

PUBLIC NOTICE

APRIL 27, 2009

CITY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2008 ACTION PLAN FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

The City of Hartford is required to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which was signed into law on February 17, 2009. The Act, also known as the "Stimulus Act", includes measures to modernize the nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, and expand economic opportunities for Americans. One of the several programs created by the Act is the HPRP.

As an eligible grantee, the City of Hartford is entitled to receive \$1,572,727 in one-time HPRP funds. The purpose of this funding 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 section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302). HPRP eligible activities include provision of temporary financial assistance and housing relocation/stabilization services to households who are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance. Households must be at or below 50% of Area Median Income.

HPRP targets two populations facing housing instability: 1) Individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at imminent risk of becoming homeless (prevention), and 2) Individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street and need temporary assistance in order to obtain/retain housing (rapid re-housing).

The City proposes pursuant to release of a competitive request for proposals (RFP) to use the HPRP funds for eligible activities as follows:

HPRP Activity	Homelessness Prevention	Rapid Re-housing	Total
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Assistance includes short-term rental assistance up to 3 months, medium-term rental assistance up to 18 months, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments up to 6 months arrears, moving cost assistance, and motel or hotel vouchers if no appropriate shelter beds are available.	\$380,000	\$522,000	\$902,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Relocation/Stabilization Services include case management to develop individualized housing plans to achieve permanent stable housing; outreach to publicize the HPRP services; housing search and placement to assist in locating/obtaining/retaining suitable housing; legal services to assist in maintaining current housing; mediation and outreach with property owners to locate/retain housing; and credit repair education/counseling for household budgeting and money management.	\$250,000	\$260,092	\$510,092
Subtotal	\$630,000	\$782,092	\$1,412,092
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Collection and Evaluation includes costs associated with operating HUD-approved homeless management information systems (HMIS) to collect unduplicated counts of homeless persons and analyze patterns of use of HPRP funds. Eligible costs include purchase of HMIS software and/or user licenses, lease/purchase of computer equipment for providers and the central server, and staffing costs associated with HMIS operation including training; and costs of the city and sub-recipient(s) to participate in HUD-sponsored research and evaluation of HPRP.			\$81,999
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administration includes up to 5% of allocation to pass through to sub-recipient(s) for accounting, audits, sub-recipient staff salaries associated with administrative costs, and training for staff who will administer the program or case managers who will serve program participants.			\$78,636
Total HPRP Amount Budgeted			\$1,572,727

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

HUD requires that the City conduct a 12-day public comment period regarding the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan prior to its adoption by Court of Common Council in accordance with the City's HUD approved Citizen Participation Plan. **Public comments will be received from April 27 to May 6, 2009.** The City will consider any comments and further modify the proposed Amendment if appropriate. A draft of the Substantial Amendment is available for public inspection during regular business hours (8:00 AM-5:00 PM) in the City's Development Services Department, Division of Grants Management, (see address below) or on the City's website at <http://www.hartford.gov/Development/grants-mgt/>.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Lyceum Resource and Conference Center, 227 Lawrence Street, Hartford, CT. At this time and place any and all persons interested may appear and be heard thereon. The Lyceum is wheelchair accessible. A Spanish interpreter is available. Interpreter(s) for other languages and the hearing impaired are available upon request in advance.

Final adoption of the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the HPRP must occur by the HUD imposed deadline of May 18, 2009. It is anticipated that the City of Hartford Court of Common Council would consider this item no later than the May 11, 2009 council meeting in order to allow sufficient time for final preparation and timely submission to HUD.

On or about June 1, 2009, the City will release a competitive RFP to identify potential sub-recipients to carry-out the HPRP program, with a proposal submission deadline on or about July 7, 2009 and executed sub-recipient agreement deadline of September 30, 2009.

General questions, comments and request for additional information regarding this Public Notice may be directed to:

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