

Project HOPE

Helping build Opportunities for People to Excel



- 7-county region of Central Texas
- Over 435,000 residents
- 56% African Am. or Hispanic
- Less than 27% have \geq Bachelor's degree

- Average of 16.1% living in poverty
- Approx. 38% of housing built pre-1978
- Property tax increased avg 11% in one year

Shortfalls of Currently Funded Programs

- Lack of adequate funding for demand
 - Approx. 12-mo wait list for weatherization
 - Approx. 4+mo wait list for home repair programs
- Shortfall in workforce willing to do the work
 - Little interest in home rehab (new housing boom)
 - Shortfall in qualified contractors for project needs
- Need for funding that supports housing issues
 - Cost exceeds program limitations
 - Many homes exceed costs for single program \$\$
 - Repair costs have increased $>22\%$ since 2019

Project HOPE will:

- Increase funding-services for demand
 - Increase direct assistance \$\$\$
 - Use layered approach from multiple programs
- Increase capacity of workforce
 - Pay for training-certs for weatherization
 - Increase qualified techs
 - Increase partnerships with small contractors
- Expand \$\$ for Energy Efficiency & Electrification
 - Increase weatherization services
 - Increase heat pump water heater use
 - Expand insulation & home envelope options
 - Increase electrification to code standards & reduce overall costs
 - layer repairs / program services / reduce \$\$\$

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