American Recovery and Re-Investment

City of Las Vegas

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) and a Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Action Plan

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Background

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009.

Utilizing funding from ARRA, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) created the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) making $1.5 billion available to grantees through formula allocation.

The City of Las Vegas received a $2,105,118.00 HPRP Allocation on March 19, 2009.

In order to access the funding the City must submit a substantial amendment to its 2008 Action Plan to HUD by May 18.

HUD HPRP Household Limits

- All funds must be used to benefit households at or below 50 percent of area median income
- Only the minimum amount of assistance required to keep the participants from becoming homeless or returning to homelessness may be provided

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:

- Financial assistance
  - Motel/hotel vouchers (up to 30 days)
  - Rental assistance (4-18 months) and rental arrears
  - Security and utility deposits
  - Moving costs
- Housing relocation and stabilization services
  - Case management
  - Outreach and engagement
  - Housing Search and placement
  - Credit Repair
- Collection and evaluation through HMIS or comparable
- Administrative costs (5% of Grant)

Ineligible Activities

Ineligible Activities include:

- Financial assistance or services to pay for expenses that are available through other Recovery Act programs
- Mortgage Costs
- Construction or rehabilitation
- Credit card bills or other consumer debt
- Car repair or other transportation costs
- Travel costs
- Food
- Medical or dental care and medicines

Important Dates

HPRP Substantial Amendment due to HUD May 18, 2009

HUD completes review of the Substantial Amendments by July 2, 2009

HUD executes all agreements with grantees by September 1, 2009

City must obligate all funds to subgrantees by September 30, 2009

Proposed Distribution of Funds

HPRP Estimated Budget Summary			
	Homelessness Prevention	**Rapid Re-housing**	**Total Amount Budgeted**
Financial Assistance	$230,000.00	$ 900,000.00	$1,130,000.00
Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services	$	$ 714,862.10	$ 714,862.10
Subtotal (add previous two rows)	**$230,000.00**	**$1,614,862.10**	**$1,844,862.10**
Data Collection and Evaluation			$ 150,000.00
Administration (up to 5% of allocation)			$ 110,255.90
Total HPRP Amount Budgeted			**$2,105,118.00**

2009 ARRA STIMULUS FUNDS
Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing Program

- Clark County $2,595,173
- State of Nevada $ 897,388
- North Las Vegas $ 677,704
- City of Las Vegas $2,105,118

Nevada Total $6,275,383

Nevada HPRP Funds

	Las Vegas	*Clark County*	*State*	*North Las Vegas*
Financial Assistance	**$1,130,000**	$ 1,867,938	$525,197	$ 542,164
Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services	**$ 714,862**	$ 519,035	$ 94,131	$ 101,655
Data Collection and Evaluation	**$ 150,000**	$ 78,442	$235,327	$ -
Administration	**$ 110,255**	$ 129,758	$ 42,733	$ 33,885
TOTAL	**$2,105,118**	$ 2,595,173	$897,388	$ 677,704

2009 Initial Regional Census Data

- 13,338 Homeless
- 2,211 - Chronic Homeless (17%)
- 2,251 - Severely Mentally ill (17.5%)
- 3,652 – Chronic Substance Abuse (27%)
- Top 4 reasons for homelessness: lost job, alcohol/drug use, gambling problem, family issues

Homeless Prevention

- $230,000 budgeted
- Serve low-income individuals and families who are at risk of becoming homeless
- Costs approximately $1,200 per household – one time only
- Plan to prevent 192 households from entering homelessness

Intervention Action Plan
(Rapid Rehousing)

- $900,000 budgeted for housing costs
  $714,862 budgeted for case mgmt
- Serve those currently homeless on Main & Foremaster
- Plan to serve those that **accept** help
- Numbers served is going to vary depending upon the level of assistance required based on the needs assessment for each client

Intervention Action Plan

- Developed to address the immediate needs of homeless individuals/families encamped on Foremaster and Main Street area
- Provide individual/families with coordinated and direct access to housing and wraparound services.
- Consists of three service team components:

Service Team Components

- **Relocation Team:** identifies, assess, and provides direct services to homeless individuals/families.
- **Legal/Medical/Enforcement Team:** identify and when possible, alleviate barriers that prevent homeless from obtaining/maintaining long-term housing.
- **Ancillary Services Team:** secures and provides daily living provisions following placement of an individual or family into housing.

Pilot

- Provides and opportunity to test the model and troubleshoot problems before October 2009 implementation
- Serve a cross section of 20 homeless persons (temporary, episodic, chronic)
- Funds for pilot would come from $300,000 RDA Set-Aside for Housing and $100,000 of general funds budgeted for homeless services for intensive case management services.

Timeline

June 2009	Secure Funds and Providers For Pilot
July 2009	Implement Pilot
July-Sept. 2009	Evaluate Pilot/Begin Prep
September 2009	Secure HPRP Funds and Providers For Intervention Action Plan
October 2009	Implement HPRP Intervention Action Plan

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HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM (HPRRP)

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