



# TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

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*Dear State and Regional Organizations,*

*Below you will find TDCHA's announcement of a newly created mortgage assistance program using HUD Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds. CDBG-CV funds are designed to help Texans respond to and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. You have been identified as a possible interested party, and we hope you will share this information with potential service providers and other such organizations. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. You will find our contact information below.*

## **TDHCA announces \$69.6 million in funding for cities, counties, nonprofits and regional providers to apply for COVID-19 related mortgage assistance**

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) is pleased to announce a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) of \$69.6 million in Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds for cities, counties, local and regional nonprofits, and regional organizations to provide mortgage assistance through the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP).

The TEMAP program provides mortgage assistance to homeowners at or below 80% of the Area Medium Income who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 to help provide housing stability during the pandemic. The program can pay up to six consecutive months of an eligible household's mortgage payments, including mortgage arrears, with at least one of those months covering a month of future mortgage.

TDHCA is making the mortgage assistance funds in this NOFA available across 13 service regions in the State of Texas for each of the following Programs to ensure geographic distribution is achieved.

### **The Notice of Funding Availability makes available:**

- 1) Program A: \$40,000,868 for non-entitlement cities and counties;
- 2) Program B: \$14,828,989 for CDBG Entitlement cities and counties and private nonprofit organizations serving an area no larger than one county; and
- 3) Program C: \$14,828,989 for regional private nonprofit organizations, including regional organizations such as Communication Action Agencies and Councils of Governments serving multi-county areas.

For Program Parts A and B the minimum amount that may be requested in an application is \$200,000 and the maximum is \$500,000. For Program Part C the minimum amount is the lesser of the amount available in the region for this Program Part or \$200,000 and the maximum request amount is

\$500,000. Regional providers that indicate they will serve all counties in a region may request the full regional coverage amount available for this Program Part.

All Application materials including the NOFA, the application and program guidelines are on the TDHCA website [www.tdhca.state.tx.us/CDBG-CARES.htm](http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/CDBG-CARES.htm). The TEMAP NOFA application is available at: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/95273230ce864d4fb00ff47151a2506a>

### **TIMELINE**

- January 29, 2021: The application period opens with the release of the NOFA and application.
- February 18, 2021: An application workshop is scheduled at 10 a.m. (CST). You may RSVP at the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1691277993270877456>
- March 5, 2021: TDCHA is encouraging applicants, through the award of points, to submit an Early Application Notification form, in which they notify TDHCA of their intent to apply for TEMAP funding. Those applicants will receive 10 points to their overall TEMAP Application score. Entities applying for more than one Program Part or Region should submit separate forms for each application. The form is available at: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/08dff90c2c447518e6a9e60fa3a7116>
- April 12, 2021: Applications and required attachments must be submitted via the provided Smartsheet link by 5:00 p.m. CST on Monday. Early submission of applications is encouraged.
- May-July 2021: Award announcements and contract start date will vary depending on the volume of applications received.

### **FUTURE PROGRAM NOTIFICATIONS**

To receive future email notifications related to the NOFA, subscribe to the “CDBG-CV Mortgage Assistance Program” email list available as a subtopic on the “TDHCA” list found at this link: <http://maillist.tdhca.state.tx.us/list/subscribe.html?lui=f9mu0g2g&mContainer=2&mOwner=G382s2w2r2p>. All future program announcements will be communicated using this email distribution list.

### **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions about the NOFA or application for TEMAP funds, please contact Erica Garza, CDBG CARES Manager, at 512-497-5144 or [erica.garza@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:erica.garza@tdhca.state.tx.us) or Katie Wilkison, CDBG Program Coordinator at 512-517-4574 or [katie.wilkison@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:katie.wilkison@tdhca.state.tx.us)

For additional information visit <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/CDBG-CARES.htm>.