



## DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

### WHO WE ARE

- The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) is the state agency responsible for promoting and preserving home ownership, financing the development and ensuring the long-term stability of affordable rental housing, supporting community and energy assistance programs, and colonia housing activities.
- Regulate the manufactured housing industry in Texas

### WHAT WE DO, HOW WE DO WHAT WE DO

- Administer federal and state community services and affordable housing funds
- Administer funds through Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) to eligible applicants who provide funded activities and services locally
- Partner with stakeholders in the affordable housing and community services arenas

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Those who wish to apply to administer TDHCA-funded activities and services locally vary by program and may include:
  - For-profit organizations
  - Nonprofit organizations
  - Public housing authorities
  - Lenders
  - Units of local government
  - Private developers

### BENEFICIARIES

- Eligible beneficiaries vary by program and are subject to income eligibility, which is typically identified as Area Median Family Income (AMFI). *See sample AMFI data below.*
- TDHCA programs typically target lower to moderate income populations, generally serving households ≤ 80% AMFI.
- Some programs may give assistance priority to a variety of special needs populations, such as persons with disabilities; seniors; persons with alcohol and/or drug addictions; Colonia residents; victims of domestic violence; persons with HIV/AIDS; Homeless populations; migrant farm workers; veterans; youth aging out of foster care; and public housing residents.

Sample AMFI for HOME Programs

City	AMFI	Number of Household Members			
		1	2	3	4
EL PASO	30%	\$10,650	\$12,150	\$13,650	\$15,150
	40%	\$14,160	\$16,160	\$18,200	\$20,200
	50%	\$17,700	\$20,200	\$22,750	\$25,250
	60%	\$21,240	\$24,240	\$27,300	\$30,300
	80%	\$28,300	\$32,350	\$36,400	\$40,400
HOUSTON	30%	\$13,900	\$15,900	\$17,900	\$19,850
	40%	\$18,560	\$21,200	\$23,840	\$26,480
	50%	\$23,200	\$26,500	\$29,800	\$33,100
	60%	\$27,840	\$31,800	\$35,760	\$39,720
	80%	\$37,100	\$42,400	\$47,700	\$52,950

Based on 2013 rent and income data for TDHCA's HOME programs only. This information was produced using data released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The data is available online at <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/pmcomp/ir/index.htm>.

### OUR DISASTER RELIEF ROLE

- Not a first responder
- Apply Department expertise and resources to help local administrators assist eligible Texans impacted by disasters
- Provide immediate and short term community service and housing support, and long term affordable housing relief

### PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AT-A-GLANCE

#### Immediate and Short Term

##### Shelter Support

- Food
- Clothing
- Gift cards for food, gas, toiletries
- Medical items

##### Temporary Housing

- Temporary housing assistance, such as hotel vouchers

#### Long Term

##### Rental Assistance

- Rental subsidy for up to 24 months
- May include security and utility deposit assistance
- Self-sufficiency program participation required

##### Home rehabilitation, reconstruction

- Home rehabilitation or reconstruction

##### Homebuyer assistance

- Acquisition (down payment and closing costs assistance), or acquisition with rehabilitation for accessibility modifications

##### Demolition

- Removal of condemned residential or commercial structures

##### Affordable Multifamily Housing

- TDHCA does not have a disaster funding source specifically dedicated to affordable multifamily housing relief.
- Federal affordable multifamily housing relief funding is subject to Congressional approval and administrative direction by the Governor.

TDHCA will provide reasonable accommodations and language assistance, as required by law.



