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Department of Aging and Disability Services

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE INFORMATION & REFERRAL

PURPOSE: An ADRC is a one stop shop for information on and referral to aging and disability programs and services in Texas. They provide information about and help with state and federal benefits and can also educate consumers about local programs and services. Individuals, family members, and professionals can receive information tailored to their needs. ADRC services can be provided at the Center itself, over the phone or at a consumer's home.

LOCATIONS: Bexar County, Central Texas, Dallas County, East Texas, El Paso, Gulf Coast, Houston, Lubbock County, North Central Texas, and Tarrant County. (See the below link for a list of counties served by ADRCs.)

SERVICES: The ADRCs offer information about services, resources and programs in areas such as:

- Disability and long-term care services and living arrangements,
- Health and behavioral health,
- Adult protective services,
- Employment and training for people with disabilities,
- Home maintenance,
- Nutrition, and
- Personal care and attendant services

ELIGIBILITY: The ADRC is a single point of contact for:

- Older Texans
- Adults who have physical disabilities
- Adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Adults who have chronic mental illness
- Adults who have substance abuse issues
- Adults who have long-term illnesses
- Professionals looking for information for their clients
- People looking for information about long-term care options
- Healthy adults planning for their futures
- Family and friends providing care and support
- All people who have questions about aging or disability services in Texas

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/adrc/index.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact local ADRCs, please visit - <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/adrc/locations.html>.

KEY WORDS: Resources, Center, Information, Referral, Aging, Disability

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Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS State Unit on Aging at (512) 438-4120

CATEGORY: INFORMATION & REFERRAL

PURPOSE: The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) work within their communities to provide services to help older Texans, their family members and caregivers receive the information and assistance they need in locating and accessing community services.

LOCATIONS: Alamo Area (San Antonio), Ark-Tex (Texarkana), Bexar County, Brazos Valley (Bryan), Capital Area (Austin), Central Texas (Belton), Coastal Bend (Corpus Christi), Concho Valley (San Angelo), Dallas County, Deep East Texas (Jasper), East Texas (Kilgore), Golden Crescent (Victoria), Harris County, Heart of Texas (Waco), Houston-Galveston, Lower Rio Grande Valley (McAllen), Middle Rio Grande Area (Carrizo Springs), North Central Texas (Arlington), North Texas (Wichita Falls), Panhandle Area (Amarillo), Permian Basin (Midland), Rio Grande Area (El Paso), Southeast Texas (Beaumont), South Plains (Lubbock), South Texas (Laredo), Tarrant County, Texoma (Sherman), and West Central Texas (Abilene).

SERVICES: Services provided by AAAs include:

- Information,
- Referral and assistance,
- Benefits counseling and legal assistance,
- Care coordination ,
- Caregiver support services,
- In-home support services,
- Legal awareness,
- Nutrition services, and
- Ombudsman program.

ELIGIBILITY: An AAA is a single point of contact for people age 60 and older and is targeted to those with greatest economic and social need. Particular attention is paid to people with low-incomes, older people who belong to minority groups and older people residing in rural areas. Services are available statewide; however, because service priorities and available resources vary across the state, individuals should contact their local AAA for information regarding services in their area.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/aaa.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact local AAAs, please visit - http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/AAA/Procedures/OrientationManual/AAA_Directors.pdf.

KEY WORDS: Information, Referral, Aging, Older

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Community Attendant Services (CAS)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM – MEDICAID ENTITLEMENT

PURPOSE: CAS is a non-technical, medically related personal care service that is available to eligible adults and children whose health problems cause them to be functionally limited in performing activities of daily living according to a practitioner's statement of medical need. Services are provided by an attendant. On average, recipients are authorized to receive approximately 16.4 hours of assistance per week.

LOCATIONS: Statewide

SERVICES: Services provided through CAS include:

- **Escort:** Accompanying the client on trips to obtain medical diagnosis, treatment, or both. Additional time may not be allocated for escort services for other purposes. This service does not include the direct transportation of the client by the attendant.
- **Home Management:** Assistance with housekeeping activities that support the client's health and safety, including: changing bed linens, housekeeping, laundering, shopping, storing purchased items, and washing dishes.
- **Personal Care:** Assistance with activities related to the care of the client's physical health, including: bathing, dressing, grooming, routine hair and skin care, preparing meals, feeding, exercising, helping with self-administered medication, toileting, and transferring/ambulating.

ELIGIBILITY:

Financial Eligibility:

- Not be eligible for Medicaid.
- Have a monthly income that is within 300% of the monthly income limit for SSI.
- Have countable resources of no more than \$2,000 per individual or \$3,000 per couple.

Functional Eligibility:

- Have a functional assessment score of 24 or greater.
- Have a functional limitation with at least one personal care task, based on medical condition.
- Have a medical practitioner's statement of medical need.
- Have an unmet need for home management and personal care task(s).

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/cas.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local DADS office, please visit: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/regional_facility/.

KEY WORDS: Personal Care, Medical, Health, Activities of Daily Living, Functional

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Community Based Alternatives (CBA)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Medicaid Waiver Programs Division at (512) 438-3190

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM - MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM

PURPOSE: CBA allows eligible people to receive services in their own homes, foster homes or assisted living settings. The CBA program is the last payer of services when other resources, such as Medicare and Medicaid, are available.

LOCATIONS: Statewide. This service may not be available right away. Your name may be placed on an interest list. You will be contacted when services are available.

SERVICES: Services provided through CAS include:

- Adaptive aids and medical supplies
- Adult foster care
- Assisted living/residential care services
- Emergency response services
- Home delivered meals
- Minor home modifications
- Nursing services
- Occupational therapy services
- Personal assistance services
- Respite care services
- Speech and /or language pathology services
- Dental services
- Prescription drugs, if not covered through Medicare
- Transition assistance services

ELIGIBILITY:

- Persons 21 or older that are Medicaid eligible.
- Not be enrolled in another Medicaid 1915(c) waiver program.
- Qualify medically and financially for Medicaid nursing home care (meet Level of Care criteria).
- Meet at least two of the Nursing Facility Risk Criteria.
- Require services that can be adequately provided in the community within the assessed payment level, and
- Receive CBA services within 30 days after financial eligibility is established.
- Live in a non-Integrated Care Management §1915(c) waiver service area or a non-managed care service area.
- Have an Individual Service Plan (ISP) that is at or below 200% of the reimbursement rate that would have been paid for that same person to receive services in a nursing facility.
- Choose CBA waiver services instead of nursing facility care based on an informed choice.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/cba.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local DADS office, please visit: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/regional_facility/.

KEY WORDS: Medicaid, Medical, Services, Nursing

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Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Medicaid Waiver Programs Division at (512) 438-3190

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM - MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM

PURPOSE: CLASS provides home- and community-based services to people with related conditions as a cost-effective alternative to placement in an intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual or development disabilities (ICF-IDD). A related condition is a disability, other than mental retardation, that originated before age 22 and that affects the ability to function in daily life.

LOCATIONS: Statewide. This service may not be available right away. Your name may be placed on an interest list. You will be contacted when services are available.

SERVICES: Services provided through CAS include:

- Adaptive aids and medical supplies
- Case management
- Consumer Directed Services
- Habilitation
- Minor home modifications
- Nursing services
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Psychological and behavioral support services
- Respite care
- Specialized therapies
- Speech pathology

ELIGIBILITY:

- Persons that are Medicaid eligible and have a monthly income within 300% of SSI.
- Have countable resources of no more than \$2,000.
- There is no age limit; however, the onset of the disability must have been before age 22.
- Have a DADS-approved initial Individual Service Plan (ISP) that does not exceed the program's cost ceiling.
- Meet ICF/MR level of care criteria.
- Have a demonstrated need for ongoing habilitation services.
- Have chosen the CLASS program over an ICF/MR program.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/class.html>

CONTACT: Call toll-free to 1-877-438-5658 to have a person placed on the interest list.

KEY WORDS: Medicaid, Developmental, Intellectual, ICF, Habilitation

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Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM – MEDICAID ENTITLEMENT

PURPOSE: Licensed Day Activity and Health Services facilities provide daytime services, up to 10 hours per day, Monday through Friday, to people residing in the community. Services address physical, mental, medical and social needs. Individuals may attend up to five days per week, depending on their eligibility. Services are provided in three- to six-hour units. A recipient may receive a maximum of 10 units of service per week.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: Services provided through DAHS include:

- Nursing and personal care
- Physical rehabilitation
- Noon meal and snacks
- Social, educational and recreational activities
- Transportation

ELIGIBILITY:

Financial Eligibility:

- Persons that are Medicaid eligible for Title XIX-funded DAHS services (the income limit is 300% of SSI). For Title XX funded DAHS services, the income limit is 300% of SSI and the resource limit is \$5,000 or less for an individual if not SSI eligible or \$6,000 or less for a couple if not SSI eligible.

Functional Eligibility:

- No age limit for Title XIX-funded DAHS services; age 18 and older for Title XX-funded services.
- Must have a medical diagnosis and physician's order requiring care or supervision by a licensed nurse.
- Have a functional disability related to a medical diagnosis
- Need assistance with one or more personal care tasks and not be eligible for other services that duplicate DAHS.
- Have prior approval granted by a DADS regional nurse.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/dahs.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local DADS office, please visit: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/regional_facility/.

KEY WORDS: Day, Health, Physical, Medical, Functional, Licensed

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Deaf Blind Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Medicaid Waiver Programs Division at (512) 438-3190

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM - MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM

PURPOSE: DBMD provides home and community-based services to people who are deaf-blind with multiple disabilities as a cost-effective alternative to institutional placement. The program focuses on increasing opportunities for consumers to communicate and interact with their environment.

LOCATIONS: Statewide. However, as this is a low-incidence population, there are currently only 41 counties in which individuals are served. Services may not be available right away. Your name may be placed on an interest list. You will be contacted when services are available.

SERVICES: Services provided through DBMD include:

- Adaptive aids and medical supplies
- Assisted living (licensed up to six beds)
- Behavior support services
- Case management
- Chore provider
- Consumer Directed Services
- Employment assistance
- Environmental accessibility/minor home modifications
- Habilitation
- Intervenor
- Nursing services
- Occupational therapy
- Orientation and mobility
- Physical therapy
- Prescription drugs, if not covered through Medicare
- Respite care
- Specialized nursing services
- Speech, hearing and language therapy
- Supported employment
- Transition assistance services

ELIGIBILITY:

Financial Eligibility:

- Have a monthly income that is within 300% of the monthly income limit for SSI.
- Have countable resources of no more than \$2,000.

Functional Eligibility:

- Meet intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual or development disabilities or a related condition care criteria.
- Have deaf-blindness with a third disability resulting in a need for one or more services.
- Have an Individual Service Plan (ISP) that does not exceed specific limits.
- Must choose waiver services instead of institutional care based on informed choice.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/dbmd.html>

CONTACT: Call 1-877-438-5658 and ask for the DBMD waiver.

