

HOMELESS PREVENTION FUND

Homeless Prevention Funds in NC

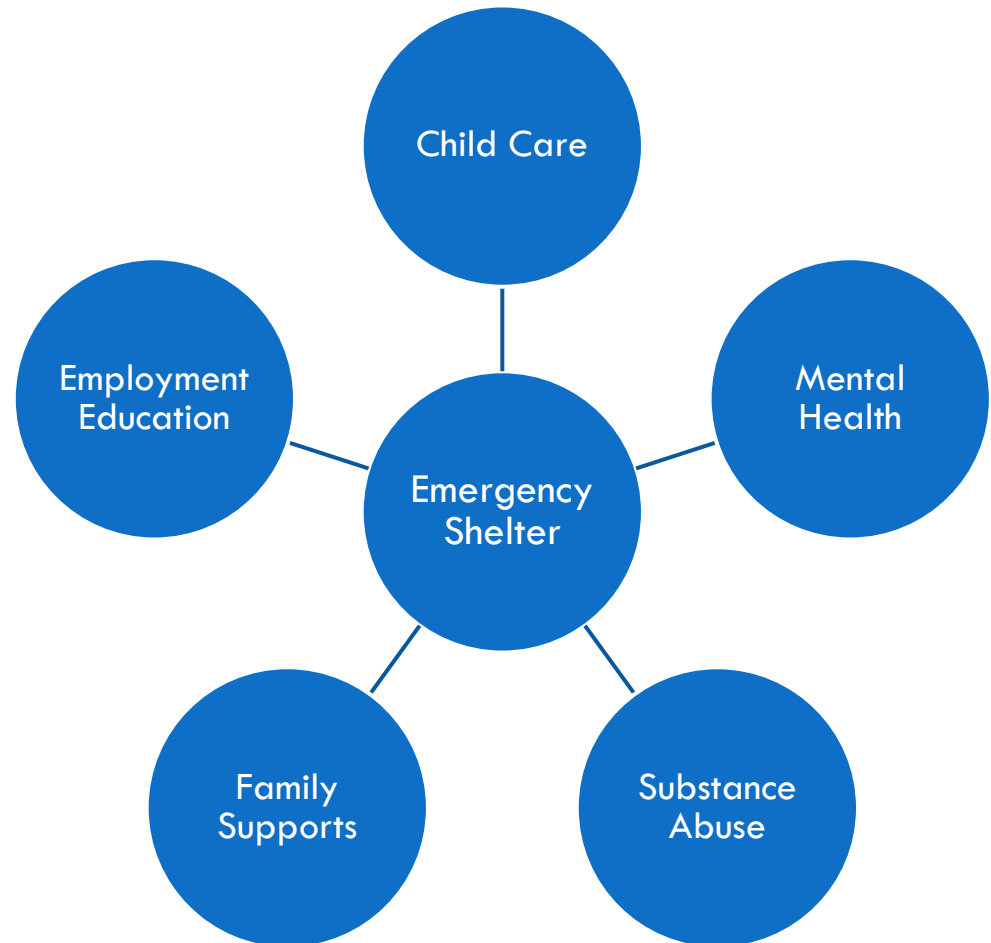
NC Total	\$29,078,387
North Carolina State Program	\$22,157,468
Asheville	\$509,460
Charlotte	\$1,930,217
Durham	\$789,101
Fayetteville	\$589,648
Greensboro	\$781,141
Raleigh	\$991,091
Wake County	\$582,164
Winston-Salem	\$748,097

Housing PLUS Services

- Chronic Homeless Research = Housing Plus Services is effective and cost-efficient
- New research shows effectiveness of Housing Plus Services approach for families
- Difference = Length of Assistance

Our Current System

1. Experience housing crisis
2. Move from system to system seeking support
3. Lose Housing
4. Enter Emergency Shelter
5. Address barriers to housing while in the shelter or transitional housing

