

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Project *(HPRP)*

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) Project provides case management services and financial assistance (multiple month rental assistance, security deposit assistance and utility assistance) to Walworth County households to prevent households from becoming homeless or to help those households who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. Project resources are targeted and prioritized to serve households that are most in need of this temporary assistance and most likely to achieve stable housing after the project ends. HPRP assistance is not intended to provide long-term support for participants, nor can it address all financial and supportive service needs that affect a household's housing stability. Assistance is focused on housing stabilization, linking participants to community resources and mainstream benefits, and helping households to develop a plan for future housing stability.

An initial assessment with the Re-Housing Coordinator and third party verification is required to determine a household meets the following project eligibility requirements:

- Walworth County resident
- Housing status is homeless or at-risk of losing housing and household meets both of the following standards: (1) no appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified AND (2) the household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing
- For households seeking to avoid losing their housing through participation in the program, the provision of assistance must result in being able to maintain tenancy
- Household must have a verifiable source of income OR if household has no income, the household must have received unemployment compensation in the past 6 months and job loss must have been result of layoff
- Household income must be less than 50% of County Median Income
- Housing must meet rent standards and pass Housing Quality Standards Inspection

Priority will be given to households experiencing a significant sudden loss of income and/or spending 50% or more of their monthly income on housing.

The HPRP project cannot assist with mortgage payments or provide rental assistance to households participating in another federal, state, or local housing subsidy program. Financial assistance cannot be provided to a tenant of a local Continuum of Care member.

Households that require longer-term housing assistance and/or services that are ineligible under HPRP will be directed to programs/resources that can provide the requisite services and financial assistance.

Households will be required to meet regularly with a case manager, make monthly progress on goals related to the housing stability plan, and provide required verifications every two-three months to remain eligible to participate in the program.

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