



**City of Houston  
Build it Forward  
Harvey Recovery Situation and Pipeline  
Report #50  
September 2023**



## **Situation Report: September 2023**

The City of Houston Homeowner Assistance Program (HoAP) helps homeowners affected by Hurricane Harvey repair and rebuild their damaged homes, or get reimbursed for work already completed. The program prioritizes low-and moderate-income homeowners, while serving Houstonians of all income levels. The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) administers the program for the City of Houston, through a sub-grant agreement with the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

The program launched in January 2019 with outreach to affected homeowners to encourage them to participate in the program. At the same time, the City was building capacity to repair and reconstruct homes and reimburse homeowners for repair expenses. The first homeowners were served in April 2019, with steady ramp up since then.

### **Single Family Current Status:**

- Submitted Single-Family Files to GLO: 1,536
- HoAP Submitted Files: 781
- HbAP Submitted Files: 755

### **GLO Approved Single-Family Files: 1,280**

- HoAP Approved Files: 781
- HbAP Approved Files: 499

### **Single-Family Households with Assistance in Process: 23**

- Homeowners in contract closings/permitting/waiting NTPs: 10
- Recons Under Construction: 0
- Rehabs Under Construction: 0
- Approved homebuyers searching for home: 13

### **Total Single-Family Assisted: 1,257**

- Recons Completed: 212
- Rehabs Completed: 71
- Reimbursement checks sent: 488
- HbAP closed: 486

### **Current Multifamily Status:**

- 31 developments announced for \$401 million in funding and nearly \$1 billion in development cost.
  - 18 are under construction and 13 developments have been completed.
- There may be a few changes to the announced 9% Tax Credit developments once the State finalizes its list.

### **Public Services Status:**

- 18 different contracts with nonprofits approved by Council for a total of \$17.6 million.

### **Overall Funding Status: \*\*Based on Adjusted Budgets 10/06/2022**

\$631 million (95% of total) with identified addresses/developments/nonprofits for funding currently under contract/LOI negotiations, underwriting or otherwise prepping for Council approval.  
\$598 million (90% of total) with Council Approved contract.



## Program Overview

### **Notice to Harvey Homeowner Assistance Program Applicants**

The City of Houston and the Texas General Land Office (GLO) continue to work together on an agreement to help homeowners who need assistance with repair, reconstruction, and reimbursement for homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey.

At this time, the City of Houston will continue assisting homeowners whose repairs and reconstructions were approved by the GLO prior to October 6, 2020. All other repair and reconstruction applications, including those approved after October 6, 2020, will be transferred to the GLO to complete the process.

In addition, the GLO has granted the City of Houston limited funding to provide reimbursements for completed and eligible home repairs paid by a homeowner in excess of past aid the homeowner received from sources including insurance, FEMA, nonprofit assistance, and the Small Business Administration. The deadline for new applications has since passed. Those who submitted their applications prior to December 31, 2020 will continue to be assisted by the City of Houston.

Any questions for HCDD can be directed to 832-394-6200. The GLO's Homeowner Assistance Program team can be reached at 346-222-4686 or 1-866-317-1998 (toll-free) or at [houston.glo@recovery.texas.gov](mailto:houston.glo@recovery.texas.gov). More information about the GLO's program can be found at [recovery.texas.gov/hap/houston](http://recovery.texas.gov/hap/houston)

We appreciate your patience, and we will continue to work hard to ensure a smooth transition of applications to the GLO, so that no one is left behind.