KEY WORDS: Deaf-Blind, Intellectual, Developmental, Institution

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Emergency Response Services (ERS)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM - NON-MEDICAID (TITLE XX – SOCIAL SERVICES)

PURPOSE: Round-the-clock emergency response services are provided through an electronic monitoring system that is used by functionally impaired adults who live alone or who are socially isolated in the community. In an emergency, the client can press a call button to signal for help. The electronic monitoring system helps to ensure that the appropriate person or service agency responds to an alarm call.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: Emergency response services through an electronic monitoring system. ERS services include the installation of the individual monitoring unit, training associated with the use of the system, periodic checking to ensure that the unit is functioning properly, equipment maintenance calls, response to an emergency call by a medical professional, paraprofessional or volunteer, and follow up with the individual.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be age 18 or older.
- Have a monthly income of no more than three times the standard SSI level and resources of no more than \$5,000.
- Have a telephone with a private line, if the system requires a private line to function properly.
- Routinely be alone for eight or more hours per day.
- Have the mental capacity to operate the equipment.
- Must sign a release statement that allows the responder to make a forced entry into the home if responding to an activated alarm call and there is no other means of entering the home.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/ers.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local DADS office, please visit: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/regional_facility/.

KEY WORDS: Emergency, Electronic, Monitor, Response, Function

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Home and Community-based Services (HCS)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Medicaid Waiver Programs Division at (512) 438-3190

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM - MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM

PURPOSE: HCS provides individualized services and supports to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are living with their family, in their own home or in other community settings, such as small group homes.

LOCATIONS: Statewide. However, services may not be available right away. Your name may be placed on an interest list. You will be contacted when services are available.

SERVICES: Services provided through HCS include:

- Case management
- Adaptive aids
- Minor home modifications
- Counseling and therapies (includes audiology; speech/language pathology, occupational or physical therapy; dietary services; social work; and psychology)
- Dental treatment
- Nursing
- Residential assistance
 - Supported home living
 - Foster/companion care
 - Supervised living
 - Residential support
- Respite
- Day habilitation
- Supported employment

ELIGIBILITY:

Financial Eligibility:

- Persons that are Medicaid eligible and have a monthly income that is within 300% of the SSI.

Functional Eligibility:

- Must not be enrolled in another Medicaid waiver program.
- Must have had a determination of mental retardation made in accordance with state law or have been diagnosed by a physician as having a related condition.
- Must meet specific requirements for intelligence quotient (IQ).
- Must have chosen the HCS Program over the Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program.
- Have an Individual Plan of Care (IPC) that does not exceed a specific annual cost limit.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/hcs.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority, please visit: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/mra.cfm>.

KEY WORDS: Intellectual, Developmental, Community-Based

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Home-Delivered Meals (HDM)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM - NON-MEDICAID (TITLE XX – SOCIAL SERVICES)

PURPOSE: DADS contracts with the 28 area agencies on aging (AAA) to support a statewide system of nutrition services funded through the Older Americans Act (OAA). These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, nutrition education, nutrition counseling, and nutrition consultation. The Home-Delivered Meals program provides a nutritious noontime meal delivered to recipients who are assessed as frail and homebound. There are two types of home-delivered meals: standard meals and therapeutic meals/liquid supplements.

LOCATIONS: Statewide through the area agencies on aging (AAA).

SERVICES: Noontime meal.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be age 18 or older.
- Have a monthly income of no more than three times the standard SSI payment level.
- Have resources of no more than \$5,000.
- Services are targeted to the aging with greatest economic and social need, and at risk for institutional placement, with particular attention to low-income minority aging recipients with limited English proficiency, and aging people residing in rural areas. If the nutrition service provided is a home-delivered meal, the older person must be homebound and have difficulty in performing activities of daily living.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/meals.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local DADS office, please visit: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/regional_facility/.

KEY WORDS: Meal, Delivered, Functional

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In-Home and Family Support Program (IHFSP)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM - NON-MEDICAID

PURPOSE: This program provides direct grant benefits to people who have physical disabilities and or their families to help them purchase services that enable them live in the community. Eligible people choose and purchase services that help them to remain in their own homes. IHFS-CS provides up to \$1,200 per certification year in capital expenditure funds, subsidy funds, or a combination of both, including co-payment. There is a lifetime limit of \$3,600 in capital expenditure funds.

LOCATIONS: Services are available statewide in every county; however, there are long interest lists in all areas.

SERVICES: Services provided through IHFSP include:

- Attendant care, home health services, home health aide services, homemaker services, chore services that provide assistance with training, routine body functions, dressing, preparing and consuming food, and ambulating.
- Counseling and training programs that help provide proper care of an individual with a disability.
- Medical, surgical, therapeutic, diagnostic and other health services related to a person's disability.
- Other disability related services prior-approved by DADS.
- Pre-approved transportation and room and board cost incurred by person with physical disability or his family during evaluation or treatment.
- Purchase or lease of special equipment or architectural modifications of a home to facilitate the care, treatment therapy or general living conditions of a person with a disability.
- Respite care
- Transportation services

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be age 4 or older.
- Have a physical disability which substantially limits the person's ability to function independently.
- Meet income eligibility criteria based on the State Median Income (SMI). Co-payment schedule begins at 105% of the SMI for household size.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/ifs.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local DADS office, please visit: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/regional_facility/.

KEY WORDS: Physical, Disability, Functional, Family

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In-Home and Family Support Program — Intellectual and Development Disabilities (IHFS-IDD)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM - NON-MEDICAID

PURPOSE: This program provides direct grant benefits to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or their families to purchase items or services that directly support the person to live in his or her natural home. There is a limit of \$2,500 per year, with the amount granted dependent on the recipient's needs, income and application of a sliding co-pay scale.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: Services provided through IHFS-MR include:

- Special equipment
- Architectural modifications
- Health services
- Counseling and training services
- Home care services
- Transportation services
- In- and out-of-home respite care
- Other items as needed

ELIGIBILITY: A person or family is eligible for assistance if the administering agency determines that the requirements of the diagnosis, residency, financial and need factors as described by rule are met. Eligibility for assistance must be re-determined each fiscal year that a person or family receives assistance.

Other eligibility requirements include:

- Diagnosis of mental retardation or pervasive developmental disorder; or be younger than 4 years of age and have a developmental delay diagnosed within the previous 12 months; or determined to be eligible for early childhood intervention.
- Must be living in his or her natural home or be leaving an institution and moving into a home in the community.
- May not be receiving services from another In Home and Family Support program or any comprehensive support program. May not be enrolled in a 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program, except TxHmL and MDCP.
- Must have a need that can be met by the program.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/ifs-mr.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority, please visit: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/mra.cfm>.

KEY WORDS: Intellectual, Development, IHFS, Family

Department of Aging and Disability Services

Money Follows the Person (MFP)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The MFP initiative helps people who are receiving long-term services and supports in a nursing facility return to the community to receive their services without having to be placed on a community services interest list.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: To take advantage of Money Follows the Person, the individual must reside in a nursing facility until a written eligibility determination by a community care case manager indicates the individual is approved for specific community care services and when those services will begin. **These procedures must be followed in order for an individual to qualify for services under Money Follows the Person provisions.** If not, the name of an individual can be placed on an interest list to receive community services.

Statewide relocation assistance is available to nursing facility residents from the Relocation Service Contractors. Relocation services can assist clients in obtaining funds to set up a household in the community, apply for a Section 8 Housing Voucher and provide information about community options such as housing options, health care, transportation, daily living and social activities that can help them and their families make decisions from the planning phase to actual relocation in the community.

ELIGIBILITY: If a person is a Medicaid client in a Texas nursing facility, he or she can request services in his or her own community. To take advantage of Money Follows the Person, the person must reside in a nursing facility until a written eligibility determination by a community care worker indicates he or she is approved for specific community care services and when those services will begin.

WEBSITE: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/news_info/publications/brochures/DADS200_mfp.pdf

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local DADS office, please visit: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/regional_facility/.

KEY WORDS: Medicaid, Nursing, Relocation, Money

Department of Aging and Disability Services

Primary Home Care (PHC)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM – MEDICAID ENTITLEMENT

PURPOSE: This program is a nontechnical, medically related personal care service provided to adults whose health problems cause them to be functionally limited in performing activities of daily living, according to a statement of medical need. PHC provider agencies also provide Family Care services. This service also is a non-skilled, nontechnical service provided to eligible clients who are functionally limited in performing daily activities. On average, recipients are authorized to receive approximately 16.6 hours of assistance per week.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: Services provided through PHC include:

- Escort: Attendants accompany clients on trips to obtain medical diagnosis, treatment or both.
- Home Management: Assistance with housekeeping activities that support the client's health and safety, including: changing bed linens, housekeeping, doing laundry, shopping, storing purchased items, and washing dishes.
- Personal Care: Help with activities related to the care of the client's physical health, including: bathing, dressing, grooming, routine hair and skin care, preparing meals, feeding, exercising, helping with self-administered medication, toileting, and transferring/ambulating.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be age 21 or older or be enrolled in the Consumer Attendant Services program.
- Be a full Medicaid recipient.
- Have a functional assessment score of 24 or greater.
- Have a functional limitation with at least one personal care task based on medical condition.
- Have a medical practitioner's statement of medical need.
- Have an unmet need for services.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/phc.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local DADS office, please visit: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/regional_facility/.

KEY WORDS: Medical, Nontechnical, Personal Care, Functional

Department of Aging and Disability Services

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: Provides community-based services to frail elderly people who qualify for nursing facility placement. PACE uses a comprehensive care approach, providing an array of services for a capped monthly fee that is below the cost of comparable nursing facility care.

LOCATIONS: Designated areas of Amarillo/Canyon, El Paso and Lubbock.

SERVICES: Services provided through PACE include:

- Inpatient and outpatient medical care
- Specialty services, such as dentistry and podiatry
- Social services
- In-home care
- Meals
- Transportation
- Day activity
- Housing assistance

ELIGIBILITY:

Financial Eligibility:

- Have a monthly income that is within 300 percent of the SSI monthly income limit.
- Have countable resources of no more than \$2,000.

Functional Eligibility:

- Be over age 55
- Choose PACE services.
- Qualify for a nursing facility level of care (meet the medical necessity for nursing facility admission).
- Be determined by the PACE Interdisciplinary Team as able to be safely served in the community.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/pace.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local DADS office, please visit: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/regional_facility/.

KEY WORDS: Elderly, Nursing, Medicaid, Inclusive

Department of Aging and Disability Services

Special Services to Persons with Disabilities (SSPD)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Provider Services Division at (512) 438-2080

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM - NON-MEDICAID (TITLE XX – SOCIAL SERVICES)

PURPOSE: This program provides services to in a variety of settings to assist clients in developing the skills needed to remain in the community as independently as possible.

LOCATIONS: Services are available only in the Austin, Metroplex and Tyler Regions.

SERVICES: Services provided through SSPD include:

- Counseling
- Personal care
- Help developing the skills needed for independent living

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be age 18 or older.
- Have a monthly income of no more than three times the standard SSI payment level.
- Have resources of no more than \$5,000.
- Be functionally limited in activities of daily living.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/sspd.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local DADS office, please visit: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/regional_facility/.