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## TDHCA DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMS BY ACTIVITY

**Shelter**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program

Eligible Applicants: Entities designated by the Governor as Community Action Agencies (CAAs)  
 Eligible Activities: Food; clothing; gift cards for food, gas, toiletries; medical items  
 Beneficiaries: Impacted households at ≤125% Federal Poverty Level  
 Contact: 512-475-3950 800-525-0657 info@tdhca.state.tx.us

**Temporary Housing Assistance**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)<sup>1</sup>

Eligible Applicants: Existing administrators of TDHCA's LIHEAP-funded Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)  
 Eligible Activities: Temporary housing assistance, such as hotel vouchers  
 Beneficiaries: Impacted households ≤125% Federal Poverty Level whose supply of power to the dwelling is disrupted causing temporary evacuation  
 Contact: 512-475-3951 877-399-8939 info@tdhca.state.tx.us

**Rental Assistance**Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)<sup>2</sup>

Eligible Applicants: Units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and Public Housing Authorities  
 Eligible Activities: Rental subsidies for up to 24 months while the household engages in a self-sufficiency program; may include security and utility deposit  
 Beneficiaries: Impacted owner-occupants of homes not located in a HUD designated Participating Jurisdiction, and earning ≤80% AMFI  
 Contact: 512-463-8921 800-525-0657 home@tdhca.state.tx.us

**Single Family Housing**HOMEowner Rehabilitation Assistance (HRA) Program<sup>2</sup>

Eligible Applicants: Units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and Public Housing Authorities  
 Eligible Activities: Home rehabilitation or reconstruction  
 Beneficiaries: Impacted owner-occupants of homes not located in a HUD designated Participating Jurisdiction, and earning ≤80% AMFI  
 Contact: 512-463-8921 800-525-0657 home@tdhca.state.tx.us

HOMEbuyer Assistance Program (HOME HBA)<sup>2</sup>

Eligible Applicants: Units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and Public Housing Authorities  
 Eligible Activities: Down payment and closing cost assistance for homebuyers of single family housing units; may include rehabilitation for accessibility modifications.  
 Beneficiaries: Impacted owner-occupants of homes not located in a HUD designated Participating Jurisdiction, and earning ≤80% AMFI  
 Contact: 512-463-8921 800-525-0657 home@tdhca.state.tx.us

**Demolition**Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)<sup>3</sup>

Eligible Applicants: Units of local government and nonprofit organizations  
 Eligible Activities: Demolition of condemned residential or commercial structures  
 Beneficiaries: Census tracts with 51% or more of LMMI households  
 Contact: 512-475-3726 800-525-0657 info@tdhca.state.tx.us

## A WORD ABOUT HOME DR PROGRAMS

TDHCA's HOME Disaster Relief funds are available to eligible administrative applicants in impacted areas after all other federal disaster relief funds have been made available, such as those from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Small Business Administration (SBA), etc.

**How to Access HOME DR Funds**

- HOME funds are grants to the HOME Administrator. If assistance is in the Department services the loans.
- Households are set-up in the HOME Contract System, and draws are processed through the Contract System.
- HOME funds are reimbursed based on eligible costs incurred. There is no "up-front" funds for anticipated costs.
- HOME DR funds are accessed by HOME Administrators thru the HOME Reservation System (see below).

**About the HOME Reservation System**Funding Availability

Available funding is based on a first-come, first-served basis to access funds in a communal pot; additional funds may be moved into the Reservation System as they become available to meet demand.

Application Process

The initial Reservation System Participation (RSP) application is a comprehensive application. A request for an RSP recertification requires minimal application submission documents.

Flexibility

Participants may provide assistance through eligible HOME program activities to their community on an as-needed basis.

Required Performance Benchmarks

No required benchmarks; Reservations may be submitted as needed by the participant

As with all TDHCA programs, funding for the Department's disaster relief activities is subject to availability. All activities supported through TDHCA funding must coincide with relevant program rules, including but not limited to eligible applicants, beneficiaries, etc.

- <sup>1</sup> LIHEAP funds support TDHCA's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).
- <sup>2</sup> Administered through TDHCA's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program. Of TDHCA's total annual HOME Program funding allocation, 95% is reserved for non-participating jurisdictions and 5% is reserved to assist Persons with Disabilities statewide.
- <sup>3</sup> NSP funds may not be used for owner-occupied structures, including owner-occupied structure repair or reconstruction activities.

AMFI Area Median Family Income  
 LMMI Low-, moderate- and middle-income  
 NOFA Notice of Funding Availability; See TDHCA's NOFA page at [www.tdhca.state.tx.us/nofa.htm](http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/nofa.htm)