

Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

A three year program established by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Purpose

HPRP focuses on housing stabilization through temporary assistance that serves as a bridge to long-term stability. It provides homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless – many due to the economic crisis – and assistance to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless.

The program is NOT for people who are chronically homeless. If a client has barriers that suggest sustainable housing cannot be achieved after 18 months, they should be referred to other more appropriate services.

Definitions

Prevention:

Individuals and families who are currently in housing, but are at-risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless, or assistance to move to another unit.

Rapid Re-housing:

Individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, that is, residing in an emergency or transitional shelter or on the street, and need temporary assistance in order to obtain and retain housing.

HPRP Goals

- Goal 1: Prevent people from becoming homeless.
- Goal 2: Help people who become homeless to quickly move to permanent housing.
- Goal 3: Help people stabilize their housing situation.

Eligible Activities

HPRP Activities as established by the HPRP Advisory Committee include:

Rent or utility arrears will be capped to either 3 months or up to \$1,000

Full and partial rental assistance

- 0-3 months 100% rental assistance
- 4-6 months 95% rental assistance and client's are responsible for 5%
- 7-18 months 70% rental assistance and client's are responsible for 30%

Security deposits and utility deposits

Utility payments – up to 18 months

Case management

Outreach and engagement

Housing search and placement

Credit repair

No moving cost assistance, no motel/hotel vouchers, and no legal services will be provided.

Eligibility

All conditions below must apply:

- No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified
- They lack financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or to remain in their existing housing.
- The client can demonstrate that, through employment or by using mainstream resources, that they will be able to sustain their housing after completing the program. (Mainstream resources include any income-based state or federal program, such as food stamps, public housing, Social Security Disability, Veteran’s benefits, or TANF.)
- The client is at or below 50% of the Area Median Income for the county in which they wish to reside.

Does the household have at least one of the following risk factors?

- Homeless (HUD Defined)
- Evicted, or have an eviction notice or court order for non-payment of rent
- Recent loss of income (within the last six months)
- Increase in utility costs with a utility cost-burden greater than 20% of the household’s income
- Housing cost burden (greater than 50% of income) based on Fair Market Rent
- Pending foreclosure of landlord’s rental housing
- Leaving a domestic violence situation
- Lease not renewed but not due to the behavior or action of the tenant

HPRP Incomes Guidelines are 50% Area Median Income (AMI)

County	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person
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Antelope	\$18,800	\$21,500	\$24,150	\$26,850	\$29,000	\$31,150	\$33,300
Burt	\$18,800	\$21,500	\$24,150	\$26,850	\$29,000	\$31,150	\$33,300
Cedar	\$18,800	\$21,500	\$24,150	\$26,850	\$29,000	\$31,150	\$33,300
Cuming	\$18,800	\$21,500	\$24,150	\$26,850	\$29,000	\$31,150	\$33,300
Dakota	\$20,600	\$23,500	\$26,450	\$29,400	\$31,750	\$34,100	\$36,500
Dixon	\$20,600	\$23,500	\$26,450	\$29,400	\$31,750	\$34,100	\$36,500
Dodge	\$19,900	\$22,750	\$25,600	\$28,450	\$30,750	\$33,000	\$35,300
Knox	\$18,800	\$21,500	\$24,150	\$26,850	\$29,000	\$31,150	\$33,300
Madison	\$20,250	\$23,100	\$26,000	\$28,900	\$31,200	\$33,500	\$35,850
Pierce	\$18,800	\$21,500	\$24,150	\$26,850	\$29,000	\$31,150	\$33,300
Stanton	\$18,800	\$21,500	\$24,150	\$26,850	\$29,000	\$31,150	\$33,300
Thurston	\$18,800	\$21,500	\$24,150	\$26,850	\$29,000	\$31,150	\$33,300
Washington	\$24,450	\$27,950	\$31,450	\$34,950	\$37,750	\$40,550	\$43,350
Wayne	\$19,800	\$22,650	\$25,450	\$28,300	\$30,500	\$32,850	\$35,100

HPRP Process

Step 1:

Client requests assistance from an agency. The agency's staff determines client's eligibility for their services and HPRP assistance.

Step 2:

If only some, or if none of the assistance can be provided by that agency, and if the client meets HPRP eligibility requirements, the service provider must complete the referral form on-line at

<http://www.goldenrodhillscrosscommunityaction.org/family.cfm>

Step 3:

When a referral is received, the HPRP coordinator will confirm eligibility and follow-up with the client and the referring agency.

Step 4:

Agencies interested in providing case management to the HPRP client will be given the appropriate procedures to satisfy HPRP requirements.

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