



HARVEY PUBLIC SERVICES PROGRAM

Build It Forward from Hurricane Harvey

Provides services to **underserved Houstonians** to help them overcome economic and social barriers



\$60 million

Total funding available

OVERVIEW

- Funds **social services** for low- and moderate-income individuals and families to become **more resilient to future disasters** and create a **stronger, more prepared community**
- The City provides grants to non-profit organizations to provide services like **job training, child care, after-school programs, eviction prevention, health, education, transportation, legal services, and counseling**
- **Assisting people experiencing homelessness** who were affected by Hurricane Harvey is a program priority

See the complete program guidelines at
RECOVERY.HOUSTONTX.GOV/PROGRAMS

NEEDS

In public consultations after Harvey, participants emphasized the importance of **servicing Houston's most vulnerable residents**. They consistently identified the need for services like **mental health care, job training, rental subsidies, and child care** as top priorities to help communities bounce back after the impact of the storm.

HELPING END HOMELESSNESS

In Houston, the **Coalition for the Homeless** is the lead agency to coordinate homeless services across the region. The City has a strong partnership with the Coalition and other homeless system organizations. Since 2012, the system has **housed 14,500 individuals, representing a 51% decrease in overall homelessness**. The Coalition is currently undertaking an ambitious 5-year strategic planning effort that will leverage disaster recovery funding.

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.