



# 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)

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#### 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 rehoused and stabilized
- Funding is directed to persons who are or would be homeless <u>but for</u> 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





#### Required Reporting

All ARRA programs have stringent and transparent accountability reporting

| Report Type   | Reporting Period   |
|---|--|
| Initial Performance Report Due 10/10/09                                     | Data of HUD obligation of funds to 9/30/09   |
| Quarterly Performance Reports  Due 10 days after end of each fiscal quarter | October 1 to December 31 January 1 to March 31 April 1 to June 30 July 1 to September 30 |
| Annual Performance Report  Due 60 days after end of federal fiscal year     | October 1 to September 30  |





#### **HPRP** Resources

- Posted at 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



