

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 30, 2010

TO Housing Committee Members: Steve Salazar, Chair, Carolyn R. Davis, Vice-Chair, Tennell Atkins, Dwaine Caraway, Angela Hunt, Ann Margolin, Pauline Medrano

SUBJECT American Recovery & Re-Investment Act
Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Update

On Monday, August 2, 2010, you will be briefed on American Recovery & Re-Investment Act - Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Update. A copy of the briefing is attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. C. Gonzalez', written over a printed name and title.

A. C. Gonzalez
Assistant City Manager

c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
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American Recovery & Re-Investment Act

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Update

**A Briefing to the
Housing Committee**

**Housing/Community Services Department
August 2, 2010**



Purpose

- To provide an update on the City of Dallas' Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funded through the American Re-Investment and Recovery Act (ARRA).
- To recommend an amendment to the HPRP Program

HPRP Goals

- Homeless Prevention
 - Targets individuals and families currently in housing but at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent homelessness or assistance to move to another unit
 - Prevent people from becoming homeless
 - Outreach to people at high risk of homelessness
 - Assess ability to remain in current housing or alternative housing
- Rapid Re-Housing
 - Targets individuals and families already experiencing homelessness, timing out of emergency or transitional shelters, or on the street who need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and keep it
 - Help people who become homeless to quickly move into permanent housing
 - Develop process for assessing people within a few days of entering shelter (strengths, resources, and barriers to exiting homelessness)

HPRP Eligible Activities

- **Financial Assistance**

- Short-term rental (3 months)
- Medium-term rental (4 to 18 months)
- Security & utility deposits
- Utility payments (18 months and up to 6 months in arrears)
- Moving cost assistance (truck rental, moving cost, short-term storage up to 3 mos.)
- Motel and hotel vouchers (up to 30 days)

Note: Payments can only be made to third parties such as landlords or utility companies.

- **Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services**

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

- **Data Collection and Evaluation** - collection and reporting of client information

- **Administrative** - 5% maximum

Eligibility for HPRP

- Must be at or below 50% of Area Median Income:

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 Person	\$23,950	5 Person	\$36,900
2 Person	\$27,350	6 Person	\$39,650
3 Person	\$30,750	7 Person	\$42,350
4 Person	\$34,150	8 Person	\$45,100

- Must be either homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance and 1) has not identified appropriate subsequent housing options and 2) lacks financial resources and support networks to identify immediate housing or remain in existing housing.
- Must have an initial consultation with a case manager or authorized representative who can determine the appropriate level of assistance.

HPRP Budgets

Direct Assistance	Homeless Prevention	Rapid Re-Housing	Totals
Sub-recipient Contractors	\$1,756,549	\$2,691,196	\$4,556,125
City Operated Programs	\$1,158,185	0	\$1,923,508
Subtotal	\$2,914,734	\$2,691,196	\$5,605,930
Non-Program Items			
Housing/Community Services (Outreach & Engagement)			\$263,185
Housing/Community Services Data Collection			\$100,000
Housing/Community Services Administration			\$143,367
City Auditor's Grant Compliance Group			\$216,000
Subtotal			\$722,552
Un-obligated Funds			
Direct Assistance	\$858,875		\$858,875
Grand Totals	\$3,773,609	\$2,691,196	\$7,187,357

Homeless Prevention Providers' Update

Agency	Dollars Committed	Dollars Spent	Balance	% Expended
Catholic Charities	\$ 528,987.00	\$ 207,972.20	\$ 321,014.80	39%
Central Dallas Ministries	\$ 403,172.00	\$ 244,780.02	\$ 158,391.98	61%
Housing Crisis	\$ 184,788.00	\$ 52,539.65	\$ 132,248.35	28%
Interfaith Housing	\$ 229,877.00	\$ 51,232.58	\$ 178,644.42	22%
Legal Aid	\$ 207,025.00	\$ 32,366.00	\$ 174,659.00	16%
MLK	\$ 579,092.00	\$ 139,365.03	\$ 439,726.97	24%
Salvation Army	\$ 202,700.00	\$ 78,461.58	\$ 124,238.42	39%
West Dallas	\$ 579,093.00	\$ 190,411.01	\$ 88,681.99	33%
Total	\$ 2,914,734.00	\$ 977,128.07	\$ 1,917,605.93	34%

Rapid Re-Housing Providers' Update

Agency	Dollars Committed	Dollars Spent	Balance	% Expended
The Family Place	\$ 409,037.00	\$ 91,852.55	\$ 317,184.45	22%
Family Gateway	\$ 788,912.00	\$ 123,200.83	\$ 665,711.17	16%
Metrocare Services	\$ 601,841.00	\$ 142,371.94	\$ 459,469.06	24%
Nexus	\$ 358,519.00	\$ 140,063.20	\$ 218,455.80	39%
Shared Housing	\$ 532,887.00	\$ 77,475.61	\$ 455,411.39	15%
Total	\$ 2,691,196.00	\$ 574,964.13	\$ 2,116,231.87	21%



Accomplishments

Persons Served:

Homeless Prevention: 789 Households

Rapid Re-Housing: 440 Households

Outreach and Engagement:

682 Households

Total Expenditures:

Federal Funds \$1,795,902

Represents a 300% increase per month

Forecast

- July 2012 –All funds must be spent
 - Expenditures are on target to meet this requirement ahead of schedule
 - Homeless Prevention assistance need will continue to be high
 - Homeless Prevention assistance will continue to be spent faster than Rapid Re-Housing
 - Amendments for reallocating funds will be needed over the next year and a half to adjust to demand for assistance

Substantial Amendment

Recommendation:

- \$546,727 be awarded to most successful subrecipient contractor, Central Dallas Ministries, to continue Homeless Prevention Assistance
- \$213,970 be set up for Homeless Prevention Services to be provided through the Housing/Community Services (H/CS) Department
- \$41,730 be reallocated to Case Management to provide intake for the Homeless Prevention Services offered through HCS
- \$56,448 be reallocated to data management
- Total of \$858,875 to be reprogrammed

Next Steps

- August 5, 2010 –Community Development Commission will be briefed on the recommended amendments
- August 11, 2010 – City Council will consider preliminary adoption of substantial amendment and setting of the public hearing
- April 12– September 22 public comment period
- September 22 –City Council will hold a public hearing and consider final approval of substantial amendment
- October 1 – Implementation of program changes