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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **TDHCA GRANTS HARRIS COUNTY \$56 MILLION TO REBUILD HOMES DAMAGED BY HURRICANE IKE**

*Grant Money will launch Harris County Homeowners Disaster  
Recovery Program in October*

**July 20, 2009 (HOUSTON)** – The Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) announced today it has received \$56 million in funds administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were granted to Texas from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and will be dedicated to Hurricane Ike recovery efforts.

David Turkel, Director of the Harris County Community Services Department, indicated that the funds will be used to repair homes for Harris County residents that sustained significant damage from Hurricane Ike. “We are very grateful to TDHCA and to HUD for these grant dollars. We will now be able to assist Harris County residents in repairing their homes,” stated Turkel.

The Harris County Homeowner’s Disaster Recovery Program (HDRP) dollars will be used to repair and reconstruct homes damaged by Hurricane Ike. Program guidelines will be published in October, when grant dollars will become available.

To learn more about the program, please visit [www.harrisrecovery.org](http://www.harrisrecovery.org).

#### **About Harris County Community Services Department**

The Harris County Community Services Department administers more than \$50 million annually in federal, state and local grant funds for Harris County in carrying out U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Transit Administration, and other programs in housing, community development, social services and transit services. In addition to grant funds, the Department administers the County’s economic development and tax abatement programs. The Department’s mission is to promote economic growth; revitalize blighted and underdeveloped areas; and create decent housing and a suitable living environment for low-income individuals, persons with disabilities and the homeless.

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