

TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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WHAT IS THE TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (THAP)?

THAP is a Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) program that pays for housing, clothes, food, and hygiene items for some TDCJ inmates awaiting release.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THAP?

You might be eligible if you are:

- approved for parole and waiting for a halfway house placement; or
- close to your mandatory supervision release date.

In addition, you must have also tried to find other housing options, but you still have no place to go.

CAN I LIVE ANYWHERE I WANT?

No. THAP does not pay for you to live with friends or family. THAP only pays for you to live in the county you lived before you were incarcerated (Legal County of Residence).

THAP **does not** pay for housing in these counties: Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Jefferson, Tarrant, or Travis County.

WHAT ARE THE RULES ONCE I'M IN THE PROGRAM?

Once you're accepted into the program, you must look for a job and a place to live. You must also follow the established house rules.

HOW LONG WILL THAP PAY FOR MY HOUSING AND PERSONAL NEEDS?

Up to three months. At the end of three months, you must have a job and another place to live.

HOW DO I APPLY?

There is no application. All inmates are automatically screened for the THAP. If you're eligible, the Release and Placement Unit will contact you.

I GOT DENIED, NOW WHAT?

If you are denied THAP assistance, you can ask your parole office for an "alternate housing list". Every parole office has access to the list. Although the housing list is primarily composed of "self-pay" housing providers, it may be helpful in your search for temporary housing.

HOW DO I BECOME A HOUSING PROVIDER?

Some of the requirements for housing providers are:

- The facility must be a multi-family home or hotel;
- The facility can't be located in Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Jefferson, Tarrant, or Travis County;
- TDCJ pays the housing provider directly;
- For more information on becoming a housing provider, go to:
http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/documents/announcements/THAP_Provider_Letter.pdf
- For an application to become a housing provider, go to:
http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/documents/announcements/THAP_Application.pdf

TCJC provides this pamphlet for information only; please direct questions about THAP to the TDCJ Parole Division, Review & Release Processing at (512) 406-5449.