



FEMA

FACT SHEET

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).

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.**

To be considered eligible for direct housing assistance, survivors must be **registered with FEMA** by visiting www.fema.gov/apply-assistance, www.disasterassistance.gov, calling 1-800-621-3362/ TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visiting a local disaster recovery center. **FEMA determines if applicants are eligible and matches them with the best housing solution** to meet individual needs. If applicants meet the criteria, they may be contacted regarding next steps.

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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