



TAA Members:

The Texas General Land Office is asking for your help in housing Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey.

The Texas General Land Office is administering two FEMA-funded programs that *could be beneficial to multifamily property owners* (e.g., apartment complexes). These housing options provide funds to make rental units safe and functional, while providing Hurricane Harvey survivors with adequate alternative housing options.

To be considered, properties must be located in one of the following disaster-designated counties: **Aransas, Austin, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton.**

Multi-Family Lease and Repair (MFLR): This program allows for your property to be repaired or upgraded by GLO in return for housing qualified FEMA applicants.

- Property must have been previously used as multifamily housing.
- Property must be in the declared disaster area.
- Property must be within a reasonable distance to community services such as schools, grocery stores, emergency services, etc.
- Property cannot be in a Special Flood Hazard Area.
- Property must be available to be leased to GLO/FEMA allowing exclusive use until February 25, 2019 (18 months after the date of Hurricane Harvey disaster declaration)
- Property must consist of at least three units and each unit must have complete facility for cooking, eating, and sanitation, located within the unit.
- Funds available for repair are based on the FEMA estimate of the cost of repair or improvements to the property. This cost is divided by the months available for the lease agreement to reach the lease agreement price. This price must be below 125 percent of FMR and \$21,000 per unit.

Direct Lease (DL): This program enables local governments to lease housing properties that would not typically be available to the public for lease, such as corporate apartments.

- Property must comply with HUD Housing Quality Standards.
- Property must be within a reasonable distance to community services such as schools, grocery stores, emergency services, etc.
- GLO will pay the security deposit and a lease of up to \$1,300. GLO will not pay for a pet deposit or background checks.
- Property must be available to be leased to GLO/FEMA allowing exclusive use until February 25, 2019 (18 months after the date of Hurricane Harvey disaster declaration).
- GLO has the right to decide who is selected as the tenant (based on FEMA eligibility criteria).
- GLO has the right to terminate the lease with 30 days written notice.

The above points are general in nature and don't fit all circumstances. For further information, please see the FEMA RFI website for the [Multi-Family Lease and Repair program](#) and the [Direct Lease program](#). If interested, please contact the GLO's MFLR program manager Jeff Crozier at 512-475-5067 or Jeff.Crozier@GLO.TEXAS.GOV.