KEY WORDS: Activities of Daily Living, Personal Care, Independent

Department of Aging and Disability Services

Texas Home Living Waiver (TxHmL)

To learn more about the program, contact the DADS Medicaid Waiver Programs Division at (512) 438-3190

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM - MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM

PURPOSE: This program provides selected essential services and supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live in their family homes or their own homes, as an alternative to living in an ICF/IDD. Services are coordinated by the local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority service coordinator.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: Services provided through TxHmL include:

- Adaptive aids
- Minor home modifications
- Specialized therapies (audiology, speech/language pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and dietary services)
- Behavioral support
- Dental treatment
- Nursing
- Community support
- Respite
- Day habilitation
- Employment assistance
- Supported employment

ELIGIBILITY:

- Persons that are Medicaid eligible
- Have a determination of mental retardation made in accordance with state law or have been diagnosed by a physician as having a related condition.
- Not be assigned a Pervasive Plus Level of Need (LON) 9.
- Live in own home or with their family.
- Not be enrolled in another Medicaid waiver program.
- Have an Individual Service Plan (ISP) that does not exceed \$15,000.
- Meet the requirements for ICF/IDD Level of Care I.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/txhtml.html>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To contact your local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority, please visit: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/mra.cfm>.

KEY WORDS: Intellectual, Development, Home

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Blind Children's Vocational Discovery & Development Program

To learn more about the program, contact the DARS Division for Blind Services at 1-800-628-5115

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Division for Blind Services Blind Children's Vocational Discovery and Development Program (BCVDDP) provides information and support to help blind children and their families grow and thrive. A Blind Children's Program Specialist, an expert in providing services to children with visual impairments, works with each child and family to create a Family Service Plan. The plan, tailored to the child's unique needs and circumstances, is a flexible document that will develop along with the child.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: BCVDDP offers a wide range of services that are tailored to each child and family's needs and circumstances. BCVDDP can:

- Assist your child in developing the confidence and competence needed to be an active part of their community
- Provide support and training to you in understanding your rights and responsibilities throughout the educational process
- Assist you and your child in the vocational discovery and development process
- Provide training in areas like food preparation, money management, recreational activities and grooming
- Supply information to families about additional resources.

ELIGIBILITY: Children between the ages of birth and 22 years who live in Texas and have vision impairment are eligible for services.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/bcp.shtml>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To find your nearest Division for Blind Services office, please visit: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/DBSoffices.asp>.

KEY WORDS: Blind, Development, Children, Impairment

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Blindness Education, Screening and Treatment Program (BEST)

To learn more about the program, contact the BEST Program at 1-800-628-5115

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Division for Blind Services Blindness Education, Screening, and Treatment (BEST) Program assists uninsured adult Texas residents with payment for urgently needed eye-medical treatment.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The intent of the BEST Program is to prevent blindness, and the program serves qualified individuals with:

- Diabetic retinopathy,
- Glaucoma,
- Detached retina,
- Any other eye disease determined to be an urgent medical necessity by both the applicant's eye doctor and the DBS ophthalmologic consultant or designee.

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals applying for BEST treatment services must apply through their physician or optometrist.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/best/index.shtml>

CONTACT: If you have any questions about the BEST Program, please e-mail them to DBSinfo@dars.state.tx.us.

To receive a vision screening from the BEST Vision Screening Program, please visit:
http://www.preventblindness.org/TX/TX_contact.html for screening opportunities in your local area.

KEY WORDS: Blind, Education, Treatment, Screening

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Communication Access Services

To learn more about the program, contact the DARS Outreach Development Specialist at 512-407-3273

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: Comprised of two smaller programs – the Last Resort Communication Services and the Senior Citizens Program. The Last Resort Communication Services facilitates access to essential services and community participation for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Senior Citizens Program is geared toward bridging communication barriers and reducing the isolation facing persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, ages 60 or older.

LOCATIONS: Last Resort Communication Services provider offices are located in Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, Plano, San Antonio, and Tyler.

The Senior Citizens Program provider offices are located in Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and San Marcos.

SERVICES: The Last Resort Communication Services includes sign language or oral interpreters and real-time captioning. The Senior Citizens Program services vary from area to area and may include coping skills training, independent living services, and recreational activities.

ELIGIBILITY: The Last Resort Communication Services is for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and is available as a last resort only when the Americans with Disabilities Act and other access mandates are not applicable. The Senior Citizens Program is for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, ages 60 or older.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/direct.shtml#Senior>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To find your local provider, please visit: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/providers/contractors.asp?ptype>.

KEY WORDS: Communication, Deaf, Hearing, Senior

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services Program (CRS)

To learn more about the centers, contact the DARS Division for Rehabilitative Services at 1-800-628-5115.

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services helps people with spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries receive intensive therapies to increase independence.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The services provided through CRS include:

- *In-patient Comprehensive Medical Rehabilitation* - A team of medical experts provides consumers with therapy, medical care, and other help. These services take place in a rehabilitation hospital and typically last 30 days.
- *Outpatient Services* - Experts help consumers increase their ability to do daily activities that were affected by their injury. Consumers may have to go to a hospital or clinic during the day, but will be able to go home after their treatments.
- *Post-Acute Traumatic Brain Injury Services* - These services help consumers deal with mental or thought issues related to their injury like forgetfulness or difficulties in solving problems. These services are offered on a residential (overnight stay) and non-residential basis.

ELIGIBILITY: In order to receive services, the consumer must:

- Have a traumatic brain injury, a traumatic spinal cord injury, or both. These injuries must have significantly affected the consumer's ability to perform daily activities.
- Be at least 16 years old by the time they finish the program.
- Be a United States citizen or immigrant alien.
- Have lived in Texas for at least six months or have a primary caregiver who has lived in Texas for at least six months.
- Be medically stable enough to participate in rehabilitation activities.
- Agree to participate in the services offered by the DARS CRS program.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/crs.shtml>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To find your local CRS provider, please visit: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/braininjuryproviders/index.html>. To contact your local CRS counselor, please visit: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/crs.shtml>.

KEY WORDS: Brain, Injury, Rehabilitation, Therapy

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECI)

For more information, call the DARS Inquiries Line at 1-800-628-5115

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: ECI is a statewide program for families with children, birth to three, with disabilities and developmental delays. ECI supports families to help their children reach their potential through developmental services.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: Services are provided in the home and in community settings and include:

- Assistive Technology: Services & Devices
- Audiology
- Developmental Services
- Early Identification, Screening & Assessment
- Family Counseling
- Family Education
- Medical Services (diagnostic or evaluation services used to determine eligibility)
- Nursing Services
- Nutrition Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychological Services
- Service Coordination
- Social Work Services
- Speech-Language Therapy
- Vision Services

ELIGIBILITY: Income is not a factor in determining eligibility. ECI determines eligibility for children under age 3 based on:

- **Developmental delay:** Children who are delayed in one or more of the following areas of development:
 - Cognitive: difficulty with playing, learning and thinking
 - Motor: gross, fine and oral
 - Communication: limited understanding or responses in communicating with others
 - Social-emotional: attachment problems, limited parent/family interactions or behavior concerns
 - Self-help skills: feeding
- **Atypical development:** Children who may perform within their appropriate age range on test instruments, but whose patterns of development are different from their peers.
 - Atypical sensory-motor development: muscle tone, reflex or postural reaction responses, oral-motor skills and sensory integration
 - Atypical language or cognition: state regulation, attention span, perseveration, information processing
 - Atypical emotional or social patterns: social responsiveness, affective development, attachment patterns, and self-targeted behaviors
- **Medically diagnosed condition:** Children who have a medically diagnosed condition with a high probability of developmental delay are automatically eligible for ECI services.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/eligibility.shtml>

CONTACT: For more information visit the ECI Program Directory at:
<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/publications/Directory2009.pdf>.

KEY WORDS: Developmental, Children, Disability, Intervention

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Independent Living Rehabilitation Program

To learn more about the program, contact the DARS Division for Blind Services at 1-800-628-5115

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Division for Blind Services Independent Living (IL) Program provides persons with visual impairments successful independent living training can help them accomplish everyday tasks, participate in their favorite activities, communicate with family and friends, gain a better understanding about their vision impairment, and regain confidence.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: Depending on the individual need, services provided may include:

- Eye Examinations (getting information about your vision)
- Information and Referral (making connections with community resources and programs)
- Orientation and Mobility Training (how to determine where you are and safely get where you're going)
- Counseling (addressing adjustment to vision loss)
- Recreation and Socialization (how to stay active and develop confidence in social settings)
- Independent Living Skills Training (specific everyday skills essential to stay in your home such as meal preparation, identifying money, identifying medications, telling time, etc.)

ELIGIBILITY: People who have a visual impairment that is a substantial impediment to living independently and who will benefit from services.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/il.shtml>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To find your nearest DARS Division for Blind Services office, please visit: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/DBSoffices.asp>

KEY WORDS: Blind, Independent, Impairment, Visual

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Independent Living (IL) Services & Centers

To learn more about the centers, contact the DARS Division for Rehabilitative Services at 1-800-628-5115

CATEGORY: SERVICE INFORMATION & REFERRAL

PURPOSE: The Division for Rehabilitation Services Independent Living Services (ILS) program promotes self-sufficiency despite the presence of one or more significant disabilities. Objectives of ILS include but are not limited to:

- Living independently;
- Decreasing dependence on family members;
- Decreasing the need for attendant services;
- Decreasing the need for supervision in activities of daily living;
- Increasing a self-directed lifestyle;
- Improving ability to perform activities of daily living;
- Improving mobility;
- Improving communication; and
- Improving personal/social adjustment.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: Services provided in the ILS program may include:

- Counseling and guidance;
- Training and tutorial services;
- Adult basic education;
- Rehabilitation facility training;
- Telecommunications, sensory and other technological aids for people who are deaf;
- Vehicle modification;
- Assistive devices such as artificial limbs, braces, wheelchairs and hearing aids to stabilize or improve function; and
- Other services as needed to achieve independent living objectives.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for the ILS program, a person must be certified by a DRS counselor:

- To have a significant disability that results in a substantial impediment to their ability to function independently in the family and/or in the community, and
- There must be a reasonable expectation that ILS assistance will result in the ability to function more independently.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/il.shtml>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To find your local Center for Independent Living, please visit: http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/directory_cil.shtml.

KEY WORDS: Independent, Disability, Function, Information, Referral

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program (STAP)

To learn more about the program, contact the STAP Office Administrator at (512) 407-3263

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: A voucher program that provides financial assistance for the purchase of specialized assistive equipment or services for individuals whose disability interferes with their ability to access the telephone network.

LOCATIONS: STAP provider offices are located in Amarillo, Celina, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Longview, and San Antonio.

SERVICES: DARS determines a reasonable price for a basic specialized telecommunications device or basic specialized services that permit telephone network access and distribute to each eligible applicant a voucher that guarantees payment of that amount to a distributor of new specialized telecommunications devices or to a provider of services. DARS may issue a voucher for a service only if the service is less expensive than a device eligible for a voucher under the program to meet the same need.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible, an individual must be a resident of Texas with a disability that impairs the individual's ability to effectively access the telephone network.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/stap.shtml>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To find your nearest STAP provider office, please visit: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/providers/contractors.asp?ptype='STAP'>.

