



Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

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Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

- Part of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- DHCD and 13 entitlements in Virginia received a total of approximately \$24 million in funds
- DHCD received approximately \$11.4 million
- HPRP is focused on housing for homeless and at-risk households
- ***Not a mortgage assistance program***



HPRP Entitlements

HPRP Entitlement Localities*
Alexandria
Arlington
Chesapeake
Chesterfield
Fairfax County
Henrico
Newport News
Norfolk
Portsmouth
Prince William
Richmond
Roanoke
Virginia Beach

*Virginia localities not listed above are non-entitlement areas.



Program Participant (Client) Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Initial Consultation
- Medium-term assistance (anything beyond 3 months), evaluation and recertification required every 3 months
- Household at 50% or below AMI
- Homeless or at risk
 - ✓ No appropriate housing option AND
 - ✓ Lack financial and support network to obtain or maintain housing

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Program Participant Eligibility Homelessness Prevention

- Minimum Requirements AND
- At least one high-risk factor OR
- Two or more moderate-risk factors

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Homelessness Prevention High-Risk Factors

- Eviction within 2 weeks from private dwelling (includes family/friends)
- Discharge within 2 weeks institutional stay of at least 180 days
- Residency in condemned housing
- Sudden and significant loss of income

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**Homelessness Prevention
Moderate-Risk Factors
(two or more)**

- Sudden and significant increase in utility costs
- Mental health and substance abuse issues
- Physical disabilities
- Severe housing cost
- Homeless in last 12 months
- Young head of household (under 25 with children or pregnant)
- Current or past involvement with child welfare
- Pending foreclosure or rental housing
- Extremely low income (30% or below AMI)
- High overcrowded
- Past institutional care
- Recent traumatic life event
- Credit problem that preclude obtaining housing
- Significant amount of medical debt

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**Program Participant Eligibility
Rapid Re-Housing**

- Minimum Requirements AND
- At least one rapid re-housing risk factor

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**Program Participant Eligibility
Rapid Re-Housing Risk Factors**

- Sleeping in an emergency shelter
- Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation
- Institutional stay for up to 180 days but prior stay in shelter or place not meant for human habitation
- Timing out of transitional housing
- Victims of domestic violence

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Eligible Activities

- Financial assistance
- Housing relocation and stabilization services
- Data collection and evaluation (HMIS)
- Administrative costs

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Eligible Activities: Financial Assistance

- At least 68 percent of grant
- Third party payments only
- Assistance should be needs-based (ex. shallow subsidies, payment of 100% rent charged, or graduated/declining subsidies)
- Includes:
 - Short-term rental assistance (limited to 3 months)
 - Medium term rental assistance (4-18 month limit)
 - Security deposits
 - Utility deposits
 - Utility payments
 - Moving costs
 - Motel/hotel vouchers

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Eligible Activities: Housing Relocation and Stabilization

- No more than 25 percent of grant
- Includes:
 - ✓ Case management
 - ✓ Outreach and engagement
 - ✓ Housing search and placement
 - ✓ Legal services
 - ✓ Credit repair

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Ineligible Activities

- Assistance/services available through other Recovery Act programs (i.e. child care and employment training)
- MORTGAGE COSTS**
- Assistance beyond 18 months
- Other ineligible and prohibited activities:
 - > 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
 - > Home furnishings
 - > Pet care
 - > Entertainment activities
 - > Work or education related materials
 - > Cash assistance to program participants
- Discharge development
- Certifications, licenses and general training classes
- Programs may **not** charge fees to HPRP program participants
- Funds may **not** be directly issued to program participants

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Progress to Date

- Contracts were issued at the end of October, 2009
- During the first two quarters:
 - Expended \$3,302,722 – approximately 29 percent of total award
 - > **75.7 percent homelessness prevention**
 - 89.6 percent financial assistance
 - 10.4 percent housing relocation and stabilization services
 - > **19.1 percent rapid re-housing**
 - 84.1 percent financial assistance
 - 15.9 percent housing relocation and stabilization services
 - > **5.2 percent data collection/evaluation and administration**

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Progress to Date

Activity	Homelessness Prevention	Homeless Assistance (Rapid Re-Housing)	Total
Financial Assistance	\$2,240,473	\$529,329	\$2,769,802
Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services	\$260,955	\$100,129	\$361,085
Sub-total	\$2,501,428	\$629,458	\$3,130,887
Data Collection & Evaluation			\$108,012
Administration			\$63,824
TOTAL			\$3,302,723

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Progress to Date

- Financial Assistance
 - 81.9 percent – Homelessness Prevention
 - 19.9 percent – Rapid Re-Housing
- Housing Relocation and Stabilization
 - 72 percent – Homelessness Prevention
 - 28 percent – Rapid Re-Housing
- Overall
 - 80 percent – Homelessness Prevention
 - 20 percent – Rapid Re-Housing

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Progress to Date

- Numbers Served
 - 1568 households
 - 3967 persons
- Numbers Served
 - FA – 1392 HH / 3581 persons
 - HRSS – 1326 HH / 3335 persons

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Progress to Date

Activity	Homelessness Prevention (households/persons)	Homeless Assistance (Rapid Re-Housing) (households person)	Total
Financial Assistance	1158 / 3058	244 / 524	1392 / 3581
Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services	1085 / 2814	252 / 523	1326 / 3335

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HPRP

- Additional information, guidelines and providers available at:
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