



# Hudson County Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

## Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) Program Information

(Effective November 2, 2009)

### Background

Hudson County has been awarded **\$1,535,992** in Homeless Prevention and Rapid R-Housing (HPRP) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), authorized under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Hudson County will also oversee the City of Bayonne's HPRP funding in the amount of **\$779,080**, totaling **\$2,315,072** in HPRP funding.

HPRP funding will provide shallow, short-term financial assistance and case management services to prevent at-risk individuals and families from becoming homeless, and to quickly re-house and stabilize those who have recently become homeless. The Hudson County of Division of Housing and Community Development will be responsible for overseeing the HPRP Program, and will be responsible for all associated monitoring.

### Use of Funds

HPRP funds are meant to serve those who are not eligible for other forms of assistance. The focus will be to assist those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness for the first time, those who have maintained their own apartment and due to recent job loss are not able to pay the rent until finding new employment, and those who DO NOT have long term struggles such as mental illness and substance abuse.

HPRP assistance can NOT be used for any type of mortgage assistance.

Those assisted with HPRP funds must meet strict criteria to receive assistance. The criteria includes a family income of no more than 50% of HUD defined Area Median Income (AMI) (chart below). An individual must have no other resources to secure housing. If the individual is currently living with a family member or a friend, this situation is not a priority for HPRP. The individual must meet the criteria of 'homeless but for this assistance.'

FY 2009	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
50% AMI	\$ 24,900	\$ 28,450	\$ 32,000	\$ 35,550	\$38,400	\$ 41,250	\$ 44,100	\$ 46,950

- HPRP assistance will be extremely shallow and provide only enough assistance to stabilize an individual/household.
- HPRP assistance will be provided on a month by month basis.
- Anyone receiving HPRP assistance for more than 3 months will have to be re-certified to show continued eligibility.
- No more than 18 financial assistance payments can be made on any individual's/household's behalf. Very few individuals/households will receive the maximum assistance, as the intent of the Program is to provide as many people as possible with assistance.

**Hudson County HPRP funds will be administered by three agencies:**

**The United Way of Hudson County (\$877,072)**

The United Way of Hudson County will be serving the general public, with a priority for residents Countywide and residents from Bayonne.

Financial assistance will be offered for ONLY the prevention of homelessness (those **at-risk** of homelessness).

Payments will include; rental assistance, security/utility deposits, utility payments, and moving costs. Participants will also receive case management services.

All persons assisted will have to demonstrate proof of income and their current housing situation.

Contact: Chaquira Vasquez, 201 798-9960, Catholic Charities, 3040 Kennedy Blvd. Jersey City, NJ.

**The Jersey City Episcopal Community Development Corporation (JCECDC) (\$1,000,000)**

JCECDC will be serving the general public, with a priority for residents Countywide and residents from Bayonne.

Financial assistance will be offered for both the prevention of homelessness and re-housing those who are already homeless.

Payments will include; rental assistance, security/utility deposits, utility payments, and moving costs. Participants will also receive case management services.

All persons assisted will have to demonstrate proof of income and their current housing situation.

Points of Contact: Andy Billek, (201) 604-2600 X312, 118 Summit Ave., Jersey City, NJ.

**The Hudson County Department of Family Services Prisoner Re-entry Program (\$438,000)**

The Hudson County Department of Family Services will be administering a portion of HPRP funds to prevent the homelessness of inmates being discharged, that meet HUD's HPRP standards. The Program will be run through a partnership between the Hudson County Department of Family Services and the Hudson County Department of Corrections.

***This program is not open to the Public.***

***For information and referral, potential clients should be directed to call the United Way 2-1-1 line. They will be directed to the appropriate service provider for their needs and location.***

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## **Jersey City and Union City**

The municipalities of Jersey City and Union City have received a direct allocation of HPRP funds and will be administering their respective Programs separately from Hudson County.

**Jersey City** has funded two Agencies to administer funds that will serve ONLY residents of Jersey City.

**Let's Celebrate, Inc:** Funded to provide financial assistance to those at risk of becoming homeless and living in Jersey City. Contact: Let's Celebrate, Inc. 46-48 Fairview Ave. Jersey City, NJ, (201) 433-5438, Susan Wagner-Glaser, X. 16, or Sandra Stuart, X.14.

**The United Way of Hudson County:** Funded to provide rapid re-housing to those that are currently homeless and living in Jersey City. Contact: Chaquira Vasquez, 201 798-9960.

**Union City** has funded one Agency to administer funds that will serve ONLY residents of Union City.

**North Hudson Community Action Council:** Funded to provide both prevention and rapid re-housing assistance. The Program will be operated out of Union City, City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 3715 Palisade Ave, Union City. Contact: Kennedy NG, 201-348-2765.

***Calling 2-1-1 will direct potential recipients to the appropriate program***

**Please use the pre-eligibility screening tool to determine program eligibility for Hudson County funded agencies.**