

Public Notice and Public Hearing

Richland County Government Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Notice of Allocation of Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Richland County Community Development has been allocated \$568,201 for the "Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)", under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing funds must be used to address homeless and at-risk households who would be homeless without this assistance. A draft substantial amendment will be posted on the Richland County website: http://www.richlandonline.com. The public will have until May 4, 2009 to submit written comments. Written comments may be sent to Vivian McCray, Housing Project Coordinator, Richland County Community Development, Richland County Administration Building, 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3063, Columbia, South Carolina, 29204 or by emailing mccrayv@rcgov.us. A substantial amendment to the 2008 Richland County Consolidated Action Plan is due to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development on May 18, 2009.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, **April 29, 2009** at 5:00 p.m. in the Richland County Administration Building, County Council Chambers 2020 Hampton Street, there will be a Public Hearing concerning the use of Homelessness Prevention Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) grant funds for Richland County. For further details, please contact Vivian McCray, Housing Project Coordinator, Richland County Administration Building, 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3063, Columbia, South Carolina, 29204. The contact number is (803) 576-2230, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The email address is mccrayv@rcgov.us.

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Public Notice Request for Proposal (RFP) for Federal Funds Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

Agencies who currently serve Richland County homeless or at-risk populations are encouraged to apply for grants funded through HPRP allocation by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to Richland County. Richland County Government's Community Development Request for Proposals (RFP) will be accepted from those agencies that have existing programs that can provide homeless prevention and rapid re-housing. Those seeking to apply for these funds must demonstrate a plan that provides "comprehensive menu of services to assist eligible program participants". Agencies that have the capability and experience to manage federal funds (of \$50,000 or more) and are able to provide necessary documentation of how the funds will be expended are encouraged to apply. HPRP funds are allocated for use in the following areas: financial assistance to homeless and at-risk households who would be homeless without this assistance; housing relocation and stabilization services (i.e., case management, outreach and engagement, housing search and placement, legal services, credit repair); data collection and evaluation; and administrative costs. Financial assistance can be used for short term rental assistance (up to 3 months); medium term rental assistance (4-18 months); utility deposits and payments; moving cost assistance; storage (up to 3 months); motel and hotel vouchers (up to 30 days). Total assistance can not exceed 18 months for rental or utility assistance. Rental assistance must comply with HUD "rental reasonableness" standards.

Beginning April 30th, RFP packets can be requested by emailing Vivian McCray at <u>mccrayv@rcgov.us</u> or calling to request a packet be mailed to you. The contact number is (803) 576-2230, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The submission deadline for Request for Proposals (RFP) will be **Friday, June 5, 2009 at 4 pm**. These RFP responses must be submitted to Vivian McCray, Housing Project Coordinator, Community Development, Richland County Administration Building, 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3063, Columbia, South Carolina, 29204, by this date and time.

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