### **Table 1: Homeowner Assistance Program Snapshot**

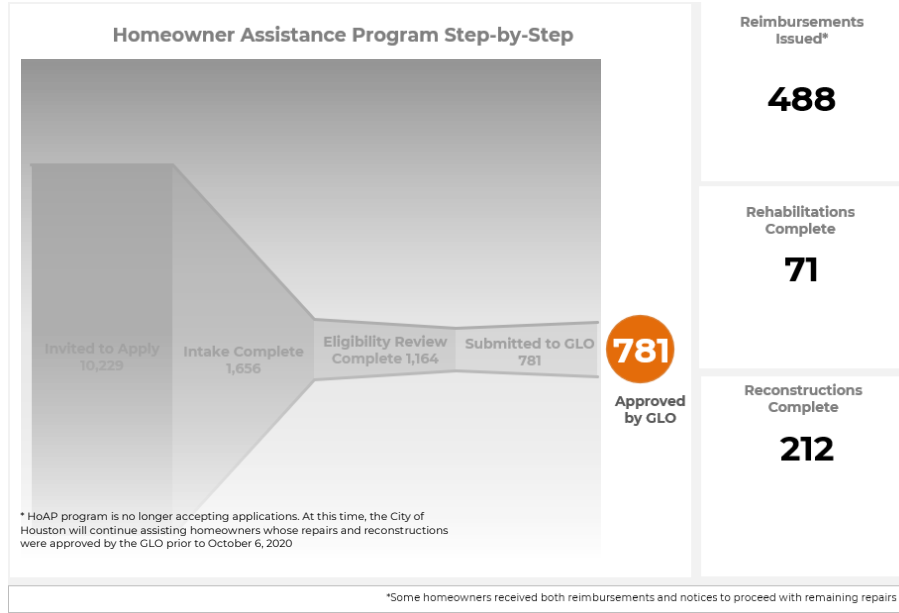
<b>Activity</b>	<b>As of 9-27-2023</b>
<b>Total number of applications submitted to GLO</b>	<b>781</b>
<b>Approved by GLO</b>	781
Recons Completed	212
Rehabs Completed	71
Reimbursement checks sent	488
<b>HoAP Funds obligated</b>	
HoAP funds obligated (as of 09/30/23)	<b>\$57,750,092.2</b>



## Survey and Grant Award Progress

**781 applicants have been approved by the GLO. 283** homeowners have received a Notice to Proceed to construction and **487** have received a reimbursement check (some homeowners may receive a reimbursement check while also participating in the city-managed program option).

**Figure 1: Progress toward Grant Award (9-30-23)**



**Invited to Apply:** This category represents the most vulnerable residents and highest priorities from the survey respondents who have been invited to submit a complete application. The deadline for new applications has passed. Those who submitted their applications prior to December 31, 2020 will continue to be assisted by the City of Houston.

**Intake Complete:** This category represents the number of files that the City has received from the intake contractor, which are ready for review and eligibility determination. The difference between this category and the next category are the files that are waiting additional GLO-required documents from the applicant in order to complete the file. This number has dropped from last month due to files sent back to the intake contractor for further processing.

**Eligibility Review Complete:** This category represents the number of files that have been determined to be eligible per City, GLO and HUD standards. These files are now moving through inspections, environmental review and completion of the final scope of work with the builder and homeowner.

**Reimbursements Issued:** For homeowners who are reimbursement only, this is the final step in the process. Some homeowners receive both a reimbursement and additional repair, so they receive the reimbursement check immediately after the GLO issues the approval, and the home moves forward into construction for the remaining repairs.

**Rehabilitations Complete:** This category includes all homes that are through the repair only or reimbursement and repair process, with the homeowner having received the keys back to their home.

**Reconstruction Complete:** This category includes all homes that have been fully reconstructed with the homeowner having received the keys back to their new home.

**Notices to Proceed w/ Construction:** This category includes all homes that need repair or full reconstruction. The notice to proceed is to the builder, and involves the homeowner moving out of their home, the utilities being shut off, demolition if the home is to be reconstructed, and the full construction process.

**Approved by the GLO:** This category includes the number of homes out of the 781 submitted to the GLO that have received GLO approval. The next step for all homeowners is to sign the required contracts, regardless of whether they are receiving repair, reconstruction or reimbursement.



