

**Summary of Recommended Uses for Economic Stimulus Funding:
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)
(Draft-Conditional based on Board of Supervisors and HUD approval)**

Summary of ARRA/HPRP Funding Amounts and Recommended Uses

Total Amount of ARRA/HPRP Funding Available: \$1.5 Billion

Total Allocation to the County of Orange: \$1,556,006

Recommended Allocations	Homeless Prevention	Rapid ReHousing	Total
	Estimated Amounts		
Financial Assistance ₁	\$466,802	\$466,802	\$933,604
Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services ₂	\$116,701	\$116,701	\$466,802
Hospital Discharge Recuperative Beds Pilot Program	\$233,400		
Subtotal:	\$816,903	\$583,503	\$1,400,406
Data Collection and Evaluation 5%			\$77,800
Administration (5%)			\$77,800
Total:			\$1,556,006

₁ Financial Assistance includes the following activities as detailed in the HPRP Notice: short term rental assistance, medium term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and motel or hotel vouchers (may include programs such as TBRA and Recuperative Beds)

₂Housing relocation and stabilization services include the following activities as detailed in the HPRP Notice: case management, housing search and placement, legal services, mediation, and credit repair (may include programs and services such as centralized intake and housing locator services).

Recommended Programs:

The following programs are recommended for funding:

Financial Assistance Programs:

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance-A declining rental subsidy over a maximum period of 18 months to assist families and individuals to remain housed. (Estimated Cost: \$466,802) (Homeless Prevention)
- Rapid Re-housing Program- Designed to meet the needs of homeless families and individuals by appropriately assessing their needs and targeting housing and service interventions based on that assessment. Specifically, the program provides short-term or medium-term rental assistance; housing search assistance; time-limited case management, and supportive services to help homeless families and individuals access appropriate housing more quickly. The initiative will also identify and assess families who have more significant barriers to housing for referral and placement in appropriate transitional or permanent supportive housing. (Estimated Cost: \$466,802) (Rapid Rehousing)

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services:

- Hospital Discharge Recuperative Beds Pilot Program- Care coordination and case management that link homeless patients with existing services such as alcohol/drug treatment, recuperative care, primary care, mental health, and housing, recuperative care bed access for those persons who do not require continued hospital care, but still need medical oversight (Estimated Cost: \$233,400) (Homeless Prevention)
- Centralized housing locator service- Identifies housing, recruits and conducts outreach to landlords and other housing providers, helps families and individuals find housing, and performs other related activities. (Estimated Cost: \$116,701) (Homeless Prevention)
- Centralized Intake- Establishes and/or enhances a centralized call center and HMIS intake point for homeless or at-risk families and individuals and coordinates services among all providers to move families from homelessness into permanent housing. Families and individuals are assessed and referred to the appropriate provide for financial assistance and case management. (Estimated Cost: \$116,701) (Rapid Rehousing)

Data Collection and Evaluation:

- HMIS support for HPRP implementation, data collection and analysis (Estimated Cost: \$77,800)

Recommended Funding Process:

- Staff recommends using a Request For Proposal process to competitively award funding to agencies with experience and capacity in these programs.
- Staff recommends that the Data Collection/Evaluation Component be an "exempt" activity and awarded to the County's HMIS lead agency to implement.

HUD Requirements:

To receive the grant allocation, the County must prepare and submit to HUD a substantial amendment to its Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan addressing 6 major components.

Timeline:

- A complete application must be postmarked no later than May 18, 2009.
- Staff to prepare Substantial Amendment for 12-day public review on or about April 8th and request Board of Supervisors approval to submit amendment/application at May 5th Board meeting.
- After submission HUD has 45 days to approve or disapprove the submission.
- Once approved, the County must select and sign agreements with sub grantees (providers) by September 30, 2009
- 60% of fund must be expended by 2 year mark
- 100% of funds must be expended by 3 year mark

Eligible Recipients:

Program participants must:

- Have an income below 50% AMI
- Have no subsequent housing options identified
- Lack the resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in existing housing

Funds can be used to serve individuals or families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, "those who would be homeless but for this assistance." HUD has issued criteria that it hopes communities will use to determine risk.

Reporting:

Grantees and sub grantees will report data and outcomes through HMIS. Data elements have not been issued yet. The first quarterly report is due October 10, 2009.

Other provisions:

- Sub grantees may be paid in advance
- A jurisdiction can sub grant to another jurisdiction
- No matching requirement
- County can request pre-award funding for planning and administration