

2015-2016 Floods  
Housing Assistance Program  
Guideline Revisions  
October 21, 2019

Newton County is proposing the following revisions to the 2015-2016 Newton County Housing Assistance Program Guidelines and will be submitting these to the General Land Office on or about October 29, 2019 for approval.

The following table addresses Housing Assistance Caps in the current guidelines:

<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Reconstruction/ New Construction</b>	<b>Rehabilitation</b>
<b>Stick-Built Base Unit</b>	*Local Composite Bid	Xactimate pricing <i>Max Award</i> \$65,000
<b>Replacement With Energy Efficient Manufactured Housing Unit (MHU)</b>	*\$95,000	
<b>Non-Coastal Elevation</b>	\$35,000	\$35,000
<b>Water Well</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Septic System</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Abatement</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000 or actual costs established by Xactimate cost estimate
<b>***Project Soft Costs</b>	***Actual and max \$10,000	***Actual and max \$7,000

Newton County is proposing to increase the cap for Accessibility to a maximum of \$35,000 for both reconstruction and rehabilitation. Accessibility features include items such as ramps and elevator lifts. This change is being suggested so that homeowners located in areas that require more than the average amount of elevation and therefore additional funds for accessibility can be served.

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on these revisions to Newton County. All comments received by October 28, 2019 will be considered by Newton County prior to submitting to the GLO. Comments may be submitted to Elizabeth Holloway, County Auditor at 110 Court Street, Newton, Texas from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.