

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing

Legal Services of Northern
California
Sacramento

Pooled HPRP Funds

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

- Combined with ARRA funds from SETA, CSBG and TANF.
- Total HPRP funding = \$8 Million.
- 40% Homeless Prevention
- 60% Rapid Rehousing

Allocation of Funds to Program and Payments

- Both Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing funds are divided 30% to program staff and 70% payments made on behalf of Families.
- Targets outlays are \$1,800 per family for Homeless Prevention and \$4,200 for Rapid Rehousing.

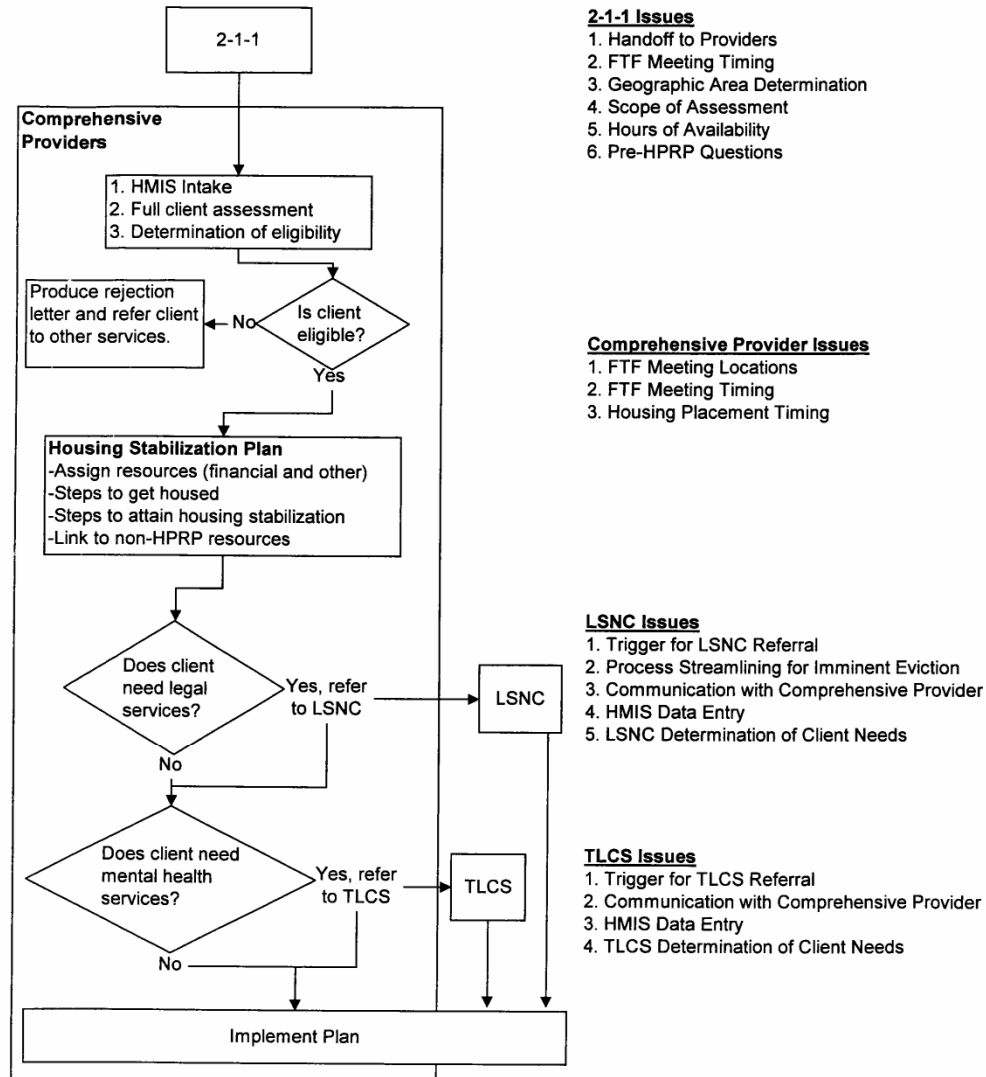
HPRP Program Participants

- The Program has 3 “Comprehensive Providers” and 2 Special Service Providers.
- Comprehensive Providers have primary HMIS responsibility and are responsible for holding and distributing funds.
- Legal Services of Northern California is considered a special service provider as is TLCS, a mental health services provider.

