

Iowa's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Overview

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HPRP: What It Is and Is *Not*

- HPRP is a 3-year “use or lose” program with strict, statutory deadlines
- It is not a permanent program
- It is not a substitute for long-term rental assistance
- But, it offers a great opportunity to help people avoid homelessness or, if homeless, achieve rapid re-housing and housing stability





Iowa Funding Allocation

- \$16,732,201 allocated to Iowa
- Six Iowa cities: Des Moines, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Davenport and Dubuque received direct allocations from the total.
- The State of Iowa receives the remaining \$11,866,889



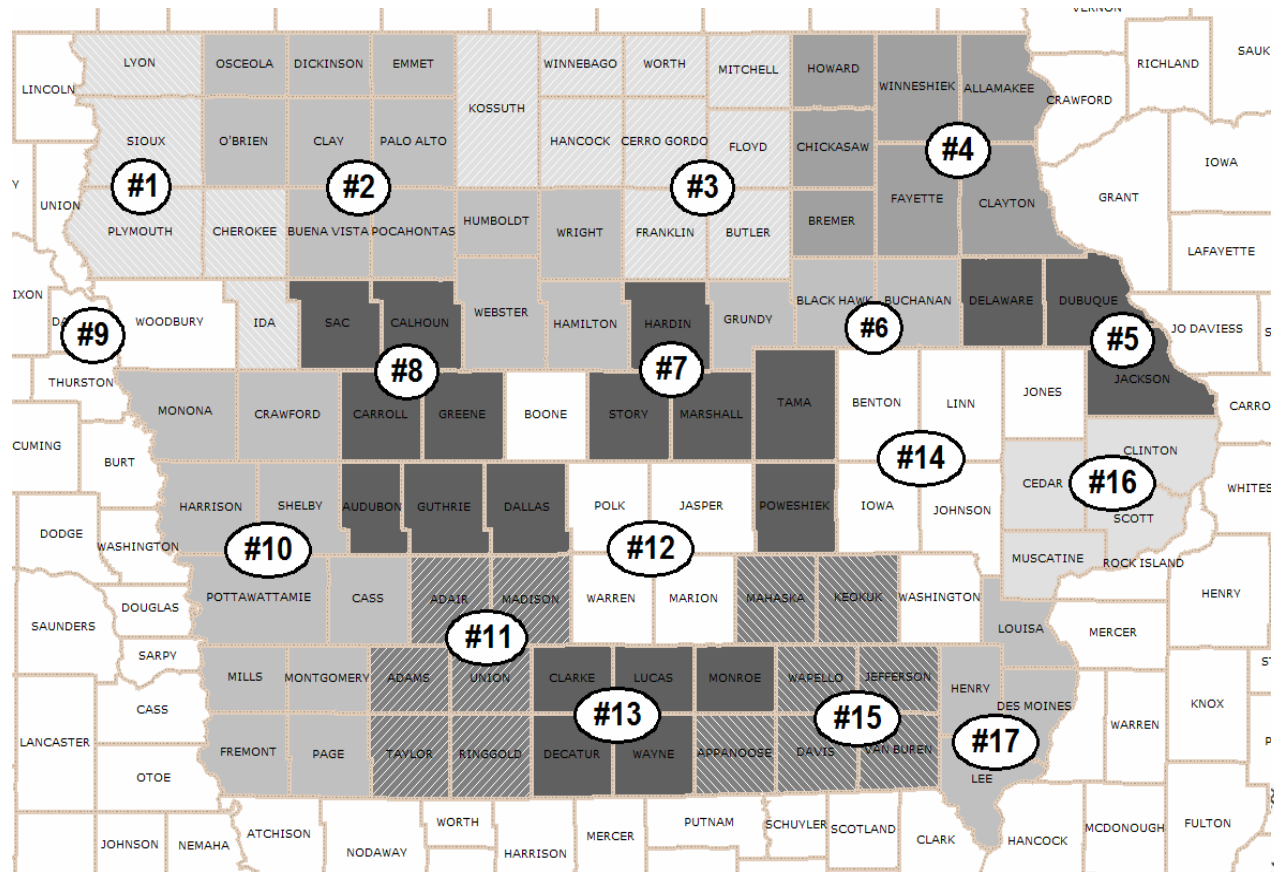


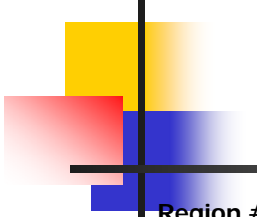
Iowa Distribution Plan

- The State used a multi-county regional approach and distributed funds by formula using FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Board for each county.
- Entitlement city allocations taken into consideration for regional funding.
- 17 regions were identified.



