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## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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### **State housing agency awards \$288 million in federal stimulus weatherization funds**

*TDHCA expects to see increased jobs for Texans, increased affordability  
for homeowners through reduced energy demand*

(AUSTIN) — Understanding the enormously positive and cost-effective impact weatherization can have on a home, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has announced a major award designed to generate a wide array of jobs that will help jump start the state's construction industry, while increasing home energy efficiency for low income households, reducing their cost burden, and creating a healthier environment.

TDHCA awarded \$288 million in federal stimulus funding to 66 cities, counties, and eligible nonprofit organizations across the state to weatherize the homes of an estimated 40,000 low income Texans. The awards were made through the Department's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and were provided on a one-time basis to the state through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

This allocation represents a significant portion of an amount totaling \$326.9 in weatherization funds made available to the state, the balance of which TDHCA will award in 2010. The Recovery Act provided approximately \$314 million more in funds than what TDHCA typically administers each year for weatherization activities. By comparison, the Department annually weatherizes approximately 3,700 homes using current funding levels of approximately \$13 million.

This ambitious effort will utilize an existing network of contract service providers currently administering this energy assistance program on behalf of the Department, as well as several larger cities which will operate a weatherization program of their own. Services will be provided to all 254 Texas counties; however, all WAP funds associated with the stimulus package must be expended by September 30, 2010.

"The state has been given an extraordinary opportunity to make an enormous difference in the everyday lives of thousands of Texas residents," said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director, "actions that will lower their energy consumption, create healthier surroundings, and reduce the state's overall demand for energy. At the same time, these funds will create construction jobs and produce fees and taxes for local economies. We are moving quickly to take advantage of this opportunity, but we also pledge to ensure these funds are administered in a responsible, accountable manner at the state and local levels."

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WAP is designed to help low income customers control their energy costs through the installation of weatherization materials and consumer education. Income eligible households spend 12.2 percent of their income on home energy costs, compared an average of 3.7 percent. Households assisted through WAP typically save over \$400 on utility costs each year, savings can be enjoyed for as long as 15 to 20 years.

Primary efforts focus on caulking; weather-stripping; the installation of ceiling, wall, and floor insulation; patching holes in the building envelope; duct work; and the possible repair or replacement of energy inefficient heating and cooling systems.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is the funding source for this one-time allocation of weatherization funds. In addition to the substantial increase in funds, the Recovery Act contains two provisions that will extend TDHCA's ability to reach those in need.

Under the Recovery Act, the income limit for eligibility increases from 150 percent to 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines. TDHCA currently sets its income limits at 125 percent to ensure these funds, which are normally quite limited, reach deeper pockets of need.

Additionally, the Act raises the monetary cap that may be spent on each household from \$2,500 to \$6,500. The Department, which combines WAP funds from DOE and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, currently caps assistance per household at \$4,000.

For more information about weatherization efforts eligible under the Act, or to learn more about WAP in general, please visit the section's Web site at [www.tdhca.state.tx.us/ea/wap.htm](http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/ea/wap.htm). To contact the nearest contract service provider, use a land-based phone and call (888) 606-8889; callers will automatically be routed to the WAP provider serving their county. Cell phones will not make this automatic connection.

As stimulus funds flow, there will be a variety of procurement opportunities and new jobs created. All fund recipients must post any procurement opportunities on the Department's Web site at [www.tdhca.state.tx.us/recovery/bids.htm](http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/recovery/bids.htm). Also, as TDHCA administers these funds, it will provide regular reports on job creation.

### **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.*

**American Recovery & Reinvestment Act – Weatherization Assistance Program  
Funding Awards  
July 30, 2009**

	Counties Served	Funding Award
<b>Existing Contract Service Provider Network</b>		
Alamo Area Council of Governments	Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Wilson	\$ 7,198,056
Bee Community Action Agency	Bee, Live Oak, McMullen, Refugio	\$ 506,693
Big Bend Community Action Agency	Brewster, Crane, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Terrell	\$ 1,126,558
Brazos Valley Community Action	Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Robertson, Walker, Waller, Washington	\$ 2,944,141
Community Action Committee of Victoria	Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, De Witt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Victoria, Wharton	\$ 2,321,493
Cameron-Willacy Counties Community Projects Inc.	Cameron, Willacy	\$ 2,564,829
Caprock Community Action	Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, King, Motley	\$ 897,922
City of Fort Worth	Tarrant	\$ 3,750,594
Combined Community Action	Austin, Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Hays, Lee	\$ 1,669,055
Community Council of Reeves County	Loving, Reeves, Ward, Winkler	\$ 338,278
Community Action Program	Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton	\$ 1,994,522
Community Services, Inc.	Anderson, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Henderson, Hood, Hunt, Kaufman, Johnson, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Smith, Van Zandt	\$ 6,084,908
Concho Valley Community Action Agency	Coke, Coleman, Concho,	\$ 2,169,939