KEY WORDS: Assist, Telephone, Specialized, Disability, Access

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program

To learn more about the program, contact the DARS Division for Blind Services at 1-800-628-5115

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program helps people who have physical or mental disabilities prepare for, find or keep employment.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The counselor and consumer work together to decide on an employment goal, and develop a program of vocational rehabilitation services to achieve the goal. Services are provided based on individual needs. Some of these services are:

- Medical, psychological and vocational evaluation to determine the nature and degree of the disability and the consumer's job capabilities,
- Counseling and guidance to help the consumer and family plan vocational goals and adjust to the working world,
- Training to learn job skills in trade school, college, university, on the job or at home,
- Hearing examinations, hearing aids and other communication equipment, aural rehabilitation and interpreter services for the deaf and hearing impaired,
- Medical treatment and/or therapy to lessen or remove the disability,
- Assistive devices such as artificial limbs, braces, and wheelchairs to stabilize or improve functioning on the job or at home,
- Rehabilitation technology devices and services to improve job functioning,
- Training in appropriate work behaviors and other skills to meet employer expectations,
- Job placement assistance to find jobs compatible with the person's physical and mental ability, and
- Follow-up after job placement to ensure job success.

ELIGIBILITY: A person is eligible if:

- The person has a disability which results in substantial problems in obtaining employment;
- Vocational rehabilitation services from DRS are required by that person to prepare for, get or keep a job and
- The person is able to get or keep a job after receiving services.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/vr.shtml>

CONTACT: Program is administered at the local level. To find your local DARS Division for Rehabilitation Services office, please visit: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/DRSoffices.asp>. To learn more, visit the Vocational Rehabilitation Program Guide for Applicants: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/publications/pdf/01856.pdf>

KEY WORDS: Mental, Physical, Employment, Vocational, Job

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Colonia Initiatives

To learn more about the programs, contact the OCI Program Coordinator at (512) 475-4828

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Office of Colonia Initiatives (OCI) offers two programs: the Colonia Self-Help Center (SHC) Program and the Texas Bootstrap Loan Program. Colonia SHCs provide concentrated on-site technical assistance to low- and very low-income individuals and families in a variety of ways. The Bootstrap Program provides loans through certified nonprofit organizations for self-help housing initiatives.

LOCATIONS: Colonia Self-Help Centers (SHCs) serve 28 colonias located in Cameron, El Paso, Hidalgo, Starr, Webb and Willacy counties. At least two-thirds of the Bootstrap Program's available funds are set-aside for properties located in Economically Distressed Area Program (EDAP) counties.

SERVICES: The SHC Program offers on-site technical assistance in a variety of ways including housing, community development activities, infrastructure improvements, outreach and education. Concentrated technical assistance is provided in the areas of: housing rehabilitation; new construction; surveying and platting; construction skills training; tool library access for self-help construction; housing finance; credit and debt counseling; grant writing; infrastructure constructions and access; contract-for-deed conversions; and capital access for mortgages to improve the quality of life for colonia residents in ways that go beyond the provision of basic infrastructure.

The Bootstrap Program is designed to provide very low-income families an opportunity to help themselves through the form of sweat equity. Eligible activities include: (1) Purchase or refinance real property on which to build new residential housing or (2) improve existing residential housing.

ELIGIBILITY: Operation of the Colonia Self-Help Centers is carried out through a local nonprofit organization, local community action agency, or local housing authority. Eligible recipients of assistance are low and very low-income individuals and families.

Bootstrap Program: Eligible applicants are Colonia Self-Help Centers and nonprofit organizations. Eligible recipients of mortgage loans are very low-income families (60% Area Median Family Income). All of the eligible activities under this program require that an owner-builder (the borrower) provide at least 65% of the labor necessary to build the proposed housing or provide an amount of labor equivalent to the amount required to build the proposed housing by working through a state-certified owner-builder program.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/oci/index.jsp>

CONTACT: The toll free hot-line 1-800-462-4251 is available to colonia residents to request information.

KEY WORDS: Colonia, Housing, Self-Help, Bootstrap

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

To learn more about the program, contact the TDHCA Community Services Division at (512) 475-3950

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: CSBG provides administrative support funds to Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and other human service delivery organizations that offer emergency and poverty-related programs to lower-income persons.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: Direct services funds on behalf of CSBG-eligible clients/enrollees may be used to support the following CSBG eligible activities:

- To remove obstacles and solve problems that block the achievement of self-sufficiency;
- To secure and retain meaningful employment; and,
- To attain an adequate education.

Additionally, five percent of the State's CSBG allocation is used to fund innovative projects that address the causes of poverty, promote client self sufficiency or promote community revitalization; provide emergency disaster relief assistance to persons impacted by a natural or man-made disaster; and provide funding to organizations serving Native Americans and migrant or seasonal farm workers.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible Applicants:

CSBG applicants must be private nonprofit entities or units of local government and are designated by the Governor as an eligible entity. Allocations to the CSBG-eligible entities are based on two factors: (1) the number of persons living in poverty within the designated service delivery area for each organization and (2) a calculation of population density.

Eligible Consumers:

Persons with incomes at or below 125 percent of the current federal income poverty guidelines are eligible for the program.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-services/index.htm#csbg>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. To find your local CSBG provider office, please visit: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-services/docs/csb/CSBGContractorList.pdf> .

KEY WORDS: Emergency, Poverty, Sufficiency

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

To learn more about the program, call TDHCA's toll free line at (877) 399-8939

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is a utility assistance program. CEAP is designed to assist low income households in meeting their immediate energy needs and to encourage consumers to control energy costs for years to come through energy education.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The CEAP program consists of four components:

- Co-Pay Component may assist a household in developing goals for meeting energy needs through advice and a utility co-payment plan;
- Elderly/Disabled Component targets relief to households comprised of low income elderly and disabled persons, primarily to address their vulnerability to the high cost of home energy;
- Energy Crisis Component provides short-term assistance in “weather-related and energy supply shortage emergencies and other energy-related emergencies that affect widespread numbers of households;” and,
- Heating and Cooling Systems Component addresses inefficient home heating and cooling appliances through retrofit, repair, and replacement of equipment. The program includes water heaters and refrigerators among home heating and cooling appliances.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible Applicants:

CEAP applicants must be Community Action Agencies, nonprofit organizations, local Councils of Government (COGs), or units of local government.

Eligible Consumers:

The targeted beneficiaries of CEAP in Texas are households with an income at or below 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines, with priority given to the elderly; persons with disabilities; families with young children; households with the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income (highest home energy burden); and households with high energy consumption.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/ea/detail.htm>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. Visit: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/ea/docs/11-CEAPSubrecipients.pdf> to locate your local CEAP provider.

KEY WORDS: Emergency, Energy, Utility

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESGP)

To learn more about the program, contact the TDHCA Community Services Division at (512) 475-3950

CATEGORY: HOUSING & SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESGP) awards grants to units of local government and private nonprofit entities that provide shelter and related services to homeless persons and/or intervention services to persons at risk of homelessness.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The ESG program's eligible activities include:

- Renovation, major rehabilitation, or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless;
- Provision of essential services, including, but not limited to:
 - Assistance in obtaining permanent housing;
 - Medical and psychological counseling and supervision;
 - Nutritional counseling;
 - Substance abuse treatment;
 - Assistance in obtaining other federal, state, and local aid;
 - Child care, transportation, job placement, and job training;
- General operation expenses and certain administrative costs;
- Rental assistance to provide short-term or medium-term housing; and
- Provision of housing relocation or stabilization services.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible Applicants:

ESGP applicants must be private nonprofit organizations and units of local government.

Eligible Consumers:

There are two eligible target populations identified for ESGP funds: persons who are still housed but at risk of homelessness and persons who are already homeless. These persons must have at least an initial consultation with a case manager or other authorized representative who can determine the appropriate type of assistance to meet their needs. Finally, persons must be at or below 30 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI).

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-services/index.htm#esgp>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. To find your local ESGP provider office, please visit: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-services/docs/esgp/10-ESGPSubrecipients.pdf>.

KEY WORDS: Homeless, Emergency, Shelter, Housing

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP)

To learn more about the program, contact the TDHCA Community Services Division at (512) 475-3950

CATEGORY: HOUSING & SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The purpose of HHSP is to assist regional urban areas in serving homeless individuals and families with appropriate services targeted towards eliminating or preventing the condition of homelessness.

LOCATIONS: HHSP funding was allocated to the cities of Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio.

SERVICES: The HHSP eligible activities include: construction of facilities, direct services, case management, homeless prevention, housing retention and rental assistance.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible Applicants:

Cities may appoint a sole direct designee in lieu of the City and eligible entities may either use these funds themselves, or may elect to subcontract some or all of the funds to one or more other organizations serving their community.

Eligible Consumers:

HHSP targets persons at or below 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI).

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-services/index.htm#hhsp>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. Visit <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-services/docs/HHSPSummaries.pdf> to find information about local HHSP providers.

KEY WORDS: Homeless, Prevent, Housing

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)

To learn more about the program, contact the TDHCA Community Services Division at (512) 475-3950

CATEGORY: HOUSING & SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The purpose of HPRP is to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless – many due to the economic crisis – and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless.

LOCATIONS: HPRP funds 58 private non-profits and units of general local government across the state.

SERVICES: HPRP funding can be utilized to provide case management, coordinate services, conduct outreach and engagement to inform organizations and individuals about the program, to assist with housing search and placement activities, to provide legal services related to housing, and to assist with credit counseling.

The Department also set aside HPRP funds for a Pilot Program targeted to applicants interested in providing homelessness prevention services and case management to one or more targeted subpopulations. The targeted subpopulations are:

- Persons with a history of past institutionalization (including prisons, mental health institutions and hospitals);
- Persons with mental health and substance abuse issues;
- Persons with physical disabilities and other chronic health issues, including HIV/AIDS; and
- Youth aging out of the foster care system.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible Applicants:

Private non-profit organizations and units of general local government.

Eligible Consumers:

HPRP targets persons at or below 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). Two target populations facing housing instability are eligible to receive funding under HPRP. The first target population eligible for homeless prevention assistance includes individuals and families who are currently housed but are at risk of becoming homeless; they may need temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless or assistance to move to another unit. The second target population eligible for rapid re-housing assistance includes individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (e.g. residing in emergency or transitional shelters or places not intended for habitation) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain and retain housing.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/recovery/detail-homelessness.htm>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. To find your local HPRP provider office, please visit: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/recovery/docs/10-HPRPContacts.pdf>.

KEY WORDS: Homeless, Prevention, Housing

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

HOME Partnerships Program

To learn more about the program, contact the TDHCA HOME Division at (512) 463-8921

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The HOME Division offers a variety of housing activities which provide safe, decent affordable housing to low income families. These are broken into Housing Assistance Programs for Communities and Nonprofits and Housing Development Programs for Developers and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).

LOCATIONS: By state law, 95% of HOME funds must be distributed to communities, typically rural, that do not receive HOME funds directly from HUD; the remaining 5% must serve persons with disabilities and is available statewide.

SERVICES:

Housing Assistance Programs for Communities and Nonprofits:

- Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program: Provides eligible homeowners with funding to rehabilitate or reconstruct their existing home. Additional funds may be made available to refinance existing mortgages in conjunction with substantial rehabilitation.
- Homebuyer Assistance Program: Down payment and closing cost assistance towards the purchase of a home and additional funds for accessibility modifications.
- Contract for Deed Conversions: Provides funds to colonia residents to convert contracts for deed into warranty deeds and rehabilitate housing.
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program: Provides rental subsidies and security deposits to eligible tenants for up to 24 months; the household must participate in a self-sufficiency program.

