

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development (HCDD) department, is proposing to revise its Harvey Single Family Development (HSFD) program guidelines. The HSFD program budget is up to \$60,000,000.00 in Harvey Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR 17) funds. The program will provide new affordable single-family homes for low- and moderate-income homebuyers. The first notice was published on November 26, 2018 through December 26, 2018. The second notice was published on January 29, 2021 through Sunday, February 28, 2021.

The following changes are being made to the HSFD Program Guidelines:

- Updated maximum NOFA amount.
- Additional NOFA application and process language.
- Updated Affordability Period Chart.
- Added additional language on Conflict-of-Interest requirements.
- Removed Flood insurance requirements for Homebuyers.
- Cited federal register for affordability requirements.
- Added clarification on LMI Homebuyer eligibility requirements.
- Threshold requirements added for applicants 18 or older who were underage at the time of Hurricane Harvey.
- Cited references for Documentation Tie-back requirements.
- Added language on Record retention and Section 504.
- Updated family definition.
- Strengthen language indicating that LMI applicants must have a demonstrated and verifiable connection to Hurricane Harvey.
- Added eligibility requirements for homeowners at the time of the disaster but no longer own the home.

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on these proposed changes, from Friday September 02, 2022 through Sunday, October 02, 2022. For more information on these proposed changes, contact Kennisha London at 832.394.6197. Written comments can be submitted by email to: Kennisha.London@HoustonTX.gov.

View the draft Harvey Single Family Development guidelines at:

- HCD website – <https://recovery.houstontx.gov/>
- HCD Office – 2100 Travis Street, Suite 900, Houston, TX 77002 (copies may be obtained at this location upon request)

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6200 Ext 5. For any information about HCDD's Complaints and Appeals Process, please access HCDD' Complaints and Appeals pages at <https://recovery.houstontx.gov/complaints/> and <https://recovery.houstontx.gov/request-for-appeal/>.