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## **TDHCA to Hold Five Public Hearings on Applications for 2003 Tax Credit Program**

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today announced that it will hold a series of five public hearings in April to accept public comment on applications received for the 2003 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program allocation. The hearings are scheduled for El Paso, Harlingen, Austin, Houston, and Arlington.

The LIHTC Program is the state's primary means of directing private capital toward the creation or rehabilitation of affordable multifamily rental housing. Developers use the credits to offset their federal tax liability in return for the development of rental properties that lease at below-market rents. The LIHTC Program has helped create more than 96,000 units of affordable housing since its inception in 1987.

The hearings will provide citizens an opportunity to comment on 121 applications received by TDHCA for the 2003 allocation, as well as Department LIHTC Program practices and procedures, at the following locations and times:

Tuesday, April 1  
**EL PASO**  
11:00 a.m.  
El Paso City Hall  
2 Civic Center Plaza,  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor

Wednesday, April 2  
**HARLINGEN**  
12:00 p.m.  
Harlingen City Council Chambers  
118 East Tyler

Thursday, April 3  
**AUSTIN**  
1:00 p.m.  
TDHCA Board Room  
507 Sabine, 4th Floor

Friday, April 4  
**HOUSTON**  
2:00 p.m.  
Houston City Hall Annex Chamber,  
Public Level  
900 Bagby

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
**ARLINGTON**  
7:00 p.m.  
Arlington City Council Chambers  
101 W. Abram St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

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A submission log of applicants for the 2003 LIHTC Program is available on the Department's website at: [www.tdhca.state.tx.us/lihtc.htm](http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/lihtc.htm). The public comment period concerning the 2003 allocation closes on June 6, 2003. All comment should be directed to Jennifer Joyce, Multifamily Program Analyst, and may be provided to the Department by any of the following methods:

**Facsimile:**

512/476-0438 or  
512/475-0764

**E-Mail:**

[jjoyce@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:jjoyce@tdhca.state.tx.us)

**Regular Mail:**

TDHCA LIHTC Program  
PO Box 13941  
Austin, TX 78711-3941

Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for the public hearings should contact Gina Esteves, ADA Responsible Employee, at 512/475-3942 or Relay Texas at 800/735-2989 at least two days prior to the meeting to ensure appropriate arrangements can be made.

*The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is Texas' lead agency responsible for affordable housing, public and energy assistance programs, and colonia activities. The Department annually administers funds in excess of \$400 million, the majority of which is derived from mortgage revenue bond financing and refinancing, federal grants, and federal tax credits.*