Through the programs outlined below, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") provides funds to local organizations to help lower income Texas households in need.

**If You or Someone You Know Needs Help**

Visit TDHCA online to find local assistance in three easy steps:

1. Visit [www.tdhca.state.tx.us](http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us) and click on the “Help for Texans” tab;
2. Choose the type of help needed, such as:
   - Emergency & homeless services
   - Fair housing information
   - Foreclosure relief resources
   - Home modification for accessibility
   - Home repairs
   - Homebuyer help and education
   - Manufactured housing
   - Reduced rent apartments
   - Rent payment help
   - Utility bill payment help
   - Weatherization
3. Enter the city or county and click the Find Help button.

**About the Department**

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) is Texas’ only state housing finance agency, and serves as the state agency responsible for promoting and preserving homeownership, financing the development of affordable rental housing, supporting community and energy assistance programs, and colonia housing activities.

The Department administers state and federal funds across a housing continuum ranging from poverty and homelessness prevention to homeownership and home repair to foreclosure prevention. Most of the Department’s funds are administered through partnerships with:

- Non-Participating Jurisdictions (cities and counties that receive no direct allocation of federal housing dollars)
- Eligible nonprofit and community-based organizations
- Private developers
- Public Housing Authorities

The Manufactured Housing Division of TDHCA regulates the manufactured housing industry in Texas.

**Poverty and Homelessness Prevention**

**Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") Program**

Eligible Applicants: City and county governments, eligible nonprofit organizations

Eligible Activities: Rapid re-housing assistance to provide housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, homelessness prevention assistance to help individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, provision of essential services related to emergency shelters and street outreach for the homeless, and rehabilitation or conversion and operation of a building for use as an emergency shelter.

Beneficiaries: Homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness (homeless prevention for those below HUD’s 30% AMFI)

Availability: Statewide

Contact: 512-475-0908 800-525-0657 esg@tdhca.state.tx.us

**Homeless Housing and Services Program ("HHSP")**

Eligible Applicants: See Availability

Eligible Activities: Services and housing activities, including rental assistance, construction and rehabilitation, to prevent and eliminate homelessness.

Beneficiaries: Homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness (homeless prevention for those below HUD’s 30% AMFI)

Availability: Cities in Texas with populations larger than 285,500 persons: Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio

Contact: 512-475-0908 800-525-0657 hhsp@tdhca.state.tx.us
Community Services Block Grant (“CSBG”) Program [DR]

Eligible Applicants: Entities designated by the Governor as eligible entities
Eligible Activities: Supports local, community-based efforts to provide child care, health services, transportation, job training and employment services, housing, substance abuse prevention, and other essential services to help transition individuals out of poverty

Beneficiaries: Individuals at or below 125% of HHS’ Federal Poverty Income Guidelines
Availability: Statewide
Contact: 512-475-3950  800-525-0657 info@tdhca.state.tx.us

Community Services Block Grant Program - State Discretionary

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofits and units of local government
Eligible Activities: Supports local and statewide efforts by nonprofit organizations and units of local government to improve service outcomes for designated special needs groups, such as homeless persons, persons with disabilities, rural communities, or colonias. May also fund statewide projects to provide training and technical assistance to service providers.

Rent Payment Assistance

Project Access Voucher Program

Eligible Applicants: Rental housing assistance provided directly through TDHCA on a first-come, first-served basis
Eligible Activities: Rental assistance for qualifying persons with disabilities transitioning from institutions into the community

Beneficiaries: Individuals earning up to 50% AMFI

Program Availability: Statewide
Contact: 800-237-6500  800-525-0657 info@tdhca.state.tx.us

Housing Choice Voucher Program (“Section 8”)

Eligible Applicants: Rental housing assistance provided directly through TDHCA and through local contract agencies
Eligible Activities: Rental assistance to low income individuals and families, including seniors and persons with disabilities

Beneficiaries: Tenants earning up to 50% AMFI

Availability: Local areas where there is no housing authority implementing the Section 8 program
Contact: 512-475-3884  800-237-6500 info@tdhca.state.tx.us

Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (“PRA”) Program

Eligible Applicants: Multifamily developers who own or manage eligible properties in participating Metropolitan Statistical Areas.
Eligible Activities: Project-based rental assistance for persons with disabilities linked with long term services

Beneficiaries: People with disabilities, including people living in institutions, people with serious mental illness, and youth and young adults exiting foster care who are receiving services through one of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission agencies participating in the program.

