

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 14, 2011

TO Housing Committee Members: Carolyn R. Davis, Chair, Scott Griggs, Vice-Chair, Dwaine Caraway, Linda Koop, and Pauline Medrano

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

On Monday, October 17, 2011, you will be briefed on Homelessness 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 'Ryan S. Evans'.

Ryan S. Evans
Assistant City Manager

c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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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
October 17, 2011**



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	\$24,200	5 Person	\$37,350
2 Person	\$27,650	6 Person	\$40,100
3 Person	\$31,100	7 Person	\$42,850
4 Person	\$34,550	8 Person	\$45,650

- 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	\$2,238,276	\$2,756,196	\$4,994,472
City Operated Programs	\$1,677,070	0	\$1,677,070
Subtotal	\$3,915,346	\$2,756,196	\$6,671,542
Non-Program Items			
Housing/Community Services Data Collection			\$156,448
Housing/Community Services Administration			\$143,367
City Auditor's Grant Compliance Group			\$216,000
Subtotal			\$515,815
Grand Total			\$7,187,357

Homeless Prevention Providers' Update

Agency	Dollars Committed	Dollars Spent	Dollars Remaining	Percentage Expended
Catholic Charities	\$ 528,987.00	\$ 513,388.93	\$ 15,598.07	97%
Central Dallas Ministries	\$ 949,899.00	\$ 866,566.13	\$ 83,332.87	91%
Homeless Services Program	\$ 213,970.00	\$ 136,687.57	\$ 77,282.43	64%
Housing Crisis	\$ 184,788.00	\$ 159,135.71	\$ 25,652.29	86%
Interfaith Housing	\$ 229,877.00	\$ 228,165.00	\$ 1,712.00	99%
Legal Aid	\$ 142,025.00	\$ 122,397.00	\$ 19,628.00	86%
MLK	\$ 579,092.00	\$ 584,906.55	\$ (5,814.55)	101%
Outreach & Engagement/Case Mgmt	\$ 304,915.00	\$ 244,883.85	\$ 60,031.15	80%
Salvation Army	\$ 202,700.00	\$ 183,065.66	\$ 19,634.34	90%
West Dallas	\$ 579,093.00	\$ 592,831.37	\$ (13,738.37)	102%
Total	\$ 3,915,346.00	\$ 3,632,027.77	\$ 283,318.23	93%

Rapid Re-Housing Providers' Update

Agency	Dollars Committed	Dollars Spent	Dollars Remaining	Percentage Expended
Family Place (The)	\$ 409,037.00	\$ 342,697.71	\$ 66,339.29	84%
Family Gateway	\$ 788,912.00	\$ 713,410.41	\$ 75,501.59	90%
Metrocare Services	\$ 601,841.00	\$ 535,433.95	\$ 66,407.05	89%
Nexus	\$ 423,519.00	\$ 404,588.28	\$ 18,930.72	96%
Shared Housing	\$ 532,887.00	\$ 447,603.79	\$ 85,283.21	84%
Total	\$ 2,756,196.00	\$ 2,443,734.14	\$ 312,461.86	89%

Other Services Update

Agency	Dollars Committed	Dollars Spent	Dollars Remaining	Percentage Expended
Housing Adm	\$ 143,367.00	\$ 155,334.90	\$ (11,967.90)	108%
CCGD (Data Collection)	\$ 20,558.51	\$ 20,558.51	\$ -	100%
MDHA (Data Collection)	\$ 135,889.49	\$ 82,165.60	\$ 53,723.89	60%
Auditor Adm	\$ 216,000.00	\$ 123,265.42	\$ 92,734.58	57%
Total	\$ 515,815.00	\$ 381,324.43	\$ 134,490.57	74%



Accomplishments

Persons Served:

Homeless Prevention: 2,756 Households

Rapid Re-Housing: 1,034 Households

Outreach and Engagement:

2,224 Households

Total Expenditures:

Federal Funds \$6,457,086.34 (90%)

Other Information

- Contracts with sub-recipients expired on September 30, 2011
- October through December 2011 close-out of sub-recipient contracts
- Unexpended funds to be reallocated to in-house homeless prevention programs
- Data management contract will remain effective until June 2012 to allow for continued data entry requirements
- June 2012 –All funds must be spent
 - Expenditures are on target to meet this requirement ahead of schedule

Recommendation for Substantial Amendment

- Approximately \$730K left in HPRP funding
 - Maintain up to \$134,490 for Administration and Data Collection Services
 - Allocate up to \$595,510 (or remaining balance) to continue Homeless Prevention Services
 - City staff will provide the services

Note: Final billings from all service providers are still being processed and total funds remaining will change.

Next Steps

- October 25, 2011 – Continuum of Care will be briefed on the recommended amendments
- November 3, 2011 –Community Development Commission will be briefed on the recommended amendments
- November 7, 2011 – City Council will consider preliminary adoption of substantial amendment and setting of the public hearing
- November 8 - December 14 public comment period
- December 14 – City Council will hold a public hearing and consider final approval of substantial amendment
- January 1 – Implementation of program changes