

*Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs*

*Amendment to Supplement the 2010-2011 Housing Trust Fund Plan*



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*Amendment to Supplement the 2010-2011 Housing Trust Fund Plan that was  
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## *Amendment to the 2010-2011 Plan*

### *Self-Help Housing Capacity Building*

**Amount Recommended:** \$540,000 (of the \$10 million Bootstrap Allocation).

**General Program Description:** Based on the success of the Bootstrap Program, it is a model worth duplicating, however smaller NOHPs and/or nonprofits in the 2/3 set-aside that do not have an NOHP designation, do not yet have the capacity to participate in the Program. Training and capacity building is needed. Emphasis will be placed on creating new capacity and on expanding organizations with existing capacity within the 2/3 set aside. The provision of the Institute may be outsourced to a third party. To the extent possible, funds will be tied to production of units with Bootstrap Program funds.

The second aspect of the capacity building plan is to provide training to employees of NOHPs to become certified home energy raters, or Home Energy Rating System Raters (HERS Raters) certified by the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET). While priority shall be given to NOHPs in the 2/3 set aside areas of the state, trainings will be offered to all NOHPs state-wide. Only HERS Raters are capable of qualifying homes as Energy Star.

**Other Considerations:** While these activities are grants and therefore will produce no direct repayment to the fund, they represent excellent means to enhance the capacity of organizations that may be able to more efficiently take advantage of general revenue funds and enable the program to be used in even more communities. Additionally, this promotes homeownership.