



HPRP & Other HUD Programs

To Aid Iowa's Homeless



Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-housing Program

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American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

- Provided \$1.5 billion under the Homeless Prevention Fund for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities
- Established the Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)
- Notice published 3/19/09



Program Intent

- Focus of HPRP is housing stabilization
- Provides temporary financial assistance and/or services to help persons gain housing stability
- Temporary assistance as a bridge to long-term stability



Program Intent

- Serve persons who are homeless or would be homeless **but for** this assistance
- Serve persons who can remain stably housed **after** this temporary assistance ends



Not Intent of Program

- Serve persons who need long-term and/or intensive supports
- Mortgage Restructuring
- Be identical to ESG
- Be identical to Rapid Re-housing Demonstration Program



Timeline

- September 30, 2009: Grant Agreements with Sub-grantees must be signed
- Two Years from Date HUD Signed Grant Agreement: 60% of Funds Expended
- Three Years from Date HUD Signed Grant Agreement: 100% of Funds Expended

Four Categories of Eligible Activities

- Financial Assistance
- Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services
- Data Collection & Evaluation
- Administration

Financial Assistance

- Short & Medium Term Rental Assistance
- Security/Utility Deposits
- Utility Payments
- Moving Assistance (can assist for movement out of transitional housing but not into transitional housing)
- Storage (Up to 3 months if housing not available)
- Motel/Hotel Vouchers (Up to 30 days if housing not ready)

Rental & Utility Assistance

- Total period of assistance cannot exceed 18 months for rental assistance and 18 months for utilities
- HPRP funds can pay for rent and utility arrears (if renter is behind by 6 months or less), but any payment for arrears counts towards 18 month limit
- Rental assistance must comply with HUD's "rent reasonableness" standard and unit must meet habitability standards



Ineligible Financial Assistance Activities

- Duplicating payments
- Mortgage assistance/costs (However homeowners are eligible for all HPRP assistance depending on circumstances)
- Operations costs for housing programs
- Assistance longer than 18 months
- Direct payments to participants
- Payment of credit arrears (credit cards, loans, etc.)



Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services

- Services to assist homeless persons that need temporary assistance to obtain housing
 - Services to assist persons at risk of homelessness to maintain housing
- Legal Services
 - Housing Search/Placement
 - Credit Repair
 - Outreach/Engagement
 - Case Management

Ineligible Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services

- Non-housing services, such as
 - Child care
 - Employment training
 - Education (books, fees, tuition, etc.)
 - Transportation (gas, bus tokens, cabs, etc.)
 - Food, household items, clothing
 - Furniture and appliances
 - Discharge planning at institutions



Data Collection & Evaluation

- Data Collection on HPRP Clients in HMIS or Comparable Database
- Participation in HUD's evaluation of HPRP

Administration

- Accounting of Funds
- Audit
- Preparation of HUD Reports
- Staff Training on HPRP



Eligible Beneficiaries

- ❑ Program participants must be homeless or about to become homeless AND:
 - Have income of 50% or less of Area Median Income (AMI)
 - Have no other housing options
 - Have no financial resources or support networks to obtain or remain in housing



Eligible Beneficiaries for Rapid Re-housing

- ❑ Program participants must be homeless per HUD definition
 - Sleeping in emergency shelter
 - Sleeping in place not meant for human habitation
 - Staying at hospital or institution for up to 180 days, but literally homeless immediately prior to entry
 - Graduating from/timing out of transitional housing
 - Victim of domestic violence



Eligible Beneficiaries for Prevention

- ❑ Program participants must be at risk of homelessness, such as:
 - Eviction within 2 weeks
 - Sudden loss of income
 - Residency in condemned housing
 - Health issues
 - Increase in utility costs



Qualifying Beneficiaries

- Each HPRP participant must have an initial consultation with a case manager to determine the appropriate resources needed
- Document Income Qualification
- Document Homeless or Risk of Homeless
- Evaluate and document eligibility for financial assistance at least every 3 months



Homeless Status in HPRP

- When assisted with HPRP, participants maintain the homeless status they had immediately prior to receiving assistance
- If homeless prior to HPRP, still considered homeless while in HPRP
- If NOT homeless prior to HPRP (prevention) then not considered homeless while in HPRP



Things to Consider

- Develop consultation strategy that determines appropriate assistance (HPRP and/or other)
- Form partnerships
- Prioritize: target people most likely to become homeless, people most likely to benefit from temporary assistance, etc. – Analyze HMIS and other data for predictors
- Look for ways to improve effectiveness – Review shelter admission data to see who was served but became homeless & who not served and became homeless

Coordination of HPRP and Other Efforts

- HPRP is a one-time influx of funds to implement and learn from innovative approaches
- HPRP must be administered in coordination with the Continuum and other local efforts
- HPRP requires coordination with other ARRA funds in the community
- Look for ways to improve effectiveness – Review shelter admission data to see who was served but became homeless & who not served and became homeless



Outcomes

- Reducing the length of stay in shelter or in homelessness
- Reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time
- Increasing the number of people who are diverted from shelter to stable housing
- Reducing repeat episodes of homelessness
- Reducing the number of people overall who are homeless



HPRP Quarterly Reporting

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA or Recovery Act) requires quarterly reporting by all grantees. For HPRP grantees, quarterly reporting will be completed in two systems, however, duplicative data entry is very minimal. The two reporting systems are: FederalReporting.gov and *e-snaps*.
- World Wide Web: <http://hudhre.info>



Other HUD Programs

- Designed as the first step in the Continuum of Care, the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program provides funds for emergency shelters — immediate alternatives to the street — and transitional housing that helps people reach independent living. Grantees use ESG funds to rehabilitate and operate these facilities, provide essential social services, and prevent homelessness.



Other HUD Programs

- The Supportive Housing Program (SHP) helps develop housing and related supportive services for people moving from homelessness to independent living. Program funds help homeless people live in a stable place, increase their skills and their income, and gain more control over the decisions that affect their lives.
- Generally speaking, SHP helps homeless people who are sleeping in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings, or those who are sleeping in an emergency shelter as a primary nighttime residence



Other HUD Programs

- The Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Program provides rental assistance in connection with supportive services. The program provides a variety of permanent housing choices, accompanied by a range of supportive services funded through other sources.
- S+C assists hard to serve homeless individuals with disabilities and their families. These individuals primarily include those with serious mental illness, chronic problems with alcohol and/or drugs, and HIV/AIDS or related diseases.



Other HUD Programs

- **Mainstream Programs:**
- [Community Development Block Grants \(CDBG\) Program](#)
- [Disaster Housing Assistance Program \(DHAP\)](#)
- [HOME Investment Partnership \(HOME\) Program](#)
- [Housing Choice Voucher Program \(Section 8\)](#)
- [Public Housing Program](#)
- [Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program](#)
- [Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities](#)



Thanks