Availability: Select counties across the state.
Contact: 512-475-1784  800-525-0657 info@tdhca.state.tx.us

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (“TBRA”) Program [DR] (1)

Eligible Applicants: Units of general local government, public housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations
Eligible Activities: Rental subsidies for up to 60 months, may include security and utility deposit, while the household engages in a self-sufficiency program

Availability: Statewide; Offered via Reservation System and Contract Award
Beneficiaries: Renters earning up to 80% AMFI
Contact: 512-463-8921  800-525-0657 home@tdhca.state.tx.us

Rental Housing Development

Housing Tax Credit (“HTC”) Program

Eligible Applicants: Public and private for-profit and nonprofit developers
Eligible Activities: Tax credits used to offset federal tax liability are syndicated by a developer to generate capital used in exchange for the development of affordable rental properties or the rehabilitation of existing properties to maintain affordable rents for an extended period of time

Beneficiaries: Tenants earning up to 60% AMFI
Availability: Statewide
Contact: 512-936-7834  800-525-0657 info@tdhca.state.tx.us
Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bond ("MRB") Program
Eligible Applicants: Public and private for-profit and nonprofit developers
Eligible Activities: Low-interest loans to help finance the development of affordable rental properties or the rehabilitation of existing properties to maintain affordable rents for an extended period of time
Beneficiaries: Tenants earning up to 60% AMFI
Availability: Statewide
Contact: 512-475-3344 800-525-0657 info@tdhca.state.tx.us

Multifamily Direct Loan Program [DR] (1)
Eligible Activities: New construction, demolition and reconstruction, or acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable multifamily rental housing
Beneficiaries: Tenants earning up to 80% AMFI
Availability: Statewide
Contact: 512-475-0538 800-525-0657 info@tdhca.state.tx.us

Multifamily Development Program - General Set-Aside
Eligible Applicants: Eligible nonprofit organizations, Public Housing Authorities, and for-profit entities

Multifamily Development Program - CHDO Set-Aside
Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations approved as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)

Homebuyer Assistance
My First Texas Home ("MFTH")
Eligible Applicants: Qualifying homebuyers through participating lenders
Eligible Activities: Mortgage loans at fixed interest rates and down payment and/or closing cost assistance to qualifying veterans and first time homebuyers or households who have not owned a home in the previous three years. Homebuyers may combine TDHCA homebuyer and mortgage credit programs for maximum benefit.
Beneficiaries: Homebuyers earning up to 115% AMFI; up to 140% AMFI in targeted areas of the state
Availability: Statewide through participating lenders
Contact: 512-475-2120 800-792-1119 fthb22@tdhca.state.tx.us MyFirstTexasHome.com

Texas Mortgage Credit Certificate ("TXMCC") Program
Eligible Applicants: Qualifying homebuyers through a network of participating lenders
Eligible Activities: Tax credits based on the annual interest paid on a mortgage loan to qualifying veterans and first time homebuyers or households who have not owned a home in the previous three years. Homebuyers may combine mortgage credit and TDHCA homebuyer programs for maximum benefit.
Beneficiaries: Homebuyers earning up to 115% AMFI; up to 140% AMFI in targeted areas of the state
Availability: Statewide through participating lenders
Contact: 512-475-2120 800-792-1119 fthb32@tdhca.state.tx.us MyFirstTexasHome.com

Texas HOMEbuyer Assistance Program ("HOME HBA") [DR] (1)
Eligible Applicants: Units of local government, Public Housing Authorities, and nonprofit organizations
Eligible Activities: Down payment and closing cost assistance for homebuyers of single family housing units; may include rehabilitation for accessibility modifications.
Availability: Statewide; Offered via Reservation System and Contract Award
Beneficiaries: Homebuyers earning up to 80% AMFI
Contact: 512-463-8921 800-525-0657 home@tdhca.state.tx.us

Texas Bootstrap Loan Program [DR] (2)
Eligible Applicants: Certified organizations of "self-help" owner-builder housing programs, such as Colonia Self-Help Centers, eligible nonprofit organizations
Eligible Activities: Development of single family housing in which owner-builders provide at least 65% of the labor required to construct or rehabilitate their home ("sweat equity")
Beneficiaries: Households earning up to 60% AMFI
Availability: Two-thirds of funds are set-aside for owner-builders with property in census tracts with median household incomes not exceeding 75% of the state median income. The remaining one-third of the funds are available statewide. Offered via Reservation System.
Contact: 512-936-9988 800-525-0657 htf@tdhca.state.tx.us
Texas Homebuyer U (“TXHBU”) New!
Eligible Applicants: Texas homebuyers
Activities: Free online pre- and post-purchase tutorial, mortgage credit certificate introduction courses to satisfy TDHCA’s first time homebuyer program education requirement
Beneficiaries: Homebuyers earning up to 115% AMFI; up to 140% AMFI in targeted areas of the state
Availability: Statewide
Contact: 512-475-2120 800-792-1119 fthb12@tdhca.state.tx.us MyFirstTexasHome.com

Single Family Development
CHDO Set-Aside: Single Family Development Program (1)
Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations approved as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)
Eligible Activities: Development or rehabilitation of affordable single family housing for homeownership
Beneficiaries: Households earning up to 80% AMFI
Availability: Statewide; Offered via Reservation System
Contact: 512-463-8921 800-525-0657 home@tdhca.state.tx.us