## **Snapshot: Harvey Homebuyer Assistance Program**

For many Houstonians, owning a home is a dream – one that is often out of reach. Incomes in Houston have not risen as quickly as home prices, which means fewer people can afford to buy homes. In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, many families had to delay their plans to find a home or start all over.

Life plans shouldn't be put on hold because of the weather. Harvey Homebuyer Assistance Program provides up to \$30,000 in assistance to families who were in Houston at the time of Hurricane Harvey, who are either buying a first home or replacing a Harvey-damaged home.

As of August, **499** applicants have been approved by the GLO for eligibility. **486** applicants have closed on their new homes.



*Additional qualifications apply. Program subject to change and/or cancellation without notice.*

Learn more at - <https://recovery.houstontx.gov/hbap/>

### **NOTICE TO HARVEY HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICANTS**

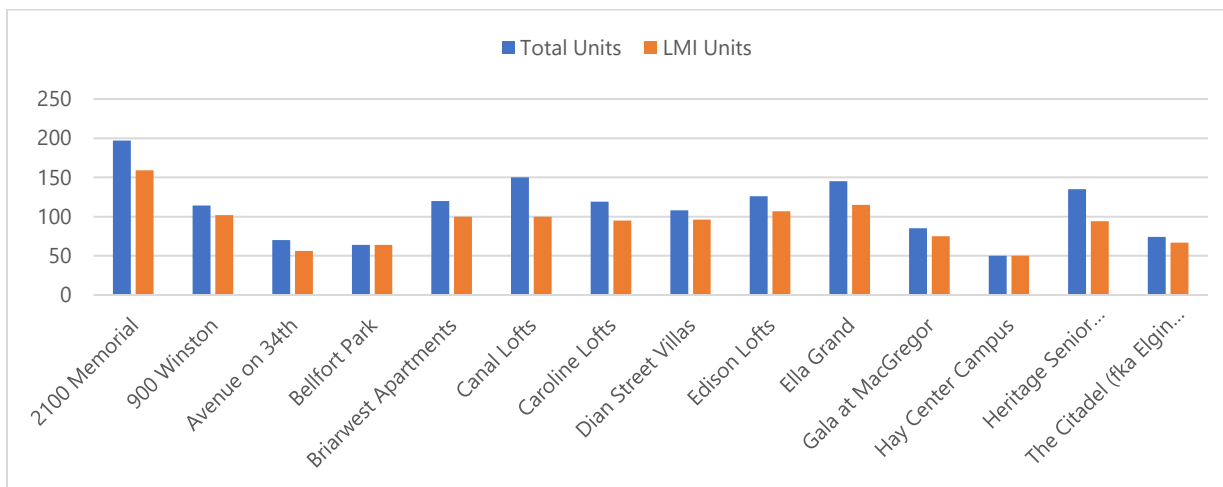
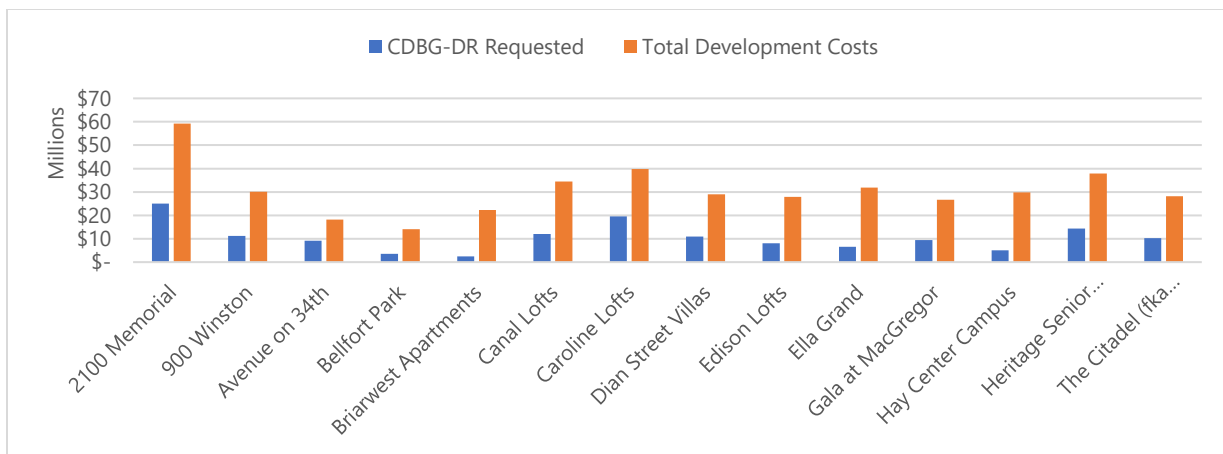
The Texas General Land Office (GLO) has terminated the terms of our Hurricane Harvey disaster contractual agreement under which Harvey Homebuyers Assistance Program (HbAP) operates. Due to the unforeseen circumstances surrounding these changes with the GLO, we are no longer processing applications.



