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Grant program targets eligible Brooks County homeowners with help paying past due property taxes, mortgage payments

Falfurrias- Certain Brooks County homeowners may soon be eligible for up to \$25,000 in grant money to pay past due property taxes and up to \$40,000 in past due mortgage payments under a grant program targeting people who experienced financial hardships because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Texas Homeowner Assistance Fund Program has already begun accepting applications for help reported Brooks County Sheriff/Tax Assessor-Collector, Benny Martinez.

The program is available now in Brooks County and all across the state. Money from the American Rescue Plan will be used to provide the help so long as the applicant meets certain criteria.

This includes homeowners with household income of \$79,900 or less (possibly higher depending on number of household members) who have fallen behind on one or more of the following expenses: property taxes, property insurance, HOA/condo fees, and mortgage payments. The homeowner must have experienced a Qualified Financial Hardship after January 21, 2020.

Applications are being accepted online at www.texashomeownerassistance.com or call 833-651-3874.

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