

# City of Jersey City Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

## Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) Program Information

### Background

The City of Jersey City has been awarded **\$2,676,991** in Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), authorized under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). HPRP funding will provide shallow, short-term financial assistance and case management services to prevent at-risk individuals and families from becoming homeless, and to quickly re-house and stabilize those who have recently become homeless. The Division of Community Development will be responsible for overseeing the HPRP Program, and will be responsible for all associated monitoring.

***The HPRP Program will begin on November 2, 2009***

### Use of Funds

HPRP funds are meant to serve those who are not eligible for other forms of assistance. The focus will be to assist those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness for the first time, those who have maintained their own apartment and due to recent job loss are not able to pay the rent until finding new employment, and those who DO NOT have long term struggles such as mental illness and substance abuse.

Those assisted with HPRP funds must meet strict criteria to receive assistance. This criteria includes a family income of no more than 50% of HUD defined Area Median Income (AMI chart below). An individual must have no other resources to secure housing. If the individual is currently living with a family member or a friend, this situation is not a priority for HPRP. The individual must meet the criteria of 'homeless' but for this assistance.

FY 2009	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
50% AMI	\$ 24,900	\$ 28,450	\$ 32,000	\$35,500	\$38,400	\$ 41,250	\$ 44,100	\$ 46,950

- HPRP assistance will be extremely shallow and provide only enough assistance to stabilize an individual/household.
- HPRP assistance will be provided on a month by month basis.
- Anyone receiving HPRP assistance will have to meet with the corresponding agency monthly to show continued eligibility.
- No more than 18 financial assistance payments can be made on any individual's/household's behalf. Very few individuals/households will receive the maximum assistance, as the intent of

the Program is to provide as many people as possible with assistance to promote self-sufficiency and sustainability.

**Jersey City HPRP funds will be administered by two agencies:**

**The United Way of Hudson County (\$1,378,651)**

The United Way of Hudson County will be serving the general public, with a priority for Jersey City residents who are homeless. Monies will be used to re-house individuals and families who are homeless with minimal barriers not to exceed 18 months and meet other eligibility standards pursuant to the grant.

All persons assisted will have to demonstrate proof of income and their current housing situation.

Contact person: Chaquira Vasquez, 201 798-9960, appointments only

**Let's Celebrate, Inc (\$1,256,954)**

Let's Celebrate, Inc. will be serving the general public, with a priority for Jersey City residents. Financial assistance will be offered for the prevention of homelessness. Payments will include: rental assistance, security/utility deposits, utility payments, and moving costs. Participants will also receive case management services.

All persons assisted will have to demonstrate proof of income and status of their current housing situation.

Contact person: 201 433-5438, Susan Glaser x 16 or Sandra Stuart x14, appointments only

***Calling 2-1-1 will direct potential recipients to the appropriate program. Pre-eligibility***

***screenings will be provided by various municipal and non-profit organizations throughout the City.***