

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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**SUBJECT: HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC)
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Over the past thirty years, the City of Fort Worth has served residents with both single-family and multi-family home rehabilitation services directly addressing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) needs. In addition to directly addressing HVAC needs, these programs also assist in providing weatherization/energy efficiency audits to reduce the cost of utilities and supporting households with utility assistance. These programs are targeted to keep residents in their homes, reduce household energy consumption and costs, and directly improve the household incomes of low-income families.

HVAC-related programs have several components and a combination of funding sources, as outlined in the table below:

Figure 1: HVAC Assistance Programs Administered by the Neighborhood Services Department

Program	NSD Division	Annual Funding & Funding Sources	Households Served Annually
Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Repair Assistance	Community Action Partners	Total Funding: \$300,000 TDHCA Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)	FY 2022: 101 FY 2023: 93 FY 2024: 100
Utility Bill Payment Assistance	Community Action Partners	Total Funding \$ 10,206,532 TDHCA Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP): \$8,200,247 CEAP ES: \$2,006,285	FY 2023: 5,732 FY 2024: 5,500
Weatherization Assistance	Community Development	Total Funding: \$3,250,102 Low Income Household Energy Assistance Program: \$785,365 DOE: \$1,464,757 TACAA: \$999,980	FY 2023: 157 FY 2024: 259
Priority Repair	Community Development	Total Funding: \$4,000,000 CDBG: \$2,000,000 City General Fund \$2,000,000	FY 2023: 338 FY 2024: 420

TDHCA: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; TACAA: Texas Association of Community Action Agencies
DOE: U.S. Department of Energy; CDBG: HUD Community Development Block Grants.

Each HVAC program meets a different need in the community and, due to the funding sources, have different qualifications for receiving assistance. The various programs' goals and eligibility requirements are listed below:

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Repair Assistance – Provides up to \$7,500 in HVAC service or repair assistance to eligible households with priority given to vulnerable households (children 5 or younger, elderly, or disabled household member). *Eligibility Requirements:* 150% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines; proof of citizenship or legal residency status is required.

Utility Bill Payment Assistance – Provides utility bill payment assistance up to \$2,400 for eligible households with electric, gas, or propane bills with priority given to vulnerable households (children 5 or

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younger, elderly or disabled household members). *Eligibility Requirements:* 150% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines; proof of citizenship or legal residency status is required.

Weatherization Assistance Program - Improve energy efficiency of single family and multiple family units. *Eligibility Requirements:* 150% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines; proof of citizenship or legal residency status is required.

FIGURE 2: HVAC Repair Assistance, Utility Bill Payment, and Weatherization Income Limits

2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines Household Income Limits (150% Federal Poverty)							
1 PERSON	2 PERSON	3 PERSON	4 PERSON	5 PERSON	6 PERSON	7 PERSON	8 PERSON
\$ 21,8700	\$ 29,580	\$ 37,290	\$ 45,000	\$ 52,710	\$ 60,420	\$ 68,130	\$ 75,840

Priority Repair Program – Address urgent health and safety concerns for owner-occupied, single-family homes to extend the life of housing units and maintain the stock of housing units so that low-income families can remain in their homes. *Eligibility Requirements:* Household income is at or less than 60% area median income; must own and occupy home; proof of citizenship or legal residency status is required.

FIGURE 3: Priority Repair Household Income Limits

HUD 2023 Adjusted Household Income Limits (60% Area Median Income)							
1 PERSON	2 PERSON	3 PERSON	4 PERSON	5 PERSON	6 PERSON	7 PERSON	8 PERSON
\$ 40,200	\$ 45,960	\$ 51,720	\$ 57,420	\$ 62,040	\$ 66,660	\$ 71,220	\$ 75,840

If you have any further questions about the City's HVAC assistance programs, please contact Victor Turner, Director of Neighborhood Services at ext. 8187 or Victor.Turner@FortWorthTexas.gov.

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