded Grant for Generators from Jefferson County American Rescue Plan Act Funds**

BEAUMONT, TX – Jefferson County has awarded a grant of \$957,474 to Spindletop Center through funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The grant funds will allow Spindletop Center to purchase and install a power generator for our North Campus facility, located at 655 S. 8th Street in Beaumont, preventing disruptions of Spindletop Center’s critical services to the community during electric service interruptions.

Spindletop Center is on the front lines prior, during, and after a disaster. During recent past disasters, Hurricane Harvey in 2017 and Tropical Storm Imelda in 2019, the Spindletop Center Mobile Crisis Team provided community services throughout the storms at local hospitals and shelters. Immediately following the storms, staff returned to the campuses and provided services in make-shift clinical areas on our North Campus due to the many post-storm needs of the community.

“It is part of Spindletop’s mission to be the safety net for people in our community with mental health, substance use and intellectual and developmental disabilities,” said Holly Borel, Spindletop Center’s Chief Executive Officer. “The need for rapid response of mental health services is never more critical than during and in the aftermath of disasters.”

The generator will prevent disruptions to Spindletop Center's ability to dispense medications, provide crisis intervention services, as well as wellness checks in the area. In addition to those services, the Spindletop Center’s Mental Health Deputies would relocate to our North Campus in times of disaster and be better able to activate and assist law enforcement with specialized response, provide diversions from hospital emergency departments and jail facilities that are overwhelmed during times of crisis.

“We are so grateful to Jefferson County for the support of our efforts to be ever prepared to respond when our Southeast Texas residents are most in need,” said Borel.

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Spindletop Center is a non-profit healthcare organization specializing in behavioral healthcare, programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use services for each stage of life. Our Center serves more than 10,000 people annually throughout Jefferson, Hardin, Orange and Chambers counties and has campuses in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Silsbee. We promote healthy living in our community through innovative and best-practice options that meet the unique needs of every family.

*The mission of the Spindletop Center is to help people help themselves by providing resources and supports.*

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