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For additional Housing for Texas Heroes grantee resources and training aids published during the grant year, visit the 2022-23 Grantee Home website:

LINK: 2022-23 Grantee Home

<https://www.tvc.texas.gov/grants/2022-2023grantees/>

I. Project Checklist

Download Housing for Texas Heroes Project Checklist from TVC website. Use the checklist to guide planning, eligibility confirmation, and document gathering to support reimbursement.

NOTE: See “FVA Housing for Texas Heroes Project Checklist” on page 63.

II. Project Form

Download Housing for Texas Heroes Project Form and complete it according to the information requested to support reimbursement.

NOTE: See “FVA Housing for Texas Heroes Project Form” on page 64.

III. Before & After Photos

Review the Before and After Photo guidelines in this appendix, to ensure that adequate photo documentation is captured before and after. Photo documentation is required for reimbursement. Visit the 2022-23 Grantee Home page on TVC’s website for additional grant management resources and training aids

NOTE: See “Before & After Photo Requirements” on page 65.

IV. Avoid Obstacles for Grantee Reimbursement

Ensure that the beneficiary is listed as the owner via the County Tax Appraiser's office before committing to or beginning the project. Eligible beneficiary must be listed as the owner on county records – via a Warranty Deed, Special Warranty Deed, Irrevocable Trust where the veteran (or surviving spouse) is listed as the beneficiary of the trust, etc.

Grantee organizations carry the burden of substantiating ownership of the property. If clear, absolute evidence of beneficiary ownership is not provided to FVA at time of reimbursement, the grantee organization may be liable for covering the costs of the project.

Ensure beneficiaries are CURRENT on mortgage loans, home equity loans and property taxes – before committing to or beginning the project.

V. Allowable Costs

NOTE: See “D. Allowable and Unallowable Items in Housing for Texas Heroes projects” on page 72

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FVA Housing for Texas Heroes Project Checklist

Organization must retain the following documentation for projects completed. Do not submit to FVA when requesting reimbursement.

- Proof of VA Disabled or Low-Income or Very-Low Income status**
Pay stubs and/or VA letter(s) on file verifying VA Disabled or Low-Income or Very-Low Income status required for FVA home-mod project eligibility.
- Proof of Veteran Status including Character of Service**
Must coincide with permitted FVA documentation selected by grantee on approved grant application. See Project Eligibility section of Project Narrative in GovGrants.
- Verification of Home Ownership**
Verify the beneficiary is the owner of the home as reflected in a warranty deed, special warranty deed, or listed as the beneficiary of the trust that is listed as the owner with county tax records.
- County Tax Statement & Mortgage Loan Statement**
Demonstrating beneficiary is current on property taxes and any loans where a lien has been placed on the property to be modified.
- Bid Solicitations/Procurement File**
Must demonstrate the method and process for contractor/vendor selection for labor and materials. Must verify Grantee solicited at least 3 complete bids for projects over \$10,000.
- Inspection Reports**
Demonstrating pre-inspection, final inspection, and any instance during home-modification work.
- Project Before & After Photos**
Photos taken from the exact same point of view – showing all areas that will be worked on (before), and showing what repairs & modifications were completed (after). See “Appendix E: Housing For Texas Heroes Home Modification, Repair, and Weatherization Projects” for more information.
- Statement/Scope of Work (SOW)**
The detailed description of what repairs or modifications are expected to be completed during the project. The SOW may be edited as work progresses due to discoveries within the home preventing original plans. All repairs and modifications must be identified by agency providing funds for the repair/modification.
- Housing for Texas Heroes Project Form**
Complete the form for each project and submit completed signed form for reimbursement. See “Appendix E: Housing For Texas Heroes Home Modification, Repair, and Weatherization Projects” for more information.
- Fully Executed Contract to Provide Services on Statement/Scope of Work (SOW)**
Must be signed by Grantee organization and Contractor; and coverage dates must occur within the active grant period to be considered valid and fully executed.
- Contractor’s Certification and Release of Lien**
Signed by 1) Authorized Grantee Representative, 2) Contractor(s) and 3) Veteran Beneficiary. All parties must certify the work was completed as claimed, invoiced, and reported to FVA.
- Organizations must retain all records pertaining to the grant for 3 years (per TxGMS guidance) or by the organization’s policy requirements, whichever is longer.**

