Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

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Program Description

The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) was authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The program allocated \$2,359,998 to DeKalb County to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

Program Eligibility Requirements

In order to receive financial assistance or services funded by HPRP, households who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless must at least meet the following minimum criteria:

1. Household Income must be at or below the income limits shown below.

Family Size

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
\$25,100	\$28,700	\$32,250	\$35,850	\$38,700	\$41,600	\$44,450	\$47,300

- 2. The household must be either homeless or at risk of losing its housing and meet both of the items listed below.
 - No other housing options have been identified; and
 - The household has **no financial resources or support networks** to obtain immediate housing or remain in existing housing.
- 3. Households must be likely to sustain stable housing after HPRP assistance ends. (Households can show that they are likely to sustain housing by providing proof of income, employment, job offer, child support, alimony, future subsides, future income, or assets that can support monthly expenses.)
- 4. Any household participating in the program must have an initial consultation with a case manager.

Eligible Activities

Under the DeKalb County HPRP program, households who can maintain stability with minimum assistance may be eligible to receive financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services. Types of assistance include the following:

- Rental and Utility Assistance (short term)
- Security deposits
- Utility deposits
- Services to assist homeless households that need temporary assistance to obtain housing
- Services to assist households at risk of homelessness to maintain housing
- Housing search and placement
- Legal Services, Credit Repair

If you are a DeKalb County resident and meet the eligibility requirements, you may obtain additional information by contacting one of the agencies below:

Caring for Others	(404) 761-0133
Center for Pan Asian Community Services	(770) 936-0969
Decatur Cooperative Ministry	(404) 284-4411
DeKalb Community Service Board	(404) 508-7967
Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless	(404) 755-3353
Interfaith Outreach Home	(770) 457-3727
Marcus Jewish Community Center	(678) 812-4081
Nicholas House	(404) 633-8386
Oakhurst Recovery Program	(404) 371-0590
Refugee Family Services	(404) 299-6217
St. Jude Recovery Center, Inc.	(404) 874-2224
Transition House	(404) 815-1535
Traveler's Aid/ Hope Atlanta	(404) 574-1682

The DeKalb County Community Development Department is responsible for the administration of HPRP. Households needing assistance should call one of the agencies listed above. If there are other types of questions regarding the program contact Braunwin Camp at bhcamp@co.dekalb.ga.us.

^{**}HPRP is <u>not</u> a mortgage assistance program. However, homeowners who become homeless are eligible for all HPRP activities, provided they meet the other eligibility criteria.