Housing Development Programs for Developers and CHDOs:

- Single Family Housing Development: Assists with the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable single family homes for homebuyers.
- Multifamily Rental Housing Development: Assists with the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable multifamily rental housing

ELIGIBILITY: HOME funds are reserved for households at or below 80% of Area Median Family Income (AMFI).

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/index.htm>

CONTACT: To learn more about the program, contact the TDHCA HOME Division at (512) 463-8921 to get more information.

KEY WORDS: Housing, Development, Construction, Rehabilitation, Homeowner, Rental, Rural

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Housing Tax Credit Program (HTC)

To learn more about the program, contact the TDHCA Multifamily Division at (512) 475-3340

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Housing Tax Credit program is one of the primary means of directing private capital toward the creation of affordable rental housing. The tax credits provide investors of affordable rental housing with a benefit that is used to offset a portion of their federal tax liability in exchange for the production of affordable rental housing. The value associated with the tax credits allows residences in HTC developments to be leased to qualified families at below market rate rents.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: To qualify for tax credits, the proposed development must involve new construction or substantial rehabilitation of existing residential units.

ELIGIBILITY: Each qualified tax credit development must include a minimum percentage of rent restricted units to be set aside for eligible tenants. The development must meet either of the following requirements:

- Twenty percent (20%) or more of the residential units in such development are both rent restricted and occupied by individuals whose income is fifty percent (50%) or less AMFI; or
- Forty percent (40%) or more of the residential units in such development are both rent restricted and occupied by individuals whose income is sixty percent (60%) or less of AMFI.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/htc/description.htm>

CONTACT: To learn more about the program, contact the TDHCA Multifamily Division at (512) 475-3340 to get more information. To find a reduced rent apartment in your local area, please visit the TDHCA Vacancy Clearinghouse at: <http://hrc-ic.tdhca.state.tx.us/hrc/VacancyClearinghouseSearch.m>

KEY WORDS: Housing, Development, Credit, Construction, Rehabilitation, Rental

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

To learn more about the program, call the HTF Administrator at 512 936-7800

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Texas Housing Trust Fund provides loans, grants, or other comparable forms of assistance to finance, acquire, rehabilitate, and develop decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The Housing Trust Fund currently provides the following programs:

- Texas Veterans Housing Support Program: Provides rental subsidies to low-income veterans.
- Amy Young Barrier Removal Program: Provides financial assistance in the form of grants to low income persons with disabilities to make their homes (rental or owner) more accessible. Funds are targeted to allow for reasonable accommodation or modification for rental tenants, homeowners or a member of their household with disabilities needing assistance to fully access their home.
- Homeownership Program: Allows flexibility for nonprofit organizations, including public housing authorities and units of local government to provide for down payment and closing cost assistance to low income households.
- Affordable Housing Match Program: Provides nonprofit organizations, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), and rural municipalities and counties the direct match funds in the form of grants that are needed to apply for affordable housing funding that, without the required direct match, may otherwise not be accessed. This may include funds required to meet federal application scoring criteria for match.
- Rural Housing Expansion Program provides rural nonprofit organizations, municipalities and counties the capacity building, training, and funds needed to create affordable housing in their communities. The purpose of these funds is to develop a program that commits to building capacity in tandem with actual production of affordable housing in rural Texas.

ELIGIBILITY: HTF funds are reserved for households at or below 80% of Area Median Family Income (AMFI).

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/htf/index.htm>

CONTACT: To learn more about the program, email the TDHCA Housing Trust Fund Administrator at HTF@tdhca.state.tx.us to get more information.

KEY WORDS: Housing, Trust, Develop, Access, Homeowner, Rental, Match, Rural

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Multifamily Bond Program

To learn more about the program, call the TDHCA Multifamily Division at (512) 475-3340

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Department issues tax-exempt and taxable multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds to fund loans for the acquisition or development of affordable rental units. The bond program is coupled with the 4% Housing Tax Credit program to maximize the use of State allocations.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The acquisition or development of affordable rental units.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are for-profit and qualifying nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. Properties financed through the programs are subject to unit set aside restrictions for lower income tenants and persons with special needs, tenant program initiatives, maximum rent limitations, and other requirements as determined by TDHCA and its board.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/bond/description.htm>

CONTACT: To learn more about the program, call the TDHCA Multifamily Division at (512) 475-3340 to get more information. To find a reduced rent apartment in your local area, please visit the TDHCA Vacancy Clearinghouse at: <http://hrc-ic.tdhca.state.tx.us/hrc/VacancyClearinghouseSearch.m>

KEY WORDS: Mortgage, Bond, Acquisition, Development, Rental

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

To learn more about the program, contact the Texas NSP Program Administrator at 512-463-2179

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The purpose of the program is to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: NSP provides funds to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes and to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes.

- Homebuyer Financing
- Homebuyer Financing Setaside (benefits households at 50% AMFI)
- Purchase and Rehabilitation
- Purchase and Rehabilitation Setaside (benefits households at 50% AMFI)
- Land Bank
- Clearance and Demolition
- Redevelopment
- Redevelopment Setaside (benefits households at 50% AMFI)
- Administration

ELIGIBILITY: Units of local governments and nonprofit affordable housing providers are eligible to apply for these funds. Each subrecipient is required to set-aside at least 35% of their non-administrative allocation to benefit households with incomes less than or equal to 50% of area median family income (AMFI). The balance of the subrecipient award will be used by the subrecipient to purchase the abandoned or foreclosed properties to rehabilitate and sell to households earning 120% AMFI or below.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/nsp/index.htm>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. To find your local NSP provider office, please visit: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/nsp/docs/10-SubrecipientPublicContact.pdf>.

KEY WORDS: Foreclosed, Homebuyer, Abandon, Redevelop

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

To learn more, contact the TDHCA Section 8 Division at (800) 237-6500

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program provides rental assistance payments on behalf of low income individuals and families, including the elderly and persons with disabilities.

LOCATIONS: TDHCA's Section 8 Program administers vouchers in 28 rural counties that do not have a Public Housing Authority (PHA) operating in their area. For the remainder of the state, local PHAs administer the Section 8 Program.

SERVICES: The program provides financial assistance for decent, safe and sanitary housing to eligible households whose annual gross income does not exceed 50% of HUD's median income guidelines.

Additionally, the Project Access Program utilizes Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers administered by TDHCA to assist low-income persons with disabilities in transitioning from institutions into the community by providing access to affordable housing.

ELIGIBILITY: Section 8 contracts with units of local governments, community action agencies and public housing authorities. HUD requires 75% of all new households admitted to the program be at or below 30% of the area median income. Eligibility is based on several factors, including the household's income, size and composition, citizenship status, assets, medical and childcare expenses. Qualified households may select the best available housing through direct negotiations with landlords to ensure accommodations that meet their needs.

The Project Access Program requires that an applicant must meet all Section 8 eligibility criteria as well as the following criteria:

- Have a permanent disability or be determined to have a physical, mental or emotional disability that is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration that impedes one's ability to live independently;
- Meet one of the following criteria:
 - Be an At-Risk Applicant and a previous resident of a nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or board and care facility; or
 - Be a current resident of a nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or board and care facility at the time of voucher issuance.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/section-8/>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. To find your local Section 8 provider office, please visit: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/section-8/docs/10-S8LOL.pdf>.

KEY WORDS: Voucher, Access, Rental

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Texas Homeownership Programs

To learn more, contact the Texas Homeownership Division at (800) 792-1119

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Texas Homeownership Division consists of three programs: the Texas First Time Homebuyer Program (FTHB), the Texas Mortgage Credit Program (MCC), and the Texas Statewide Homebuyer Education Program (TSHEP).

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES:

- The FTHB Program is designed to assist low to moderate income homebuyers who are interested in purchasing their first home.
- The MCC Program allows qualified buyers to claim a credit against federal taxes based on a percentage of annual mortgage interest paid. It increases a family's disposable income by reducing its federal income tax obligation. The tax credit is valid for the life of the loan as long as the borrower occupies the property as their primary residence.
- TSHEP is designed to work with local nonprofit organizations to teach the principles and applications of comprehensive pre- and post purchase homebuyer education, and to certify participants as homebuyer education providers.

ELIGIBILITY:

- FTHB Program - Assisted loans are available to borrowers earning up to 115% of the area median family income and up to 140% of the area median family income if purchasing in a targeted area.
- MCC Program - Eligible homebuyers must:
 - Meet income and home purchase requirements;
 - Have not owned a home as primary residence in the past three (3) years;
 - Meet the qualifying requirements of the mortgage loan;
 - Will use the home as their principal/primary residence.
- TSHEP - Eligible education providers include representatives from Texas Cooperative Extensions, units of local government, public housing authorities, faith-based organizations, community development corporations, community housing development organizations, community-based organizations, and other nonprofit organizations.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/homeownership/index.htm>

CONTACT:

To find your local First Time Homebuyer Program participating lender, please visit:

<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/homeownership/fthb/docs/LenderOffices.pdf>

To find your local Mortgage Credit Program participating lender, please visit:

<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/homeownership/fthb/docs/MCC-LenderList.pdf>

To find your local Texas Statewide Homebuyer Education Program education provider, please visit:

<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/homeownership/fthb/docs/TSHEPProviders.pdf>

KEY WORDS: Tax, Loan, Homeowner, Education

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

For more information about the program, contact the TDHCA Weatherization Assistance Program at (888) 606-8889

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The WAP is designed to help low-income customers control their energy costs through the installation of weatherization materials and consumer education.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The WAP program can be used for the following services:

- Energy audit (a review of your home's energy efficiency, which identifies where air leaks may be occurring, inefficient appliances, etc.)
- Installation of weatherization measures to increase energy efficiency of a home (structure must be able to benefit from being weatherized)
 - Weatherization work consists of caulking; weather-stripping; adding ceiling, wall, and floor insulation; patching holes in the building envelope; duct work, and tune-up, repair or replacement of energy inefficient heating and cooling systems.

Approximately 20 percent of the total award amount can be used for training and technical assistance.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible Applicants: Community Action Agencies and other nonprofits including units of local government.

Eligible Consumers:

The income limit for households served is 200% of federal poverty guidelines. Priority households include the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with young children, households with the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income (highest home energy burden) and households with high energy consumption.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/ea/wap.htm>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/ea/docs/10-WAPSubrecipients.pdf> to find your local WAP provider.

KEY WORDS: Weatherization, Energy, Installation

Department of Rural Affairs

Colonia Programs

To learn more about the program, contact the TDRA Community Development Division at 512-936-6732

CATEGORY: HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: There are three main TDRA Colonia Programs – the Colonia Area Planning Fund, the Colonia Construction Fund, and the Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program.

LOCATIONS: Eligible county applicants with areas located within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border are: Aransas (Part), Bee, Blanco (Part), Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Coke (Part), Concho (Part), Crane, Crockett, Culberson, DeWitt (Part), Dimmit, Duval, Ector (Part), Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Gillespie (Part), Glasscock (Part), Goliad (Part), Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes (Part), Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Llano (Part), Loving, Mason (Part), Maverick, McCulloch (Part), McMullen, Menard, Midland (Part), Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Reeves, Refugio (Part), Runnels (Part), San Patricio, Schleicher, Starr, Sterling (Part), Sutton, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Ward, Webb, Willacy, Winkler (Part), Zapata, & Zavala.

