



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
OFFICE OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

The City of Philadelphia Office of Supportive Housing (OSH) is receiving an allocation of funding under the American Recovery Act for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) in the amount of \$21,486,240 or \$7.162M annually for 3 years. Funding will be used to assist households that are at risk of becoming homeless *but for this assistance* or are currently homeless.

Funding is intended to serve households renting units in the community and households residing in emergency housing and transitional housing facilities. Eligible activities include rental and utility assistance, housing stabilization services and moving costs for households at or below 50% of the median area income. Homeowners can receive assistance with utilities and housing stabilization services only. OSH has subcontracted with ten community-based provider agencies to provide Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing services. All services are scheduled to start on Oct. 1st, and will be offered citywide.

Community-based Homelessness Prevention Program – available to all Philadelphia residents who meet the eligibility criteria

- Approximately \$3 M per year has been allocated to five providers for Prevention services for direct financial assistance to households that would be homeless *but for this assistance*.
- Eligible households are those at risk for homelessness due to rental or utility delinquencies, but are likely to maintain housing with assistance.
- Financial Assistance may include help with security deposit, rental arrearages, rental payments, utility arrearages, utility deposit, utility payments, and/or moving costs. Housing stabilization services include housing-related counseling, legal services, credit repair, linkages to other social services, and/or relocation. Households will be expected to contribute to the package of financial assistance.

Diversion Program – targeted to households that are seeking shelter

- Households seeking shelter services at Appletree Family or Ridge Ave. Central Intake Centers will have the opportunity to be assessed by an OSH staff and diverted from entering the shelter system and referred to a Prevention Provider..

Rapid Re-Housing Program

- Approximately \$3.3 M per year has been allocated for the provision of rapid re-housing services for households currently residing in emergency and transitional housing facilities.
- Goal is to rapidly re-house and sustain households in permanent housing by providing 1st month's rent, security deposit, rental assistance, utility assistance and/or housing stabilization services.

Additional information can be found at www.oneneighborhood.org