Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
Office of Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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- Provided $1.5 billion under the Homelessness Prevention Fund for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities

- Established as Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)

- Notice published 3/19/09
Eligible Grantees

- Funds allocated by CDBG/ESG formula, with grant minimum set by HUD at $500,000
- Eligible grantees are States, metropolitan cities, urban counties, and territories
- Total of 540 grantees
- Appendix B of Notice provides a comparison between HPRP and ESG
**Program Overview and Intent**

- **Prevention**: Prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless.

- **Rapid Re-Housing**: Help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

  Funding is directed to persons who are or would be homeless **but for** this assistance.

  Intent is to help persons who can remain stably housed after this temporary assistance ends.
Program Overview and Intent

- Temporary assistance: not intended to provide long-term support
- All eligible program participants can obtain:
  - Financial Assistance
  - Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
- HPRP is not a mortgage assistance program--Congress has established other funds to assist homeowners
Eligible Program Participants

- Individuals and families who are homeless or about to become homeless who:
  - Are at or below 50% of Area Median Income,
  - Have no appropriate subsequent housing options identified,
  - Lack financial resources and support networks needed to obtain or remain in housing
- All program participants must have an initial consultation with a case manager
Overview of HPRP Eligible Activities

Financial Assistance: short- and medium-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility payments, moving assistance, motel/hotel vouchers

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services: outreach, case management, legal services, housing search and placement, credit repair

Data Collection: costs related to implementing and operating HMIS for HPRP clients and cost of evaluation

Administration: cost of administering the grant, up to 5%
Legislative Requirements

Timely implementation of HPRP is critical:
- 60% of grant funds must be expended within 2 years
- 100% of funds must be expended within 3 years
- Funds will be reallocated if not used
- Administrative costs are capped at 5%
- No match requirement
Data Collection and Reporting

- HMIS: Grantees and sub-grantees enter participant data into HMIS administered by local CoC
- IDIS: Grantees enter expenditure reporting
- Grantees must comply if asked to participate in HUD-sponsored research and evaluation
- HMIS Data and Technical Standards will be updated to include additional data elements to report HPRP data
All ARRA programs have stringent and transparent accountability reporting

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HPRP Resources

- Posted at [www.HUDHRE.info](http://www.HUDHRE.info)
  - Notice and programmatic requirements
  - Virtual help desk for Q and A
  - Sample community documents
  - Development of program guidance documents, tools, and templates
  - Request Technical Assistance and Training

- HUD HPRP webcasts (three) are archived
- Regional Training Sessions
- Homeless Listserv