We used the Community Action Agencies existing jurisdictions.





Region #	Counties included in the region	HPRP Funding Available
1.	Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth Cherokee and Ida	\$ 245,114
2.	Osceola, Dickinson, Emmet, O'Brien, Clay Palo Alto, Buena Vista, Pocahontas, Humboldt Wright, Webster and Hamilton	\$ 826,596
3.	Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin and Butler	\$ 809,188
4.	Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Chickasaw, Bremer, Fayette and Clayton	\$ 600,746
5.	Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson	\$ 200,850
6.	Grundy, Blackhawk and Buchanan	\$ 317,389
7.	Hardin, Story, Marshall, Tama and Poweshiek	\$ 863,625
8.	Sac, Calhoun, Carroll, Greene, Audubon, Guthrie and Dallas	\$ 398,428
9.	Woodbury <i>(No additional state allocation per formula)</i>	\$ 0
10.	Monona, Crawford, Harrison, Shelby Pottawattamie, Cass, Mills, Montgomery Fremont and Page	\$ 959,948
11.	Adair, Madison, Adams, Union, Taylor and Ringgold	\$ 274,738
12.	Boone, Polk, Jasper, Warren and Marion	\$ 1,194,589
13.	Clarke, Lucas, Monroe, Decatur and Wayne	\$ 243,440
14.	Benton, Linn, Jones, Iowa, Johnson and Washington	\$ 1,610,783
15.	Mahaska, Keokuk, Wapello, Jefferson, Appanoose, Davis and Van Buren	\$ 856,341
16.	Cedar, Clinton, Scott and Muscatine	\$ 994,690
17.	Louisa, Henry, Des Moines and Lee	\$ 699,076





October 1st Start-up.

- We have identified lead agencies for all of the 17 regions
- Some agencies are serving more than one region
- All but two of the lead agencies are CAP agencies.
- The program will begin on October 1st.





Eligible Activities for HPRP

- Financial Assistance
 - Short-term rental assistance (<4 mths)
 - Medium-term rental assistance (4 to 18 mths)
 - Security and utility deposits
 - Utility payments (up to 18 months)
 - Moving costs and assistance
 - Motel and hotel vouchers (up to 30 days)





Eligible Activities - Continued

- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
 - Case management
 - Outreach and engagement
 - Housing search and placement
 - Legal services
 - Credit repair
- Data Collection and Evaluation
 - HMIS implementation
- Administrative Costs





Ineligible Uses of HPRP Funds

- Mortgage costs, such as refinancing, taxes, and fees
- Construction or rehabilitation
- Child care and employment training



Ineligible Uses of HPRP Funds, cont.

- Consumer debt
 - Although a limited amount of rent and utility arrears are eligible.
- Medical costs
- Travel costs
- Cash assistance



Minimum Requirements for Program Participants

- Must have at least an initial consultation with case manager or authorized representative to determine type of assistance needed
- Household must be at or below 50% of AMI. In Iowa the average is \$31,000 for a family of four.
- Household must be homeless or at risk of losing housing with:
 - No means of housing identified AND
 - No financial resources and support networks to obtain housing





Prevention Assistance

- Beyond minimum requirements, HUD strongly encourages targeting to households at greatest risk of *becoming* homeless
 - “Would this individual or family be homeless *but for* this assistance?”
 - Potential risk factors identified in HPRP Notice
 - Grantees and sub-grantees should consider expected ability of the program participant to achieve stable housing beyond HPRP assistance





Rapid Re-Housing Assistance

- Available to persons who are homeless according to HUD's definition
- Generally provides short- or medium-term assistance and services for households likely to sustain housing after subsidy ends
- Funds not subject to same requirements as under the Rapid Re-Housing demonstration program in the 2008 CoC competition



Deadlines for Obligating and Spending Funds

- Grantees must award or enter into agreements with all sub-grantees by September 30, 2009
- Within two years, grantees must draw down 60% of HPRP funds
 - If a grantee does not spend at least 60% of grant funds within two years, HUD may recapture and reallocate these funds.
- Within three years, grantees must draw down 100% of HPRP funds
 - No funds can be drawn down after the three-year deadline





Questions or TA??

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