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THDA Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

- The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) is one time funding made available to states and cities from HUD through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).
- The goal of HPRP is housing stability for those about to lose their housing or already homeless, primarily due to the current economic environment.
- The state HPRP is administered by Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) and provides rent and utility assistance and case management support to prevent households from becoming homeless and to quickly move currently homeless people back in to suitable housing.
- The Program will begin October 2009 and is currently scheduled to last 2 years.

HUD Allocations to Tennessee:

TN	TN STATE PROGRAM (THDA)	\$13,467,433
TN	CHATTANOOGA	\$712,946
TN	KNOXVILLE	\$771,803
TN	MEMPHIS	\$3,329,685
TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON	\$2,012,994
	TOTAL	\$20,294,861

Program Intent: Housing stabilization for persons who are homeless or would be homeless without this assistance; and can remain stably housed after this temporary assistance ends.

HPRP is NOT....

- A mortgage assistance program – It cannot pay mortgages or re-financing costs
- Intended to serve chronically homeless persons or those who need long-term and/or intensive supports

1. Eligible Financial Assistance:

- Rental and Utility Assistance up to 12 months, including arrears up to 6 months
- Security and/or Utility Deposits
- Moving costs, Storage (up to 3 months)
- Hotel/motel vouchers (up to 30 days) when other long term housing has been identified

2. Ineligible Financial Assistance:

- Mortgage assistance/costs
- Operations costs for transitional or supportive housing programs
- Direct payments to program participants; financial assistance is by third party voucher
- Payment of credit arrears (credit cards, loans, etc)

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3. Eligible Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services:

-Rental housing search, recruiting landlords, reviewing leases, budgeting and other housing-related case management and services to obtain and maintain housing

ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES:

Program participants must be homeless or about to become homeless...**AND:**

- Undergo an initial assessment to determine level and type of assistance
- Have income of 50% or less Area Median Income (AMI) (50% TN AMI by county is \$23,150 - \$32,450)
- Have no other housing options
- No financial resources or support networks to obtain or remain in housing

Homelessness Prevention Risk Factors to consider:

- Eviction within 2 weeks
- Discharge from institution within 2 weeks
- Living in condemned housing
- Sudden loss of income or unusual increase in utility costs
- Mental health and substance abuse issues
- Physical disabilities and chronic health issues
- Extremely low income (less than 30% AMI) (30% TN AMI is \$13,890 - \$19,470)
- Significant medical debt

Rapid Re-Housing and Stabilization Risk Factors to consider:

- Staying in emergency shelter
- Sleeping in place not meant for human habitation
- Staying in hospital or institution for up to 180 days, but literally homeless immediately prior to entry
- Graduating from/timing out of transitional housing
- Victim of domestic violence

THDA has identified the following as groups of special interest for HPRP, and asked that contractors ensure mechanisms are in place to reach these populations, whether currently homeless or at-risk:

- Families with young children
- Victims of domestic violence
- Ex-offenders returning to the community
- Youth aging out of foster care
- Section 8 and Public Housing eviction prevention for non-behavioral reasons, e.g., medical emergency

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