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FACT SHEET

Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering

The Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering (PREPS) program is designed to supplement emergency sheltering when communities are faced with sheltering needs that significantly exceed existing capacity. This program performs emergency work and power restoration in disaster-damaged single-family owner-occupied residences. PREPS provide temporary repairs and allows homeowners to remain in their homes and their communities as they complete permanent repairs to their homes.

Eligible emergency work includes providing elements necessary for survivors to shelter at home. Some examples may include:

- Utilities essential for potable water, hot water, HVAC, and minimal food preparation
- Functional kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping accommodations
- Securing and/or essential weatherproofing to include roof, walls, doors, and windows

Applicants may be eligible for PREPS if they are pre-disaster home owners whose primary residence has already undergone a FEMA-issued inspection with a FEMA verified loss of less than \$17,000 and less than 18 inches of water in the home. FEMA determines if applicants are eligible. Not everyone will be eligible but FEMA along with the State will provide support to those who qualify.

If applicants meet the criteria, they will be contacted regarding their next steps.

Eligibility Considerations:

- Only disaster-damaged single-family owner-occupied residential properties are eligible
 - Includes stand-alone homes, duplexes and townhomes
- Homeowners are required to register for FEMA's Individual Assistance
- Repairs must be reasonable, necessary, and low-cost to make the home safe for sheltering within the capped repair amount of \$20,000 per housing unit. There is an additional 25% allowance for Access and Functional Needs, if necessary.

PREPS homes must be located within designated IA counties.

- These counties include: Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Caldwell, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, and Wharton



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Other Considerations:

- Participation in PREPS will make a FEMA IHP applicant ineligible for further TSA or other FEMA sheltering assistance, if authorized, once emergency work is completed and the home is approved for sheltering occupancy.
- PREPS is a Public Assistance Program funded as emergency work under the authority of Section 403 of the Stafford Act; it is an emergency sheltering program that is distinct from direct housing programs available under the Individual Assistance Program.
- Properties that cannot be made safe and habitable for less than the established cap, or are found to be unsafe due to the presence of toxic or hazardous materials, are not eligible for PREPS but may be offered other types of FEMA assistance.
- Repairs are intended to be temporary until permanent solutions are identified. As such, homeowners should be aware that only minimum essential repairs can be provided.

The State will identify and pay contractors directly for the repairs. Once the repairs are completed, the State may walk through the repaired property with the homeowner prior to move-in to ensure the repaired structure complies with local, State, and federal codes.

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