



HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HoAP)

REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

**ARE YOU WORKING ON REPAIRS FOR YOUR HARVEY-DAMAGED HOME?
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR YOUR EXPENSES.**



Save
Receipts



Build to
Code



Keep Costs
Reasonable



Sign
Contracts

The City of Houston is offering assistance to homeowners, which includes reimbursement for completed repairs to homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. If you are a homeowner, and you spent personal money to repair your home damaged by Harvey, please keep in mind the following:

- Reimbursement is only for expenses associated with repairing storm damage from Hurricane Harvey for homes within the City of Houston (verify your tax jurisdiction at www.hcad.org).
- All costs must be reasonable, which means appropriate and typical for modest housing in Houston. Luxury items like marble countertops, Jacuzzis, pools, or high-end appliances are **not** eligible for reimbursement.
- “Soft costs” like architectural, engineering, planning, and permit approval services are reimbursable, as long as there is a receipt or invoice. Costs for storage may also be eligible.
- If you did the repair yourself (sweat equity), your labor costs are **not** eligible for reimbursement.
- The City will review all repairs for cost reasonableness and eligibility, and will perform inspections to verify work. You may be asked to provide invoices and photographs to document evidence of the repairs.
- An official City site inspection and Certificate of Compliance from the Houston Permitting Center are required before expenses can be reimbursed.
- Participants in the Reimbursement Program who live in the floodplain will be required to maintain flood insurance after receiving assistance. Failure to maintain flood insurance in a floodplain may result in being denied future federal assistance.
- An Elevation Certificate issued by a licensed engineer may be required if your home is located in the 100-year flood plain and was substantially damaged by Harvey.

**NOT EVERYONE WHO APPLIES WILL
BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
PROGRAM.**

To learn more about this program and other homeowner assistance programs, visit:

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