SERVICES:

- The Colonia Area Planning Fund provides assistance for the completion of planning activities that prepare colonia areas for needed water, sewer and housing improvements.
- The Colonia Construction Fund provides eligible applicants with grants to fund water and wastewater improvements, housing rehabilitation for low- to moderate-income households, the payment of assessments levied against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income to recover the capital cost for a public improvement and other improvements including street paving and drainage.
- Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program- This fund provides assistance to colonia areas to connect to a water and sewer system improvement project funded by the Texas Water Development Board Economically Distressed Areas Program (TWDB EDAP). Eligible costs include: connection fees, plumbing improvements, service connections, taps and meters (when approved by CDBG administrators), yard service lines, water distribution lines connecting the area to water lines installed through the TWDB-EDAP, and sewer collection lines connecting the area to sewer lines installed through the TWDB-EDAP.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible areas are units of general local government limited to nonentitlement areas (with the exception of Hidalgo County) located within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border region.

Eligible Consumers:

All projects funded through the CDBG program typically meet the first national objective by benefiting at least 51 percent low- to moderate-income persons, which are defined as those who earn equal to or less than 80% of AMFI.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdra.state.tx.us/TxDRA/programs/TxCDBGhomepage/txcdbgGrants.aspx>

CONTACT: To learn more about the program, contact the TDRA Community Development Division at 512-936-6732.

KEY WORDS: Colonia, Planning, Water, Improvement

Department of Rural Affairs

Planning and Capacity Building Fund (PCB)

To learn more about the program, contact the TDRA Community Development Division at 512-936-6732

CATEGORY: HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Planning and Capacity Building Fund is a competitive grant program for local public facility and housing planning activities. Localities apply for financial assistance to prepare a “comprehensive plan” or any of its components.

LOCATIONS: Eligible non-entitlement cities and counties with a need for comprehensive or targeted planning.

SERVICES: Eligible activities include:

- Address needed local planning elements;
- Assess local needs;
- Build or improve local capacity; or
- Develop strategies to address local needs.

Planning process should result in an improved local capacity to identify long and short term needs and to develop implementable strategies to address the identified community needs. Emphasis is placed on public works and housing assistance planning.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible Applicants: Non-entitlement cities and counties with a need for comprehensive or targeted planning.

Eligible Consumers:

All projects funded through the CDBG program typically meet the first national objective by benefiting at least 51 percent low- to moderate-income persons, which are defined as those who earn equal to or less than 80% of AMFI.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdra.state.tx.us/TxDRA/programs/TxCDBGhomepage/txcdbgGrants/pcb.aspx>

CONTACT: To learn more about the program, contact the TDRA Community Development Division at 512-936-6732 or visit the Planning and Capacity Building Fund Guide at:

<http://www.tdra.state.tx.us/TxDRA/Libraries/cdbgDocs/cdbgPCApplicationGuide2011.sflb.ashx>

KEY WORDS: Planning, Capacity, Comprehensive

Department of Rural Affairs

Texas CDBG Program - Community Development (CD) Fund

To learn more about the program, contact the TDRA Community Development Division at 512-936-6732

CATEGORY: HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The goal of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program is to the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, as well as by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income.

LOCATIONS: Non-entitlement cities and counties, which are located predominately in rural areas and are generally cities with populations less than 50,000 persons and counties with fewer than 200,000 persons.

SERVICES: TxCDBG eligible activities include:

- Water System Improvements
- Wastewater System Improvements
- Drainage Improvements
- Affordable New Housing
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Gas System Improvements
- Road/Street Improvements
- Fire Protection Facilities
- Accessibility Improvements to Public Buildings
- Solid Waste Disposal/Landfills/Transfer Stations
- Community/Senior/Social Service Centers
- Shelters For Persons With Special Needs

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible applicants are non-entitlement units of general local government, incorporated cities and counties not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program.

Eligible Consumers:

TxCDBG funds are reserved for households at or below 80% of Area Median Family Income (AMFI).

WEBSITE: <http://www.tdra.state.tx.us/TxDRA/programs/TxCDBGhomepage/txcdbgGrants/cdfund.aspx>

CONTACT: To learn more about the program, contact the TDRA Community Development Division at 512-936-6732 or visit the Community Development Guide at:

<http://www.tdra.state.tx.us/TxDRA/Libraries/cdbgDocs/cdbgCDApplicationGuide2011-2012.sflb.ashx>

KEY WORDS: Rural, Improvement, Non-entitlement, Water

Department of State Health Services

Adult Mental Health Services

To learn more about the program, contact the DSHS Adult Mental Health Services Unit at 512-206-4755

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To provide high quality, evidenced-based mental health services to eligible adults with mental illness to address their needs and promote recovery. This includes persons with co-occurring psychiatric and substance use/abuse.

LOCATIONS: DSHS contracts with 37 Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) and NorthSTAR to deliver mental health services. Every county in Texas is served by an LMHA or NorthSTAR. A waiting list for services may be established in those areas that are at service capacity.

SERVICES: LMHAs and NorthSTAR provide services in the community, including:

- Crisis hotline, 24 hours a day/7 days a week
- Crisis Assessment and Crisis Intervention Services
- Crisis residential and respite services (as available): Services to help avoid hospitalizations
- Case Management: Links people with other resources and coordinates care
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Skills Training: Teaches skills to support mental health recovery
- Supported Employment & Supported Housing: Helps people obtain and maintain employment and housing
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Short-term Counseling
- Medication: Physician services to help people receive psychiatric medications
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT): Provides comprehensive services to people with multiple hospitalizations within specific time frames

Services provided are based on an individual's needs and choices. Each person's needs and services are assessed and delivered based on the Resiliency and Disease Management (RDM) Model.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Target Population: Adults who have a diagnosis of Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, or Severe Major Depression with a Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF) of 50 or less and
- Priority Population: An individual age 18 or older who has a diagnosis other than those listed above and whose current GAF is 50 or less and needs on-going MH services
- Children turning age 18 who were served in Children's MH services and met Children's priority population are eligible for services as an adult for one year, as appropriate

WEBSITE: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhservices/MHAdultServices.shtm>

CONTACT: Local mental health services in your specific area can be found at:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhservices-search/>.

OTHER SERVICES: Fifteen communities receive grants to provide services through the Projects for Assistance in Transitioning from Homelessness (PATH) Program. PATH reaches out to these people and provides them ongoing care. Information on PATH can be found at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhprograms/path.shtm>

KEY WORDS: Mental Health, Mental Illness, Psychiatric, Crisis

Department of State Health Services

Children's Mental Health Services

To learn more about the program, contact the DSHS Child and Adolescent Services Unit at 512-419-2211

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To provide quality family-focused, community-based mental health services and supports to children and their families.

LOCATIONS: DSHS contracts with 39 Community Mental Health Centers and NorthSTAR to deliver mental health services in communities across Texas.

SERVICES: DSHS requires all Local Mental Health Authorities and NorthSTAR to provide the following core services:

- Crisis hotline
- Screenings
- Assessment
- Case/service coordination
- Treatment planning
- Skills training
- Respite services
- Medication-related services
- Intensive crisis residential
- Inpatient services

ELIGIBILITY: To be in the priority population, your child must be between the ages of 3 through 17 with a diagnosis of mental illness who exhibit serious emotional, behavioral or mental disorders and who:

- Have a serious functional impairment
- Are at risk of disruption of a preferred living or child care environment due to psychiatric symptoms: or
- Are enrolled in a school system's special education program because of a serious emotional disturbance.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/mh-child-adolescent-services/>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. To contact your local Community Mental Health Center, please visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhcommunity/default.shtm>.

KEY WORDS: Mental Health, Mental Illness, Children

Department of State Health Services

Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Disorders (COPSD) Services

To learn more about the program, contact the DSHS Community MHSA Program Services Section at 512-206-5968

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: COPSD is a concurrent and coordinated delivery of mental health and substance abuse/dependence services that combines mental health, substance abuse and referral to other health and social services. Co-occurring specific services are intended to meet the need of the individual at every level of care when they enter the system.

LOCATIONS: DSHS contracts with COPSD Specialists in the following cities: Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brownwood, Bryan, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Harker Heights, Houston, Laredo, Midland, Plainview, San Antonio, Stephenville, Texarkana, and Waco.

SERVICES: The provision of co-occurring services will incorporate the following:

- Culturally, linguistically, and developmentally appropriate services for both adults and youth.
- Crisis resolution provided for those individuals that may need this level of service.
- Comprehensive treatment that begins with assessment and treatment planning that identifies specific mental health, substance abuse, and other issues.
- Interventions using best practices for optimal outcomes.
- Monitoring the progress and making changes as needed for the client.
- Recovery maintenance involves assisting the individual in utilizing community resources to ensure stability upon completion of traditional services.

ELIGIBILITY: Persons with a co-occurrence of severe and persistent mental illness and substance abuse/chemical dependency.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/copsd/>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. To contact your local COPSD Specialists please visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/copsd/>.

KEY WORDS: Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Treatment

Department of State Health Services

Community Mental Health Centers

To learn more about the program, contact the DSHS Community MHSAs Program Services Section at 512-206-5968

CATEGORY: SERVICE INFORMATION & REFERRAL

PURPOSE: Community mental health centers, also referred to as Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) provide services to a specific geographic area of the state, called the local service area. DSHS requires each authority to plan, develop policy, coordinate and allocate and develop resources for mental health services in the local service area.

LOCATIONS: DSHS contracts with 39 Community Mental Health Centers and NorthSTAR to deliver mental health services in communities across Texas.

SERVICES: Each LMHA is also required to consider public input, the ultimate cost-benefit, and client care issues to:

- Ensure consumer choice and the best use of public money in assembling a network of service providers and determining whether to become a provider of service or to contract that service to another organization, and
- In making recommendations relating to the most appropriate and available treatment alternatives for individuals in need of mental health or mental retardation services.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/lmha-list/>

CONTACT: This program is administered at the local level. To contact your local Community Mental Health Center, please visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/lmha-list/>.

KEY WORDS: Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Information, Referral

Department of State Health Services

HIV Medical and Psychosocial Support Services

To learn more about the program, call the DSHS TB/HIV/STD Unit at (512) 533-3000

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act provides funds for treatment and support services under five different parts. Part B provides grants to all 50 states, and includes funds for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs in each state. The Part B grantee in Texas is the Department of State Health Services which contracts with local administrative agents who plan for and implement service delivery in each area.

LOCATIONS: Throughout the State of Texas in 7 geographical HIV/STD service areas

SERVICES: Part B services are administered by the TB/HIV/STD Unit- HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch and include but are not limited to the following services:

Core Medical Services such as:

- Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care
- AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (Local)
- Oral Health Care
- Early Intervention Services (Parts A and B)
- Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance
- Home Health Care
- Medical Nutritional Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Care
- Medical Case Management

Supportive Services such as:

- Case Management
- Childcare
- Client Advocacy
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Food Bank
- Legal Services
- Medical Transportation

ELIGIBILITY: Must be diagnosed as HIV-positive and be a Texas resident. Additional eligibility criteria may be applicable at the local level, so applicants are advised to contact the administrative agency or service provider in their area.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/contractor/hivmedical.shtm>

CONTACT: To learn more about the program, call the DSHS TB/HIV/STD Unit at (512) 533-3000 or email hivstd@dshs.state.tx.us .

