

The City of Manchester will receive \$766,000 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP). A public hearing was held on 3/26/09 to announce this funding and listen to public comment on potential usage. The City requested organizations interested in funding under this program submit a letter of intent to City Planning by Monday, April 13, 2009. Since then, five local non-profit organizations have submitted requests for funding under this program.

The intent of the HPRP program is housing stabilization. It provides temporary assistance and/or services to help people gain housing stability. The targeted population that this program will serve is those whom are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance and can remain stably housed after this temporary assistance ends.

The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program funding is limited to four categories:

- Financial Assistance
- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
- Data Collection and Evaluation
- Administrative Costs directly associated with the HPRP program

More information on this program can be found at <http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewHPRP>

The City of Manchester plans to fund three main agencies with the expectation that these agencies work with others to rapidly re-house eligible individuals and families. City officials have met with the homeless service providers represented by the Manchester Continuum of Care, Manchester's Steering Committee to End Homelessness and State officials in making a recommendation on expedient and collaborative use of this funding.

The City of Manchester will invest the funding as follows: 62% will go towards financial assistance, 31 % towards Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services, 5% on administrative activities and 2% on data collection and evaluation.

All funded organizations will collaborate with/assist other agencies. Organizations slighted to get HPRP funding are: Families in Transition, The Way Home and Child & Family Services Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. Additional financial assistance has been added to The Way Home to serve as the agency that will contract with NH Legal Assistance as needed; and to provide financial assistance upon referral from agencies such as, but not limited to, Child & Family Services Runaway and Homeless Youth, New Horizons for New Hampshire and Helping Hands.