



Homelessness Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program (**HPRP**)

“YES, YOU CAN Have Housing!”

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Homelessness Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)?

Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, funds are available – **beginning September 1, 2009** - to prevent homelessness and/or quickly re-house people that are homeless.

2. How do I qualify?

Any of the eight [Neighborhood Place](#) locations will be able to take your application. You must meet eligibility criteria such as homelessness or the threat of becoming homeless coupled with a sustained/significant reduction or loss in income. Call your closest [Neighborhood Place](#) for an appointment and eligibility determination. If you are not sure which Neighborhood Place you should go to, call [Metro Call 311](#) or 574-5000.

3. Do I need to be homeless to qualify?

No, you must be homeless **OR** at-risk of homelessness. HPRP defines **homelessness** as *any individual that lacks a fixed, regular, or adequate night time residence, or an individual whose primary residence is in a homeless shelter (this includes transitional housing for mentally ill), public or private places not meant for human habitation (i.e., sleeping in cars, outside, etc.).*

HPRP defines **at-risk of homelessness** as *facing imminent eviction through eviction court, receipt of a notice to vacate property for nonpayment, rental property in/or threat of foreclosure, fleeing domestic violence or elder abuse, sudden loss of income making it impossible to pay housing cost, living in a hotel/motel, completion of a transitional housing program that will not lead to permanent housing, and doubled up.* Individuals that are doubled up, must have experienced another risk factor under homelessness or at-risk of housing.

4. What if I'm already housed, can I still get assistance?

Yes, if you are facing eviction, have received a notice to vacate from your landlord, or are currently active in eviction court. In addition, you must meet other program criterion. Call your [Neighborhood Place](#) for an appointment.

5. What is the most I can be helped with?

If you are eligible for HPRP assistance, you may qualify for up to \$600.00 monthly over an 18 month period toward rental assistance. Length of assistance is based on program funding and your housing situation. You may also qualify for assistance with moving costs and old utility bills.

6. What type of housing qualifies for this assistance?

Assistance is limited to rental housing. This includes apartments and houses. Some extended stay hotel expenses may also qualify for payment. Unfortunately, homeowners do not qualify. If you are a homeowner facing foreclosure please call The [Legal Aid Society](#) Foreclosure Prevention Program at 584-1254 or visit the [Kentucky Homeownership Protection Center](#) website.

7. What paperwork will be needed from me?

Please bring identification (picture ID, driver's license, and student ID), social security cards or proof of social security numbers for all household members, proof of income (if applicable), verification of situation that led to a significant reduction or loss of income, and landlord information to your scheduled appointment. If you do not have the required paperwork for your initial appointment, [Neighborhood Place](#) will begin the assessment process and assist you in obtaining needed verifications.

8. How long or often can I be assisted?

This varies based on client circumstances; [Neighborhood Place](#) in conjunction with your case manager will assess on-going eligibility each month. Assistance is available for qualified applicants up to 18 months.

9. What if I'm single and without children, do I still qualify?

Yes, you may qualify.

10. Where do I apply for this assistance?

You can apply at any one of the eight [Neighborhood Place](#) locations.

11. Are there income requirements for the assistance?

Yes, households must be at or below 50% area median income. For example, for a household of 4, the total household income must not exceed \$30,750 gross annually.

12. What if I haven't had income within the last 12 months, what should I do?

Unfortunately, if you have not had any income within the last 12 months, you will not qualify for HPRP assistance. If this is your situation and you have a disabling condition, such as mental illness, substance abuse addictions, and/or a physical disability please contact [Family & Children's Place](#), [House of Ruth](#), [Seven Counties Services](#), [Volunteers of America](#), [The Healing Place](#), or [St. Vincent de Paul](#) for an assessment for [Shelter Plus Care](#). The Shelter Plus Care program has a waiting list at this time and housing placement will not be immediate. Otherwise, contact your closest [Neighborhood Place](#) location or [Metro United Way 211](#).

