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## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA) LAUNCHES TEXAS HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND TO HELP OWNERS WITH PAST DUE MORTGAGE AND RELATED EXPENSE PAYMENTS

The Texas Homeowner Assistance Fund (TXHAF) is now available for eligible Texas homeowners who have fallen behind on a mortgage loan, property tax, property insurance, and/or Homeowner Association (HOA)/Condo payments or experienced financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This program, funded under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and administered by TDHCA, is accepting applications as of today, March 2, 2022, by visiting <a href="https://www.texashomeownerassistance.com">www.texashomeownerassistance.com</a>.

Texas homeowners may be eligible to receive a maximum assistance of \$40,000 under the Mortgage Program, and a maximum assistance of \$25,000 under the Property Charge Default Program.

In order to receive the TXHAF assistance, Texas homeowners must meet the following criteria:

- Have fallen behind on one or more of mortgage loan, property tax, property insurance, and/or HOA association fee payments,
- Household income must be at or below 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI) or 100% of the median income for the United States, whichever is greater,
- Own and occupy a home in Texas as a primary residence, and
- Experienced a qualified financial hardship after January 21, 2020, such as lost income or increased expenses due to the pandemic.

When applying, individuals must provide: proof of identification, proof of income, proof of occupancy, and delinquent statements. For more information and additional assistance please call 1-833-651-3874.

"I encourage all residents that have experienced financial hardships and were unfortunately unable to make the necessary payments on a mortgage loan, property taxes, property insurance, or HOA fee due to the ongoing pandemic to please apply for the available funding. This assistance will help all homeowners avoid payment delinquencies, foreclosures, and most importantly avoid being displaced from your safe haven," stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

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