




Welcome From DCA

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- Housing Trust Fund Staff
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- John Bassett – New S+C
- John Grant – S+C Inspections
- Lindsey Stillman – HMIS, Continuum of Care, Research, HSS
- Elayne Miller – Pay Requests, Grantee Contracts, ESG Amendments
- Tina Moore – Reports, Continuum of Care
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- Tracy Hipp - HMIS


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Are You a Federally Registered Lobbyist?


- *"Under the President's Memorandum, we cannot engage in any oral communications with Federally registered lobbyists about the use of Recovery Act funds in support of particular projects, applications, or applicants. All such communications by Federal lobbyists must be submitted in writing, and will be posted publicly on our agency's recovery website within 3 days.*
- *"If the oral communication is about general policy issues concerning the Recovery Act and does not touch upon particular projects, applications or applicants for funding, a Federally registered lobbyist may participate in the conversation. We will document the fact of the policy conversation in writing, including the name of the lobbyist and other participants, together with a brief description of the conversation, for public posting on our agency's recovery website within 3 days."*

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Recovery Act Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program


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HPRP Purpose

- The purpose of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (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 as defined by Federal law and HUD guidelines. HUD expects that these resources will be targeted and prioritized to serve households that are most in need of this temporary assistance and are most likely to achieve stable housing, whether subsidized or unsubsidized, after the program concludes.


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HPRP Eligible Persons

- The funds under this program are intended to target two populations of persons facing housing instability: 1) individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless or assistance to move to another unit (prevention), and 2) individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it (rapid re-housing).


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HPRP Activities

- Financial assistance to individuals and families will be prescribed by implementing local agencies, but by regulation is limited to short-medium term rental assistance (includes utility payments), deposits for rental units and utilities, moving costs, and hotel/motel vouchers necessary to meet emergency needs for potentially eligible individuals and families.


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\$33 MD in Georgia

1. Athens-Clarke County, \$604,969, Phone (706) 613-3751
2. Atlanta, City of, \$3,441,091, Phone (404) 330-6112
3. Augusta-Richmond County, \$927,319, Phone (706) 821-1797
4. Clayton County, \$856,410, Phone (770) 210-5208
5. Cobb County, \$1,337,048, Phone (770) 528-4600
6. Columbus-Muscogee County, \$740,907, Phone (706) 225-3914
7. DeKalb County, \$2,359,998, Phone (404) 286-3366
8. Fulton County (excluding Atlanta), \$896,069, Phone (404) 730-8099
9. Gwinnett County, \$1,713,730, Phone (770) 822-5190
10. Macon, City of, \$541,299, Phone (478) 751-7190
11. Savannah, City of, \$1,121,523, Phone (912) 651-6520
12. Balance of State of Georgia (DCA) - \$19,084,486

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HPRP Congressional Design!

DCA is Obligated to Serve

- Balance of State area -- includes 151 counties (or consolidated jurisdictions), plus
- Chatham County, excluding Savannah, and
- Bibb County, excluding Macon
(Please don't shoot the messenger)


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Regional HPRP Applications Preferred

- HPRP requires extensive cooperation and coordination by community based organizations
- DCA will work to receive applications that will lead to reasonable, if not complete, balance of state program coverage.
- HPRP funds and state resources are insufficient to fund large numbers of projects.
- Impractical to fund overlapping implementations – projects that overlap either geographical boundaries or classes of eligible persons.
- County-only implementations considered on a case by case basis

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Deadlines / Approvals

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- Wednesday, July 1 – in transit
- One original
- Must be complete to assure competitiveness
- Local approvals due by July 15 if not included with application


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Simple Outcome

- Unstable household at entry / stable household at exit and over time
- May only enroll applicants that can achieve this outcome
- Decision will most likely involve whether or not employment or disability income can be established


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Eligible Applicants

- Local government entities
- Nonprofits approved by local governments
- All applicants must meet capacity considerations established by HUD, State and DCA. See page 3

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Eligible Participants

1. Must reside or be homeless in balance of state
2. Be “at risk” of homelessness, or “homeless”
3. Lack “resources” with household < 50% AMI, and
4. Be “appropriate” for outcomes dictated by program

Ineligible applicants must be referred to other resources in service area.


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Who is “At Risk?”

- “At risk” must meet **closely monitored ‘but for’ test** with **most at risk** served first
- **Most at risk** includes (1) within 2 weeks of eviction or institutional discharge, (2) living in housing no longer suitable for human habitation, OR (3) sudden and severe loss of income


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Others “At Risk” Include

- Sudden and significant increase in utility costs;
- Mental health and substance abuse issues;
- Physical disabilities and other chronic health issues, including HIV/AIDS;
- Severe housing cost burden (greater than 50 percent of income for housing costs);
- Homeless in last 12 months;
- Young head of household (under 25 with children or pregnant);
- Current or past involvement with child welfare, including foster care;
- Pending foreclosure of rental housing;
- Extremely low income (less than 30 percent of Area Median Income);
- High overcrowding (the number of persons exceeds health and/or safety standards for the housing unit size);
- Past institutional care (prison, treatment facility, hospital);
- Recent traumatic life event, such as death of a spouse or primary care provider, or recent health crisis that prevented the household from meeting its financial responsibilities;
- Credit problems that preclude obtaining of housing; and/or
- Significant amount of medical debt

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HPRP Homeless Class

Includes ...

