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Habitat for Humanity Seeking Veterans to Benefit from \$200,000 Grant

TYLER, TEXAS – Habitat for Humanity of Smith County has received a \$200,000 grant from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

The Texas Veterans Commission grant will be used to provide critical home repairs for veterans and surviving spouses of veterans through Smith County Habitat's critical repair program. Renovations will assist veterans in making their homes accessible, healthy and safe. Projects typically involve installing wheelchair ramps, making kitchen cabinets usable, installing new floors that are level and making doorways and bathrooms easier to get into.

Any veteran or surviving spouse in need of critical home repair and/or modification and who lives in Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, Rusk, Smith, Van Zandt or Wood county is eligible to apply for assistance. Applicants must meet the grantor's requirements as well as Smith County Habitat's requirements for assistance.

Call 903-595-6630 for more details or to make an appointment with a grant specialist.

From 2014-2019, Smith County Habitat received four grants from the Texas Veterans Commission totaling \$600,000 and completed 81 projects impacting veterans and their families.

With the newly awarded grant, Smith County Habitat estimates repairing the homes of 26 veterans.

About Habitat for Humanity of Smith County

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that makes homeownership possible for low-income working families. The Smith County affiliate was formed in 1989. In the past 30 years, HFHSC has partnered with local volunteers and donors to build 107 homes. Through its home repair program, Habitat has completed over 800 critical repair projects, making it possible for veterans, seniors and the disabled to remain safely in their homes. For more information, call 903-595-6630.

About Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance grant program was established in 2007 by the 80th Legislature and funded in late 2009. The program awards reimbursement grants in four categories: General Assistance, Housing4TexasHeroes, Veterans Mental Health, and Veterans Treatment Court Grants. These grants offer funding to non-profit and local government organizations which, in turn, provide direct services to Texas Veterans and their families. Since 2009, the Fund for Veterans' Assistance has awarded over \$90 million to organizations across Texas to help over 250,000 Veterans and their families. For more information, visit www.tvc.texas.gov.

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