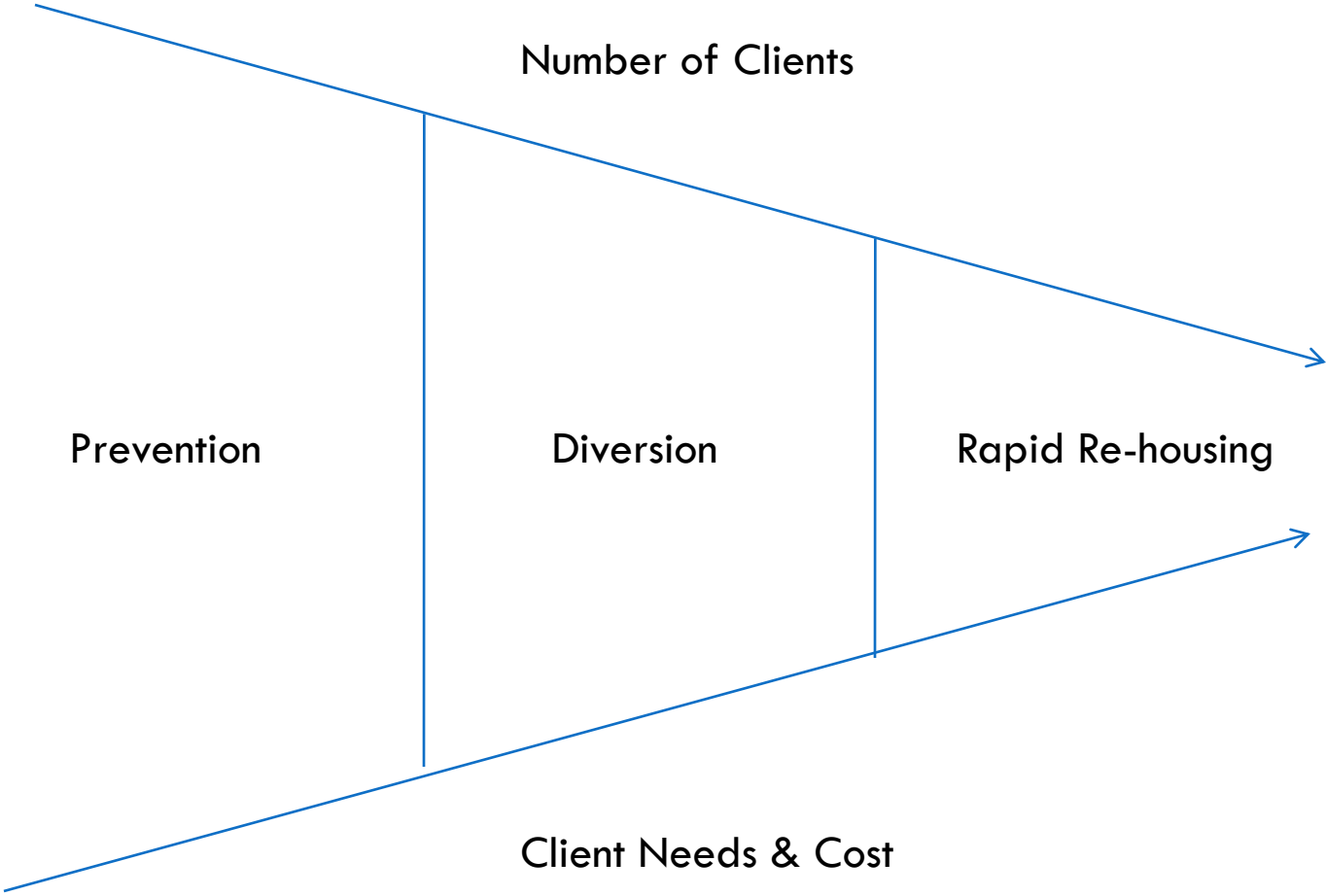


A New Approach

1. Experience housing crisis
2. Reach out for support
3. Providers assess for housing risk and make referral to housing stabilization services
4. Based on client need, appropriate services are provided (e.g. landlord mediation, short-term rental assistance, housing search, rapid re-housing, and wrap-around services provided)
5. Client may need to stay at a shelter while receiving stabilization services



A New Approach



Prevention Targeting

At a minimum, should be targeted to people who have extremely low incomes (below 30% of Area Median Income), who have demonstrated a housing crisis, and lack protective factors, such as friends or family members who can help them.

Use HMIS data or common Risk factors identified in research:

- ▣ Have income below 15 percent of area median income
- ▣ Are families with children and are a secondary tenant (doubled up)
- ▣ Have experienced 2 or more moves in the past year
- ▣ Have a young child (under age 2)
- ▣ Are under age 24 and were in foster care at some point
- ▣ Have a prior episode of homelessness
- ▣ Have an eviction from public or assisted housing
- ▣ Have experienced domestic violence in the past 30 days
- ▣ Have missed 2 or more appointments with a caseworker
- ▣ Have a serious mental illness

A New HUD Program

Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP)

HUD's HPRP Program Participant Requirements

- Initial consultation with case manager to determine appropriate type of assistance
- Household must be at or below 50% Area Median Income (AMI)
- Must either be homeless or at risk of losing housing and meet both: 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

HPRP Eligible Activities

- Financial Assistance
 - ▣ Rental Assistance (3-18 Months & up to 6 month arrears)
 - ▣ Security and Utility Deposits
 - ▣ Utility Payments
 - ▣ Moving Cost Assistance

HPRP Eligible Activities

- Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services
 - Case Management
 - Outreach and Engagement
 - Housing Search and Placement
 - Legal Services
 - Credit Repair
- Data Collection & Evaluation
 - Data Collection (HMIS or comparable database)
 - Evaluation

HPRP Eligible Activities

- Administrative Costs (5% of total grant award)
 - Pre-award administrative costs
 - Accounting for the use of grant funds
 - Preparing reports for submission to HUD
 - Obtaining program audits
 - Similar costs related to administering the grant after the award
 - Grantee and subgrantee staff salaries associated with these costs

Ineligible Expenses

- ❑ Expenses that can be covered through other ARRA resources (child care, employment training)
- ❑ Mortgage Costs
- ❑ Construction or Rehabilitation
- ❑ Credit card bills or other consumer debt
- ❑ Car repair or other transportation costs
- ❑ Travel costs, food, medical or dental care and medicines, clothing/grooming, home furnishings, pet care, entertainment activities, work or education related materials,
- ❑ Cash assistance
- ❑ Development of discharge planning programs in mainstream institutions such as hospitals, jails, or prisons

Timeline for HPRP

- May 1st or 4th: State holds public hearing on plan followed by a 12 day of public comment period
- May 18, 2009: Grantee Applications due to HUD
- HUD will approve or disapprove by July 2, 2009
- State will issue RFP for competitive process
- All funds must be obligated by September 30, 2009

Resources

- www.ncceh.org/2009homelessnessprevention
- <http://www.hudhre.info>
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