

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
Summary of Project/Program Grant Submission**

Department Name: Human Services

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Name of ARRA Grant Program Submitting To: Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) - (U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development)

Deadline for ARRA Grant Application Submission: May 18, 2009

Title of City Program/Project: Renter's Assistance Plus

Description of Program/Project and Current Need – *Provide a description of the program or project that you are submitting a grant application for. Indicate if this is a new program or project. What is the current need (i.e. why are you applying for stimulus funds)?*

Grant funds will provide rental assistance, rapid re-housing and case management to those households in danger of becoming homeless, or that are already homeless. Based on federal formula, the City has been allocated \$512,214 for this program. Funding will help alleviate the increased need of services from a growing number of households requesting assistance, who have never had to access Human Services assistance before, and may not qualify for existing programs. Outreach will focus on households unemployed or underemployed, as a result of the current economic crisis, and those households, currently located in shelters or transitional housing, ready to be relocated to permanent housing. HPRP funds are restricted to renters. Additional forms of assistance include: security deposits, utility deposits, moving costs and credit repair counseling.

Implementation – *When can this program be up and running?*

Implementation of the plan is projected for September 1, 2009.

What principals and goals of the ARRA does this program/project fulfill? *(Will it result in the creation of jobs or can it be shown in some other way to stimulate the economy)*

The Renter's Assistance Plus project will have short and long-term impacts on the community-at-large. The immediate goal is to alleviate the impact of the economic crisis on the low-income and vulnerable households, by providing services to maintain basic needs, thus spurring increased economic activity that will save or create jobs for the future. In order to engage and educate those individuals who have not needed homeless prevention services in the past, this project will provide funding for 1.5 FTEs to provide case management and community outreach.

Short-term/Long-term Fiscal Impact - *Does the grant program require any funding (i.e. match) from the City in order to implement? Will this program create a long-term fiscal commitment for the City? What will happen after funding runs out?*

No match required. There is no long-term fiscal commitment for the City. Once the funding is exhausted, the project and the emergency hire positions will end.