

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program **\$815,869 available to Springfield, Ohio (over 3 year period)**

The program is to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who otherwise would be homeless and to rapidly re-house people who are homeless. Clients served must be at or below 50% AMI, be at risk of becoming homeless, or are homeless and,

- Have no appropriate subsequent housing options
- Lack financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in existing housing.

Eligible Activities:

- Financial Assistance
- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
- Data Collection and Evaluation
- Administrative Costs

The proposed program for Springfield includes working with the Springfield Clark County Housing Collaborative and the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. The proposed program will utilize both financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to address the increasing number of people facing homelessness in Springfield. Both the financial assistance and the housing relocation and stabilization services will operate in a three-level system based on client need and the resources available.

Level One will focus on preventing homelessness and will include clients with needs that can be met with minimal expenditure of funds and are likely to need only one housing counseling session with a case manager. We expect most of these clients will come through the DJFS system, as this funding will supplement the Prevention Retention and Contingency funds DJFS already utilizes for this purpose.

Level Two will likewise prevent homelessness, but will also focus on diverting individuals and families from entering emergency shelters. These clients needs are likely to be more complex, thus short to medium term financial assistance will be provided and case managers will see these clients 2-3 times in order to ensure a stable housing situation. We anticipate that Level Two clients will be identified through the service agencies participating in the Springfield Clark County Housing Collaborative.

Level Three assistance will be the most intensive. Clients at this level will already be in emergency shelters or transitional housing. Clients will need longer or more varied financial resources and increased case management (2-6 sessions) in order to stabilize their housing.

Springfield's HPRP program will also include funds for legal services and mediation of landlord and tenant relationships in order to prevent a homeless situation. Clients going through the legal or mediation services will also have access to financial assistance at one of the three levels described above.

All clients will have the benefit of a Housing Counselor working with the program. The Housing Counselor will identify safe and affordable housing and encourage landlords to rent to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The Housing Counselor will also oversee all levels of clients and coordinate service delivery, make referrals to mainstream services and provide support for the required data collection.

Funding Allocations for the Springfield Prevention, Diversion and Rapid Re-housing Continuum:

Level One

- Prevention
 - One Counseling session @ \$100 per client
 - 220 clients = \$22,000
 - Short term or one time payments to stabilize housing
 - \$1,000 maximum assistance
 - 220 clients = \$220,000

Level Two

- Prevention – Diversion
 - 2-3 Counseling Sessions @ \$500 per client
 - 120 clients = \$60,000
 - Short-Medium Term Assistance
 - \$2,000 maximum assistance
 - 120 clients = \$240,000

Level Three

- Diversion – Rapid Re-housing
 - 2-6 Counseling Sessions @ \$1,500 per client
 - 30 clients = \$45,000
 - Medium Term Assistance
 - \$2,500 Maximum assistance
 - 30 clients = \$75,000

Support Systems for the Prevention, Diversion and Rapid Re-housing Program:

- Legal (Eligible expense under Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services)
 - \$38,000

- Mediation (Eligible expense under Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services)
 - \$20,000
- Housing Counselor (Eligible expense under Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services, Housing Search and Placement)
 - \$40,000

Data Collection and Evaluation:

- Eligible activity: Data Collection, HMIS
 - \$15,076

Administration

- City Administration
 - \$20,793
- Training and Administration deliverables
 - \$20,000

Proposed Activities:

	Homeless Prevention	Rapid Re-housing	Total Amount Budgeted
Financial Assistance	\$460,000	\$75,000	\$535,000
Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services	\$82,000 counseling \$43,000 legal/mediation \$20,000 housing search	\$45,000 cnslg \$15,000 legal/med \$20,000 hsnsg search	\$127,000 \$58,000 \$40,000
Subtotal	\$605,000	\$155,000	\$760,000

Data Collection and Evaluation	\$15,076
Administration (up to 5% of allocation)	\$40,793
Total HPRH Amount Budgeted	\$815,869

Partners: The City could enter into a sub-recipient agreement with a local agency that already has a system developed for disbursing temporary cash assistance for families in need (ODJFS). Local non-profit agencies working with the target populations could enter into a MOU with the City and DJFS to refer clients to DJFS for rental and utility assistance while the referring agencies receive reimbursement for case management sessions with the client. Referring agencies could include; IHN, Project Woman, Hannah House, MRDD, Mental Health, McKinley Hall, Opportunities for New Direction, On the Rise, Springfield Mediation Services and Legal Aid of Western Ohio.