Colonia Self-Help Center (“SHC”) Program
Eligible Applicants: Services are contracted through local nonprofit organizations, units of local government, local public housing authorities, and community action agencies serving designated counties along the Texas-Mexico border
Eligible Activities: Technical assistance and/or training for colonia residents to carry out self-help home construction, housing repairs, infrastructure improvements, and community development activities such as financial literacy and technology access.
Beneficiaries: Colonia residents earning up to 80% AMFI
Availability: Designated colonias in El Paso, Maverick, Val Verde, Webb, Starr, Hidalgo and Cameron/Willacy counties
Contact: 915-834-4925 800-525-0657 albert.alvidrez@tdhca.state.tx.us

Contract for Deed (“CFD”) Program (1)
Eligible Applicants: Units of local government, Public Housing Authorities, and nonprofit organizations
Eligible Activities: Refinance of contracts for deed. Funding also available for housing rehabilitation.
Beneficiaries: Colonia residents earning up to 60% AMFI
Availability: Recognized colonias; Offered via Reservation System
Contact: 512-463-8921 800-525-0657 home@tdhca.state.tx.us

Home Rehabilitation
Texas HOMEowner Rehabilitation Assistance (“HRA”) Program [DR] (1)
Eligible Applicants: Units of local government, Public Housing Authorities, and nonprofit organizations
Eligible Activities: Rehabilitation or reconstruction of substandard stick built homes or replacement of manufactured housing units owned and occupied by qualified homeowners; potential refinance of existing mortgage in conjunction with home rehabilitation or reconstruction for qualified applicants
Beneficiaries: Homeowners earning up to 80% AMFI
Availability: Statewide; Offered via Reservation System and Contract Award
Contact: 512-463-8921 800-525-0657 home@tdhca.state.tx.us

Amy Young Barrier Removal (“AYBR”) Program [DR] (2)
Eligible Applicants: Units of general local government, Councils of Government, eligible nonprofit organizations, local mental health authorities, and Public Housing Authorities
Eligible Activities: Grant funds for accessibility modifications in renter- and owner-occupied housing; helps eliminate life-threatening hazards and correct unsafe conditions in owner-occupied homes.
Beneficiaries: Persons with disabilities earning up to 80% AMFI
Availability: Statewide; Offered via online Reservation System
Contact: 512-475-4828 800-525-0657 htf@tdhca.state.tx.us
Home Affordability: Energy Efficiency

Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (‘‘CEAP’’) [DR]
Eligible Applicants: Services are contracted through a network of eligible nonprofit organizations or city and county governments
Eligible Activities: Utility bill payment assistance, consumer education to aide low-income households better manage their energy consumption
Beneficiaries: Tenants and homeowners earning up to 150% of HHS’ Federal Poverty Income Guidelines
Availability: Statewide
Contact: 512-475-3951 877-399-8939* info@tdhca.state.tx.us

Weatherization Assistance Program (‘‘WAP’’)
Eligible Applicants: Services are contracted through a network of eligible nonprofit organizations or city and county governments
Eligible Activities: Installation of weatherization material and minor home repairs designed to make a home more energy efficient
Beneficiaries: Tenants and homeowners earning up to 200% HHS’ Federal Poverty Income Guidelines
Availability: Statewide
Contact: 512-475-3951 888-606-8889* info@tdhca.state.tx.us

Manufactured Housing
The Manufactured Housing Division of TDHCA regulates the manufactured housing industry in Texas. Some of the Division’s primary responsibilities include:
• License manufacturers, sellers and installers
• Maintaining ownership title-records
• Recording and releasing finance and tax liens
• Performing installation and habitability inspections
• Resolving consumer complaints
• Providing remedy to the consumer under qualified situations

Physical Address: Twin Towers Office Center
1106 Clayton Lane, Ste 270W
Austin, TX 78723
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 12489
Austin, TX 78711-2489

Customer Service: For information on recording ownership (titling)
Contact: 512-475-2200 800-500-7074 processing@tdhca.state.tx.us

Titling Assistance: For title companies, attorneys, lenders, and retailers needing information on recording ownership titling.
Contact: 512-463-3693 888-576-2240 processing@tdhca.state.tx.us

Consumer Protection/ Complaints: For consumers who purchased home or installation service from a licensed retailer and/or installer.
Contact: 512-475-2200 877-313-3023 complaints@tdhca.state.tx.us

Enforcement & Licensing: For individuals responding to or involved with non-compliance issues.
Contact: 512-475-2200 877-313-3023 licensing@tdhca.state.tx.us

Installation Information: For licensed installers needing information on filing Installation Reports.
Contact: 512-475-2200 877-313-3023 installations@tdhca.state.tx.us

* Callers using a land-based phone will be automatically connected with a local service provider.

(1) Offered through TDHCA’s federally funded Texas 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.

(2) Offered through TDHCA’s state funded Housing Trust Fund

[DR] = May offer funding for disaster relief activities.

AMFI = Area Median Family income
HUD = US Department of Housing and Urban Development
HHS = US Department of Health and Human Services

All Programs are subject to funding availability.