

**PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT SUMMARY TO THE  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN PY 2008 ACTION PLAN FOR THE HOMELESSNESS  
PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM (HPRP)**

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 91, the City of Birmingham, Alabama (the City) is hereby publishing a summary of a Proposed Substantial Amendment to its Program Year (PY) 2008 (July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009) Action Plan One Year Use Of Funds for citizen comment for a period of at least twelve (12) calendar days from the date of this publication. The Proposed Substantial Amendment is published in order to afford affected citizens an opportunity to examine its contents and to submit comments relating thereto.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced a new Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“Recovery Act”) 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. The funds under this program are intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds will provide for a variety of assistance, including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management.

At least 60 percent of funds must be spent within two years; all funds must be spent within three years. The Recovery Act requires HPRP grantees to report client-level data, such as the number of persons served and their demographic information, in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or comparable database. Grantees, and as applicable, subgrantees, will use the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) to draw down HPRP funding and report on grant expenditures.

**HPRP GRANT AMOUNT:**

On March 19, 2009 the Office of the Secretary, HUD provided notice of the allocation formula and allocation amounts, the list of grantees, and requirements for the HPRP. **In the notice, the City of Birmingham, Alabama received an HPRP Grant Allocation of \$2,735,730.00.** The HPRP Notice is available for inspection on the HUD website at [www.hud.gov/recovery](http://www.hud.gov/recovery).

**REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS FOR ELIGIBLE HPRP GRANTEES:**

Each HPRP grantee receiving an allocation of funds must submit to HUD the following by May 18, 2009 (1) A completed and signed SP-424; (2) A completed and signed “Substantial Amendment using form HUD-40199 to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009); (3) A signed copy of the required certifications.

**Estimated HPRP Budget Summary**

HUD requires the grantee to complete the following table so that participants in the citizen participation process may see the grantee’s preliminary estimated amounts for various HPRP activities. The estimated budget amounts for each activity are entered in the appropriate column and row. The City will be required to report actual amounts in subsequent reporting.

<b>HPRP Estimated Budget Summary</b>			
	<b>Homelessness Prevention</b>	<b>Rapid Re-housing</b>	<b>Total Amount Budgeted</b>
Financial Assistance <sup>1</sup>	\$738,647	\$738,647	\$1,477,294
Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services <sup>2</sup>	\$492,432	\$492,432	\$984,864
<b>Subtotal</b> (add previous two rows)	<b>\$1,231,079</b>	<b>\$1,231,079</b>	<b>\$2,462,158</b>
Data Collection and Evaluation <sup>3</sup>			\$136,786
Administration (up to 5% of allocation)			\$136,786
<b>Total HPRP Amount Budgeted<sup>4</sup></b>			<b>\$2,735,730</b>

<sup>1</sup>Financial assistance includes the following activities as detailed in the HPRP Notice: short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and motel or hotel vouchers.

<sup>2</sup>Housing relocation and stabilization services include the following activities as detailed in the HPRP Notice: case management, outreach, housing search and placement, legal services, mediation, and credit repair.

<sup>3</sup>Data collection and evaluation includes costs associated with operating HUD-approved homeless management information systems for purposes of collecting unduplicated counts of homeless persons and analyzing patterns of use of HPRP funds.

<sup>4</sup>This amount must match the amount entered in the cell on the table in Section A titled “Amount Grantee is Requesting.”

**TWELVE DAY CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of the City's Final Substantial Amendments to its 2008 Action Plan described herein regarding its proposed use of HPRP funding and will accept written comments for a period of at least twelve (12) calendar days from the date of this publication. Complete copies of the City's Proposed HPRP Submission are available for inspection in the City's Community Development Department, 710 North 20th Street, Room 1000, Birmingham, Alabama from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. Copies are also available for inspection at the Birmingham Public Central Library, 2100 Park Place, Birmingham, Alabama, during regular business hours and a copy is posted on the City's website at [www.birminghamal.gov](http://www.birminghamal.gov) under the Community Development Department.

The City's Community Development Department will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. the Birmingham City Council Chamber, 710 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall; Birmingham, Alabama.** The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain comments regarding the proposed use of HPRP Program Funds. Also, citizens will be afforded an opportunity to 1) identify housing and community development needs and priorities; 2) review proposed uses of funds; and 3) comment on and review the City's program performance. All comments received will be considered in the development of the City's Final HPRP Substantial Amendment and submission to HUD.

The hearing location is accessible to persons with disabilities; however, anyone who requires further information or has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance should notify the Community Development Department at the referenced address no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing dates. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices as mandated by Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Written comments regarding the City's Proposed HPRP Submission should be submitted to James F. Fenstermaker, Director; Community Development Department at the address referenced herein. All written comments must be received at the referenced address **no later than Wednesday, May 6, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.** to be considered in the development of the City's Final PY 2008 Action Plan HPRP Substantial Amendment. No comments submitted by e-mail or fax transmission will be accepted or considered. The City's Final HPRP submission is due to HUD no later than **Monday, May 18, 2009.**

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