HARVEY HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

ARE YOU WORKING ON REPAIRS FOR YOUR HURRICANE 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**).
- Any work considered for reimbursement must have been completed prior December 31, 2020.
- All costs must be reasonable, which means appropriate and typical for modest housing in Houston. High end upgrades like marble countertops or high end appliances, will only be reimbursed at the cost of modest, standard eligible items. Luxury items like jacuzzies or pools 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.
- Landscaping is not reimbursable.
- The City will review all repairs for cost reasonableness and eligibility and will perform inspections to verify work in place. You may be asked to provide receipts, invoices or 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 a floodplain will be required to maintain flood insurance after receiving assistance. Failure to maintain flood insurance may result in being denied for future federal assistance.
- An Elevation Certificate issued by a licensed engineer will be required if your home is located in the 100-year flood plain and was substantially damaged by Harvey.
- Reimbursement may be combined with Homeowner Assistance Program City or Homeowner Managed Rehabilitation. Reimbursement may not be combined with Reconstruction.

**See duplication of benefits information.*

Not all homeowners who apply may receive assistance.

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