

Summary of ARRA-Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

Legislation:

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), under Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, (“Recovery Act”).

Purpose:

The purpose of the HPRP is to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless—many due to the economic crisis—and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless as defined by section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302).

Federal Agency:

Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development

Four Major Eligible Activities:

1. Financial Assistance
2. Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
3. Data Collection and Evaluation
4. Administrative Costs

Program Type(s):

1. Homeless Prevention Program

- a.) Outreach. Talking to informed leaders that are experienced in working with people in trouble of homelessness.
- b.) Targeting Process
- c.) Mediation function with tenant-landlord
- d.) Financial assistance with flexibility

(Tentative guideline: cost per person approximately \$1,500 to \$2,500 including case management and dollars spent on client case.)

2. Homeless Diversion Program

- a.) Screening. What are the chances of salvaging a situation? Trying to prevent entering into shelter. Safely salvaged situation. Example: Paying families for use of their home as interim housing. Flexibility.

- b.) Working on long-term housing plan. Housing location. Case management. Coordinating services with service providers.

(Tentative guideline cost per person \$5,000 to \$6,000 including case management and dollars spent on client case.)

3. Rapid Re-Housing Program

- a.) When someone becomes homeless—assess barriers such as credit problems, lack of funds. Determine the kind of rental assistance required. Partial rental assistance for short period of time.
- b.) Housing locators are very important to find rental housing. Working with landlords to get good terms for tenants is very important as well.
- c.) Case Management and housing stabilization services.
- d.) Coordination very important—think regionally.
- e.) Consider combining funds with jurisdictions.
- f.) Think about sustainability. Look at mainstream systems to fund sustainability. Example: TANF Continuum of Care, look for effective outcome measurement.

(Tentative guideline cost per person \$5,000 to \$8,000 including case management and dollars spent on client case.)

Eligible Subgrantees of the State:

1. Private non-profit organizations, if the local government for the locality in which the program is located certifies that it approves of the Homelessness and Rapid Re-Housing Program. See Attachment A of the State HPRP Notice of Funding Availability.
2. Units of general local government in the State. See Attachment A of the State HPRP Notice of Funding Availability.
3. The State may include metropolitan cities and urban counties that receive grant amounts directly from HUD. See Attachment B of the State HPRP Notice of Funding Availability.

Priority funding will be given to the HUD Non-Entitlement areas per Attachment A of the State HPRP Notice of Funding Availability. To the extent funds remain available after the funding of sub-grantees in Attachment A areas, metropolitan cities and urban counties in Attachment B of the State HPRP Notice of Funding Availability will be funded in rank order from the highest HUD allocation to the lowest HUD allocation.

Coordination with Other Community Planning Efforts:

Each applicant for HPRP funding must coordinate with the local Continuum(s) of Care (CoC) to ensure that HPRP activities are aligned with the CoC’s strategies for preventing and ending homelessness. See HUD website for a list of the CoCs in the state: <http://www.hud.gov/local/ca/homeless/continuumcare.cfm>

Collaborative Applications:

Collaboration in the developing of an HPRP Program is strongly encouraged as a means of providing comprehensive approaches to planning and delivery of services under HPRP. Extra rating points will be received by applicants submitting a Multi-Agency application.

A “Multi-Agency Application” means a joint application for a grant under HPRP where a “Lead Agency” will enter into one contract with the State for the joint provision of eligible activities by one or more other eligible organizations; and whereby the Lead Agency will be awarded the contract in collaboration with other eligible organizations described as “Partner Agencies”; and the Lead Agency shall be responsible for fiscal monitoring, reporting and administration of the contract with its Partner Agencies and the State.

A “Partner Agency” participating in a Multi-Agency application may not apply separately as a “Single Agency” applicant.

Example:

- Multi-Agency Application: Lead Agency - Committee on the Homeless
- Partner Agency: City of Petaluma Housing Program
- Partner Agency: Catholic Charities, Inc.
- Partner Agency: ABC Transitional Housing, Inc.

