

Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)



Project Administration Agreement
with the Heart of Florida
United Way, Inc.

September 22, 2009





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- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)
 - Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
 - 1.5 billion for grants to eligible jurisdictions
 - Orange County received \$2,523,982



Background

Objective

- To provide financial assistance and housing stabilization services for eligible Orange County residents
- Funds are intended to serve persons who:
 - Would be homeless without the HPRP assistance
 - Most likely to maintain stable housing after assistance from the HPRP program concludes



Background

- May 2, 2009- BCC approved the amendment to the 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan to include HPRP
- July 15, 2009- H.U.D. approved federal funding for Orange County
- September 30, 2009- Deadline for all agreements under HPRP
- October 10, 2009- First Quarterly Report due



Background

Program Requirements

- 60% of the allocation must be spent within 2 years of grant execution (July 2011)
- 100% spent within 3 years of grant execution
- Extensive tracking and reporting





Background

Two Major Activities:

- Financial Assistance
 - Rental, utility and security deposits
 - Short term (3 months) and mid-term (12 months)
- Housing Relocation and Stabilization
 - Case Management that includes re-housing, budgeting and other supportive services





Background

Target Population

- Orange County residents
- Very low income (max. 50% AMI)
- Recently unemployed or sudden loss of income
- Households likely to obtain stabilization after completion of the program
- Must commit to case management plan





Background HPRP Budget

Activities	Homelessness Prevention	Rapid Re-housing	Total Amount Budgeted
Financial Assistance	\$ 1,577,783	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,077,783
Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services	\$ 255,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 305,500
Other: Data Collection and Evaluation			\$ 20,000
Administration (up to 5%)			\$ 120,699
Total Grant:			\$ 2,523,982



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Proposed HPRP Implementation

Subrecipient: United Way

- Experience in administering financial assistance programs
- Strong accountability and financial controls
- Ability to meet aggressive timelines for payment and delivery of services
- Ability to leverage funds with private resources
- Ability to serve a larger number of clients
- Existing delivery model with nonprofit agencies



Proposed HPRP Implementation

Orange County Government

**Sub-recipient
United Way**

Participating Agencies
(Case Managers)

**Financial Assistance
Payments To Vendors**
(Landlords, Utility Companies)

HPRP Client/Household



Proposed **HPRP Implementation**

Program Design Benefits

- Public access (centralized 2-1-1 information and referral services)
- Case management at diverse geographic locations across Orange County
- Increase in case management capacity (5 additional case managers to be hired)
- Integrated reporting systems in place



Proposed HPRP Implementation

Program Goal

- Help stabilize 400-500 families with assistance for an average of six months
 - May vary depending on the circumstances of the family.





Proposed HPRP Implementation

- Project Administration Agreement with United Way covers programmatic and reporting aspects:
 - Financial assistance
 - Case management services
 - Rapid Re-housing
 - Data Collection and Reporting
 - Other Federal requirements
- Term: October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010





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Action Requested

Approval of a Project Administration Agreement between Orange County, Florida and The Heart of Florida United Way, Inc., regarding The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program under the 2009 Recovery Act.