

Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program

HPRP Funds in NC

NC Total	\$29,078,387
North Carolina State Program	\$22,157,468
Asheville	\$509,460
Charlotte	\$1,930,217
Durham	\$789,101
Fayetteville	\$589,648
Greensboro	\$781,141
Raleigh	\$991,091
Wake County	\$582,164
Winston-Salem	\$748,097


What is the Substantial Amendment?

- Before the State can receive any of the allocated funds, the State must submit a plan to HUD. That plan, called a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan, answers several questions about how the State plans to administer the funds and how communities can apply, how successful applicants to the State will be monitored and general expectations for how funds will be spent.

HPRP Program Participant Requirements

- Household must be at or below 50% Area Median Income (AMI)
- Must either be homeless or at risk of losing housing and meet both:
 - 1) no appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified and
 - 2) the household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing

Outcomes

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- **Prevention:**
 - Prevent homelessness among households that are at imminent risk of homelessness
 - **Rapid Re-Housing:**
 - Quickly re-house households that have become homeless

Risk Factors identified in HUD's published policy

- Eviction within 2 weeks
- Discharge within 2 weeks from an institution where individual has been living for more than 180 days
- Residency in housing that has been condemned
- Sudden and significant loss of income
- Sudden and significant increase in utility costs
- Substance abuse issues
- Physical disabilities, chronic health issues including HIV/AIDs
- Severe housing cost burden (>50% of income)

Additional Risk Factors identified in HUD's published policy

- Experienced homelessness within past 12 months
- Single head of household under age 25
- Current or past involvement with child welfare and/or foster care
- Resident of rental housing that has a pending foreclosure
- High overcrowding
- Past institutional care
- Recent traumatic life event
- Credit problems that preclude obtaining housing
- Significant medical debt

Additional Risk Factors

- Less than 30% area median income
 - Disability income is roughly 15% of area median income
 - Urban areas may want to target at less than 30% area median income
- Others
 - Discharge within 2 weeks from an institution where the person has been a resident for a very short period of time
 - Military service with an other than honorable or dishonorable discharge

HPRP Eligible Activities:

Financial Assistance

- Rental Assistance
 - up to 18 Months
 - can include up to 6 month arrears
- Security and Utility Deposits
- Utility Payments
- Moving Cost Assistance
- Other activities that will directly help a person stay in his or her current housing situation or quickly move to a new location

Rent Reasonableness

- Rent assistance paid cannot exceed the actual rent cost, which must be in compliance with HUD's standard of rent reasonable.
- www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/library/forms/rentreasonablechecklist.doc

HPRP Eligible Activities:

Relocation & Stabilization

- Case Management
- Outreach and Engagement
- Housing Search and Placement
- Legal Services
- Credit Repair

Ineligible Expenses

- Expenses that can be covered through other ARRA resources (child care, employment training)
- **Mortgage Costs**
- Construction or Rehabilitation
- Credit card bills or other consumer debt
- Car repair or other transportation costs
- Travel costs, food, medical or dental care and medicines, clothing/grooming, home furnishings, pet care, entertainment activities, work or education related materials
- Cash assistance

Who Applies to the State?

- Unit of Local Government
- Private non-profit (must have local government buy-in)
- Entitlement communities will be eligible to apply to the State
 - Applications should clarify what is being paid for with local dollars and what is being paid for with State dollars
 - HUD will require separate tracking and reporting for the local and State funds

Timeline for Grantee Submission

- Public Comment Phase: May 1 – May 13
- HUD will approve or disapprove the State's Substantial Amendment by July 2, 2009
 - Disapprovals must be resubmitted within 15 days of notification from HUD
- State will publish Request for Applications (RFA) in early July.
- Applications will be due to the State by early August.
- HUD will sign contract with the State by September 1, 2009
- State will sign contracts with sub-grantees by September 30, 2009

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