	Crocket, Irion, Kimble, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green	
Community Action Corporation of South Texas	Brooks, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, San Patricio	\$ 5,394,995
Community Services Agency of South Texas	Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zavala	\$ 1,780,812
Dallas County Department of Human Services	Dallas	\$ 7,760,725
El Paso Community Action-Project BRAVO	El Paso	\$ 3,574,161
Economic Opportunities Advancement Corp. of Planning Reg. XI	Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, McLennan	\$ 1,838,522
Undetermined provider*	TBA	\$ 2,862,398
Hill Country Community Action Association	Bell, Burnet, Coryell, Erath, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Milam, Mills, San Saba, Somervell, Williamson	\$ 2,508,736
City of Lubbock	Lubbock	\$ 1,210,402
Nueces County Community Action Association	Nueces	\$ 1,522,678
Panhandle Community Service	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	\$ 3,031,221
Program for Human Services	Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Jefferson, Liberty, Orange	\$ 3,136,991
Rolling Plains Management Corporation	Archer, Baylor, Cottle, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, Young	\$ 2,009,440
Sheltering Arms Senior Services, Inc.	Harris	\$ 11,114,128
South Plains Community Action Agency	Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry, Yoakum	\$ 759,619
South Texas Development Council	Jim Hogg, Starr, Zapata	\$ 852,057
Texoma Council of Government	Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cooke, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Hopkins, Lamar, Marion, Morris,	\$ 2,919,802

	Rains, Red River, Titus	
Travis County Human Services Department	Travis	\$ 2,249,447
Tri-County Community Action, Inc.	Harrison, Jasper, Newton, Panola, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Tyler, Upshur	\$ 1,682,809
Webb County Community Action Agency	Webb	\$ 1,151,102
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.	Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Upton	\$ 2,820,971
<b>Total for Existing Network</b>		<b>\$ 93,747,999.1</b>
	N/A	Funding Award
<b>Large Cities</b>		
Houston		\$ 11,723,737
Dallas		\$ 6,591,590
San Antonio		\$ 6,154,402
El Paso		\$ 3,948,130
Austin		\$ 2,922,984
Fort Worth		\$ 2,635,232
Laredo		\$ 1,635,818
Brownsville		\$ 1,578,890
Corpus Christi		\$ 1,519,833
Lubbock		\$ 1,117,463
Arlington		\$ 1,032,325
Waco (to be administered by the Economic Opportunities Advancement Corp. of Planning Reg. XI)		\$ 884,542
McAllen		\$ 792,733
Amarillo (to be administered by Panhandle Community Service)		\$ 790,922
Pasadena (to be administered by Sheltering Arms)		\$ 715,823
Beaumont		\$ 691,266
Irving (to be administered by Dallas County)		\$ 642,694

Garland		\$ 604,477
Odessa		\$ 525,629
Abilene (to be administered by Community Action Program)		\$ 516,448
		<b>\$ 47,024,932.5</b>
	City/Counties Served	Funding Award
<b>Small Cities and Non-profits</b>		
City of Georgetown	City of Georgetown	\$ 250,000
City of Socorro	City of Socorro	\$ 250,000
City of Huntsville	City of Huntsville	\$ 250,000
Community Council of South Central TX	Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Wilson	\$ 500,000
Community Development Corporation of Brownsville	Cameron	\$ 250,000
El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development	El Paso	\$ 499,410
Fort Bend Community Revitalization Projects	Fort Bend	\$ 500,000
Greenville Electric Utility System (GEUS)	City of Greenville	\$ 250,000
Life Rebuilders Inc.	Terrell	\$ 500,000
Neighborhoods in Progress	Abilene	\$ 250,000
Rebuilding Together (Greater Dallas)	Dallas	\$ 500,000
Rebuilding Together ( San Angelo)	City of San Angelo	\$ 500,000
Williamson Burnet County Opportunities	Burnet, Williamson	\$ 250,000
		<b>\$ 4,749,404.2</b>