

HGAC-W / Lower Colorado Region Homeowner Assistance Program

Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Waller, and Wharton Counties



Texas General Land Office
Community Development and Revitalization

WHAT IS THE HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

The Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) was designed by the State of Texas to assist eligible homeowners in rehabilitating or reconstructing their homes after Hurricane Harvey. Through this program, the State will assign a Building contractor to complete repairs on damaged homes. Depending on the level of damage, homes may be repaired or rebuilt if the damage is too severe.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

- ✓ Was your home damaged or destroyed from Hurricane Harvey?
- ✓ Was the property your primary residence at the time of Hurricane Harvey?
- ✓ Did you own the property at the time of Hurricane Harvey?
- ✓ Are you current on child support and property taxes?

If you answered yes to the questions above, you should apply! You may be eligible to receive assistance¹. Additional documentation will be required, see the reverse side of this sheet for a complete list.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Check at the website for more information: www.recovery.texas.gov/hap.

1. Go online to complete an application.
2. Visit our Program Office or one of our Satellite Intake Centers. A listing of locations can be found at www.recovery.texas.gov.
3. Call 1-844-893-8937 and a representative will assist you or direct you to your respective regional intake office.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM PAY FOR?

- ✓ Repair or Rebuilding of damaged houses
- ✓ Replacement of manufactured house with a stick-built house
- ✓ Elevation of home if in a flood zone
- ✓ Water Well
- ✓ Septic system
- ✓ Accessibility features such as ramps, walk-in showers, etc.
- ✓ Abatement of Lead Based Paint and Asbestos materials, if required.
- ✓ Storm Hardening

WHAT WON'T THE PROGRAM PAY FOR?

- ✗ Food, clothing, household goods
- ✗ Rebuilding on a different property (new construction)
- ✗ Repair of houses in floodways that may be eligible for locally run acquisition/buyout program
- ✗ Rental, second, and vacation homes
- ✗ Garage door openers, security systems, swimming pools, fences, and television satellite dishes
- ✗ Repair of structures not attached to the home such as fences or sheds

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO? WHAT'S THE CATCH?

1. Live in the property for 3 years as your primary residence.
2. Do not refinance or open a home equity line of credit for 3 years.
3. Pay your property taxes on time.
4. Maintain insurance, including hazard and windstorm, if required. If your property is in a floodplain, you must maintain flood insurance on your home indefinitely.

1. Assistance is subject to funding availability. Applications are funded on a first come, first served basis. All eligibility criteria must be met to be considered. Refer to the Regional Housing Guidelines posted on www.recovery.texas.gov for full details.



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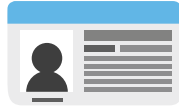
Application Document Checklist



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☐ VALID PHOTO I.D. FOR APPLICANT

- Driver License
- State- or Federal-issued ID
- Passport



☐ INCOME INFORMATION FOR ALL ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (18+)

- Latest tax returns (IRS form 1040) signed and submitted OR
- Documents of Income:
 - Salary/Wage: last 3 months of pay stubs OR signed statement from employer stating wage and frequency of payment
 - Benefits: social security or disability, retirement, TANF, pension or annuity - current letter of benefits should include benefit amount
 - Unemployment Income: current letter of benefits or printouts should include benefit amount



☐ PROOF OF OWNERSHIP (1 of the following)

- Property Tax Records (must have proof of payment/tax records)
- Proof of mortgage
- Act of donation Warranty Deed
- Fee simple title
- 99-year leasehold interest as leasee
- Life estate/Trusts
- Court order/Affidavit/Succession



☐ PROOF OF PRIMARY RESIDENCY/ OCCUPANCY (1 of the following)

- Homestead Tax Exemption; OR
- Documentation from the month preceding or month of the event for which the homeowner is applying for assistance. The applicant or co-applicant's name and address must match the information on the application:
 - 2017 tax records demonstrating homestead exemption for the property of application
 - Utility Bill (electric, phone, water, etc.) (in the name of the applicant or co-applicant)
 - Voter registration records
 - Copy of credit card bill
 - Bank Statement
 - Homeowners insurance policy (declarations page)



All records must be from the month preceding or month of the event for which the homeowner is applying for assistance and must match the name and damaged property address on the application.

This list comprises essential documents to accumulate to submit with your application.

After your initial application is submitted, a housing counselor will advise you of any additional required documentation.

☐ PROOF OF CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT (if applicable)

- Documentation of current child support payments
- Documentation of a payment plan

☐ DISASTER ASSISTANCE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED

If a homeowner received Harvey-related assistance for damages from the storm from any source, he/she should provide documentation and information about the amount received, homeowner name, damaged residence address, and the use of those funds.

Typical sources include:

- FEMA
- SBA
- Insurance (obtain a copy of the claim summary outlining structural payments vs. contents)
- Any other sources of funds or assistance provided to repair the home
- If you are in a floodplain, you may be asked for flood insurance coverage even if floods had not yet been paid out



☐ PROOF OF PROPERTY TAXES (if applicable)

- Documentation of current property tax payments OR
- Documentation of a payment plan



☐ MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNIT DOCUMENTATION

- Proof of structure ownership (examples):
- Statement of Ownership



THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MAY ALSO BE NEEDED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM:

- Proof of Current Flood Insurance (applicants in Flood Zone)
- Completion of Application
- Proof of Disability (if applicable)
- Translation services will be available upon request
- Application is not currently available
- Questions can be sent to GLO's Housing Team at singlefamilyhousing.glo@recovery.texas.gov



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