

Section 8: Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP)

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The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) is a new three-year \$22 million program aimed at preventing homelessness. The program has two primary goals:

1. Prevention – Assist households at risk of becoming homeless to become stably housed.
2. Rapid Re-housing – Assist homeless households in need of short-term or medium-term assistance obtain housing and maintain housing stability.

HPRP is coordinated through the OERI, which has overall responsibility for program development, compliance, oversight, federal and state reporting, selection of applicants (lead organizations), and program implementation including training, fiscal monitoring and technical assistance. OERI has partnered with NC DHHS for ongoing program implementation, training, program monitoring, technical assistance, participant eligibility documentation, compliance, and participant data collection. OERI has established agreements with 20 regional partners for the administration of the program. Seven communities received direct allocations from HUD.

The program authorized the following activities to prevent Homelessness or to assist the recently homeless to obtain and maintain housing stability:

1. Financial Assistance (for re-housing or homelessness prevention)
 - Short and medium term rental assistance (not to exceed 18 months)
 - Security deposits
 - Utility deposits and payments
 - Moving cost assistance
 - Motel and hotel vouchers
2. Housing location and stabilization services
 - Case management
 - Outreach and engagement
 - Housing search and placement
 - Legal services
 - Credit repair
3. Data Collection and Evaluation
4. Program Administration

Key Dates/Timeline

- June 19th – Program Information Packet published and distributed
- July 2nd – RFA published once HUD approved amendment to State Consolidated Plan
- Aug 3rd – Applications due 30 days after publication of RFA
- Sept 1st – Preliminary award decisions made
- Sept 14th – 25th – Meetings with provisional awardees to finalize award decisions
- Sept 30th – Deadline for award notifications after OERI executed contract with HUD
- Sept 30th – Oct 16th Development of training content and materials
- Oct. 20th – 30th – Training of lead organizations and team members; additional trainings provided as needed

Nov 1st – Commencement of assistance to eligible households
Aug 30th, 2011 – 60% of funds must be expended.
Aug 30th, 2012 – 100% of funds must be expended.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.nchfa.com/Nonprofits/LGNhomeless.aspx>

The following organizations received funds from the State HPRP program:

| Lead Organization | Service Area |
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| CADA Community Action Agency | Northampton, Hertford, Bertie, Halifax Refer to: Victoria Newcombe – 252-539-4155 |
| Community Link | Cabarrus, Davidson, Rowan, Stanly, Union Refer to: Shakira Francis - 704-262-3670 ext 10 |
| East Carolina Behavioral Health | Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Jones, Martin, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Terrell, Washington Refer to: Amy Modlin 252-329-1810 (likely to change to different contact soon) |
| Family Services of the Piedmont (the Guilford Housing Support Team) | Guilford Refer to: Greensboro Housing Coalition – 336-691-9521 (Greensboro area) Open Door of High Point – 336-885-0191 (High Point area) |
| Homeward Bound of Asheville (the Asheville Housing Support Team) | Buncombe Refer to: Heather Holdridge – 828-258-1695 x2 |
| Housing for New Hope (the Durham Housing Support Team) | Durham Refer to: Sam Fisher – 919-943-0928 Cynthia Harris – 919-323-2805 Dwight Bradford – 919-943-0917 Ashley Brown – 919-451-6623 (Chapel Hill) |
| Isothermal Planning Commission | Cleveland, Polk, Rutherford Refer to: Stella Rose Stacey –828-287-5199 (Rutherford & Polk) Yvonne Simmons – 704-487-0476 (Cleveland) |
| Mental Health Partners | Burke, Catawba Refer to: Teena Willis - 828-323-8084 (likely to change to different contact soon) |
| Mountain Projects | Haywood, Jackson Refer to: Theresa McLamb – 828-452-1447 x149 (Haywood) Celest Wiggins – 828-587-2088 (Jackson) |
| McDowell County DSS | McDowell Refer to: Shaneah McCauley – 828-652-3355 x144 |
| NW Regional Housing Authority | Ashe, Alleghany, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey Refer to: Hospitality House of Boone - 828-264-1237 (Watauga) Oasis – 828-262-5035 (all 7 counties) New River Behavioral Health – 828-264-9007 (Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes) WAMY – 828-264-2421 (Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey) |
| Open Door of High Point | City of High Point and surrounding areas in Guilford, Davidson, and Randolph Refer to: Bennita Lubega – 336-885-0191 |
| Orange County DSS | Orange Refer to: Susanne Hitt – 919-245-2850 Sharon Hinton – 919-245-2840 |
| Pitt County DSS | Pitt Refer to: Summer Sinclair – 252-902-1208 |

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| | Timothy Grigg – 252-902-1287 |
| Salvation Army of Gastonia | Gaston, Lincoln Refer to: Nancy Landerman - 704-867-6145 (likely to change to different contact soon) |
| Surry County DSS | Surry, Yadkin Refer to: main line - 336-401-8800 |
| United Way of Alamance County | Alamance Refer to: Alamance County Community Services Agency - 336-229-7031 |
| United Way of Cape Fear | Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender Refer to: First Call For Help helpline – 910-397-0497 |
| Wilson County DSS | Wilson Refer to: Susan Parker - 252-206-4171 |
| City of Winston-Salem | Forsyth Refer to: Tim West – 336-734-1305 (likely to change to different contact soon) |

Since this is a statewide program, but not all communities are in a funded service area, lead organizations are encouraged to serve eligible households from surrounding counties.

Entitlement HPRP Program

In addition to the State HPRP Program, seven local communities received direct HPRP funding. The state is not involved in administering these program funds.

| Lead Organization | Service Area |
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| Asheville | Asheville Refer to: Amy Sawyer Homeless Initiative Coordinator (Planning Dept, Community Development Division) – 828-259-5851 asawyer@ashevillenc.gov |
| Charlotte | Charlotte Refer to: Rebekah Phifer – 704-336-2266 |
| Durham | Durham Refer to: Bob Wallace (at DSS) – 919-560-8622 Willie Gibson (at DSS) – 919-560-8612 |
| Fayetteville | Fayetteville Refer to: Adolph Thomas (at the Community Development Dept) – 910-433-1935 Victor Sharpe (Director of Community Development) – 910-433-1590 |
| Greensboro | Guilford County Refer to: Greensboro Housing Coalition hotline – 336-691-9521 |
| Raleigh | Raleigh Refer to: Triangle Family Services – 919-821-0790 Women’s Center of Wake County – 919-829-3711 |
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| Winston-Salem | Winston-Salem Refer to: Tim West – 336-734-1305 (likely to change to different contact soon) |