

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

**State Competitive Funding Available:** \$18 million

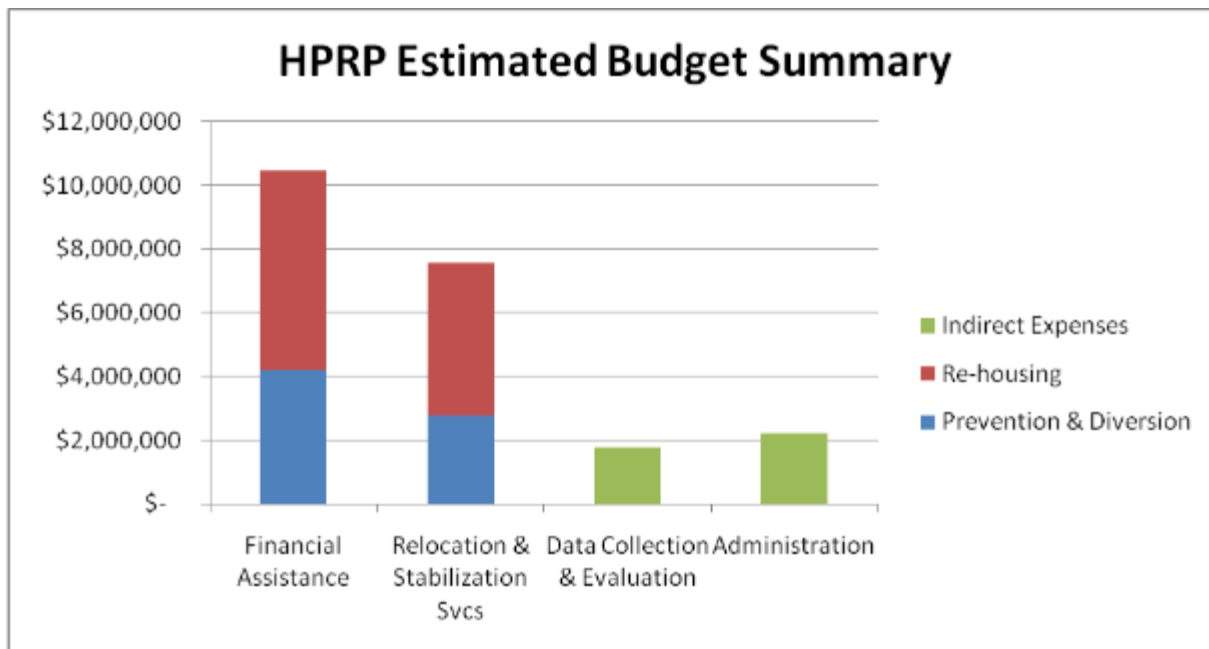
**Expected Application Deadline:** 8/7/2009

### Purpose

The purpose of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) is to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless – many due to the economic crisis – and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house households that are already homeless. HPRP grants allow local governments and non-profits to provide temporary financial assistance, along with housing relocation & stabilization services to their homeless and at risk populations.

### N.C. Funding

Seven entitlement communities in North Carolina have already received formula grants directly from HUD. The North Carolina Office of Economic Recovery and Investment (OERI) will distribute another **\$18 million** in HPRP stimulus funds to local governments and non-profits in the State through a **competitive “Request for Applications” process** that will begin in **early July 2009**. The State has also set aside roughly \$4 million for administration costs and non-competitive grants to non-profits already providing unique statewide HPRP services. Below is a graphic summary of how the OERI proposes to spend North Carolina’s \$22 million HPRP allocation:



**Financial assistance** includes short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and motel or hotel vouchers. Any HPRP funds used to support program participants must be issued directly to the appropriate third party, such as the landlord or utility company, and in no case are funds eligible to be issued directly to program participants.

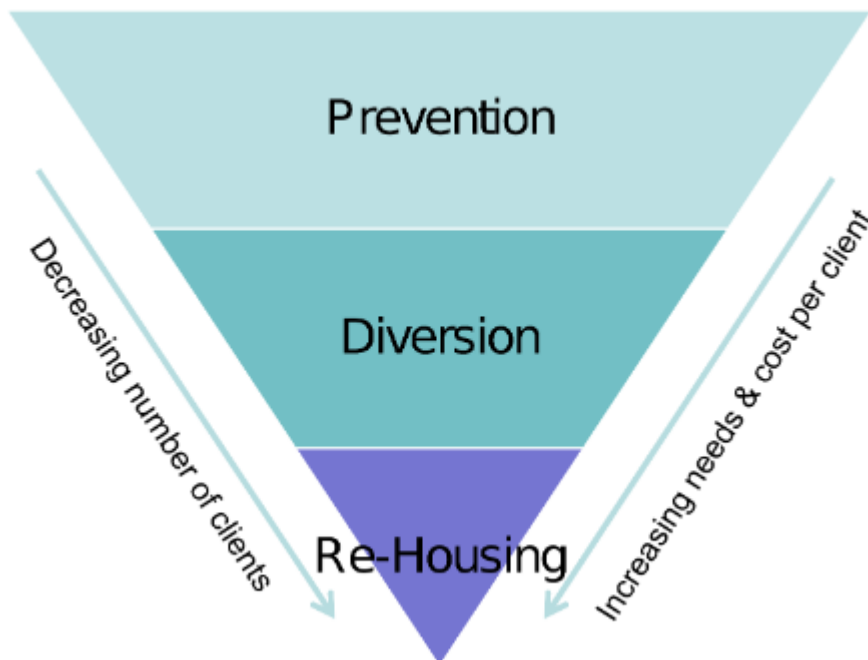
**Housing relocation and stabilization** services include case management, outreach, housing search and placement, legal services, mediation, and credit repair.