## Snapshot: Multifamily Development

The first of three rounds of funding for multifamily development opened in February 2019 and closed April 12, 2019. Fifty-six applications were reviewed and 14 were selected for funding. The selected developments will create 1,557 apartments in Houston, the majority of which will be rented at guaranteed-affordable rates to qualified renters.

**Figure 2: Award summary: Round 1, Harvey Multifamily Program**





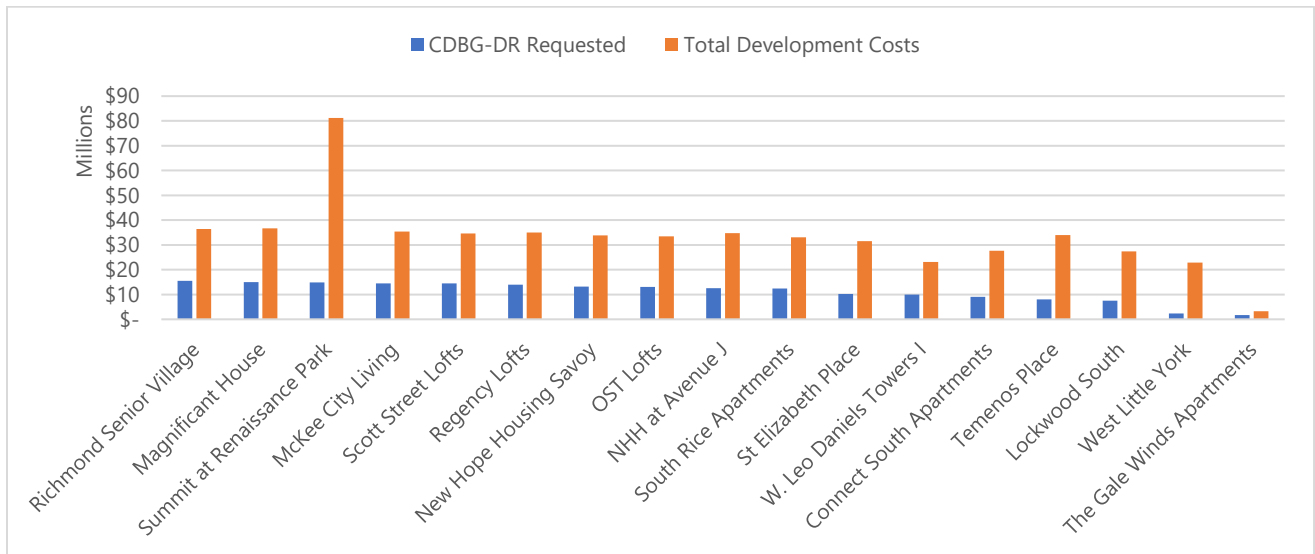
## \$100 million expansion of Harvey Multifamily Program will provide additional affordable homes to essential workers, seniors, and vulnerable Houstonians.

