



MISC. PROGRAM SUMMARIES

Homeless Assistance Programs

HUD's homeless assistance programs are broken down into two main categories, formula (non-competitive), and competitive. Formula grants are awarded on the basis of the Consolidated Plan that states and local jurisdictions may fill out. Formula programs include the Emergency Shelter Grant Program. Competitive programs are under the umbrella of Continuum of Care. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs administered by HUD award funds competitively and require the development of a "Continuum of Care" system in the community where assistance is being sought. A continuum of care system is designed to address the critical problem of homelessness through a coordinated community-based process of identifying needs and building a system to address those needs. The approach is predicated on the understanding that homelessness is not caused merely by a lack of shelter, but involves a variety of underlying, unmet needs - physical, economic, and social. Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs include: Supportive Housing Program, Shelter Plus Care Program, and the Single Room Occupancy Program. To get more information regarding the Continuum of Care visit: <http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewCoCMapsAndReports>

Resources for Homeless Persons - HUD, along with many other federal agencies, fund programs to help persons who are homeless. These programs are managed by local organizations that we call "homeless assistance agencies." Visit: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/resources.cfm> and <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/index.cfm>

HUD's Homelessness Resource Exchange - The Homelessness Resource Exchange is your online one-stop shop for information and resources on assisting people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Program guidance and regulations, technical assistance (TA) and training resources, research and publications, and more are available for use by Federal agencies, state and local government agencies, Continuum of Care organizations, homeless service providers, TA providers, persons experiencing homelessness, and other stakeholders. To access the Resource Exchange visit: <http://www.hudhre.info/>

HUD-VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing)

In June 2011, HUD and the Veterans Administration announced an additional \$5.4 million dollars to public housing authorities in 18 states to supply permanent housing and case management for 676 homeless Veterans in America. This is the fourth and final round of the FY 2010 *Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH)* funding to support homeless Veterans. This funding given to local housing authorities is part of the Obama Administration's strategy to end Veteran and long-term chronic homelessness by 2015. Public housing authorities administer the vouchers and the Veterans Administration provides local outreach, case management, and supportive services. About 30,000 vouchers have been allocated nationwide totaling \$75 million dollars. Homeless Veterans can seek assistance through the **National Homeless Veteran Call Center** by calling 1-877-4AID VET or 1-877-424-3838.

Re-Entry / Ex-offenders

On June 24th, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan sent a letter to executive directors of public housing authorities (PHAs) clarifying HUD's position regarding people with criminal record's eligibility for public housing. In the letter, Secretary Donovan encourages PHA executive directors "to allow ex-offenders to rejoin their families in the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher programs, when appropriate." Currently, Public Housing Authority executive directors have discretion whether or not to admit people with criminal records to public housing. The only circumstances under which a PHA is required by law to ban a person from federally assisted housing is if he or she was convicted of methamphetamine production on the premises or is subject to a lifetime registration as a sex offender. The letter from Secretary Donovan is one of several efforts by the federal government that demonstrates its commitment to prisoner reentry issues.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program is a component of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and was established for the purpose of stabilizing communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment. HUD provides money to about 250 local governments (cities and counties) and all 50 states. Generally, the money must be used to buy, fix up and resell foreclosed and abandoned homes. As long as the funds are used for this redevelopment, the units of government that receive HUD funds decide how to use the funds and what specific redevelopment activities to undertake.

If you are interested in participating in this program, you need to contact your city, county, and/or state to find out how the program operates in your area. This is true for both prospective home buyers and for potential contractors, non-profits, and other partners.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs

NSP Resource Exchange is a one-stop shop for the information and resources needed by NSP grantees, subrecipients and developers to purchase, rehabilitate, and resell foreclosed properties. There are three primary components to the Resource Exchange site including:

- **Find a Resource** - a database of policy guidance, practitioner support tools and training materials developed by HUD and technical assistance providers who specialize in NSP-related activities. It can be browsed by topic, audience, or type of information.
- **Ask a Question** a feature that can be used to direct users to previously asked questions based on the user's questions. It also provides users with a question form that can be submitted electronically for those questions and answers that are not listed on the website.
- **Request TA** a mechanism by which users can communicate with technical assistance providers and request support in implementing NSP activities.

The NSP Resource Exchange can also be used to learn about upcoming events related to NSP and coming soon the site will feature tool kits for designing programs and implementing activities. Visit: <http://hudnshelp.info/index.cfm>

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

HOME Investment Partnerships program is the largest Federal block grant to State and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each year it allocates approximately \$2 billion among the States and hundreds of localities nationwide. The HOME program is implemented through State and local governments called participating jurisdictions or "PJs". Participating jurisdictions may be States or units of general local government, including consortia and urban counties. HOME participating jurisdictions have a great deal of flexibility in designing and managing their HOME programs. PJs may choose among a broad range of eligible activities, using HOME funds to provide home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers; build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership; or for "other reasonable and necessary expenses related to the development of non-luxury housing," including site acquisition or improvement, demolition of dilapidated housing to make way for HOME-assisted development, and payment of relocation expenses.

Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) - PJs must reserve at least 15 percent of their allocations to fund housing to be owned, developed, or sponsored by experienced, community-driven nonprofit groups designated as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Information on how to become a designated CHDO can be found at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/topical/chdo.cfm>

To find the local HUD staff who work with the HOME program, contact the appropriate CPD Field Office. Field office contact information can be found at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/contacts/>

HUD Mailing Lists

Many of HUD's program offices have email subscription lists that you can join to receive the latest information. Just to name a few of the lists you can subscribe to include Homeless Assistance, Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing, Rural economic development, webcast notifications, the Faith-Based list, HUD News, HUD-Vash, Multi-family property disposition and Office of Affordable Housing programs. To view the entire list, go to www.hud.gov and in the search box type "subscribe." Select Subscribe then select HUD Mailing Lists or HUD Mailing Lists by State.

Federal Grants

HUD awards grants to organizations and groups for a variety of purposes. To participate in the HUD grants program, you need to be registered with Grants.gov. To search for grant opportunities within HUD and the federal government, visit: www.grants.gov
