

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

Table 11: Allowable exterior items in Housing for Texas Heroes beneficiary projects

ITEM	ALLOWABLE OR NOT ALLOWABLE
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 12: Allowable interior items in Housing for Texas Heroes beneficiary projects

ITEM	ALLOWABLE OR NOT ALLOWABLE
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 13: Allowable items in Housing for Texas Heroes beneficiary bathroom projects

ITEM	ALLOWABLE OR NOT ALLOWABLE
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 14: Allowable items in Housing for Texas Heroes beneficiary kitchen projects

ITEM	ALLOWABLE OR NOT ALLOWABLE
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 15: Unallowable items in Housing for Texas Heroes beneficiary projects

ITEM	ALLOWABLE OR NOT ALLOWABLE
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 11: Allowable exterior items in Housing for Texas Heroes beneficiary projects” on page 76)	X
Landscaping or yard clean-up	X