Central Telephone Intake

- The Starting point for services is the local 211 provider. They will screen calls, provide basic HMIS entry but not eligibility and make referrals to the comprehensive providers.
- The need for legal services may be determined at any point. Eviction cases will be accepted for legal services counseling in all referred cases. The HPRP program will be explained as an option. If the client chooses that option, releases of information will be signed to exchange information with HMIS through a comprehensive provider.

HPRP Basic Client Flow and Discussion Topics



2-1-1 Issues

1. Handoff to Providers
2. FTF Meeting Timing
3. Geographic Area Determination
4. Scope of Assessment
5. Hours of Availability
6. Pre-HPRP Questions

Comprehensive Provider Issues

1. FTF Meeting Locations
2. FTF Meeting Timing
3. Housing Placement Timing

LSNC Issues

1. Trigger for LSNC Referral
2. Process Streamlining for Imminent Eviction
3. Communication with Comprehensive Provider
4. HMIS Data Entry
5. LSNC Determination of Client Needs

TLCS Issues

1. Trigger for TLCS Referral
2. Communication with Comprehensive Provider
3. HMIS Data Entry
4. TLCS Determination of Client Needs

Confidentiality Issues

- A participant referred to legal services will be screened for LSC eligibility.
- A separate screening is made for HPRP. A consent is required to share information. Without consent legal services will be provided but there will be no access to HPRP funds.
- If already qualified through a comprehensive provider, the release will be signed before making the referral to legal services.

Relevant FAQ's: Data Reporting

- **Under data collection and evaluation, the notice says that reporting must be done through HMIS or a “comparable client-level database”. Could you please explain what type of comparable client-level database would be acceptable? And who makes that determination? (REVISED)**
- In order to be considered a comparable client-level database, it must comply with the HMIS Data and Technical Standards. The use of a comparable database is allowable under the following circumstances: (1) The grantee's jurisdiction is not located within a CoC; (2) The CoC does not have an HMIS; (3) The grantee and/or subgrantee has a long-standing, client-level legacy data collection system that meets requirements established in the HMIS Data and Technical Standards and will integrate data with HMIS data periodically; or (4) **The subgrantee is a domestic violence provider (e.g. organization's primary mission is serving victims of domestic violence/sexual assault/date rape/stalking) or a legal services provider and requires client-level information to remain confidential, and will establish a comparable client-level database internally to its organization (e.g. no identifying data shared with the HMIS or the grantee) and will provide only aggregate data to the grantee as required.** The HMIS administering agency, as an agent of the CoC, determines if an alternative database meets the standards for a comparable client-level database, including compliance with the HMIS Data and Technical Standards.

Relevant FAQ's

- **Can landlords be reimbursed for court costs if it prevents a client's eviction?**
- No. Eligible legal expenses under HPRP include those incurred by the client only. Grantees may not use HPRP funds to reimburse landlords for any costs they may have incurred to begin the eviction process.

Relevant FAQ's

- **Can the rental assistance be used to pay unpaid rental debt? (REVISED)**
- Yes, rental assistance may also be used to pay **up to 6 months** of rental arrears for eligible program participants facing eviction for non-payment of rent if the payment enables the program participant to remain in the housing unit for which the arrears are being paid. In cases where an eviction cannot be prevented, rental arrears can still be paid if it satisfies the grievance with the evicting landlord and thereby allows the participant to obtain different housing. Note that rental arrears can be paid on behalf of a person receiving a subsidy from another public program (e.g., Section 8) because it represents a different time period and cost type than the rental subsidy (ie, the arrears represents a back payment of the client portion, and the current rental assistance is a forward payment).

Relevant FAQ's

- **With regard to verifying and documenting an individuals' risk of homelessness, is a letter from a landlord stating that he/she will begin eviction proceedings unless the rent is paid sufficient documentation, or does HUD require an actual eviction notice?**
- HPRP funds are intended to assist persons who would become homeless but for the HPRP assistance. HUD has provided grantees the flexibility to target HPRP funds and determine when persons are most likely to become homeless unless they receive HPRP assistance. Grantees are required to maintain documentation, but HUD has not yet prescribed the type of documentation required.

Resources

- Read the HUD FAQ's at HUD website <http://www.hudhre.info>
- 24 CFR 84 Administrative Requirements for Grants
- HUD Notice of Allocations, Procedures & Requirements for HPRP [Docket No. FR-5307-N-01]