The Harvey Multifamily Program issued two calls for proposals, in early 2019 and early 2020. Through these two funding rounds, a total of 31 developments will be supported for funding.

By combining program funding with other sources, including 4% and 9% tax credits and private financing, the awards represent over \$1 billion in development. They include communities for seniors, supportive housing options for those experiencing housing insecurity, and workforce homes for individuals and families.

The currently proposed Round 2 of the program will create 2,037 apartments. Combined with Round 1, the Harvey Multifamily Program is expected to bring 3,594 new, resilient apartments to Houston, 3,070 of which will be held at affordable prices to provide greater choice and quality of homes to low- and moderate-income Houstonians.

**Figure 3: Award summary: Round 2, Harvey Multifamily Program**



Amount provided is based on the application and is subject to revision during HCDD underwriting.

Funds for Harvey Recovery Programs are provided by the City of Houston and the Texas General Land Office through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. For more information visit <https://recovery.houstontx.gov/multifamily-program/>

Press release - June 29, 2021 - [Harvey Multifamily Program is announcing that up to \\$28 Million will be available for the currently issued Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#)





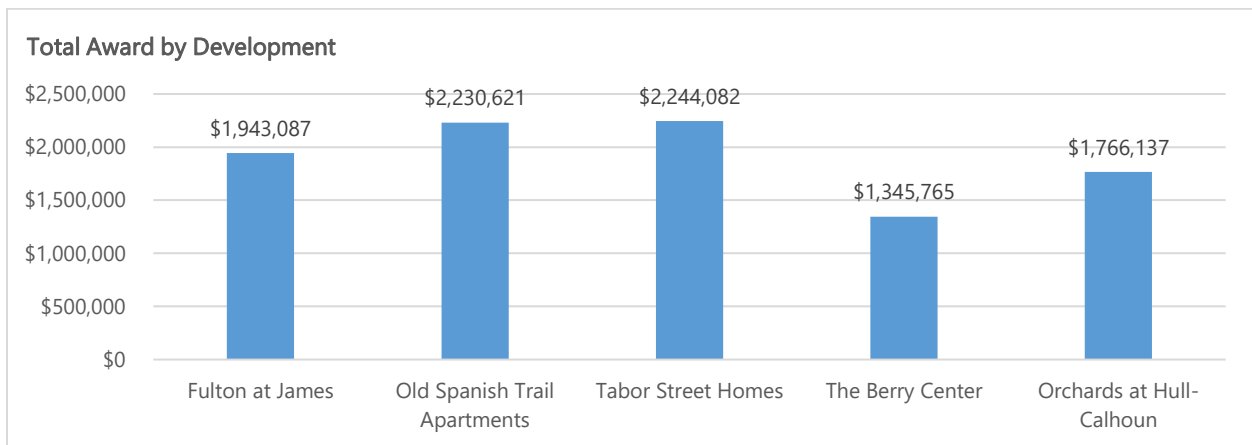
## Harvey Recovery Small Rental Program

The Harvey Recovery Small Rental Program will rebuild Houston’s supply of affordable rental homes by funding new construction and reconstruction of small rental properties (2-7 units). The program meets rising demand for this type of housing and replaces some of the affordable homes lost during Hurricane Harvey.

Funding for the Harvey Recovery Small Rental Program is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of disaster relief efforts to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey.

The projects will utilize 4% housing tax credits from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) along with other funding sources. These developments will contain resilient building features and contribute to an equitable recovery process that will provide affordable, quality homes for up to 20 years. More details on each of these proposals can be viewed in the table below.

**Figure 4: Award summary: Harvey Small Rental Program**



*Amounts reflect the original application amount and are subject to revision during HCDD underwriting. Allocations may vary at the time of presentation to City Council.*

Information about this round of funding rounds of funding can be found at [recovery.houstontx.gov](https://recovery.houstontx.gov)





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*This report is produced by the Housing and Community Development Department and will be updated monthly throughout the life of the Homeowner Assistance Program.*