KEY WORDS: HIV, AIDS, Treatment, Medical Services, Supportive Services

Department of State Health Services

HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS)

To learn more about the program, call the DSHS TB/HIV/STD Unit at (512) 533-3000

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: Provides housing assistance and supportive services for income-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families to establish or better maintain a stable living environment in housing that is decent, safe, and sanitary, to reduce the risk of homelessness, and to improve access to health care and supportive services.

LOCATIONS: The State of Texas HOPWA Formula program serves all counties in Texas, with the exception of the 26 counties served by five directly-funded Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs): Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio. The 26 counties not served by the State of Texas HOPWA program are: Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Rockwall, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant, Chambers, Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Waller, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, and Wilson.

SERVICES: The State of Texas HOPWA formula program is administered by the TB/HIV/STD Unit- HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch and provides the following services:

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program: The TBRA program provides tenant-based rental assistance to eligible individuals until they are able to secure other affordable and stable housing.
- Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities (STRMU) assistance program: The STRMU program provides short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments to eligible individuals for a maximum of 21 weeks of assistance in a 52-week period.
- Supportive Services program: The Supportive Services program provides case management, basic telephone service and assistance to purchase smoke detectors to eligible individuals.
- Permanent Housing Placement Services (PHP): The PHP program provides assistance for housing placement costs which may include application fees, related credit checks, and reasonable security deposits necessary to move persons into permanent housing.

ELIGIBILITY: DSHS contracts with 7 Administrative Agencies (AA) around the state that either serve as project sponsors or contract with other agencies for the delivery of HOPWA services. DSHS selects AAs through competitive requests for proposal; and the AAs, in turn, select HOPWA Project Sponsors through competitive processes. Eligible consumers include individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/hopwa/default.shtm>

CONTACT: To learn more about the program, call the DSHS TB/HIV/STD Unit at (512) 533-3000 or email hivstd@dshs.state.tx.us .

KEY WORDS: HIV, AIDS, Permanent Housing, Supportive Services

Department of State Health Services

Substance Abuse Program Services

To learn more about the program, contact the DSHS Substance Abuse Services Unit at 512-206-5933

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Substance Abuse Program Services Unit within Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MHSA) administers and is responsible for overseeing substance abuse services statewide. The Tobacco Prevention and Control Program was also added to the MHSA division, enabling DSHS to more effectively leverage the agency's resources for the prevention, control, and treatment of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

LOCATIONS: Services are located in all Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regions of the state.

SERVICES: Treatment services are designed to reduce the symptoms of an illness, diminish disability, and improve quality of life. Treatment services are provided to persons with a substance abuse or dependence diagnosis in inpatient, residential, and outpatient settings, with varying degrees of intensity to meet the individual's needs. Initiating recovery oriented systems of care consist of an array of services designed to assist individuals in completing treatment and sustaining gains made during the treatment process. These systems are intended to link the individual to the most appropriate community resources. Services may include job training, sober housing, and child care.

The types of services offered include:

- Detoxification
- Intensive and Supportive Residential (adult and youth)
- Outpatient (adult and youth)
- Opioid Replacement Therapy
- Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Disorders (COPSD) Services (adult and youth)
- Specialized Female Services (adult and youth)

ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility will vary depending on the type of service being requested.

WEBSITE: For further information on Substance Abuse Services, please visit:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/Substance-Abuse/>

CONTACT: To find substance abuse services in your area, please visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/sa-search/>

A directory of Outreach, Screening, Assessment, and Referral to Centers (OSARs) can be found here:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/sa/OSAR/>.

KEY WORDS: Substance Abuse, Treatment

Department of State Health Services

Texas HIV Medication Program

To learn more about the program, call the DSHS TB/HIV/STD Unit at (512) 533-3000

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP) operates the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP) for the State of Texas. The ADAP provides medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and related opportunistic infections in HIV-infected individuals as prescribed by their doctor.

The Texas HIV SPAP was developed to help HIV-positive individuals that do not qualify for the full Low Income Subsidy (extra help) with their out-of-pocket costs associated with Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, including co-payments, deductibles, and coinsurance during the coverage gap (the "donut hole").

LOCATIONS: Throughout the State of Texas

SERVICES: The THMP is administered by the TB/HIV/STD Unit- HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch and provides the following service:

- Medications used to treat human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and opportunistic infections associated with HIV.

ELIGIBILITY: To be enrolled in the THMP, an individual must: a) be diagnosed as HIV-positive and under the care of a licensed physician who prescribes medications; b) be a Texas resident; c) have an annual adjusted gross income that falls at or below 200% of the current federal poverty income guidelines; and d) be otherwise uninsured or underinsured for prescription drug coverage.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/meds/default.shtm>

For an application go to: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/meds/PDF/clientapp.pdf>

CONTACT: To learn more about the program, call either 1-800-255-1090 (toll-free) or (512) 533-3000, or email hivstd@dshs.state.tx.us.

KEY WORDS: HIV, AIDS, Medication, Drug, Treatment

Health & Human Services Commission

STAR+PLUS

To learn more about this program, contact the HHSC STAR + PLUS Manager at (512) 491-1301

CATEGORY: SERVICE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: STAR+PLUS is a Texas Medicaid managed care program designed to provide health care, acute and long-term services and support through a managed care system. STAR+PLUS provides a continuum of care with a range of options and flexibility to meet individual needs.

LOCATIONS: Current STAR+PLUS Service Areas and counties include:

- Bexar Service Area: Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson Counties
- Harris Service Area: Harris County
- Harris Expansion Service Area: Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Montgomery and Waller Counties
- Nueces Service Area: Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio and Victoria Counties
- Travis Service Area: Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Lee, Travis and Williamson Counties

SERVICES: Participants of STAR+PLUS choose a health plan from those available in their county, and receive Medicaid services through those health plans. Through these health plans the STAR+PLUS program combines traditional health care (such as doctor visits) and long-term services and support. Long-term services and supports provided by the health plans include Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS), Personal Assistance Services (PAS) and home delivered meals. Additional services include adaptive aids, adult foster care home services, adult day care services, assisted living, emergency response services, medical supplies, minor home modifications, nursing services, respite care, and therapies (occupational, physical and speech-language).

Service coordination is the main feature of STAR+PLUS. Medicaid clients, their family members and providers work together to help clients coordinate health, long-term and other community support services. Health plans coordinate all STAR+PLUS acute and long-term services and supports for each STAR+PLUS client who needs them.

ELIGIBILITY: Medicaid recipients who are eligible for STAR+PLUS receive an enrollment packet in the mail that contains information about the program, instructions for completing the enrollment form, and information about the health plans available in their area. Enrollment in STAR+PLUS is required for Medicaid recipients who live in a STAR+PLUS service area and fit one or more of the following criteria:

- People who have a physical or mental disability and qualify for SSI benefits or Medicaid due to low income.
- People who qualify for Community-Based Alternatives (CBA) 1915(c) waiver services.
- People age 21 or older in a Social Security Exclusion program and meet financial criteria for 1915(c) waiver services.
- People age 21 or older, who are receiving SSI.

WEBSITE: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/starplus/Overview.htm#service>

CONTACT: To contact your local STAR+PLUS provider, please visit:
<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/starplus/STARPLUSserviceareaMap.htm>

KEY WORDS: STAR+PLUS, Managed Care, Health Plan, Long-term

Health & Human Services Commission

2-1-1 Texas Information & Referral Network (TIRN)

To learn more about this program, contact the HHSC Resource Manager at 512-483-5116

CATEGORY: SERVICE INFORMATION & REFERRAL

PURPOSE: The mission of the 2-1-1 Texas Information & Referral Network (TIRN) is to help Texas citizens connect with the services they need by either phone or internet. They present accurate, well-organized and easy-to-find information from over 60,000 state and community health and human services programs. The information maintained by the Texas Information and Referral Network and its community partners should include any governmental, nonprofit or critical for-profit agency that provides a health or human service required to address the needs of all groups in that service area/region.

LOCATIONS: TIRN has 25 Area Information Centers, situated across the state, that handle over 2 million calls a year from Texas citizens.

SERVICES: 2-1-1 helps callers find information on services in their local community, such as:

- Food
- Shelter
- Rent Assistance
- Utility Bill Assistance
- Clothing
- Counseling
- Child Care
- Senior Services
- Disaster Relief

ELIGIBILITY: None.

WEBSITE: These programs can be searched at www.211Texas.org.

CONTACT: If you are interested in learning more about the program, contact the HHSC Resource Manager at 512-483-5116.

KEY WORDS: Information, Referral

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

Affordable Communities of Texas (“ACT”) Program

To learn more about this program, contact the TSAHC Program Manager at 512-477-3562

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The ACT program strives to stabilize neighborhoods and communities facing high rates of foreclosure by using land banking and land trust strategies to preserve housing assets and increase the supply of permanent affordable housing.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The ACT Program works with locally based nonprofit and government entities that manage the redevelopment process from a local perspective. In addition to creating a statewide land bank, TSAHC is also providing access to the National Community Stabilization Trust’s First Look program of foreclosure listings to local partners. Properties acquired through the ACT program are targeted to low, very low and extremely low-income households for either homeownership or rental homes. TSAHC also provides land bank management services for local governments with excess real property suitable for residential development.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are locally based nonprofit and government entities.

WEBSITE: http://www.tsahc.org/multi/multi_act.php

CONTACT: If you are interested in learning more about the ACT Program, please contact the TSAHC Program Manager at ddanenfelzer@tsahc.org or by phone at 512-477-3562.

KEY WORDS: Stabilize, Foreclosure, Land Bank

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

First-time Homebuyer Programs

To learn more about this program, contact the TSAHC Program Manager at 512-477-3561

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: TSAHC's First-time Homebuyer Programs provide either a fixed-rate loan and downpayment assistance or a mortgage credit certificate to those meeting the requirements of the Professional Educators Home Loan, Homes for Texas Heroes, Home Sweet Texas Loan, or Mortgage Credit Certificate Programs.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: TSAHC provides 30-year fixed rate mortgage loans to eligible first-time homebuyers wishing to achieve the American dream of homeownership through a network of participating lenders across the state. In addition to a low interest rate, our programs offer downpayment and closing cost assistance in the form of a grant.

TSAHC also provides an annual tax credit to qualifying homebuyers through the issuance of a Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) through a network of participating lenders across the state. With an MCC, the qualified homebuyer is eligible to take a special tax credit of the annual interest paid on the mortgage, up to \$2,000, each year that they occupy the home as their principal residence. An MCC has the potential of saving the homebuyer thousands of dollars over the life of the loan.

ELIGIBILITY: In order to qualify for our Home Loan or Mortgage Credit Certificate Programs homebuyers must meet be one of the following:

- A Professional Educator: Defined as a full time Classroom Teacher, Teacher Aide, School Librarian, School Nurse or School Counselor employed by a public school district in the state of Texas; or a full time faculty member of either an undergraduate or graduate professional nursing or allied health program in the State of Texas; or
- A Texas Hero: Defined as a full time, paid Firefighter, Emergency Medical Services Personnel, Peace Officer, Corrections Officer, Juvenile Corrections Officer, County Jailer, or a Public Security Officer working in the State of Texas, or
- An individual at or below 80% of the Area Median Family Income (AMFI).

