



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](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. **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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