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Applications now Being Accepted for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) and is designed to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

The HPRP is now taking applications for emergency housing assistance from Pompano Beach residents. The program will assist eligible low-income residents with late rent and utilities as well as provide those who are already homeless with move-in assistance towards rental housing.

The program can assist eligible and qualified low-income residents with emergency financial assistance with late rent at their current home housing, or provide move-in assistance to move into permanent housing. Under HPRP guidelines, Financial Assistance will be provided only for the eligible expenses of short-term rental assistance (up to 3 months), medium-term rental assistance (up to 6 months when applicable), move-in assistance of first or last month's rent, and vital utility payments (i.e. electricity, gas and water only). The HPRP program is designed to meet the needs of two target populations:

1. Individuals and families who are still housed but at risk of becoming homeless
2. Individuals and families who are already homeless

Eligibility criteria include:

- ◆ Legal Resident of Pompano Beach
- ◆ Household income at/or below 50% of Area Median Income:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$26,800
2	\$30,600
3	\$34,450
4	\$38,250
5	\$41,300
6	\$44,350
7	\$47,450
8	\$50,500

- ◆ *At risk of becoming homeless* and meet both of the following circumstances:

1. No other housing options have been identified as possibilities
2. The household lacks the financial resources and support networks to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing.

OR

- ◆ Meet HUD definition of being currently homeless, which states:
 - ✓ An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and
 - ✓ An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:
 - A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelter, and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
 - An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
 - A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

And

- ◆ Must have a valid and verifiable plan of action that will enable them to obtain/maintain income and secure long-term housing stability after receiving HPRP assistance.

The Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc. serves as the lead entity in the administration of the HPRP program for Broward County, as well as cities of Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach. The Broward Regional HPRP Collaborative includes the following partners: 2-1-1 Broward First Call for Help, Broward County's Homeless Initiatives Partnership (HIP), The Shepherd's Way, Inc., Crisis Housing Solutions, Women In Distress, St. Lawrence Chapel and Legal Aid Services of Broward County.

To find out how to apply or to get additional information Contact 2-1-1 Broward – First Call for Help at 211 (or 954-537-0211)

