



**Housing and Economic Assistance to Rebuild Texas (HEART) Grant Program
Frequently Asked Questions—Updated 05.14.2018**

What is the maximum request amount per organization?

A: The HEART program will make grants up to \$50,000. Applicants are expected to submit requests based on a realistic estimate of the costs involved in implementing and operating the proposed project or program.

If I apply for a housing recovery repair grant, can I also request support for programmatic activities?

A: Yes, organizations will be able to apply for both funding program opportunities, but grant award amounts would be capped at \$50,000 per organization.

Do I need to complete two different applications if I am submitting for a housing recovery repair grant and programmatic support?

A: No. Only one application needs to be submitted.

Can you tell me if my organization meets the eligibility criteria?

A: Applicants can take a short eligibility quiz on the HEART web site www.rebuildwithheart.org to determine their eligibility. Eligibility criteria is also explained in the program guidelines. If additional information is needed to determine eligibility, we may request documents. Please do not submit any documentation unless requested by TSAHC or Enterprise.

If we were to create a newly formed organization would we be eligible for the grants?

A: The organization must be affiliated with an applicant that has a successful track record of providing housing-related services for at least two years. Organizations without a 501(c)(3) designation that are applying for housing recovery repair grants must have prior experience specifically with housing repair programs.

Is my organization still eligible to submit a proposal if we meet only two of the five eligibility requirements outlined in the program guidelines?

A: No, applicants must meet all eligibility requirements. If you have any questions, we encourage you to complete the eligibility quiz at www.rebuildwithheart.org

Can a government entity, a church, or a religious organization serving one or more rural counties, cities and/or communities apply for a programmatic grant?

A: No, a programmatic grant applicant must be a nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service. Rural government entities, churches, and religious organizations may only apply for a housing recovery repair grant.

Where can I find the HEART program eligibility quiz and how do I access it?

A: The eligibility quiz is available online. Please visit www.rebuildwithheart.org.

Our organization is working on housing related activities and would like to apply for programmatic support but don't see what we are working on specifically listed, can I still apply?

A: The activities listed are common examples, but not an exhaustive list of activities that Enterprise will support. Please complete the eligibility quiz to determine if your program/project is a good fit for the HEART program.

Our organization is working on multiple housing disaster recovery related programs. Can we submit multiple applications?

A: Applicants may only submit one application per organization.

Our organization is working with families with various income levels. If we are working with families over 80% AMI does that mean we are not eligible to apply?

A: You may apply so long as you apply ALL grant funding to just households at or below 80% AMI. Grantee must be able to document beneficiaries are at or below 80% AMI for reporting purposes.

If we have an open grant with Enterprise (the 2017 Hurricane Community Recovery Fund) can I apply for the HEART program?

A: Yes, but only if the request includes different program expenses and households served. If you have any questions, please email Monica Gonzalez at mgonzalez@enterprisecommunity.org

If I intend to apply to Enterprise's Section 4 Capacity Building grant program, does that mean I cannot apply to the HEART program?

A: Correct, you can only apply to one Enterprise grant program. Enterprise's Section 4 Capacity Building grant program is limited to organizations serving Harris County. If you have any questions, please email Monica Gonzalez at mgonzalez@enterprisecommunity.org

If I am currently or intend to be a partner in TSAHC's Texas Foundations Fund program, does that mean I cannot apply to the HEART program?

A: TSAHC allows applicants to apply to both programs. If you have any questions, please email Michael Wilt at heart@tsahc.org

If we propose a project for \$50,000, is there a chance that you will negotiate a lower award for that project?

A: Yes, award amounts may be lower than the amount requested. Applicants invited to submit full proposals will be scored against the established scoring criteria, and final awards will be determined by a review panel comprised of TSAHC, Enterprise, and Rebuild Texas Fund staff. An invitation to submit a full proposal does not guarantee that your organization will receive an award.

We completed the HEART eligibility quiz, when can we apply for the grant?

A: This funding opportunity is a two-step application process consisting of a preliminary proposal and a full proposal round. Applicants should determine if they are eligible, submit a preliminary proposal and then will receive a formal invitation to submit a full proposal if the preliminary proposal is approved. Applicants may not submit a full proposal unless they are invited.

Does the HEART program provide grant funding directly to individuals?

A: Unfortunately, we do not provide grant funding to individuals.

Our organization has applied or is interested in applying to the Rebuild Texas Fund, does this mean we can't also apply to the HEART program?

A: A representative from the Rebuild Texas Fund will participate in the two-step application review process. If there are any conflicts of interest, we will notify you.

Can we use HEART funds to repair homes that have already received funding from other source?

A. Yes, as long as the repairs to be funded by the HEART program have not already been funded through another source. For example, if a hurricane-damaged home needs \$20,000 worth of repairs, and the households already received \$10,000 in assistance from FEMA or other funding source, the grantee may use a HEART grant to perform the remaining \$10,000 worth of repairs.

How can we document that a home was damaged by Hurricane Harvey?

A. We will accept a variety of documentation types, including proof of application to FEMA or insurance claim statements.

If I have trouble submitting the eligibility quiz or proposal, whom can I contact?

A: Send an email to Michael Wilt at heart@tsahc.org or Monica Gonzalez at mgonzalez@enterprisecommunity.org

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