



DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM DETAILS

Below are disaster relief program details for funds administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. As with all programs administered by the Department, TDHCA's Disaster Relief (DR) programs are subject to funding availability, and all activities supported through TDHCA DR programs must coincide with relevant program rules, including but not limited to eligible applicants, beneficiaries, etc.

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TDHCA Disaster Relief Program	Immediate and Short Term Assistance		Long Term Assistance	
	Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ¹	Texas HOME Disaster Relief Program	Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)
Activities	Shelter, emergency needs, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food ▪ Clothing ▪ Gift cards for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food - Gas - Toiletries ▪ Medical items 	Temporary housing assistance, such as hotel vouchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Home rehabilitation, reconstruction (HOME HRA) ▪ Homebuyer assistance (HOME HBA) ▪ Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) 	Demolition of condemned residential or commercial structures ²
Eligible Administrative Applicants	Community Action Agencies (CAAs) or entities designated by the Governor.	Existing TDHCA administrators of LIHEAP-funded programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Units of local government ▪ Non-profit organizations ▪ Public Housing Authorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Units of local government ▪ Non-profit agencies
Outreach to Initiate Funding Access	TDHCA contacts local TDHCA contract Administrator(s)	TDHCA contacts local TDHCA contract Administrator(s)	TDHCA contacts county judges of impacted areas	TDHCA contacts county judges of impacted areas
Application Process for Disaster Relief Funding	Creation of a CSBG Discretionary contract	Create a new contract or amend an existing contract	Approval to become a Reservation System Participant to access HOME Single Family DR funds	Awarded through NSP-Program Income (PI) NOFA
Funding Access	Reimbursement and advance through TDHCA's Contract System	Reimbursement and advance through TDHCA's Contract System	Reimbursement basis	Reimbursement basis
Funding Form	Grant to Administrator(s)	Grant to Administrator(s)	Grant or loan to Administrator(s)	Grant to Administrator(s)
Eligible Beneficiaries	Impacted households ≤125% Federal Poverty Level	Impacted households ≤125% Federal Poverty Level whose supply of power to the dwelling is disrupted causing temporary evacuation	Impacted households ≤80% AMFI, not located in a HUD designated Participating Jurisdiction	Area-wide benefit to census tracts with 51% or more of LMMI households
Funding Stream	US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Funding Resource	5% Set-aside for discretionary use	State LIHEAP administration funds	5% of total HOME allocation (Deobligated funds)	Deobligated NSP funds (Funds not yet expended)

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¹ TDHCA's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is funded through LIHEAP.

² NSP funds may not be used for owner-occupied structures, including owner-occupied structure repair or reconstruction activities.

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



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 form of a loan, the Department services the loan.
- 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 are no "up-front" funds for anticipated costs.
- HOME DR funds are accessed by HOME Administrators through the HOME Reservation System.

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

HOME DR Programs and Activities

HOMEowner Rehabilitation Assistance (HRA)

Support is provided in the form of a grant agreement, deferred forgivable loan, or a repayable loan, contingent upon the household's AMFI, and type of HRA housing assistance.

HOMEbuyer Assistance Program (HOME HBA)

Support is provided as a deferred forgivable loan to qualified home buyers.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Support is provided in the form of a grant to eligible households.

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

AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING

After a disaster, TDHCA applies its expertise and resources to expand local affordable housing options and help impacted households locate affordable housing opportunities.

Expand Local Affordable Housing Options

Following a disaster, the Department may make available an "Owner Certification of Temporary Housing" for TDHCA-supported affordable multifamily property owners and managers who wish to provide temporary housing for evacuees/displaced households.

Help Impacted Households Find Affordable Rental Housing

TDHCA, with the help of owners and managers of TDHCA-supported affordable multifamily properties, maintains a Vacancy Clearinghouse, which is always available online.

TDHCA's Vacancy Clearinghouse provides affordable rental housing information, including TDHCA-supported affordable multifamily property vacancies, amenities and units for persons with disabilities, and contact information in three easy steps:

1. Visit TDHCA's home page at www.tdhca.state.tx.us
2. Select "Help for Texans"
3. Click on the "Vacancy Clearinghouse" link under the grey "Reduced Rent Apartments" bar, and follow the prompts.

A Word about Affordable Multifamily Housing Funding

- TDHCA does not have a disaster relief funding source specifically dedicated to affordable multifamily housing.
- Federal affordable housing relief funding availability is dependent upon Congressional approval. If housing funding is approved by Congress, the Governor will direct funding administration to the appropriate state agency.