



FEMA

FACT SHEET

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, 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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