Funding Minimums and Maximums:

Type of Applicant	Lead Agency	Partner Agency(ies)	Min. and Max
Multi-Agency	Yes	Yes	\$300,000 + \$300,000 for each Partner Agency not to exceed \$1.2 Million
Single Agency	Yes	None	\$300,000 and not to exceed \$600,000

Major Eligible Budget Activities:

1. Financial Assistance
2. Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
3. Data Collection and Evaluation
4. Grant Administration (limited to .5% of grant award)

Client Participant Criteria:

1. Initial consultation with a case manager or other authorized representative who can determine the appropriate type of assistance to meet their needs; and
2. Household (individual and families) must be at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI). www.huduser.org/DATASETS/il.html

Subgrantees should use HUD's Section 8 income eligibility standards for HPRP; and

3. Household must be either homeless or at risk of losing its housing and meet both of the following circumstances:
 - a. No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified; and
 - b. The household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing.

At Risk Factors to Consider:

1. Eviction within 2 weeks from a private dwelling (including housing provided by family or friends).
2. Discharge within 2 weeks from an institution
3. Residency in housing that has been condemned.
4. Sudden and significant loss of income
5. Sudden and significant increase in utility costs
6. Mental health and substance abuse
7. Physical disabilities and other chronic health issues

8. Severe housing cost burden (greater than 50% of income for housing costs)
9. Homeless in last 12 months
10. Young head of household (under 25 with children or pregnant)
11. Current or past involvement with child welfare, including foster care
12. Pending foreclosure of rental housing
13. Extremely low income (less than 30% AMI)
14. High overcrowding (the number of persons exceeds health and/or safety standards for the housing unit size)
15. Past institutional care (prison, treatment facility, hospital)
16. Recent traumatic life event such as death of a spouse or primary care provider, or recent health crisis that prevented the household from meeting its financial responsibilities
17. Credit problems that preclude obtaining of housing
18. Significant amount of medical debt

Timeline of Major Events:

April 20, 2009	State Substantial Amendment to Con Plan start of Public Comments Period
April 28, 2009	Public Hearing on Substantial Amendment to Con Plan- Sacramento
May 5, 2009	Public Hearing to Substantial Amendment to Con Plan – Chino Hills; and Merced
May 18, 2009	State Substantial Amendment to Con Plan due date
July 2, 2009	HUD approves or disapproves State Substantial Amendment to the Consolidate Plan
On or before June 30, 2009	HPRP NOFA and Application release date.

On or before July 30, 2009	Application Due Date to HCD
Sept. 1, 2009	HUD executes Grant Agreement with State
Sept. 15, 2009	State to execute Grant Agreement and return to HUD (15 days from the date HUD signs Grant Agreement)
Sept. 30, 2009	State obligates funds to subgrantees
Jan. 5, 2009	<u>Subgrantees</u> must submit Quarterly Report to HCD within 5 days from the end of the Quarter (Oct- Dec 2009) <u>and every quarter for 3 years</u>
Jan.10, 2009	<u>HCD</u> Quarterly Report due to HUD within 10 days from the End of the Quarter (Oct-Dec.) <u>and every quarter for 3 years</u>
Oct. 30, 2010	<u>Subgrantee</u> Annual Report due to HCD within 30 days from the end of the fiscal year (9-30-2009 thru 9-30- 2010) <u>and every year for 3 years</u>
Nov. 30, 2010	<u>HCD</u> Annual Report due to HUD within 60 days from the end of the fiscal year (9-30-2009 thru 9-30-2010) <u>and every year for 3 years</u>
July 30, 2011	<u>Subgrantees</u> will be monitored by HCD for expenditure rates in meeting the 60% expense rate by 9-30-2011.
Sept. 30, 2011	<u>Subgrantees</u> must spend at least 60% of grant funds (within 2 years)
Sept. 30, 2012	Termination date for all HPRP grants and 100% of funds must be spent (within 3 years of 9-30-2009)