

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program



HUD's Vision for HPRP 2009 REGIONAL HPRP TRAINING



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Training Purpose

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- To provide grantees and subgrantees with relevant HPRP guidance including:
 - Legislation and Implementation
 - Eligible Activities
 - Program Targeting
 - Grantee Responsibilities
 - Data Collection and Reporting
 - Community Examples
 - Technical Assistance Resources

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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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

Program Intent

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- Focus of HPRP is housing stabilization
- Provides temporary financial assistance and/or services to help persons gain housing stability
- Temporary assistance as a bridge to long term stability

Program Intent

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- Intent is to serve persons who:
 - Are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance
 - Can remain stably housed after this temporary assistance ends

HPRP is NOT....

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- A mortgage assistance program
- Intended to serve persons who need long-term and/or intensive supports
- ESG Program
 - Different eligibility requirements & activities
- Rapid Re-housing (RRH) Demonstration
 - Different requirements and activities

Key Differences between HPRP & RRH Demonstration

Item	RRH Demo	HPRP
Eligibility	Families with children	Individuals or Families (with or without children)
Rental Assistance Period	3-6 months OR 12-15 months	Any # of months up to 18 months
Centralized Intake Process	Required	Recommended

Eligible Applicants

- Funds allocated by ESG formula, with grant minimum set by HUD at \$500,000
- Total of 540 grantees
- Grantees are strongly encouraged to consider their capacity to use all of the allocation
- Applicants can request less than the full amount allocated and/or decline to submit an application

Eligible Applicants

- Eligible applicants are states, metropolitan cities, urban counties, and territories who can subgrant to local units of government and/or private nonprofit organizations
- No required match

Other Requirements

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- HPRP funds must be issued to a third party (e.g., landlord or utility company), NOI 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
- Funds used for ineligible activities must be repaid to HUD

Timeline

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- May 18, 2009: Substantial Amendments due
- Within 45 days of receipt: HUD completes review
 - Once grant agreements are signed by HUD – this starts the clock for expenditure deadlines
- Sept 30: Grant Agreements with sub-grantees must be signed
- Two years from date HUD signed grant agreement:
 - 60% funds expended
- Three years: 100% expended

Eligible Participants

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- 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): see www.huduser.org/DATASETS/il.html
 - No other housing options
 - No financial resources or support networks to obtain or remain in housing

Eligible Activities – Four Categories

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

- Housing Relocation & Stabilization Serv.
 - Outreach/engagement, case management, legal services, housing search/placement, credit repair

Eligible Activities – Four Categories

- Data Collection and Evaluation
 - Costs related to data collection on HPRP clients in HMIS or comparable database, as appropriate
 - Costs associated with participating in HUD's evaluation of HPRP
- Administrative costs
 - Costs related to accounting of funds, audit, preparation of HUD reports, grant administration, staff training on HPRP

Unprecedented Opportunity

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- Level of Funding

- Missing Link

Transformative Change

- Systemic Change

Level of Funding

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- HPRP equals HUD's entire annual homeless assistance budget
- Infusion of targeted and essential resources
- Provides new opportunities to Continuums of Care (CoCs)

Missing Link:

NEW CoC Interventions

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Outreach, Intake,
Assessment

