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## Direct Assistance for Limited Home Repair

**The Direct Assistance for Limited Home Repair (DALHR) program** may be available for Texans recovering from Hurricane Harvey. The program **provides permanent repairs for homeowners with moderate damages who lack available housing resources.**

The DALHR program is one of several housing solutions for Texans after Hurricane Harvey. **FEMA determines if applicants are eligible and pairs them with the best available housing solution** to meet their individual needs. **Not everyone will be eligible, but it will provide needed support to those survivors who do qualify.**

Direct housing is provided as a **temporary solution** by FEMA at the request of the state and is **not intended to be a permanent housing option** with the exception of DALHR for flood survivors.

The first step to be considered eligible for direct housing assistance is to be **registered with FEMA** by visiting [www.fema.gov/apply-assistance](http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance), [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov), calling 1-800-621-3362/TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visiting a local disaster recovery center.

### Eligibility

- Applicants may be eligible for DALHR if they are pre-disaster home owners whose residence has undergone a **FEMA-issued inspection with a FEMA verified loss of \$17,000.**
- **Specific considerations for DALHR include:**
  - Repairs must be **completed within 90 days** from the start of the repair work.
  - Repairs are **less than fifty percent of the market value** of the home and **may not exceed \$60,000.**
  - Repairs are not covered by insurance or an SBA loan.
  - **Any home located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) shall not be considered** for DAHLR repairs unless in accordance with applicable federal, and local laws, regulations and ordinances and can be repaired in the cost limits.
  - Per the Stafford Act § 312, 42 U.S.C. § 5155, any duplication of benefits is prohibited. Applicants eligible for DAHLR assistance may choose to either provide documentation and receipts for used FEMA financial repair assistance and **return all unused assistance** received for home repair to FEMA, or decline DAHLR assistance and keep any financial assistance received.
- DALHR participants must **reside in a county designated for Direct Housing.**
  - **Designated counties are:** Aransas, Austin, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson,

Lavaca, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton.

- **If applicants meet the criteria, they will be contacted by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) or local government entities regarding their next steps.**

**Repairs under DALHR**

- Direct home repairs are **limited to real property components** such as heating, plumbing, ventilation and air conditioning, walls, floors and ceilings.
  - **Repairs may not cover structural elements** or other items requiring architectural or other engineering services.
  - **Repairs cannot be made to items eligible under other assistance programs**, such as furnishings and appliances.
- GLO and local government entities will identify contractors for the repairs.
- GLO or local government entities may walk through the repaired property with the homeowner prior to move-in to ensure the repaired structure complies with guidelines and standards.

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## Direct Temporary Housing Assistance

The Direct Housing mission for Hurricane Harvey survivors is being administered by the State and implemented by local jurisdictions. With the federal government's financial support, Texas is leading the way with housing solutions to meet the needs of impacted communities.

Assistance may be available to applicants who live in a **county designated for Direct Housing, with a housing need of up to 18 months**. Applicants must be **pre-disaster homeowners** whose residence has had a **FEMA inspection with verified loss of \$17,000** or **pre-disaster renters** whose residence was determined by FEMA to have received **major damages or have been destroyed**.

Several temporary housing solutions are in place for eligible Texans unable to return to their homes until they are repaired or rebuilt. **Solutions include:**

- **Direct leasing** - Enables the government to lease a property that would not generally be available to the public, such as corporate lodging.
- **Multi-Family Lease and Repair (MLR)** – Allows the government to enter into agreements to repair existing multi-family housing in order to provide more housing for survivors.
- **Manufactured Housing** - Consists of Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs), travel trailers or recreational vehicles (RVs).

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Direct housing is provided as a **temporary solution** by FEMA at the request of the state and is **not intended to be a permanent housing option** for flood survivors. **An occupant's need for assistance will be re-evaluated on a regular basis** to determine continued eligibility for the period of assistance and is subject to the occupant meeting eligibility requirements.

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## Manufactured Housing Options

- **Temporary Housing options including Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs) and Travel Trailer or Recreational Vehicles (RVs)** may be available for Texans recovering from Hurricane Harvey.
- The use of manufactured housing units, travel trailers or RVs is one of several housing solutions for Texans after Hurricane Harvey. **FEMA determines if applicants are eligible and pairs them with the best available housing solution** to meet their individual needs. **Not everyone will be eligible, but it will provide needed support to those survivors who do qualify.**
- MHUs and RVs are provided as a **temporary housing solution** by FEMA at the request of the state and is **not intended to be a permanent housing option** for flood survivors.
- The first step to be considered eligible for direct housing assistance is to be **registered with FEMA** by visiting [www.fema.gov/apply-assistance](http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance), [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov), calling 1-800-621-3362/TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visiting a nearby disaster recovery center.

### Eligibility

- Applicants may be eligible if they are:
  - Homeowners with **\$17,000 or more damage** to their home based on the FEMA inspection.
  - Renters whose home received **major damage or has been destroyed** based on the FEMA inspection.
- Direct Temporary Housing participants must reside **in a county designated for Direct Housing.**
  - **Designated counties are:** Aransas, Austin, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton.
- **If applicants meet the criteria, they may be contacted by FEMA, the Texas General Land Office (GLO), the Council of Governments or local government regarding their next steps.**

## Installation

- Applicants approved for an MHU, RV or travel trailer **will sign right of entry agreements** relating to access and installation for the manufactured housing unit, RV or travel trailer. **The potential MHU, RV or travel trailer site will be inspected for feasibility** by FEMA, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) or local government.
- **Utilities including sewer, power and water must be available and in proper working order at the site.** Payment of the utilities are the responsibility of the applicant.
- Homeowners whose site cannot accommodate a unit, **the unit may be placed in a rented space** in a commercial MHU or RV/travel trailer park. Renters will be placed on a commercial MHU or RV/travel trailer park.
- **A unit cannot be occupied until the contractor has installed the MHU, RV or travel trailer, made appropriate utility and septic connections** and, if necessary, a separate electrical meter pole has been installed. Individuals will need to contact their power company to request an additional meter drop.
- The MHU, RV or travel trailer will be placed at the approved location. **Contractors will coordinate with local government officials to administer all necessary permits.** The recipient will need to establish electric service with a local provider.
- Once utilities are connected, permits are issued and the unit has been inspected and is ready for occupancy, the recipient will sign necessary occupancy agreements and documents and may occupy the unit.
- An occupant's need for housing assistance **will be re-evaluated on a regular basis** to determine continued eligibility for the entire period of assistance and is subject to the occupant meeting eligibility requirements.

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