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FVA Housing for Texas Heroes Project Form

INSTRUCTIONS

*** REQUIRED FIELDS**

Submit for Reimbursement of Home Modification Expenses. Submit one completed form for each home modification project.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Grantee Name*	Grant ID Number*
Beneficiary Name*	
Project Address*	
City*	County*
Is the Veteran/Surviving Spouse listed as the owner of the house with the County Tax Office – for the home that is being modified/repairs? *	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PROJECT GOALS

What problem(s) need addressing at the home? *Short description of each problem* *

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PROJECT MILESTONES

Pre-Inspection Date *	Start Date *
Final Inspection Date *	Completion Date *

COST OF COMPLETED MODIFICATION, REPAIR, WEATHERIZATION WITH FVA FUNDS

What Home Modification(s) or Repair(s) were completed? * *Short description of major tasks performed* * Cost *

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Total Cost *

CUSTOMER RATING *	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> I Wish to File a Complaint
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CERTIFICATION

GRANTEE: I agree that the information on this form is true. The work has been completed and accepted by the client.

Grantee Representative Signature * *Date* *

BENEFICIARY: I agree that the information on this form is true. The work has been completed and my customer rating is fair.

Beneficiary Signature * *Date* *

Before & After Photo Requirements

Housing for Texas Heroes project reimbursement requests must include a picture depicting the front façade of the home, as well as pictures illustrating all individual areas of the project scope before and after completion. Pictures illustrating the completed project help FVA's grant officers ensure transparency in reporting, as well as help the grantee justify costs reported for reimbursement.

NOTE: Pictures of each job component of Housing for Texas Heroes projects must be included in the supporting documents submitted in conjunction with the reimbursement request.

Reimbursement requests will be delayed until grantee provides required pictures.

A. Minimum Requirements

- Pictures must be taken by designated grantee representative or third-party inspector (not the contractor)
- Include (1) picture of the front elevation or façade of the home owned by the veteran or surviving spouse
- Include at least (1) before picture next to (1) after picture of each individual job area making up the total home modification, repair or weatherization project

B. Format Guidelines

- ✓ Must be in color (no black and white scans)
- ✓ Must illustrate the exact location of job component within the interior or exterior of the home
- ✓ Before and After images must be adjacent to each other in the support document PDF
(see examples in this section)
- ✓ Before and After images must be taken from the same angle
(see examples in this section)
- ✓ Maximum of 4 images per page
- ✓ Include “Before” and “After” noted directly on the image or above/below each image
- ✓ Avoid taking pictures of job components where people are visible in the frame

