



Commonwealth of Massachusetts HPRP

Overview



Total Allocation

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 authorized \$1.5 billion for a Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)
- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts was awarded \$18,443,744



20 MA entitlement communities also received HPRP allocations

Commonwealth	18,443,744.00
ARLINGTON	533,800.00
BOSTON	8,209,151.00
BROCKTON	610,110.00
BROOKLINE	667,436.00
CAMBRIDGE	1,302,128.00
CHICOPEE	531,528.00
FALL RIVER	1,232,852.00
HOLYOKE	551,671.00
LAWRENCE	710,503.00
LOWELL	979,048.00
LYNN	1,033,392.00
MALDEN	636,677.00
MEDFORD	716,681.00
NEW BEDFORD	1,228,020.00
NEWTON	923,339.00
PITTSFIELD	613,738.00
QUINCY	848,274.00
SOMERVILLE	1,181,067.00
SPRINGFIELD	1,700,802.00
WORCESTER	1,904,831.00
Total, Entitlement communities	26,115,048.00
MASS TOTAL	44,558,792.00



Goals for MA State HPRP

- **ONE:** Immediate and sustained reduction in the number of families in hotels and motels
- **TWO:** Continue the work begun through the ICHH to build out the DHCD “architecture” in all EA regions
 - Target the five Transitional Assistance offices with the largest caseloads: Boston, Worcester, Brockton, Salem/North Shore, and Springfield/Holyoke



The DHCD Four-Door Architecture

- **HOMELESS PREVENTION**
- **THE FRONT SCREEN DOOR**
(Diversion)
- **THE FRONT DOOR** (The Shelter System)
- **THE BACK DOOR** (Re-Housing)
- **THE BACK SCREEN DOOR**
(Stabilization)



Gaps in the Architecture

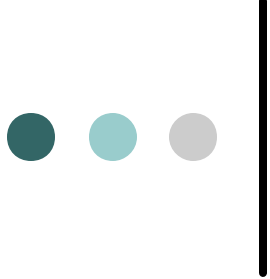
Priorities for Family HPRP:

Prevention	Diversion	Shelter	Re-Housing	Stabilization
<p>Eviction prevention (financial assistance & case management)</p> <p>-- <i>Eviction Prevention in subsidized housing</i></p> <p>--in private housing: Landlord-tenant mediation</p>	<p>Front screen door services (through ICHH)</p> <p><i>Flexible funds to activate screen door</i> (supplementing toolbox)</p> <p><i>Stabilization follow Up for diverted families (case management)</i></p>	<p>Assessment & referral</p>	<p>Search for families in shelter (by shelter providers)</p> <p><i>Search for families in hotels/motels</i></p> <p>Connection between search & supply (strengthening connections-<i>back screen door</i>)</p> <p><i>Administration of short and medium term subsidies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --bridging market units --bridging to subsidies --creating housing resume-building opportunities --creating supportive housing units 	<p>18-month follow up (by shelter providers)</p> <p><i>Supplemental stabilization to fill gaps in service delivery system. (18-month follow up for hotel/motel families)</i></p> <p><i>On-site or readily accessible, reliable support services</i></p>



HPRP Eligibility

1. The household income must be at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI) at time of application and at every subsequent 3 month interval for households receiving medium term rental assistance;
2. The head of household must participate in an initial face to face consultation with a case manager or other qualified professional using a pre-approved assessment tool;
3. The applicant lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in the existing housing *but for* HPRP assistance;
4. No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified for the applicant;
5. The household must agree to participate in case management stabilization services as required.



Additional eligibility: Individuals

Prevention:

- Demonstrate that they experienced a significant reduction in income or increase in necessary expenses such that the individual cannot pay the current housing costs and is facing a potential eviction or loss of utility service.
- Demonstrate that they have secured new income or reduced their expenses, thereby assuring that a one time disbursement will be sufficient to prevent homelessness.

Re-Housing:

- Agree to housing stabilization services.
- Contribute at least 30 percent of household income in rent.



Additional eligibility: Families

Re-housing:

1. Be EA eligible and residing in a shelter or in a hotel/motel.
2. Agree to housing stabilization services.
3. Contribute at least 30 percent of household income in rent.



State HPRP Budget Summary

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<i>Financial Assistance</i>	\$11,186,717
<i>Housing Relocation & Stabilization</i>	\$5,823,283
Total Program Dollars	\$17,010,000
Data Collection and Evaluation	\$511,557
Administration	\$922,187
TOTAL HPRP AWARD	\$18,443,744



HPRP Budget Breakout by Program

Program Type	Amount
Families	
Eviction Prevention	\$900,000
Diversion	\$2,719,000
Rapid Re-Housing	\$8,288,000
Total, Family Programs	\$11,907,000
Individuals	
Individual Eviction Prevention	\$1,551,000
Individual Rapid Re-Housing	\$3,552,000
Total, Individual Programs	\$5,103,000
TOTAL	\$17,010,000



State HPRP Resources in Western Massachusetts

Agency	Award	Family			Individuals		Area
		EP	Div	RRH	EP	RRH	
HAP	\$1,923,040						Hampden & Hampshire Counties
NEFWC	\$754,941						Hampden County
Springfield Housing Authority	\$153,500						Springfield
Catholic Charities	\$220,125						Berkshire, Hampshire & Franklin Counties
MHSA	\$1,926,821 <i>(statewide award)</i>						Statewide (W.MA subcontracted to SMOC/HAP)



HPRP Sustainability

- Client Sustainability:
 - Focus on Stabilization Services
- Program Sustainability:
 - Jobs Bill
 - Hearth Act



Additional Resources

- **The HEARTH Act:** Changes to HUD's Homeless Assistance Programs (by Norm Suchar, National Alliance to End Homelessness)
- One Family Right Resources Bulletin Board:
<http://rightresources.org/phpBB3/index.php>
- One Family Interactive HPRP Map:
<http://www.onefamilyinc.org/hprp/>



Additional Questions

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