

Houston is continuing to work together and grow stronger to recover from Hurricane Harvey. ---May 2018--

Neighborhood Restoration Centers

- The City of Houston, along with local non-profit organization partners, opened twelve Neighborhood Restoration Centers in some of the neighborhoods hardest hit by Harvey. Residents can access long-term recovery services at each of these centers.
- If there is a service or a particular need that you are experiencing that a Neighborhood Restoration Center is unable to access, please reach out to the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities so that we can help meet this need.
- For more information locations, hours, and connecting to Neighborhood Recovery Centers, see this link. <https://houstonrecovers.org/neighborhood-restoration-center/>

Housing Recovery

There are a number of programs that individuals can access to assist with housing or re-housing needs. The three programs listed below are described in more detail in the attached flyers. If you have problems accessing the flyers, please reach out to the MOPD.

- Mobile homes or recreational vehicles may be available for homeowners who previously registered with FEMA after Hurricane Harvey. FEMA determines both eligibility and type of direct housing assistance available to the homeowner. The City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) administers the program. Even if FEMA has denied your claim, we may be able to assist you.
- City of Houston residents whose homes or rental properties received \$17,000 worth of damage or more due to Harvey may be eligible for FEMA's Direct Lease Program. You must have previously registered with FEMA, and FEMA determines eligibility.
- The Direct Assistance for Limited Home Repair (DALHR) Program provides repairs for homeowners who previously applied and registered for FEMA assistance after Hurricane Harvey. This program is FEMA funded, but administered by the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD). Repairs cover moderate damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, but are not intended to fully restore homes to pre-storm condition.

Affected individuals can also participate in flood risk reduction grant programs that provide for the buyout, elevation, or reconstruction of eligible homes. For the elevation and reconstruction of homes, an ADA-compliant access to ingress/egress is allowable for funding. If ramps are not technically feasible, a mechanical chair lift may be installed. If you are interested in participating in one of these programs, please fill out this form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegFaIenvCZdfAf1w4-N_iCfIStUitaZkG1DEvxVS7XMdOYQ/viewform

Durable Medical Equipment

Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services (TWS-VRS) counselors are assessing customers who may qualify for replacement of equipment such as hearing aids; mobility devices such as scooters, wheelchairs or walkers; computers equipped with hardware adaptations or specialized software for a specific disability, etc. To locate the Texas Workforce Solutions - Vocational Rehabilitation: General Services office nearest you that provides services for people with physical or cognitive disabilities please go to <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/offices/vr-general-services.html>

Current and former vocational rehabilitation customers who may have had their employment situation disrupted by the storms or to assist with the replacement of Durable Medical Equipment (DME) lost due to flooding or other reasons related to the disaster caused by Hurricane Harvey are eligible for these resources. *You also may be eligible if you are a former Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) customer. If you are former vocational rehabilitation customer, please 713-802-3100 so that your case can be re-opened. In addition to their regular service locations, Texas Workforce Solutions serves customers with disabilities at the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Disability Rights Texas Harvey Recovery Program

Through a grant from the Greater Houston Community Foundation has awarded Disability Rights Texas a one year grant to expand resources to assist people with disabilities impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Houston/Harris County. The new funding will support a Staff Attorney/Project Coordinator and an Advocate for one year. Project staff will handle FEMA appeals, as well as cases involving housing discrimination, special education, and community integration. If you are interested in receiving services from Disability Rights Texas, please call 1-800-948-1824.