

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION BY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A
GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-
HOUSING FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,441,091.00; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, under The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, \$1.5 billion has been appropriated nationally to fund the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized; and

WHEREAS, eligible activities include short-term or medium-term rental assistance; housing relocation and stabilization services including housing search, mediation or outreach to property owners, credit repair, security or utility deposits, utility payments, rental assistance for a final month at a location, moving cost assistance and case management; and other appropriate activities for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing of persons who have become homeless.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has been awarded \$3,441,091.00 to address critical homeless prevention efforts and re-housing; and

WHEREAS, the fund permits the use of 5% of the award, or \$172,054, for administrative costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

Section 1: That the Mayor or her designee is hereby authorized to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the City of Atlanta's application for the 2009 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program for an amount of \$3,441,091.00.

Section 2: That the Mayor or her designee is hereby authorized to accept upon receipt of and execute the appropriate grant agreements for the 2009 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.

Section 3: That the following cost elements are hereby approved for inclusion in Atlanta's 2009 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program:

- Financial assistance including rental assistance for 1-18 months; security and utility deposits; utility assistance; moving cost assistance; and hotel/motel vouchers;
- Housing relocation and stabilization services including case management; outreach services; housing search and placement; legal services; mediation; and credit repair;
- Data collection and evaluation; and
- Administration including contract administration and payment processing.

Section 4: That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

**4-2009 Summary: City of Atlanta Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) Fund
of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

City of Atlanta Grant Award

The City of Atlanta will receive \$3,441,091.

Eligible Activities

The Act provides for assistance for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities.

The Homelessness Prevention Fund will provide financial assistance and services to prevent low-income individuals and families from becoming homeless and to help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The funds under this program are intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance.

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Implementation Process

HUD published the HPRP funding notice on March 19, 2009. The HPRP must be an Amendment to the City's 2008 Consolidated Plan, with the Amendment to be submitted to HUD by May 19, 2009. Specific projects do not have to be identified in the Amendment, but a summary budget for the intended use of HPRP funds must be provided. The draft Amendment will be available for public review at Grants Management, 15th floor of 68 Mitchell Street (City Hall Tower) on April 29.

The City issued its Request For Proposals on April 7, with a proposal due date of May 4. Projects must be selected and HPRP funding must be appropriated during the summer, to meet the HUD deadline of September 30, 2009 for HPRP funding to be under contract.

Expenditure Guidelines

At least 60 percent of the funds must be spent within two years of the date of grant agreement between the City and HUD; all funds must be spent within three years. The City will be permitted a 5% administrative allowance, or \$172,054, to administer its funded projects. This funding will support an additional staff position within the Office of Human Services over a 2-3 year period.

Eligible Applicants

The City is limiting its pool of potential applicants to those not-for-profit organizations that are currently receiving HUD grant funding, either as: 1) subrecipients under one of the City's Consolidated Plan grants – the Community Development Block Grant, the HOME program, the Emergency Shelter Grant, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS program– or 2) recipients of HUD's homeless SuperNOFA funding. Collaborations will be permitted between current City/SuperNOFA recipient agencies and non-recipient agencies, if the current grant recipient agency acts as lead entity and fiscal agent.

For further information on the national Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program:
<http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewHomelessPreventionFund>.

On the City of Atlanta's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program:
http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/finance/grantsmanagement_091203.aspx