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## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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*NOTE: List of 77 organizations receiving an award follows*

### **State housing agency invests \$5 million to fight, prevent homelessness in Texas**

(AUSTIN) — With the goal of transitioning greater numbers of Texans out of homelessness, enhancing the stability and productivity of both the individual and community, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has announced a major funding award designed to help homeless people secure permanent housing and strive toward self-sufficiency.

TDHCA has awarded \$5 million in grant funds to 77 local nonprofit organizations, cities, and counties to renovate or convert buildings for use as emergency shelters, as well as to provide an array of services essential to homeless individuals.

“Whether victims of domestic violence, chemical dependency or financial ruin, far too many Texans have no permanent place to call home,” said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. “Homelessness robs these individuals of the ability to stabilize their lives and diminishes the quality of our society. If we measure the success of our programs by the number of people who no longer need government assistance, this award will go a long way toward achieving the Department’s goals.”

Gerber explained that the grants were awarded through TDHCA’s 2008 Emergency Shelter Grants Program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition to converting or renovating buildings for use as homeless shelters, eligible activities include assisting homeless persons obtain permanent housing; providing medical and psychological counseling, substance abuse treatment, transportation, and job training; and the development and implementation of homelessness prevention activities.

While figures vary, the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless estimates that 200,000 Texans – about 1 percent of the state’s population – are homeless at any given point in time.

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### **About The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs**

*The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is the state agency responsible for affordable housing, community services, energy assistance, and colonia housing programs. The Department annually administers more than \$400 million through for-profit, nonprofit, and local government partnerships to deliver local housing and community-based opportunities and assistance to Texans in need.*

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### **Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs 2008 Emergency Shelter Grant Program Award Funding**

The following 77 organizations received funding through the 2008 Emergency Shelter Grants Program award fund (three page attachment):

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Counties Served</b>
Advocacy Outreach	Bastrop, Travis
Advocacy Resource Center for Housing	Hidalgo
Amarillo, City of	Potter
Amistad Family Violence and Rape Center	Val Verde, Kinney, Edwards
Arlington Life Shelter	Tarrant
Bethany House of Laredo	Webb
Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc	Harris
Brownsville, City of	Cameron
Children's Center, Inc, The	Galveston
Comal County Family Violence Shelter, Inc	Comal
Connections Individual and Family Services Inc	Comal, San Patricio, Aransas, Atascosa, Bastrop, Bee, Caldwell, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Lee, Live Oak
Corpus Christi Hope House, Inc	Nueces
Covenant House Texas	Harris

Dallas Jewish Coalition	Dallas, Collin
Denton, City of	Denton
Driskill Halfway House	Carson, Armstrong, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall
East Texas Crisis Center	Smith, Henderson, Van Zandt, Wood, Rains
El Paso Villa Maria	El Paso
Faith Mission and Help Center	Washington
Families In Crisis, Inc.	Bell, Coryell, Hamilton
Family Crisis Center Inc.	Cameron, Willacy
Family Gateway, Inc	Dallas
Family Place, The	Dallas
Family Services of Southeast Texas, Inc	Jefferson, Harding, Orange, Tyler, Newton, Jasper
Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc	Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Blanco, Caldwell, Comal, Dimmitt, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Hays, Kerr, Medina, Uvalde
Fort Bend County Women's Center	Fort Bend, Harris
Grayson County Juvenile Alternatives, Inc	Grayson, Fannin, Cook
Harmony House, Inc	Harris
Hays County Women's Center	Hays, Caldwell
Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center	Burnet, Blanco, Llano, Lampasas
Houston Area Women Center	Harris
Institute of Cognitive Development	Tom Green
Johnson County Family Crisis Center	Johnson
La Posada Home Inc.	El Paso
Memorial Assistance Ministries	Harris
Mid-Coast Family Services	
Midland Fair Havens, Inc.	Midland
Mission Granburry, Inc	Hood
Montgomery County Women's Center	Montgomery, Harris
Northwest Assistance Ministries	Harris
Opportunity Center for the Homeless	El Paso
Panhandle Crisis Center, Inc.	Ochiltree, Hansford, Lipscomb
Pecan Valley Regional Domestic Violence Shelter	Brown, Coleman, Comanche
Love I.N.C. of Nacogdoches	Nacogdoches

Port Cities Rescue Mission Ministries	Jefferson
Project Vida	El Paso
Providence Ministry Corporation	Cameron, Willacy
Randy Sam's Outreach Shelter, Inc	Bowie
Sabine Valley Center	Bowie, Cass, Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Red River, Rusk, Upshur
Safe Haven of Tarrant County	Tarrant
Salvation Army for Carr P. Collins Service Center	Dallas
Salvation Army for Casa Shelter	Dallas
Salvation Army for The First Choice Program	Tarrant
Salvation Army of Abilene	Taylor, Jones, Callahan, Runnells
Salvation Army of Austin	Travis
Salvation Army for Family Life Center	Dallas
Salvation Army of Corpus Christi	Nueces
Salvation Army Galveston	Galveston
Salvation Army of Kerrville	Kerr
Salvation Army of McAllen	Hidalgo
Salvation Army of Odessa	Ector
Salvation Army of Sherman	Smith
SEARCH	Harris
Seton Home	Bexar
Salvation Army Tyler	Smith
Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas, Inc	Titus, Camp, Franklin, Hopkins, Morris
Sin Fronteras Organizing Project	El Paso
St. Peters-St. Joseph Children's Home	Bexar
Travis County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survival	Travis
Twin City Mission, Inc	Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Washington
Westside Homeless Partnership	Harris
Wintergarden Women's Shelter, Inc.	Dimmit, Maverick, Zavala, LaSalle
Women's Home, The	Harris
Women's Shelter of East Texas, Inc.	Nacogdoches, Angelina, Houston, San Augustine, Shelby, Sabine, San Jacinto, Polk, Trinity

Women's Shelter of South Texas

Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval,  
Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg,  
Live Oak, McMullen,  
Nueces, Refugio, San  
Patricio

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Youth and Family Alliance

Travis

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YWCA Greater Houston

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