

# **Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)**

## **Substantial Amendment to Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan**

**Public Hearing**

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# Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)

- Lexington County was allocated **\$588,970** in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funds.
- 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.

# Key Expenditure Dates

- 60% of allocation must be spent within 2 years of grant execution
- 100% of allocation must be spent within 3 years of grant execution
- Clock begins when HUD signs the Grant Agreement

# Targeting

- **Homelessness Prevention**
  - Prevent individuals and families at risk of homelessness from becoming homeless
- **Rapid Re-housing**
  - Assist persons experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized

# Target Population

- Individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from being homeless or assistance to move to another unit (**prevention**)
- Individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it (**rapid re-housing**)

# Eligibility Criteria

**Program participants must be homeless or about to become homeless AND:**

- Initial consultation to determine appropriate assistance
- Income of 50% or less Area Median Income (AMI)
- No other housing options
- No financial resources or support networks to obtain or remain in housing

# HPRP Program Income Limits

<b>Household size</b>	<b>Maximum Allowable Income</b>
1	\$21,750
2	\$24,850
3	\$27,950
4	\$31,050
5	\$33,550
6	\$36,000
7	\$38,500
8	\$41,000

# Eligible Activity Categories

- Financial Assistance
- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
- Data Collection and Evaluation
- Administrative costs



# **Financial Assistance**

## **Rental and Utility Assistance**

- Short term (up to 3 months)
- Medium term (4 –18 months)
- Total period of assistance cannot exceed 18 months for rental assistance and 18 months for utility assistance
- Arrears (up to 6 months) but counts toward 18 month service period
- Rental assistance must comply with HUD's “rent reasonableness” standard

# Other Financial Assistance

- Security Deposits
- Utility Deposits
- Moving costs
- Storage (up to 3 months)
- Hotel/motel vouchers (up to 30 days)
- Staff costs to issue financial assistance should be included
- Cost of inspections for habitability standards

# **INELIGIBLE Activities:**

## **Financial Assistance**

- Duplicating payments
  - using HPRP funds and another source for exact same cost type for same time period
- Mortgage assistance/costs
- Operations costs for housing programs
- Assistance longer than 18 months
- Direct payments to program 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
- Eligible services:
  - Case management; outreach and engagement; housing search and placement; legal services; credit repair

# **INELIGIBLE Activities:**

## **Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services**

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

# Data Collection and Evaluation

- Reasonable costs for collecting and reporting data through HMIS
- Software and hardware costs
- Connectivity costs
- HMIS training (users and system admin.)
- Data warehousing/aggregation from multiple CoCs with different HMIS software solutions implemented
- Participation fees for providers using the HMIS

# **INELIGIBLE Activities:**

## **Data Collection and Evaluation**

- Planning or developing alternative data system to HMIS EXCEPT when no HMIS in CoC and/or CoC does not exist
- Replacing local or state funding EXCEPT when state/local funding is no longer available
- Contracting for program evaluation

# Administrative Costs

- Cannot exceed 5% of grant total
- Eligible costs:
  - Accounting for the use of grant funds
  - Preparing reports for submission to HUD
  - Obtaining program audits
  - Grantee or subgrantee staff salaries associated with eligible administrative costs
  - Training for staff that is directly related to learning about HPRP
  - Pre-award administrative costs



# **INELIGIBLE Activities:**

## **Administrative Costs**

- Staff costs for issuing financial assistance or
- providing services
- General training (i.e. for a case manager to gain credentials)
- Training or technical assistance from someone other than HUD-approved national TA provider

# Other Requirements

- HPRP funds must be issued to a third party (e.g., landlord or utility company), NOT directly to program participants
- An assisted property may not be owned by the grantee, subgrantee or the parent, subsidiary or affiliated organization of the subgrantee
- Grantees who use funds for ineligible activities must reimburse HUD

# Timeline

- Notice Published.....3/19/09
- Substantial Amendments Due.....5/18/09
- HUD Reviews Completed by.....7/02/09
- Grant Agreements Executed.....by 9/01/09
- Subgrantee Agreements signed.....by 9/30/09

# HPRP Estimated Budget Summary

	Homelessness Prevention	Rapid Re-housing	Total Amount Budgeted
Financial Assistance <sup>1</sup>	\$300,000	\$110,000	\$410,000
Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services <sup>2</sup>	\$95,000	\$42,000	\$137,000
<b>Subtotal</b> (add previous two rows)	<b>\$395,000</b>	<b>\$152,000</b>	<b>\$548,000</b>

Data Collection and Evaluation <sup>3</sup>	\$12,521
Administration (up to 5% of allocation)	\$29,449
<b>Total HPRP Amount Budgeted<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$588,970</b>

# Questions?



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