C. Before & After Photo Examples

1. Front Façade of Home

EXAMPLE: Front façade of Housing for Texas Heroes project



EXAMPLE: Front façade of Housing for Texas Heroes project



EXAMPLE: Front façade of Housing for Texas Heroes project



EXAMPLE: Front façade of Housing for Texas Heroes project



2. Exterior

EXAMPLE: Roof replacement on Housing for Texas Heroes project



EXAMPLE: Wheelchair ramp on Housing for Texas Heroes project

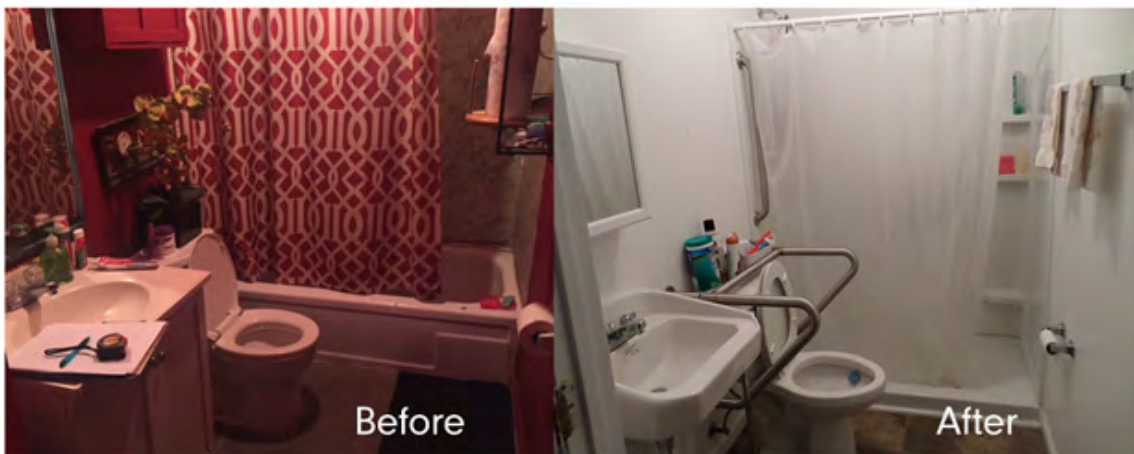


3. Interior

EXAMPLE: Flooring replaced in Housing for Texas Heroes project

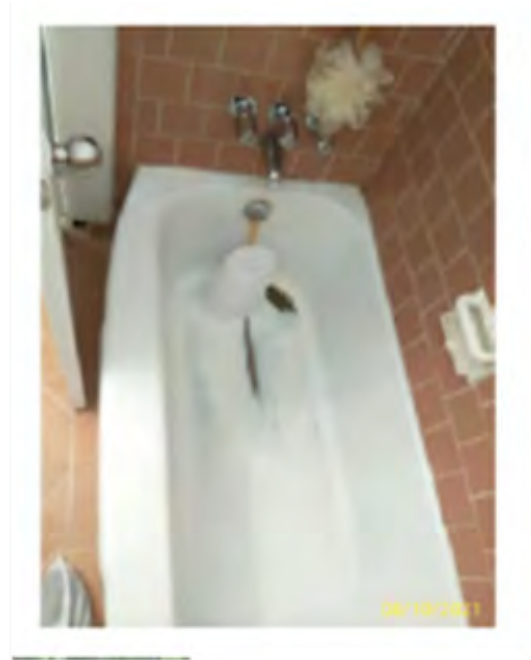


EXAMPLE: Grab bar installation for Housing for Texas Heroes project



4. Insufficient Picture Documentation

EXAMPLE: Insufficient picture documentation for a Housing for Texas Heroes modification project



- ✗ Not taken from the same angle
- ✗ Missing “before” and “after” labels

D. Allowable and Unallowable Items in Housing for Texas Heroes projects

TABLE 9: Allowable exterior items in Housing for Texas Heroes projects

Driveway: repair or leveling for accessibility or ease of walking for elderly	✓
Sidewalk: repair or leveling for accessibility or ease of walking for elderly	✓
Roof: repair or replacement	✓
Foundation: leveling or repair	✓
Rodent infestation: repair to exterior of home to prevent rodents from entering into subflooring or attic	✓
Caulking: caulking of exterior of home to prevent weather and element from entering	✓
Siding: repair or replacement to prevent weather elements from entering house	✓
Painting exterior: painting of weather damaged siding and home exterior to extend life	✓
Ramp: install or repair for entry into all exits of home for accessibility or ease of walking for elderly	✓
Deck: repair or replace for accessibility or ease of walking for elderly	✓
Fence: for service animal, install, repair, replace	✓
Lawn: drainage and leveling to prevent water from entering the home	✓
Surface drain: for foundation to prevent water from entering the home	✓
Electrical Drop and meter enclosure repair or replacement to meet code	✓
Light fixtures: repair of existing light fixture or replacement with comparable fixture	✓
Plumbing exterior: repair or replacement water pipes and fixtures to prevent leaks of fresh water	✓
Plumbing exterior: repair or replacement of sewage pipes to ensure proper elimination of waste	✓
Septic system: repair or replacement to prevent leaks and ensure proper elimination of waste	✓
HVAC system: repair or replacement of air conditioner, coolant, refrigeration lines, furnace, air handler, indoor coil, register, supply air duct, return duct and thermostat	✓
Window: replacement or repair due to broken glass or frame to prevent weather elements for entering home	✓
Door and frame exterior: repair or replacement to secure home and prevent weather elements for entering home	✓
Tree removal: removal of tree or tree limbs overhanging above home to prevent future damage	✓

