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NOTE: List of 51 organizations receiving funding follows

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State rushing \$123.9 million in funds to help low income Texans offset high utility bills

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs today announced the release of \$123.9 million in energy assistance funds designed to help qualifying households pay their energy bills while providing the consumer education needed to reduce their dependence on future government assistance.

The funds were awarded to 51 cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations through the Department's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), a utility assistance program that helps eligible households better manage their energy consumption for a safe, affordable environment.

"Helping low income households with their energy needs is a key component of the Department's mission of ensuring that all Texans have an affordable, healthy place to call home," according to Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. "The cost of heating or cooling a home significantly impacts the household's ability to afford their home. Our goal is to help these households with their utility bills in the short-term while helping them to achieve self-sufficiency for the long term."

The Department annually assists more than 68,000 low income Texans through CEAP services, helping low income households meet their immediate energy needs and to encourage consumers to control future energy costs through case management and consumer education. In addition, some households may qualify for the repair or replacement of inefficient heating and cooling equipment.

Gerber explained that services are provided at the local level by 51 contract organizations serving all 254 counties in Texas and target households earning an annual income of less than \$26,500 for a family of four. CEAP service providers include Community Action Agencies or other qualifying nonprofit organizations, Councils of Government, and local city or county governments.

Local service providers accept applications for assistance and determine eligibility, placing a priority on households with elderly persons, very young children, persons with disabilities, and the greatest energy burden.

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To find the nearest CEAP provider, call toll free at (877) 399-8939 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The toll free number will directly connect you with the CEAP service provider in your county; however, callers must use a land-based phone when dialing the toll free number. Cell phones will not make this automatic connection.

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, non-profit, and local government partnerships to deliver local housing and community-based opportunities and assistance to Texans in need.

**TDHCA - Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program 2009 Allocation
List of Subrecipient Agencies**

CEAP Subrecipient	Counties Served	Award
Aspermont Small Business Development	Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall, Throckmorton	\$932,314
Bee Community Action Agency	Bee, Live Oak, McMullen, Refugio	\$515,112
Bexar County Community and Development Services	Bexar	\$7,459,838
Big Bend Community Action Agency	Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio	\$1,020,930
Brazos Valley Community Action Agency	Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, Walker, Waller, Washington	\$3,010,405
Cameron-Willacy Counties Community Projects	Cameron, Willacy	\$3,531,731
Caprock Community Action Association	Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, King, Motley	\$1,236,426
Central Texas Opportunities	Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, McColloch, Runnels	\$1,407,106
Combined Community Action	Austin, Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette, Lee	\$988,170
Community Action Committee of Victoria	Aransas, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria	\$1,722,602
Community Action Corporation of South TX	Brooks, Jim Wells, San Patricio	\$1,058,376
Community Action Inc. of Hays, Caldwell, and Blanco Co.	Blanco, Caldwell, Hays	\$680,358
Community Action Program, Inc.	Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor	\$931,148
Community Council of Reeves Co.	Loving, Reeves, Ward, Winkler	\$465,804
Community Council of South Central TX	Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Wilson	\$2,451,777
Community Council Southwest TX	Edwards, Kinney, Real, Uvalde, Val	\$1,428,907

	Verde, Zavala	
Community Services Agency of South TX	Dimmit, La Salle, Maverick	\$1,023,245
Community Services Inc	Anderson, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Henderson, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, Rockwall, Van Zandt	\$4,408,257
Community Services of Northeast TX	Camp, Cass, Marion, Morris	\$815,357
Concho Valley Community Action Agency	Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton	\$1,199,672
Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services	Dallas	\$9,193,034
Economic Action Committee of the Gulf Coast	Matagorda	\$313,494
Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation of Region XI	Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, McLennan	\$2,531,617
El Paso Community Action Program	El Paso	\$4,921,566
Fort Worth Parks & Community Services	Tarrant	\$5,164,512
Galveston County Community Action Council	Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Wharton	\$3,050,944
Greater East Texas Community Action Program	Angelina, Cherokee, Gregg, Houston, Nacogdoches, Polk, Rusk, San Jacinto, Smith, Trinity, Wood	\$4,959,421
Hidalgo County Community Services Agency	Hidalgo	\$5,348,926
Hill Country Community Action Association	Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Milam, Mills, San Saba	\$2,139,973
Institute for Rural Development	Duval	\$225,557
Kleberg County Human Services	Kennedy, Kleberg	\$1,021,525
Lubbock, City of, Community Development	Lubbock	\$1,666,705
Montgomery County Emergency Assistance	Montgomery	\$1,043,634
Northeast TX Opportunities	Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Rains, Red River, Titus	\$1,401,367
Nueces County Community Action Agency	Nueces	\$2,096,705
Panhandle Community Services	Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Wheeler	\$4,173,945
Pecos County Community Action Agency	Crane, Pecos, Terrell	\$530,324
Programs for Human Services	Chambers, Hardin, Jefferson, Liberty, Orange	\$3,058,947
Rolling Plains Management Corporation	Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, Young	\$2,003,829
San Angelo-Tom Green County Health Department	Tom Green	\$683,463
Senior Citizens of Texarkana	Bowie	\$658,124
Sheltering Arms Senior Services	Harris	\$15,303,986
South Plains Community Action Association Inc.	Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry, Yoakum	\$1,045,985
South Texas Development Council	Jim Hogg, Starr, Zapata	\$1,173,270

Texas Neighborhood Services	Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Wise	\$1,701,408
Texoma Council Of Governments	Cooke, Fannin, Grayson	\$1,145,676
Travis County Health and Human Services	Travis	\$3,097,454
Tri-County Community Action Inc.	Harrison, Jasper, Newton, Panola, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Tyler, Upshur	\$2,317,203
Webb County Community Action Agency	Webb	\$1,585,051
West Texas Opportunities	Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Upton	\$3,356,580
Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities, Inc.	Burnet, Williamson	\$544,282
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