

Public Notice

On Friday, November 29, 2024, the City of Houston (City) through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) issued a public notice proposing approval of an ordinance adopting guidelines for the Harvey Homebuyer Assistance Program 2.0 (HbAP 2.0) under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery 2017 (CDBG-DR 17) grant award.

The City is issuing a public notice correction for the revised HbAP 2.0 Guidelines for the following updates:

1. Revised the compliance period to state: The compliance period for homes purchased will be 5 years for up to \$50,000 of assistance, 8 years for assistance between \$50,000.01 and up to \$75,000, and 10 years for assistance between \$75,000.01 and up to \$125,000 of assistance.
2. Revised the assistance amount to state: The maximum amount of homebuyer assistance available per household is up to \$125,000.00 of assistance, based on the financial need of the applicant to reach affordability that does not exceed 33% on the front-end ratio.

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.

This does not alter the original 30-day public comment period. The 30-day period extended 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/hbap-draft-gl-2](https://bit.ly/hbap-draft-gl-2)

[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.