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State housing agency sending \$2.6 million to Panhandle for needed home repairs

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today awarded \$2.6 million in housing funds to eight rural cities and one nonprofit housing organization in the Panhandle region through its HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The funds represent a share of \$14.8 million awarded statewide by TDHCA which will significantly help rural Texas improve its stock of existing housing for low income residents.

Award recipients will use the funds to repair or replace 44 deteriorating homes owned and lived in by individuals and families earning no more than 80 percent of the area median family income. Assistance may include roof repair or replacement, as well as repairs to the electrical and plumbing systems. If a home has deteriorated to the point it no longer is cost effective to repair, it may be demolished and replaced either by a traditional “site built” home or a manufactured home.

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The following cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations in Region 1 received a HOME Program award:

Applicant	Funds Awarded	Homes Assisted
Floydada, City of	\$300,000	5
Littlefield, City of	\$300,000	5
Morton, City of	\$300,000	5
Muleshoe, City	\$240,000	4
Olton, City of	\$300,000	5
Plainview, City of	\$300,000	5
Roaring Springs, City of	\$300,000	5
Slaton, City of	\$300,000	5
Azteca Economic Development Corp., (Dimmit)	\$279,763	5

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State housing agency sending \$600,000 in home repair funds to cities of Gainesville and Palmer

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today awarded \$300,000 in needed home repair funds each to the cities of Gainesville and Palmer through its HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The funds represent a share of \$14.8 million awarded statewide by TDHCA which will significantly help rural Texas improve its stock of existing housing for low income residents.

The two cities will use the funds to repair or replace a total of 10 deteriorating homes owned and lived in by individuals and families earning no more than 80 percent of the area median family income. Assistance may include roof repair or replacement, as well as repairs to the electrical and plumbing systems. If a home has deteriorated to the point it no longer is cost effective to repair, it may be demolished and replaced either by a traditional "site built" home or a manufactured home.

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NOTE: Complete Award List Follows

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State housing agency sending \$6.9 million to Northeast Texas to bolster single family housing

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today awarded \$6.9 million in housing funds to 25 rural cities and counties in Northeast Texas through its HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The funds represent a share of \$14.8 million awarded statewide by TDHCA which will significantly help rural Texas improve its stock of existing housing for low income residents.

All but one award recipient will use the funds to repair or replace 113 deteriorating homes owned and lived in by individuals and families earning no more than 80 percent of the area median family income. Home repair assistance may include roof repair or replacement, as well as repairs to the electrical and plumbing systems. If a home has deteriorated to the point it no longer is cost effective to repair, it may be demolished and replaced either by a traditional "site built" home or a manufactured home.

The city of Queen City will use its HOME Program award to assist an estimated 12 qualifying first time homebuyers.

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The following cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations in Region 4 received a HOME Program award:

Applicant	Funds Awarded	Homes Assisted
Alto, City of	\$300,000	5
Athens, City of	\$240,000	4
Avery, City of	\$300,000	5
Clarksville, City of	\$300,000	5
DeKalb, City of	\$300,000	5
Domino, City of	\$300,000	5
Emory, City of	\$300,000	5
Gladewater, City of	\$240,000	4
Hallsville, City of	\$300,000	5
Hughes Springs, City of	\$300,000	5
Jefferson, City of	\$240,000	4
Kilgore, City of	\$300,000	5
Lone Star, City of	\$180,000	3
Maud, City of	\$180,000	3
Mineola, City of	\$300,000	5
Naples, City of	\$300,000	5
New Summerfield, City of	\$300,000	5
Omaha, City of	\$300,000	5
Point, City of	\$300,000	5
Queen City, City of	\$120,000	12
Rusk, City of	\$300,000	5
County of Cass	\$300,000	5
County of Lamar	\$300,000	5
County of Morris	\$300,000	5
County of Red River	\$300,000	5

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State housing agency sending \$300,000 in needed home repair funds to city of San Augustine

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The city will use the funds to repair or replace five deteriorating homes owned and lived in by individuals and families earning no more than 80 percent of the area median family income. Assistance may include roof repair or replacement, as well as repairs to the electrical and plumbing systems. If a home has deteriorated to the point it no longer is cost effective to repair, it may be demolished and replaced either by a traditional "site built" home or a manufactured home.

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State housing agency sending \$900,000 in home repair funds to upper Texas Gulf Coast

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today awarded \$900,000 in housing funds to two rural cities and one nonprofit housing organization in the upper Texas Gulf Coast through its HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The funds represent a share of \$14.8 million awarded statewide by TDHCA which will significantly help rural Texas improve its stock of existing housing for low income residents.

The three award recipients will use the funds to repair or replace 15 deteriorating homes owned and lived in by individuals and families earning no more than 80 percent of the area median family income. Assistance may include roof repair or replacement, as well as repairs to the electrical and plumbing systems. If a home has deteriorated to the point it no longer is cost effective to repair, it may be demolished and replaced either by a traditional “site built” home or a manufactured home.

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The following applicants in Region 6 received a HOME Program award:

Applicant	Award	Homes Assisted
Hempstead, City of	\$300,000	5
Palacios, City of	\$300,000	5
Economic Action Committee of the Gulf Coast (Bay City)	\$300,000	5

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State housing agency sending over \$2 million to Central Texas for home repairs

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today awarded \$2.01 million in housing funds to seven rural cities and counties in northern Central Texas through its HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The funds represent a share of \$14.8 million awarded statewide by TDHCA which will significantly help rural Texas improve its stock of existing housing for low income residents.

Award recipients will use the funds to repair or replace 34 deteriorating homes owned and lived in by individuals and families earning no more than 80 percent of the area median family income. Assistance may include roof repair or replacement, as well as repairs to the electrical and plumbing systems. If a home has deteriorated to the point it no longer is cost effective to repair, it may be demolished and replaced either by a traditional “site built” home or a manufactured home.

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The following cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations in Region 8 received a HOME Program award:

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Gatesville, City of	\$300,000	5
Hillsboro, City of	\$300,000	5
Hubbard, City of	\$240,000	4
Marlin, City of	\$300,000	5
Mart, City of	\$300,000	5
Rosebud, City of	\$300,000	5
Falls County	\$300,000	5

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State housing agency sending \$1.5 million in needed home repair funds to Coastal Bend

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today awarded \$1.5 million in housing funds to five rural cities in the Coastal Bend through its HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The funds represent a share of \$14.8 million awarded statewide by TDHCA which will significantly help rural Texas improve its stock of existing housing for low income residents.

Award recipients will use the funds to repair or replace 25 deteriorating homes owned and lived in by individuals and families earning no more than 80 percent of the area median family income. Assistance may include roof repair or replacement, as well as repairs to the electrical and plumbing systems. If a home has deteriorated to the point it no longer is cost effective to repair, it may be demolished and replaced either by a traditional “site built” home or a manufactured home.

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The following cities in Region 10 received a HOME Program award:

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Bishop, City of	\$300,000	5
Freer, City of	\$300,000	5
Gregory, City of	\$300,000	5
Odem, City of	\$300,000	5
Sinton, City of	\$300,000	5

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