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PRESS RELEASE

Deadline to Apply for the Homeowner Assistance and Reimbursement Programs (HARP) is April 28, 2023

Processing will continue, but time is running out to submit draft applications to the GLO for eligibility consideration and assistance with missing documentation

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AUSTIN — Today the Texas General Land Office (GLO) announced the application for the Homeowner Assistance and Reimbursement Programs (HARP) will close at 5 p.m. on April 28, 2023. Applications will continue to be reviewed in all eligible counties affected by flooding events in South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley in 2018 and 2019. All potential applicants must submit applications by the deadline to be considered for eligibility so long as funding is available.

HARP eligible counties accepting applications through April 28, 2023:

- Cameron
- Hidalgo
- Willacy

HARP applicant coordinators are available to help applicants complete their applications. Applications can be submitted even if some documentation is missing as HARP applicant coordinators continue to help applicants who are missing documents. All documents are necessary to meet federal disaster assistance requirements for eligibility.

The GLO allocated <u>\$137.8 million</u> of Community Development Block Grant -Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for repair or reconstruction of owner-occupied single-family homes and reimbursement up to \$50,000 for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred for reconstruction, rehabilitation, or mitigation. Repayment of SBA loans is also eligible for reimbursement. A single application can be submitted for reimbursement and repair assistance. An application must be submitted along with required documents for consideration. HARP is a first-come, first-served basis and all homeowners are encouraged to apply immediately. HARP is only available for a main home (primary residence).

Dalia and Miguel Rodriguez of San Benito received a fully reconstructed home through GLO's HARP. Flood waters came up through the floor and caused so much damage the home was unstable. "These keys can actually be made of gold because this is the most beautiful thing that we've gotten ever in our life and it is a blessing, said Dalia. "It has given us an opportunity to start new. It is the best gift anyone could ever get." See their story <u>here</u>.

Interested homeowners should visit <u>recovery.texas.gov/harp</u> to apply online or download a printable version of the application. Potential applicants can also find in-person assistance at regional Homeowner Assistance and Reimbursement Programs offices serving their area. For assistance, interested participants can email.cdr@recovery.texas.gov or call 1-844-893-8937.

email cdr@recovery.texas.gov or call 1-844-893-8937. The GLO has made several resources available for potential applicants. Please visit recovery.texas.gov/harp for additional resources, including:

- HARP Overview in English
- HARP Visión General en Español
- HARP Document Checklist in English
- HARP Lista de Documentos en Español