**Data collection and evaluation** includes costs associated with operating HUD-approved homeless management information systems that track counts of homeless persons and analyze patterns of use for HPRP funds.

**Administration** costs include accounting, reports to HUD, audits, and staff salaries associated with these activities. Other eligible administrative functions include writing checks to third party vendors on behalf of program participants, data entry, and housing quality inspections. All other “administrative” costs are limited to five percent of total funds received by a grantee.

### **HPRP 3 Layer Approach**

In order to tailor assistance to households in different stages of housing instability, HPRP provides **three layers** of assistance: prevention, diversion, and rapid re-housing.



**Homelessness prevention** serves a large number of people who are at risk of homelessness and is the least expensive intervention on a per client basis. If prevention fails to identify somebody at risk of homelessness or fails to prevent a person’s homelessness, that person may enter the shelter system. **Diversion** is an eleventh hour effort to prevent homelessness by assisting people who apply for shelter by identifying other safe housing options and resources, even if temporary. If prevention and diversion fail, and people become homeless, then **Rapid Re-Housing** minimizes their stay in homelessness by quickly helping them move into permanent rental housing. On average, the interventions become progressively more intensive while the target population shrinks.

	Prevention	Diversion (Prevention sub-category)	Rapid Re-Housing
<b>Purpose</b>	First attempt to stabilize current housing situation	prevent homelessness for people seeking shelter	help homeless quickly move into rental housing
<b>Eligible Individuals &amp; Families</b>	1. Household Income below 50% AMI 2. Housing crisis*	imminently homeless; show up at shelter; call to get on shelter waiting list	sheltered & unsheltered homeless
<b>Common Activities</b>	flex financial assistance (up to 6 months back rent), case management, housing location, short term rental assistance	flex financial assistance, case management, housing location, short term rental assistance	flex financial assistance, case management, housing location, short-term rental assistance, coordination with other community orgs & resources
<b>Length of Assistance</b>	one-time or short term	one-time or short term	short-term or medium term (up to 18 months)

\*Households determined to be in a **Housing Crisis** must meet two criteria:

1. No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified
2. The household lacks the financial resources and support network (e.g. family, friends) needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in existing housing

### **Funding Requests**

The suggestions below are not intended as funding limits but as examples:

- Both prevention and rapid re-housing: \$500,000 - \$1 million total for 3 years.
- Only prevention: \$150,000 – \$300,000 total for 3 years.
- Only rapid re-housing: \$200,000 - \$300,000 total for 3 years.

### **Ineligible Expenses**

Expenses covered through other Recovery Act resources (child care, employment training)

Mortgage costs

Construction or rehabilitation

Credit card bills or other consumer debt

Travel costs

Cash assistance

### **Eligible applicants**

Non-profits and local governments are the eligible applicants. The State will accept applications from the entitlement communities, but non-entitlement communities submitting applications that meet a threshold score will receive preference over entitlement communities. The State also prefers that only one application come from any given region/county.

### **Application Evaluation Criteria**

Applicants to the State will be evaluated on multiple criteria including financial and reporting capacity; strength of partnership with employment programs, TANF, homeless education, EFSP, and other programs; and strength of plans to assist program participants in achieving housing stability (including partnerships with subsidized and private housing providers). The State may use additional criteria, such as geographic representation, to make final decisions

### **Important Dates**

Early July, 2009 - State starts soliciting applications

July 17th, 2009 - Applicant training via teleconference

July 20th, 2009 - Applicant training via teleconference

August 7th, 2009 – Deadline for applications

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – State obligates all funds to local governments & non-profits

October, 2011 – at least 60% of HPRP grant funds expended

October, 2012 – 100% of HPRP grant funds expended

### **Additional Resources**

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HPRP applications and guidance materials can be found on the NC Housing Finance Agency website:

<http://www.nchfa.com/Nonprofits/LGNhomeless.aspx>

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