TABLE 10: Allowable interior items in Housing for Texas Heroes projects

Doorway widening: widening of exterior doors or interior doors to allow accessibility for wheelchair	✓
Subfloor: leveling and repair for habitability, accessibility, or ease of walking for elderly	✓
Carpet replacement: replacement of old, worn carpet or carpet that prevents accessibility or ease of walking for elderly	✓
Flooring: repair or replacement for accessibility or ease of walking for elderly	✓
Ceiling: repair or replacement due to water or weather damage	✓
Walls: repair or replacement due to water or weather damage	✓
Painting: painting of interior of home to extend life of weathered materials, to cover repaired area, and cover water damage areas that do not need replacement	✓
Electrical: circuit breakers and panel, repair or replacement to ensure home is to code	✓
Electrical: replacement of non-operational outlets, light switches and covers	✓
Electrical wiring: replacement and repair of home wiring to ensure home is to code	✓
Light fixtures: repair of existing light fixture or replacement with comparable fixture	✓
Ceiling Fan: repair non-operational fan or replacement with comparable model	✓
Plumbing interior: repair of water pipes and fixtures to prevent leaks	✓
Plumbing interior: replacement of water pipes to ensure home is to code	✓
Plumbing interior: replacement of unrepairable water fixture with comparable model	✓
Refrigerator: repair or preplace with comparable model	✓
Stove: repair or replace with comparable model	✓
Microwave: repair or replace with comparable model	✓

TABLE 11: Allowable bathroom items in Housing for Texas Heroes projects

Remodel for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and accessibility	✓
Door, widen entrance and replace door and door frame for wheelchair accessibility	✓
Vanity and sink: Position lower on wall for wheelchair accessibility; includes required plumbing and fixture	✓
Toilet: replace with ADA-compliant model	✓
Bath: install ADA-compliant walk-in shower or ADA-compliant tub for accessibility along with required plumbing and fixtures	✓
Grab bars: install bars as required for toilet and bath	✓

TABLE 12: Allowable items in Housing for Texas Heroes kitchen projects

Remodel for ADA compliance & accessibility	✓
Door: widen entrance and replace door and door frame, for wheelchair accessibility	✓
Counter tops: lower height for ADA compliance and wheelchair accessibility	✓
Sink: lower height for wheelchair accessibility; includes required plumbing and fixture	✓
Upper cabinets: position lower on wall, for wheelchair accessibility	✓
Lower cabinets: replace lower cabinets to reduce height, for wheelchair accessibility	✓
Stove: replace with ADA-compliant model	✓
Refrigerator: replace with ADA-compliant model	✓

NOTE: Grantee should contact Grant Officer to request prior approval for modifications, weatherization, and repairs not listed in this appendix.

TABLE 13: Unallowable items in Housing for Texas Heroes projects

New additions to the property are not allowed.	X
Modifications, Weatherization, or Repairs to non-primary residential home or structure	X
Window replacement for energy efficiency	X
Energy efficiency repairs or modifications to reduce electrical cost	X
Gutter installation	X
Kitchen/ bathroom remodels for aesthetic purposes	X
Carpet replacement for wood flooring for aesthetic purposes	X
Painting exterior or interior for aesthetic purposes	X
Installing deck/ landings without medical necessity	X
Fence repair or replacement, UNLESS for service animal (see Table 9)	X
Landscaping or yard clean-up	X