

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing – Sacramento, CA

The City and County of Sacramento, and the cities of Elk Grove and Citrus Heights, pooled funds for a county wide project

HPRP funds are combined with American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds from Sacramento Employment & Training Agency, Community Services Block Grant and TANF.



Allocation of Funds

Total HPRP funding = \$8 Million

- 40% Homelessness Prevention, 60% Rapid Rehousing
- Both Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing funds are divided 30% to program staff and 70% to payments made on behalf of Families.
- Targets outlays were \$1,800 per family for Homeless Prevention and \$4,200 for Rapid Rehousing. In practice, outlays have been higher for Prevention clients than anticipated.

HPRP Program Participants

- HPRP Grantee is Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, a joint powers authority of the city and county which serves as Sacramento's local Housing Authority.
- Participants include 3 "Comprehensive Providers," 2 Special Service Providers, and 2 referring agencies.
- Comprehensive Providers (Volunteers of America, Salvation Army & Lutheran Social Services) have primary HMIS responsibility and are responsible for holding and distributing funds.
- Special services are provided by Legal Services of Northern California and a community mental health services provider.
- Referrals for HPRP assessments are also made by the local 2-1-1 and the Dept. of Human Assistance, Sac county's welfare office.

Sacramento's Learning Community

- Sacramento began planning for HPRP implementation 6 months in advance. A Learning Community work group was established, and began to meet weekly to map implementation of the program and address eligibility and policy questions on an on-going basis. The Learning Community continues to meet on a weekly basis.
- Grantee, subgrantees, and referring agencies are represented at the Learning Community. Consultants hired to develop Sacramento's HPRP assessment tool also attend.
- The Learning Community made early decisions regarding the depth and breadth of Sacramento's program, including to set income limit at 30% AMI. A universal assessment tool, to be used by all providers in Sacramento, was developed.
- LSNC used Learning Community meetings establish the discrete role it plays in HPRP: where a client receiving legal services appears to be a candidate for HPRP, or asks about rental assistance, HPRP is discussed as an option, and an intake appointment with a comprehensive provider can be made. LSNC does not determine eligibility for HPRP, or hold or distribute funds. Comprehensive providers and referring agencies may refer HPRP clients to LSNC at any time, and such clients will be accepted for legal services counseling in all referred cases.

Entry into HPRP

- The primary starting point for services is the local 211 provider. 211 screens calls, provides basic HMIS entry, and make referrals to the comprehensive providers and/or legal services. 211 does not determine eligibility.
- LSNC is another point of entry, with 12 reserved referral slots to the 3 comprehensive providers each week (4 referrals to each). In appropriate cases, HPRP is explained as an option to legal services clients. Clients must authorize release of confidential information to HMIS through a comprehensive provider by signing a specific release form. LSNC staff schedule referred clients for appointments with comprehensive providers, and send the release form and a completed Eviction Prevention Plan to the appropriate provider (see next two slides).
- Three of Sacramento's welfare offices also serve as entry points, whereby households may be referred to comprehensive providers for HPRP assessment. These offices schedule appointments for referred clients through 211.
- *SEE ACCOMPANYING HPRP INTAKE FLOW CHART.*

Authorization to Release Confidential Information

I _____ (Name) give my permission for staff from Legal Services of Northern California to release information necessary to qualify me for the Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP). LSNC staff will only provide that information required by the United States, Department of Housing & Urban Development for their HMIS data system.

Information shared will likely include demographic information about me and my family (age, gender, race, etc.), as well as information about our income, savings, assets, home location, the steps taken to avoid homelessness and the outcome of my case. The private information I share with LSNC staff and the advice they give me will remain confidential.

If LSNC comes up with a Homelessness Prevention Plan that calls for HPRP funds to be paid to my landlord, utility company or another third party, I authorize LSNC staff to provide the information necessary to the other Sacramento County HPRP providers to issue checks to preserve my housing.

I understand that I may end this permission at any time by informing LSNC in writing and sending or taking my request to the LSNC office at 515 12th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by 12 months from the date I sign this, whichever is earlier. However, if I end my permission, information already disclosed remains disclosed and cannot be cancelled.

I have read this form or had it read to me. I have had a chance to have any questions that I have raised answered. I fully understand this form.

A copy or facsimile of this form shall be as valid as the original.

Comprehensive Provider: _____**Date Sent to Provider:** _____

Has client been asked to leave housing? _____

Eviction Notice? (Describe) _____

Has Unlawful Detainer action been filed? _____ Superior Court Case Number: _____

Landlord's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Landlord's Attorney: _____ Phone: _____

If check is to be made out to someone other the Landlord give name, address and reason:

Is the Client in default in rent payments? _____ How many months? _____ Amount: _____

Is the client within the 3-day notice period? _____

Is the Landlord willing to reinstate the tenancy? _____

Funds Needed To Restore Tenancy:	Paid By Tenant	Paid By Other	Paid By HPRP	Total Due	Date of Check or PO	PO No.	Check No.	Amount
Rent Arrearage:								
Rent:								
Rental Deposit:				-				
Utility Arrearage:				-				
SMUD				-				
PG&E				-				
Other				-				
Utility Deposit:				-				
SMUD				-				
PG&E				-				
Other				-				
Court Cost & Fees:				-				
Total Due:	-	-	-	-				
Total Across				-				