Emergency
Shelter

Transitional
Housing

Support
Services

Permanent
Supportive
Housing

Rapid
Re-housing

Prevention

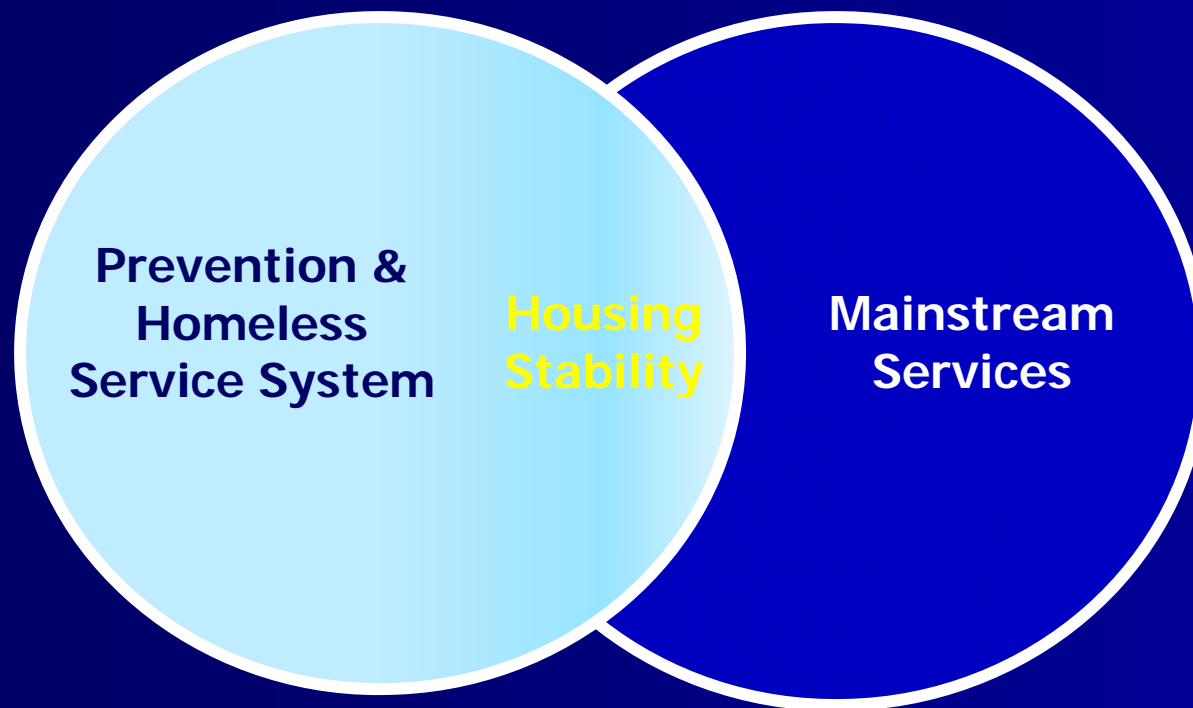
Transformative Change

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- Re-orientes homeless planning efforts
- Housing stability-oriented approach
- Change the way communities solve homelessness

Systemic Change

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Innovation

- Encourage grantees to think outside the box in program implementation
- Adopt key components of best practice models with jurisdictional variation
- Maximize use of other ARRA funds and existing mainstream resources

Key Prevention Provisions

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- Form partnerships
- Prioritize people most likely to become homeless
 - Analyze HMIS/other data for predictors
- Continuous performance improvement
 - Reviewing shelter admission data to see who was served but still became homeless and who was not served and became homeless

Community Examples: Prevention

- Lancaster County, PA
 - Rental Counseling to Prevent Homelessness Program
- Hennepin County, MN
 - Prevention Program

Community Example: Prevention Lancaster County, PA

- Services:

- Housing counseling
- Budget counseling
- Landlord mediation/advocacy
- Protective payee services

Community building

- More information at www.tabornet.org

Community Example: Prevention Hennepin County, MN

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Services:

- Legal services to address eviction cases in court
- Short and long-term case management
- Volunteer assistance to help families stabilize housing
- Landlord/tenant mediation and assistance in securing new housing if housing is lost
- Financial assistance

Hennepin County, MN

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- Source of funding:
 - TANF block grant
 - State general revenue funds
- Outcomes:
 - Over 95% of families remained housed in succeeding 12 months
 - Over two-year period a cost of \$938,898 was used for prevention, \$331 per family
 - More info at www.co.hennepin.mn.us

Key Rapid Re-Housing Provisions

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- Quickly assess people's immediate barriers to housing
- Partner with community organizations to locate housing

Community Examples: Rapid Re-housing

- Boston, MA
 - Rapid Re-housing Program
- Columbus, OH
 - Rapid Re-housing for Families Program

Community Example: Rapid Re-housing Boston, MA

Boston, MA HomeStart:

- Housing search
- Home visits
- Case management
- Budgeting assistance
- Tenancy counseling
- Emergency rental funds
- Housing vouchers

Community Example: Rapid Re-housing Boston, MA

HomeStart Funding

- Budget - \$5 million annually
- 80-85% McKinney-Vento grants
- Contracts with state agencies

Outcomes:

- Since 1994 over 3,500 people moved to permanent housing
- 90% of people are still housed one year later
- For more info: <http://www.homestartinc.org/>

Community Example: Rapid Re-housing Columbus, OH

Key initiatives:

- Developed short-term rental subsidies
- Single point of entry to homeless system
- Rapid Re-housing
- Data and Planning

Columbus, OH

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Outcomes:

- Families served by the emergency shelter system have declined dramatically
 - 1995: 1,168 families
 - FY 2008: 786
- Successful housing outcomes have risen steadily
 - 27% in 1995
 - 67% in FY 2008

For more info: www.csb.org

Coordination of HPRP and Other Efforts

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- HPRP is a one-time influx of funds to implement and learn from innovative approaches
- Grantees must be administered in coordination with the Continuum and other local efforts
- Grantees are required to coordinate HPRP funds with other ARRA funds in the community

Thinking Ahead – What are you trying to achieve with HPRP?

- Outcomes of HPRP can include:
 - Reducing the length of stay in shelter or in homelessness
 - Reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time
 - Increasing the number of people who are diverted from shelter to stable housing
 - Reducing repeat episodes of homelessness
 - Reducing the number of people overall who are homeless

Resources

- Available at www.HUDHRE.info
 - Notice and programmatic guidance
 - Virtual help desk, Q&A document, searchable FAQ database
 - Sample community documents
 - Program guidance documents, tools, and templates (under development)
 - Webcast materials
 - Regional training materials