Additionally, a homebuyer must:

- Be a first-time homebuyer who has not had an ownership interest in any principal residence during the last three years, or be purchasing a home in a targeted area;
- Reside in the State of Texas;
- Meet the income and home purchase price limits;
- Meet standard mortgage underwriting requirements which demonstrate credit worthiness;
- Occupy the purchased home as their primary residence; and
- Complete a HUD approved homebuyer education course prior to closing on the home loan.

WEBSITE: http://www.tsahc.org/single/single_first_time_buyers.php

CONTACT: If you are interested in learning more about TSAHC's First-time Homebuyer Programs, please contact the Program Manager at pmcgilloway@tsahc.org or by phone at 512-477-3561.

KEY WORDS: Downpayment, Mortgage, Homebuyer

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

Foreclosure Prevention

To learn more about this program, contact the TSAHC Program Manager at 512-477-3561

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: In response to the recent foreclosure crisis, TSAHC serves as a member and fundraising partner of the Texas Foreclosure Prevention Task Force. In this role, the Corporation raises funds to support a network of 16 HUD-approved housing counseling agencies that provide free foreclosure prevention counseling to homeowners struggling to make their mortgage payments. TSAHC also raises funds to support statewide foreclosure outreach campaigns to connect homeowners with HUD-approved housing counselors and help them avoid loan modification scams.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: TSAHC compensates local counseling agencies \$150-\$450 per family counseled, depending on the extent of services provided. HUD-approved housing counseling agencies assist borrowers facing foreclosure by helping them create and streamline their household budget, informing them of possible workout solutions to resolve their mortgage delinquency, and helping them negotiate with their lender to cure the default.

ELIGIBILITY: Any homeowner in default or at imminent risk of default is encouraged to contact a HUD-approved housing counseling agency for assistance.

WEBSITE: http://www.tsahc.org/single/single_task_force.php

CONTACT: If you are a homeowner having trouble making your mortgage payments, call 1-888-638-3555 for a referral to a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. You can also call the HOPE Hotline at 1-888-995-HOPE to speak directly with a HUD-approved housing counselor or visit www.findaforeclosurecounselor.org to locate a counselor in your area.

KEY WORDS: Foreclosure, Prevention, Default, Homeowner

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

Interim Construction and Land Acquisition Loan Program (ICAP)

To learn more about this program, contact the TSAHC Program Manager at 512-477-3562

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The Interim Construction and Land Acquisition Loan Program provides short-term financing for site acquisition and interim construction of single family and multifamily affordable housing.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: TSAHC's Interim Construction and Land Acquisition Loan program (ICAP) promotes equal access to safe, decent, and affordable housing by providing short-term financing for site acquisitions and interim construction. The primary goal of the program is to assist rural and underserved communities in developing single family homes that can be sold to qualified low-income households. The ICAP program may be used to purchase new housing sites, construct new homes, and even renovate existing housing stock. The ICAP program may even be used to renovate existing multifamily properties to be converted to cooperative or condominium ownership.

ELIGIBILITY: TSAHC targets housing developments where at least 50% of the homes will be sold to households earning 80% or less than the AMFI. All homes and buyers must be eligible for fixed rate permanent financing. Eligible applicants include experienced entities engaged in affordable housing development, including non-profit or for-profit developers.

WEBSITE: http://www.tsahc.org/multi/single_interim_construction.php

CONTACT: If you are interested in learning more about the ICAP Program, please contact the Program Manager at ddanenfelzer@tsahc.org, or by phone at 512-477-3562.

KEY WORDS: Interim, Acquisition, Renovate

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

Multifamily Direct Lending Program

To learn more about this program, contact the TSAHC Program Manager at 512-477-3562

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: TSAHC's Multifamily Direct Lending Program promotes equal access to safe, decent, and affordable rental housing with an emphasis on serving rural and underserved communities. The program provides short-term and/or long-term financing to nonprofit and for-profit developers to increase or preserve the stock of affordable rental housing throughout the State of Texas.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The Program may be used to construct new rental homes and apartment for low-income households, or to purchase and rehabilitate existing rental units. Project types may include scattered-site rental homes, affordable assisted living, limited-equity cooperatives, and other nontraditional rental housing proposals. TSAHC's direct lending program also is often used in partnership with other public or private funding sources.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants include experienced entities engaged in affordable housing development, including non-profit or for-profit developers. TSAHC targets projects that reserve at least 20% of units for households at 50% or below the area median income, or 40% of units for households at 60% or below the area median income.

WEBSITE: http://www.tsahc.org/multi/multi_directlend.php

CONTACT: If you are interested in learning more about the Multifamily Direct Lending Program, please contact the Program Manager at ddanenfelzer@tsahc.org, or by phone at 512-477-3562.

KEY WORDS: Direct, Lending, Rental Housing

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

Multifamily Private Activity Bond Program

To learn more about this program, contact the TSAHC Program Manager at 512-477-3562

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: TSAHC serves low-income Texans by providing financing through our Private Activity Bond (PAB) program to construct or preserve affordable rental housing. TSAHC receives 10% of the State's multifamily PAB volume cap annually and issues these bonds through a competitive request for proposals process.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: TSAHC's multifamily bonds may only be used to finance projects that fulfill one of the five targeted housing needs listed below.

- Affordable rental homes in rural areas
- Affordable rental homes for persons who are 55 years of age or older
- Affordable rental homes for persons with special needs
- Affordable rental homes in areas impacted by natural disasters
- The preservation of existing affordable rental homes

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are residential rental developers. A minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the units in a Qualified Residential Rental Development must have Gross Rents that are restricted to households with incomes no greater than fifty percent (50%) of the Area Median Income ("AMI"), adjusted for family size, or At least forty percent (40%) of the units in the Development must be affordable to persons and families with incomes at or below sixty percent (60%) of the AMI, adjusted for family size.

WEBSITE: http://www.tsahc.org/multi/multi_bond.php

CONTACT: If you are interested in learning more about the Multifamily Private Activity Bond Program, please contact the Program Manager at ddanenfelzer@tsahc.org, or by phone at 512-477-3562.

KEY WORDS: Bond, Preserve, Multifamily

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

Texas Foundations Fund

To learn more about this program, contact the TSAHC Program Manager at 512-477-3561

CATEGORY: HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The mission of the Texas Foundations Fund is to improve the living standards of Texas residents of very low and extremely low income by providing grants to build new single family homes, repair existing owner-occupied single family homes, enhance accessibility for the elderly and disabled, and provide supportive housing services for residents of multifamily rental units.

LOCATIONS: Statewide.

SERVICES: The objective of the Fund is to provide grants to nonprofit organizations and rural governmental entities (or their instrumentalities) for:

- The construction, rehabilitation, and/or critical repair of single family homes for homeowners who are Texas residents of very low or extremely low income, with a particular emphasis on serving very low-income disabled and rural Texans, and
- The provision of additional supportive housing services for very low or extremely low income residents of multifamily rental units.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are nonprofit and rural government entities.

WEBSITE: http://www.tsahc.org/donations/foundations_fund.php

CONTACT: If you are interested in learning more about the Texas Foundations Fund, please contact the Program Manager at pmcgilloway@tsahc.org or by phone at 512-477-3561.

KEY WORDS: Foundation, Supportive

Definitions and Abbreviations

Term	Definition
Area Median Family Income (AMFI) or Area Median Income (AMI)	<p>Many federally funded housing programs use AMI or AMFI as an income eligibility criterion. According to the US Census, median income for households and families is based on the distribution of the total number of households and families including those with no income. HUD estimates of median family income are based on 2000 Census median family income (MFI) estimates updated using Census American Community Survey (ACS) state-level MFI estimates and/or ACS local area MFI estimates. Separate HUD MFI estimates are calculated for all Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), HUD Metro FMR Areas, and nonmetropolitan counties. To find the area median family income for your local community, visit: http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il/il2010/select_Geography_mfi.odn</p>
Federal Poverty Level	<p>The Census Bureau uses thresholds (income cutoffs) arranged in a two-dimensional matrix. The matrix consists of family size cross-classified by presence and number of family members under 18 years old. To determine a person's poverty status, one compares the person's total family income in the last 12 months with the poverty threshold appropriate for that person's family size and composition. If the total income of that person's family is less than the threshold appropriate for that family, then the person is considered "below the poverty level." The US Department of Health and Human Services uses poverty guidelines as an eligibility criterion for federal programs, which are a simplified version of the poverty thresholds prepared by HUD. To find the 2011 federal poverty guidelines, visit: http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/11poverty.shtml</p>
Supplemental Security Income	<p>Many federally funded service programs use SSI as an income eligibility criterion. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes). It is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income and it provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. Maximum Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment amounts increase with the cost-of-living increases that apply to Social Security benefits. To learn more about SSI eligibility requirements, visit: http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm. To learn more about 2011 SSI payment amounts, visit: http://www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/SSI.html</p>

<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Description</u>
AAA	Area Agencies on Aging
ACT	Affordable Communities of Texas Program
ADRC	Aging and Disability Resource Center
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ACT	Assertive Community Treatment
AMFI	Area Median Family Income
AMGI	Area Median Gross Income
AMI	Area Median Income
BCVDDP	Blind Children's Vocational Discovery & Development Program
BEST	Blindness Education, Screening and Treatment Program
CAA	Community Action Agency
CAP	Community Action Program
CAS	Community Attendant Services
CBA	Community Based Alternatives
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CIL	Centers for Independent Living
COPSD	Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Disorders
CPL	Community Living Program
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNFP	Community Food and Nutrition
CoC	Continuum of Care
CRS	Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services Program
CSBG	Community Services Block Grant
DAHS	Day Activity and Health Services
DADS	Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
DARS	Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services
DBMD	Deaf Blind Multiple Disabilities
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DSHS	Texas Department of State Health Services
ECI	Early Childhood Intervention Services
ELI	Extremely Low Income
ERS	Emergency Response Service
ESGP	Emergency Shelter Grants Program
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FTHB	First Time Homebuyer Program
HBA	Homebuyer Assistance Program
HOME	HOME Investment Partnerships Program
HCS	Home and Community-based Services
HDM	Home Delivered Meals
HHSP	Homeless Housing & Services Program

<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Description</u>
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS
HPRP	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program
HTF	Housing Trust Fund
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
IADL	Instrumental Activities Of Daily Living
ICF/MR	Intermediate Care Facilities For Persons With Mental Retardation
ICAP	Interim Construction and Land Acquisition Loan Program
IHFS	In-Home and Family Support Program
IHFS -IDD	In-Home and Family Support Program – Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
LI	Low Income
LMHA	Local Mental Health Authorities
LTSS	Long Term Services And Supports
MDCP	Medically Dependent Children Program
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MN	Medical Necessity
PACE	Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly
PCB	Planning and Capacity Building Fund
PERS	Personal Emergency Response Systems
PHA	Public Housing Agency
PHC	Primary Home Care
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSPD	Special Services to Persons with Disabilities
STAP	Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program
TAS	Texas Accessibility Standards
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDHCA	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
TDRA	Texas Department of Rural Affairs
TIRN	2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network
TSAHC	Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation
TxHmL	Texas Home Living