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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **Texas Rent Relief Program Applications Open Feb. 15**

**Granbury, Texas** – The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs announced the Texas Rent Relief Program's launch, funded through approximately \$1.3 billion received through the latest federal COVID-19 relief bill. TDHCA uses the funds to help Texans pay rent and utility bills, including past due.

Applications will be accepted from landlords and tenants starting at 8 a.m. Central Time on February 15th.

### **What Does it Cover?**

The Texas Rent Relief Program can help with the below costs as far back as March 13, 2020:

- Past due, current, and up to three months of expected rent costs
- Past due, current, or up to three months of expected utility and home energy expenses
- After receiving assistance for three months of expected costs, households can apply for additional help if funds are still available

For households to qualify, they must be at or below 80% of the area median income and other criteria. TDHCA will prioritize applications for households at or below 50% of area median income and households where one or more members are unemployed and have been for at least 90 days. Landlords are also encouraged to apply on behalf of tenants.

### **How to Apply**

Starting Monday, you can submit your application by calling 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368) or online at [www.TexasRentRelief.com](http://www.TexasRentRelief.com). The call center will be open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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