



TDHCA makes program funds available throughout the year to qualifying applicants for a wide range of housing and related activities. The Department announces these funding opportunities through Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) posted on the Department's website and distributed via the Department's email lists. TDHCA programs that have current NOFAs open include the Amy Young Barrier Removal Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Multifamily Direct Loan Program.

To learn more about current TDHCA NOFAs, visit <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/nofa.htm>

### **Foster Youth Initiative (FYI)**

HUD announced the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative, through the issuance of [Notice PIH 2019-20](#) . Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) partnering with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs) may request Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) in the form of Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPVs) to assist eligible youth for a period of 36 months, subject to availability.

Eligible youth must meet the following conditions:

1. Has attained at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age;
2. Left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act at age 16 or older; and
3. Is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless.

Eligibility is not limited to single persons. For example, pregnant and/or parenting youth are eligible to receive assistance under this notice assuming they otherwise meet eligibility requirements.

PHAs are eligible if they currently administer the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program and do not administer the Family Unification Program (FUP). PHAs that administer the FUP, awarded any year, are not eligible to administer assistance under FYI TPV. A list of PHAs that administer the HCV program and do not administer FUP is [available here](#) . For additional information on PHA eligibility requirements, please review the Notice. HUD will accept PHA requests for FYI Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPVs) on a rolling basis.

Read the one-pager [here](#) .

Read the full notice [here](#) .

**2020 AARP Community Challenge**



The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund "quick-action" projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are being accepted for projects to improve housing, transportation, public space, technology ("smart cities"), civic engagement and more.

**Applications are due April 1, 2020 by 10:59:59 PM CST.**

Learn more [here](#)

### **Research on Housing Policies That Promote Equity**

RWJF's [Policies for Action](#) program seeks research proposals to investigate how public policy can put quality, affordable housing within reach and help achieve racial equity in housing and neighborhoods. Researchers will be paired with government, private sector, and nonprofit housing organizations to explore the effectiveness of public policies aimed at increasing housing access, affordability and stability. We are particularly interested in studying policies in small- and medium-sized cities (populations of 50,000 - 500,000).

Approximately \$2 million in funding is available.

**Application Deadline: Wed, 29 Apr 2020**

Are you eligible? [Learn more.](#)

### **Planning and Capacity Building Fund (PCB)**

The Planning and Capacity Building Fund is a competitive grant program through the Texas Department of Agriculture for local public facility and housing planning activities.

**Applications are due Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM CT.**

Learn more [here](#)

### **Texas Housing Trust Fund (HTF) for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021**



The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) announces \$6,430,382.52 from the Texas Housing Trust Fund (HTF) for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 of the Texas Bootstrap Loan Program. The Texas Bootstrap Loan Program is funded through the Housing Trust Fund and established in Texas Government Code, §2306 Subchapter FF, Owner-Builder Loan Program, to provide very low-income households (Owner-Builders) an opportunity to purchase or refinance real property on which to build new housing or repair their existing homes through sweat-equity.

The funding will be available beginning Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. Austin local time through an online reservation system for eligible Nonprofit Owner-Builder Housing Providers (NOHPs) and Colonia Self-Help Centers (CSHCs) to reserve funds on behalf of eligible Owner-Builders.

The Texas Bootstrap Loan Program provides 0% interest loans of up to \$45,000 to Owner-Builders who provide at least 65% of the labor necessary to build or rehabilitate their housing by working with a state-certified NOHP or CSHC. Owner-builder's household income may not exceed 60% of Area Median Family Income.

Eligible nonprofit organizations and CSHCs must first apply to become certified NOHPs in order to administer the Texas Bootstrap Loan Program. To be able to reserve Program funds on behalf of an Owner-Builder, the entities must execute a Reservation System Agreement with the Department.

For more information, go to the [homepage](#).

For the NOFA, go [here](#).

**Monday, August 31, 2020: Applications for funding under FY 2020 will be accepted until this date, or until all funding has been reserved**