



PRESS RELEASE

Open Application Period for Disabled Home Owners

Funding available for repairs and accessibility modifications

Kilgore, TX, April 7, 2009: Funding is available for East Texas disabled residents providing free home repair and accessibility modifications to make homes safer through a private grant from The Federal Home Loan Bank in Dallas. The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) and Center for Housing Resources have partnered to respond to this growing need and are hosting an application period to determine client eligibility. Applicants must be recipients of Social Security Insurance or Social Security Disability Insurance as proof of disability, and the home must be owner-occupied. Homeowners with disabled children may also apply. Eligible counties include: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg (outside of Longview city limits), Harrison, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith (outside of Tyler city limits), Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood. The following annual household income limitations are guidelines for client eligibility.

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>1 PERSON</u>	<u>2 PERSON</u>	<u>3 PERSON</u>
Anderson	\$16,400	\$18,750	\$21,100
Camp	\$15,950	\$18,250	\$20,500
Cherokee	\$15,950	\$18,250	\$20,500
Gregg	\$18,200	\$20,800	\$23,400
Harrison	\$17,900	\$20,500	\$23,050
Marion	\$15,950	\$18,250	\$20,500
Panola	\$16,450	\$18,800	\$21,150
Rains	\$17,700	\$20,200	\$22,750
Rusk	\$17,500	\$20,000	\$22,500
Smith	\$19,350	\$22,100	\$24,900
Upshur	\$18,200	\$20,800	\$23,400
Van Zandt	\$18,050	\$20,600	\$23,200
Wood	\$16,750	\$19,100	\$21,500

Applications for potential repairs will be accepted through May 31, 2009. To receive an application packet call 800.442.8845 ext 220.

About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.

About Center for Housing Resources

The Center for Housing Resources was established in 1985 in response to a study requested by the Meadows Foundation which indicated a significant need for affordable housing and a serious lack of local capacity for affordable housing development. For more information, visit <http://www.chrdallas.org/>.

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