

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 intends to use a regional approach, for example, using the 16 Community Action Agency regions or 18 COG regions.
- Funds distributed by formula using FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Board for each county.
- Entitlement city allocations taken into consideration for regional funding.



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 (up to 5% of total HPRP grant)



Ineligible Uses of HPRP Funds

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

- Visit the HPRP page on HUD's Homelessness Resource Exchange (www.hudhre.info) for information.
- If you cannot find an answer to your question there, submit your question through the HPRP Virtual Help Desk found at the bottom of the HPRP page.
- Additional resources
 - HUD webcast (April 8)
 - National Alliance to End Homelessness (www.endhomelessness.org/prevention)
 - HUD will be holding 9 regional trainings for HPRP. Details to come.

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