**TxCDBG**

**Emergency Services - Help for Colonias Program**

[COUNTY] County, in partnership with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and [NONPROFIT], is pleased to offer a one-time emergency assistance program for colonia residents.

**Who is Eligible?**

* Emergency SHC funds is available to assist low-income individuals or families whose income has been significantly reduced as a result of social distancing and other public health restrictions issued beginning March 2020
* Households eligible to receive Emergency SHC assistance must meet all of the following requirements as certified by the head of household during the application process:
	+ Residence in an eligible colonia community (see definition below);
	+ Total family income for the last 12 Months equal to or less than HUD’s Very Low-Income threshold: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il19/Section8-IncomeLimits-FY19.pdf>; and
	+ Income significantly reduced as a result of public health restrictions beginning March 2020.

**What Can I Request?**

* Assistance with up to three months of the following expenses:
	+ Mortgage expenses
	+ Utility expenses
	+ Assistance for Food and Other Needs
* Maximum of $2,000 in grant funds per residential unit (address).
* Funds will be provided directly to service providers (mortgage lenders, utility services, grocery stores, etc.)

**What Documents Do I need to Bring?**

* Documentation of your address – ex. current utility bill
* For mortgage assistance, most recent mortgage statement (must display same residential address identified above)
* For utility assistance, utility statements beginning as early as March 2020
* A pay stub or other proof of recent income for each working adult (one pay period in 2020), if the household did not receive other income-restricted assistance in the past year
* Photo ID (only if requesting food assistance)
* Completed TxCDBG Survey Questionnaire and E-SHC Family Certification (recommended)
* Note: TxCDBG funds are focused on income and residential location, proof of citizenship is not required.

**How Do I Apply?**

[NonProfit] will accept applications from colonia residents in person:

[Date, Time]

[Location]

**Definitions**

* Household – All persons, related or unrelated, living in a single residential unit. The household will not receive more than maximum grant per unit, regardless of the number of families included.
* Colonia – a colonia for TxCDBG purposes:
	+ is an identifiable unincorporated community;
	+ was in existence as a colonia before the date of the enactment of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (November 28, 1990); and
	+ lacks basic infrastructure (potable water supply, adequate sewage systems) and decent, safe, and sanitary housing.