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State housing agency awards \$40.4 million to prevent homelessness, rapidly re-house homeless Texans

TDHCA quickly allocating funds from stimulus package, ensuring maximum impact on Texas communities

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has announced a significant award of federal stimulus funding designed to mitigate and prevent the effects of homelessness both for those individuals who are homeless and for the communities in which they are located.

TDHCA awarded \$40.4 million to 57 cities and eligible nonprofit organizations across the state to provide services to rapidly re-house homeless Texans or prevent individuals from falling into homelessness. The award was made through the Department's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), an innovative program created by the federal American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

"These awards represent an unprecedented opportunity for the state to help transition its most vulnerable residents out of emergency shelters or temporary housing and on toward self-sufficiency," said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. "By stabilizing at-risk individuals, we're strengthening families and stabilizing entire neighborhoods. We pledge to do this in a manner that is both efficient and effective, ensuring these funds are directed to individuals who can benefit the most."

HPRP is designed to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless and to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless. This includes individuals and families perhaps only in need of temporary rent or utility assistance, as well as Texans currently residing in emergency shelters or on the street and in need of temporary assistance to obtain housing.

Gerber noted that the program is not intended to provide long-term support for program participants. Financial support is limited to short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (up to 18 months) rental assistance, which may be used for security and utility deposits, as well as moving cost assistance.

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the funding source for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. Under HUD rules, individuals and families must earn no more than 50 percent of the area median family income to qualify for assistance.

Additionally, beneficiaries must have an initial consultation with a case manager to determine the lack of financial resources and support to obtain housing or no other appropriate housing options.

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, colonia housing programs, and disaster recovery housing programs. It currently administers over \$1 billion through for-profit, nonprofit, and local government partnerships to deliver local housing and community-based opportunities and assistance to Texans in need.

**Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program
Funding Awards
July 30, 2009**

Regional HPRP Applicants	Counties Served	Funds Awarded
Region 1 - Panhandle		
Crisis Center of the Plains	Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Hall, Lamb, Motley, Parmer, Swisher	\$308,500
Region 1 Totals		\$308,500
Region 2 - North Texas		
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Fort Worth, Inc.	Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Wilbarger, Baylor, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Wichita, Archer, Young, Stephens, Eastland, Comanche, Clay, Jack, Montague	\$500,000
Salvation Army - Abilene	Taylor, Jones, Callahan, Runnels, Nolan	\$400,000
Abilene Regional MHMR Center	Taylor, Jones, Callahan, Shackelford, Stephens	\$84,297
Region 2 Totals		\$984,297
Region 3 - North Central Texas		
City of Irving, Texas	Dallas	\$1,000,000
New Life Housing Foundation-Erath County	Erath	\$468,999
Grayson County Juvenile Alternatives, Inc.	Grayson, Fannin, Cooke	\$669,133
Community Storehouse	Denton, Tarrant, Wise	\$999,955
Christian Community Action	Denton	\$1,000,000
City of Denton	Denton	\$826,697
Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth, Inc.	Cooke, Wise, Denton, Palo Pinto, Parker, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Somervell	\$1,000,000
Urban League of Greater Dallas & North Central TX	Dallas	\$1,000,000
Salvation Army for the DFW Metroplex Command	Dallas	\$880,103
The Family Place	Dallas	\$998,843
Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc.	Dallas, Collin, Grayson, Fannin, Rockwall, Hunt, Kaufman, Ellis, Navarro	\$1,000,000
Dallas County MHMR Center	Dallas	\$320,905
City of Dallas	Dallas	\$790,316
Region 3 - Totals		\$10,954,951

Region 4 - East Texas		
Salvation Army-Tyler	Smith	\$810,255
Randy Sams' Outreach Shelter, Inc.	Bowie	\$511,892
Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas, Inc.	Titus, Camp, Morris, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Red River, Delta	\$538,350
East Texas Crisis Center, Inc.	Smith, Henderson, Van Zandt, Wood, Rains	\$201,679
Region 4 - Totals		\$2,062,176

Region 5 - Deep East Texas		
Love Inc. of Nacogdoches	Nacogdoches, Angelina, San Augustine, Shelby, Sabine	\$998,401
Region 5 - Totals		\$998,401

Region 6 - Southeast Texas		
Salvation Army-Galveston	Galveston	\$387,500
Memorial Assistance Ministries	Harris	\$1,000,000
Newlife Housing Foundation-Walker County	Walker	\$750,878
Northwest Assistance Ministries	Harris	\$1,000,000
SEARCH	Harris	\$1,000,000
Montgomery County Women's Center	Montgomery	\$1,000,000
The Women's Home	Harris	\$259,726
Salvation Army Social Services Dept.-Houston	Harris	\$999,118
Houston Area Women's Center	Harris	\$599,749
New Hope Counseling Center, Inc.	Harris, Fort Bend	\$522,522
Rockwell Fund, Inc.	Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery	\$998,000
Wesley Community Center, Inc. of Houston, Texas	Harris	\$995,920
SEARCH-Pilot	Harris	\$396,738
Houston Area Urban League, Inc.	Harris, Fort Bend	\$385,001
Region 6 - Totals		\$10,295,152

Region 7 - Central Texas		
Youth and Family Alliance	Travis	\$1,000,000
Caritas of Austin-Pilot	Travis	\$600,000
Any Baby Can - Austin	Travis	\$341,507
Caritas of Austin	Travis	\$1,000,000
Catholic Charities of Central Texas	Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, Williamson	\$651,717
Region 7 - Totals		\$3,593,224

Region 8 - Heart of Texas		
Salvation Army-Waco	McLennan, Falls, Bosque, Hill, Limestone, Freestone	\$999,980
Families In Crisis, Inc.	Bell, Coryell	\$400,437
Region 8 - Totals		\$1,400,417

Region 9 - South Central Texas		
Salvation Army-Kerrville	Kerr, Bandera, Edwards, Gillespie, Kendall, Kimble, Real	\$999,849
NewLife Housing Foundation-Medina County	Medina	\$453,765
City of San Antonio-Dept. of Community Initiatives	Bexar	\$1,000,000
San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry, Inc.	Bexar	\$1,000,000
Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc.	Bexar	\$167,827
Region 9 - Totals		\$3,621,441

Region 10 - Coastal Bend		
Mid-Coast Family Services, Inc.	Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria	\$495,513
Corpus Christi Metro Ministries, Inc.	Nueces	\$624,500
Salvation Army-Corpus Christi	Nueces	\$447,912
Region 10 - Totals		\$1,567,925

Region 11 - South Texas/Rio Grande Valley		
City of Brownsville	Cameron	\$1,000,000
Loaves and Fishes of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.	Cameron, Willacy	\$937,120
Salvation Army-McAllen	Hidalgo	\$250,330
Region 11 - Totals		\$2,187,450

Region 12 - Concho Valley		
Salvation Army-Midland	Midland	\$402,338
Region 12 - Totals		\$402,338

Region 13 - West Texas		
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.	El Paso	\$251,023
El Paso Center for Children, Inc.	El Paso	\$438,818
El Paso Coalition for the Homeless-Pilot	El Paso	\$414,489
El Paso County	El Paso	\$955,351
Region 13 - Totals		\$2,059,681

Funding Totals	\$40,435,953
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