



**Summary**

**Proposed Recommendations for the Substantial Amendment to the  
2008 – 2009 Annual Action Plan to the Consolidated Plan**

Each year, the City receives funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The use of these funds is identified in the Annual Action Plan to the Consolidated Plan.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which includes \$1.5 billion for a Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) nationwide. Formula distribution of the funding resulted in a one time, three-year allocation of \$1,182,824 for Tacoma. To receive the funds, Tacoma must submit a Substantial Amendment to the 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan to the Consolidated Plan.

HPRP funds must be targeted to low income households likely to sustain housing after they receive assistance. Homeless Prevention serves individuals and families who are currently in housing but would be homeless without this assistance, and need temporary rent or utility assistance, stabilization services or moving assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless. Rapid Re-housing quickly moves 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. Funds cannot be used to help persons facing foreclosure as other Recovery Act funds are available to those households.

The Council-appointed Human Services Commission reviewed the recommendations from focus groups and has recommended the distribution of funding between homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing.

	Homelessness Prevention	Rapid Re-housing	Total Amount
Financial Assistance <sup>1</sup>	\$ 540,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 840,000
Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services <sup>2</sup>	\$ 183,683	\$ 100,000	\$ 283,683
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 723,683</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,123,683</b>
Data Collection and Evaluation <sup>3</sup>			\$ 0
Administration (up to 5% of allocation)			\$ 59,141
<b>Total HPRP Amount Budgeted</b>			<b>\$ 1,182,824</b>

<sup>1</sup> Short-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and motel or hotel vouchers.

<sup>2</sup> Case management, outreach, housing search and placement, legal services, mediation, and credit repair.

<sup>3</sup> Costs associated with operating homeless management information systems for purposes of collecting unduplicated counts of homeless persons and analyzing patterns of use of HPRP funds.

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