

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City) through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends City Council approval of an ordinance adopting guidelines for the Harvey Homebuyer Assistance Program (HbAP 2.0) and allocating up to \$13,970,540.11 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery 2017 (CDBG-DR 17) funds. HbAP 2.0 will provide assistance to eligible low-to-moderate income (LMI) and Urgent Need (UN) homebuyers, who meet the definition of a First Time Homebuyer and who resided within the City of Houston jurisdiction at the time of Hurricane Harvey, with the purchase of an affordable home.

The maximum amount of assistance available per household is broken into two tiers:

1. An LMI Household may receive up to \$125,000.00 of assistance, based on financial need.
2. An UN Household may receive up to \$75,000.00 of assistance, based on financial need.

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on this proposed item. The 30-day period extends from Friday, November 29, 2024, through Sunday, December 29, 2024. Upon completion of the 30-day public comment period, HCDD will take this item to the City Council. For additional information on this item, contact Estrella Colón at 832.394.0079. Written comments can be submitted by email to Estrella.Colon@houstontx.gov.

View the Harvey Homebuyer Assistance Program 2.0 Guidelines at:

- HCDD website - <https://bit.ly/dr17-hbap-guidelines-draft>
- HCDD office – 2100 Travis Street, Suite 900, Houston, TX 77002 (copies may be obtained at this location upon request).

For specific questions or concerns about landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6200 ext 1. For any information about our Complaints and Appeals Process, please access the following: <https://houstontx.gov/housing/complaints.html> and <https://houstontx.gov/housing/appeals.html>. For more information about HCDD and its programs, please access HCDD's website at www.houstontx.gov/housing.