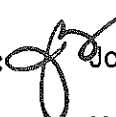




**TO:** Eric Anderson, City Manager  
**FROM:**  John Briehl, Director, Human Rights & Human Services Department  
**SUBJECT:** Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing information  
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During its May 5 meeting, Council will hold a public hearing on an amendment to the Consolidated Plan with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive \$1,182,824 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing for services over three years. The amendment identifies the division of funds between Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing. The City will have until September 30 to identify programs and fully execute contracts for three years and the full \$1,182,824.

These funds target different households than those typically served through the City's Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Shelter Grant funds from HUD. Although the households must be low income, the funds must be targeted to households that will be capable of achieving housing and financial stability as a result of the short term assistance from this program. HUD's expectation is that most of the clients served with these funds will be newly at risk of homelessness or newly homeless due to the recent economic crisis.

Briefly, "Homeless Prevention" will serve individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance, stabilization services or moving assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless. "Rapid Re-housing" will quickly move individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance to obtain and retain housing, into housing. None of the funds can be used to help persons facing foreclosure as other Recovery Act funds are available to those households.

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