

Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program Grant

Purpose of Funds: The purpose of this grant is to provide homelessness prevention assistance for households who would otherwise become homeless and rapid re-housing assistance for persons who are homeless. Grantees may design programs to meet local needs, but HUD expects that resources will be targeted to serve households that are most in need and that are most likely to achieve stable housing. The overall goal is for participants to achieve housing stability. The funds are intended to target two types of populations facing housing instability: 1) Individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary assistance to maintain housing. 2) Individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness and need temporary assistance in order to obtain, remain and maintain housing.

Receiving Department: Department of Human Services

Amount: \$3.8 million

Type of Grant: Formula

Number of People Served: An estimated 200 households will receive aid in finding housing after becoming homeless and an additional 3,000 households will receive aid in order to avoid becoming homeless.

Public Process:

A public hearing was held on April 30, 2009 with the Program Development Committee providing input.

Denver Human Services presented to City Council's Neighborhood, Community and Business Revitalization Committee on May 26, 2009.

Proposed Spending:

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Grant will provide aid to those who are on the verge of becoming homeless or who have recently become homeless. The grant's Rapid Re-Entry Program is working on transition from offering services that provide shelter to homeless individuals to trying to focus on preventing homelessness in general. In addition, this grant works to help those who have recently become homeless find housing again as quickly as possible. Both of these goals will be achieved by using the grant funds for short term rental assistance and supportive services such as credit counseling, utility payments and security deposit aid. These measures will help to reduce homelessness and assist those who are affected by job loss to stabilize their housing situation.

For more information, please see the oversight committee docs at
<http://www.denvergov.org/stimulus>