



**HPRP Kansas City Project Hope
Neighborhood and Community Services Department
Human Services Division**



Fact Sheet

The Origin of HPRP:

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) - an \$787 billion economic stimulus package passed by the 111th United States Congress on February 13, and signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009
 - Included Social Welfare Provisions
 - Homelessness Prevention Fund HR 1 - Conference Report
 - Established Social Welfare Programs - Homelessness Prevention Fund
- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing was established on March 19, 2009 (federal register): FR-5307-N-01

The Purpose of HPRP:

The purpose of HPRP is to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless – **many due to the economic crisis** – and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless.

HPRP Activities and Participants		
Participants	Financial Assistance	Housing Relocation and Stabilization
At Risk of Becoming Homeless Participants (Prevention)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rental Assistance ■ Utility Payments ■ Moving Costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Case Management ■ Outreach and Engagement
Homeless Participants (Rapid Re-Housing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hotel/Motel Vouchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Housing Search and Placement ■ Legal Services ■ Credit Repair

General Requirements:

- HPRP may serve eligible individuals or families
- Payment **must** be made to a third party (e.g. landlord or utility company)
- Payment **cannot** be made directly to a participant
- An assisted property may not be owned by the grantee, sub-grantee, or the parent subsidiary or affiliated organization of the sub-grantee

Inspections are Required for Both Prevention and Rapid – Re-Housing:

- To qualify for funding under HPRP, rental units must meet habitability standards and any federal, state, or **local ordinances**
- Inspections must be conducted at initial occupancy, when a participant moves into a new unit, and annually as long as the participant is receiving HPRP assistance
- **Lead-Based Paint** requirements are more stringent than the habitability standards, and apply to all housing in which families assisted with HPRP funds will reside, whether they are assisted with homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing
- **Lead-Based Paint** regulations apply to the unit and to common areas servicing the unit if the unit was **constructed before 1978** and **a child under age 6** will be residing in the unit

Documenting Risk Factors (must meet one or more of the following):

- Eviction within 2 weeks from a private dwelling (including housing provided by family and friends)
- Residency in housing that has been condemned, or foreclosed on, or where high overcrowding results in lease or code violations
- Sudden and significant loss of income or recent traumatic life event, death of spouse/partner or primary care provider, or recent health crisis that prevented the household from meeting its financial responsibilities
- Sudden and significant increase in utility costs or significant amount of medical debt
- Discharge within 2 weeks from an institution in which the person has been a resident for 180 days (prison, mental health institutions, and hospitals)
- Sleeping in an emergency shelter
- Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, abandoned buildings, streets/sidewalks



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- Staying in a hospital or other institution for up to 180 days but was sleeping in an emergency shelter or other place not meant for human habitation (cars, parks, streets, etc.), immediately prior to entry into the hospital or institution
- Graduating from, or timing out of, a transitional housing program

Application Process:

- Central Intake Screening: United Way 2-1-1 (pre-qualify)
 - Risk Factors Area Median Income (AMI) 50% Refers to HPRP Authorized Agency
- Lead Agency (Authorized HPRP Sub-recipient)
 - Receives Referral & Conducts Initial Consultation & Eligibility Determination
- Income: the household's total income must be at or below 50 % AMI

Determining Eligibility – Income/Asset Review – 50% of Area Median Income (AMI):

FY 2009 Kansas City, MO-KS HUD Metro FMR Area								
HH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Max	\$24,650	\$28,150	\$31,700	\$35,200	\$38,000	\$40,850	\$43,650	\$46,450
Income changes with each federal fiscal year.								

- Lead Agency/Partner Agency (*applicant process cont'd*):
 - Housing Status: Establishes if household is either homeless (for rapid re-housing assistance) **or** “at risk” of losing its housing (for homelessness prevention assistance);
 - AND** meet both of the following circumstances:
 - No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified;
 - The household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing.
 - Short-term is 3 months
 - Recertify every 3 months if medium-term up to 18 months

Housing Location:

- Housing Locator Will:
 - Recruit landlords
 - Obtain landlord application (see Landlord Enrollment Form)
 - Verify County taxes and liens against property are current
 - Maintain a list of eligible landlords and post on web page
 - Initiate initial inspection requests in the behalf of agencies
- Property Inspections:
 - Conduct habitability inspection on all properties
 - Maintain co-op agreement with habitability inspection
 - Track re-certification dates

Benefit Summary:

- Reduce occurrence of homelessness
- Infuses cash into landlord businesses
- Aids in creation and or maintenance of jobs
- Potential \$1,300 employer work incentive for hiring Kansas Project Hope Participants
- Stabilize neighborhoods by preventing vacant buildings
- Provides for link to other stimulus resources
- Service areas; Kansas City, MO boundaries & Clay County