

Planned Uses of Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Funds (HPRP)

Intent: The intent of HPRP is to provide funding for housing expenses to persons who are homeless or who would be homeless if not for this assistance.

Admission Submission Deadline: May 18, 2009

Allocation: Pinellas County, \$1,237,464 City of St. Petersburg: \$914,999 Total: \$2,152,463

Grant Agreement Executed: No later than Sept. 30, 2009

Expenditure Limits: Must spend at least 60% by Sept. 30, 2011, remainder by Sept. 30, 2012

Local Uses of HPRP Funds

1. Pinellas County and the City of St. Petersburg are working together on the HPRP funding. The staff planning group includes: County Community Development and Health and Human Services staff (bureau directors and other staff); City of St. Petersburg Deputy Mayor, Community Development, and Social Services staff; United Way of Tampa Bay staff (for coordination with Emergency Food and Shelter Grant funds); and HLN/ PCCH/ continuum representatives (Sarah Snyder, Lisa Jackson).
2. The City of St. Petersburg is planning to use some of their funds to assist individuals coming out of Pinellas Hope to secure permanent housing.
3. The remaining St. Petersburg funds and all the Pinellas County funds (except for Administrative and TBIN funds) will go for financial assistance and case management services through the County Health and Human Services financial assistance system currently in place. Services will be offered at community based agencies as well as one County office in North County and one in South County.
4. The initial plan is to use half of the direct assistance funds for homeless prevention, and half for rapid re-housing of those on the street or in emergency shelter. This will be monitored regularly so funds can be shifted from one purpose to the other if necessary.
5. We plan to use the rapid re-housing money to try some rapid re-housing, with case management services to be available for the duration of the financial assistance.
6. The recommended local requirements are:
 - a. Financial assistance for a maximum of three months
 - b. Financial assistance may be for rent or utilities, or a combination of them, as determined by the aid recipient and the case manager
 - c. The maximum financial assistance for families with children is \$3000 total, or approximately \$1000 per month, and for individuals is \$2250 total, or approximately \$750 a month.
 - d. 'Families with children' is the primary target group for the combined County/St. Petersburg money for both prevention and rapid re-housing.
 - e. The Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix under review by the PCCH will be used as the initial intake and assessment tool for all persons being considered for use of the HPRP funds. Persons to be assisted will fall within the range of a combined high 2 to a low combined 4 score. Those with a lower score will be referred to emergency or transitional shelters or other programs.
 - f. All other forms and reports used will be the same for any person receiving HPRP funds.