



## Texas Foundations Fund: Winter Storm Relief Funding Guidelines

### ***Funding Overview***

Through its Texas Foundations Fund program, the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) is offering funding to organizations providing relief in response to Winter Storm Uri. The total available funding is \$300,000, capped at \$30,000 per organization. Specifically, grant awards will be made for the purpose of Rehabilitation and/or Critical Repair of single family homes located in any one or more counties affected by Winter Storm Uri, as identified in Federal Emergency Management Agencies disaster declaration FEMA-4586-DR, Texas Disaster Declaration (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4586>), which are occupied by individuals or families at 80 percent or below of the area median family income.

### ***Eligibility Requirements***

To qualify for critical repair grant funding, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. **Organization Type:** Applicant must be a current (2020-2021) Texas Foundations Fund nonprofit partner or have received funding through the Housing and Economic Assistance to Rebuild Texas (HEART) Program. Applicants must be current on all reporting requirements for existing grants to be eligible for this funding opportunity.
2. **Household Requirements:** To ensure the funding reaches those who are most in need, each organization must use critical repair funds only for critical home repairs<sup>1</sup> of single family homes<sup>2</sup> to households at or below 80% of the area median family income<sup>3</sup>.
3. **Program Requirements:** Homes receiving repairs must be owner-occupied or single family rental homes owned and operated by the applicant. All repairs funded by the grant must be provided free of charge.
4. **Geographic Requirements:** Applicant must provide critical repairs to winter storm-damaged homes located in counties eligible for individual assistance as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's federal disaster declaration. To best meet the needs of underserved areas, priority will be given to applicants repairing homes in rural areas<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> TSAHC defines critical repairs as repairs to a failed system, including electrical, roofing repairs/replacements, structural damage, plumbing, mechanical systems, and heating and air conditioning. Critical repairs must be vital to the health and safety of the occupants and meet state and local building codes.

<sup>2</sup> TSAHC defines "single family home" as a residential property with an attached or detached dwelling that consists of (i) a single unit on an individual lot, or (ii) a single unit in a condo project, Planned Unit Development, or duplex, triplex or fourplex, or (iii) not more than four connected units, with each unit intended as housing for one family. Dwellings that are not titled as real estate, such as RVs and houseboats, are not eligible.

<sup>3</sup> TSAHC uses the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 income limits to determine income eligibility. To review the current income limits, visit: [www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html](http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html)

<sup>4</sup> TSAHC defines "rural" as a county that is outside a metropolitan statistical area (MSA), or a city or community that is: 1) outside the boundaries of an MSA; or 2) within the boundaries of an MSA, if it has a

### ***Administration***

1. TSAHC will invite eligible HEART and Texas Foundations Fund organizations to apply upon adoption of these guidelines by TSAHC's Board of Directors. Eligible organizations must complete the online application by **Friday, March 26, 2021** to be considered for funding.
2. Applications will be scored based on criteria that will be available on TSAHC's web site ([www.tsahc.org](http://www.tsahc.org)).
3. The maximum grant per organization is \$30,000, and the maximum amount that can be used to assist an individual household is \$5,000.
4. Grantees will receive funding as a lump sum award.
5. Grantees must spend 100% of their award and complete all activities proposed in their application within six months of signing their grant agreement.
6. Grant terms will begin on the date of the federal emergency declaration (February 19, 2021).
7. Grantees will be required to provide income certifications for all households assisted with critical repairs.
8. Grantees will be required to provide evidence that the house receiving critical repairs was damaged by Winter Storm Uri. Evidence may include proof of application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Insurance Claim Statements, or property assessment form completed by another entity. Grantees must also provide documentation demonstrating that the repairs were not funded through federal funds, an insurance claim, or another funding source.

### ***Grant Agreement***

Grantees will be required to execute a grant agreement that outlines:

- a description of how the grant will be used,
- eligible expenditures<sup>5</sup>,
- reporting requirements, and
- TSAHC's right to inspect properties or service records and to review financial documents.

**Failure to adhere to the terms of the grant agreement may result in the delay or cancelation of grants, termination of the agreement, or request for repayment of all or part of the grants disbursed.**

### ***Questions***

Questions regarding these guidelines, funding eligibility or grant administration should be submitted in writing to Michael Wilt by email at [mwilt@tsahc.org](mailto:mwilt@tsahc.org).

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population of 25,000 or less and does not share a boundary with an urban area (population larger than 25,000 within an MSA).

<sup>5</sup> Grantees may use up to 10% of their award for administrative expenses. The remaining funds must be used for direct costs for critical home repairs. These costs may include, but are not limited to, contractor fees, materials, salaries for staff performing critical repair work, and building permits and inspection fees for homes to be repaired.