- In shelter
- Places other than housing that are not meant for human habitation
- In institution for < 180 days and entered homeless
- Timing out of transitional housing programs
- Victims of domestic violence


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Eligible Activities

1. Financial Assistance – short/medium term rents, utilities, deposits, moving ... hotel/motel vouchers if necessary. All payments to 3rd parties. Sorry, you can’t pay yourself rent!
2. Services – HSS/Case Management, Outreach, Search/Placement/Inspection, Legal, Credit Repair (Life Skills)
3. Data Collection (HMIS costs)
4. Administration (2.5%)


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Ineligible! Don’t Try It!

- Duplication of benefits
- Mortgage costs / legal fees associated with same
- Construction, consumer debt, auto/transportation, travel, food, medical/dental, clothing, furnishings, pets, education ... any form of cash assistance
- Dedicated discharge programs
- Non-HPRP training


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Unique HPRP Requirements

- Coordination is a must with other Recovery Act programs in your community – See Recovery Act funding chart
- We may worry you to death with reporting and evaluation ... and you have to put up with us (us also means the feds)


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DUNS & CCR

- Subgrantees must have a DUNS number and must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR). To find information on how to obtain a DUNS number and register in CCR www.ccr.gov/startregistration.aspx.


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Application Review Criteria

- Must meet thresholds
- DCA plans to roll up sleeves (or wear short sleeves) and beat the bushes to find good partners across the state
- DCA encourages coordination and collaboration over competition
- Applications will be competitive when there is competition


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Grant Amounts

- Applicants must develop project pro forma on formats prescribed by DCA or developed by applicants and approved by DCA
- DCA will develop targeted assistance amounts for each of the 150 counties, plus balance of Bibb and Chatham
- These docs will be on our website by June 1
- <http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/specialneeds/programs/HPRP.asp>


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Other Requirements

- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Housing Support Standards (HSS), and then some
- Did we mention more reporting than usual?
- Inspection
- Must document lead-based paint compliance
- Did we mention more monitoring and oversight than usual?
- Others ...

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Application Forms

Available online at ...

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/specialneeds/programs/HPRP.asp>

But, please wait until revised docs are posted on or before May 25 ... we will make revisions based on workshop input!

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Application Forms

- First develop a table of contents, number pages to match

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- Local approvals can be confusing
- Include Attachments B – D
- Nonprofits must include Attachments E – L if they did not apply for ESG on April 6, 2009

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Application Forms

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- Check for DCA formula amounts ... to be used as a target. Applicants may apply for less or more
- Budget for four categories
- Only cap – at this time – is no more than 2.5% of total can be for admin

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- Name local approving agency(ies)
- DCA requests general org info ... mission, size, experience, staffing/leadership, strategic plans, financial, etc.

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Application Forms

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- Please outline and break up narratives
- Be concise, but thorough
- Outlines and charts work well sometimes

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HPRP Program Plan

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- Question 1 – Identify county/regional need. Plans for outreach. Policy considerations. Name counties to be served.

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Page 18, Question 2 – Bring the family!

- Housing Counseling Agencies
- Community Action Agencies
- Public / Private Schools
- Family & Children's Services
- Health providers
- Labor / Workforce Dev.
- Technical schools
- Family Connection
- Banks / Business / Civic Groups
- Law Enforcement / Courts
- Domestic Violence Orgs / Groups
- Real Estate
- Local Habitat for Humanity
- Colleges and universities
- Local governments
- Faith community
- Housing Authorities
- Homeless Agencies
- Mental Health Providers
- United Way / 211
- Legal Services / Legal General
- Coalitions - all
- Addiction Programs
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Class-specific organizations (Hispanic, Refugee, etc.)

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Question 3 – Expedited centralized intake, screening, assessment, placement – or – referral. Who, how? Qualifications? Supervision? How quick can you do this?

Question 4 – How to handle persons who need help, but do not qualify?

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Question 5 – Policy for financial assistance and services. Cost share amounts?

Question 6 – Who's going to do what?

Question 7 – 2 year job creation

Question 8 – 2 year jobs retained - explain

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- Question 9 – HMIS
- Question 10 – DV agencies using ALICE?

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- Question 11 – HSS ... How will you implement?
- Question 12 – Do you plan to conduct agency evaluations?

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Program Plan

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- Question 13 – Charges to clients?
- Question 14 – Gaps ... after all that collaborating, what's left?
- Question 15 – Numbers to benefit; individuals, families, households
- Question 16 – DCA project pro forma


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Advice for DCA?

Your Turn ...

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