

*City of Austin  
U.S. Department of  
Housing & Urban Development*

*Allocation of Stimulus Funding*

May 14, 2009



# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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- Signed into law February 17, 2009
- Federal Objective – jumpstart the U.S. economy in midst of a global economic downturn
- Eligible entities range from Federal government to states, cities, regions, non-profits and others.



# HUD ARRA Funding - Austin Program

- Agenda Item 19: Allocates \$5.1 million available through two HUD- ARRA grants
  - \$3.1 million for Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)
  - \$2.0 million for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R)



# Public Input Process

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- **January 1 – March 13:** Public needs assessment related to FY 09-14 Consolidated Plan
- **April 7:** HPRP Stakeholder Meeting
- **April 14:** Community Development Commission (CDC) discusses ARRA HPRP funds & CDBG criteria
- **April 18:** Urban Renewal Board discusses ARRA HPRP funds for African-American Cultural & Heritage Facility
- **April 20 – May 1:** Public Comments (2 libraries, 4 neighborhood centers, ARCH, HACA, NHCD, AIDS Services Austin & online)
- **April 20:** Council Subcommittee on Public Health & Human Services discusses HPRP
- **April 23:** Council Public Hearing
- **April 24 – May 1:** CDBG Survey
- **May 14:** Council action
- **May 8 – 15:** Substantial Amendment public input process



# Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program Goals

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HPRP has three primary goals:

- PREVENTION: Prevent people from becoming homeless whenever possible
- DIVERSION: Intervene when people enter shelters and divert them into housing (where possible/appropriate)
- RAPID RE-HOUSING: Move people who become homeless into permanent housing as quickly as possible



# Allocation of \$3.1 M HPRP Funding

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- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
- \$480,000 for HPRP Specialists
  - Identify, assess and qualify potential clients
  - Expand outreach to key eligible populations
- \$240,000 for Housing Locators/Inspectors
  - Identify and inspect available housing
  - Negotiate with landlords
  - Liaison between landlords and potential eligible tenants
  - Follow-up point of contact for landlords and tenants
- \$120,000 for Mediation/Legal Services
  - Expand current tenant/landlord mediation services
  - Provide services to all HPRP clients, both prevention and re-housing



# Allocation of \$3.1 M HPRP Funding

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## Financial Assistance, Data Collection/Evaluation, and Administration

### \$1.97 million for Rent & Utilities & Other Direct Financial Assistance

- Short or medium term rent assistance to prevent homelessness or to re-house homeless household (individual or family)
- Replacement of identification, moving expenses, credit reports/credit repair, immediate legal assistance, etc.

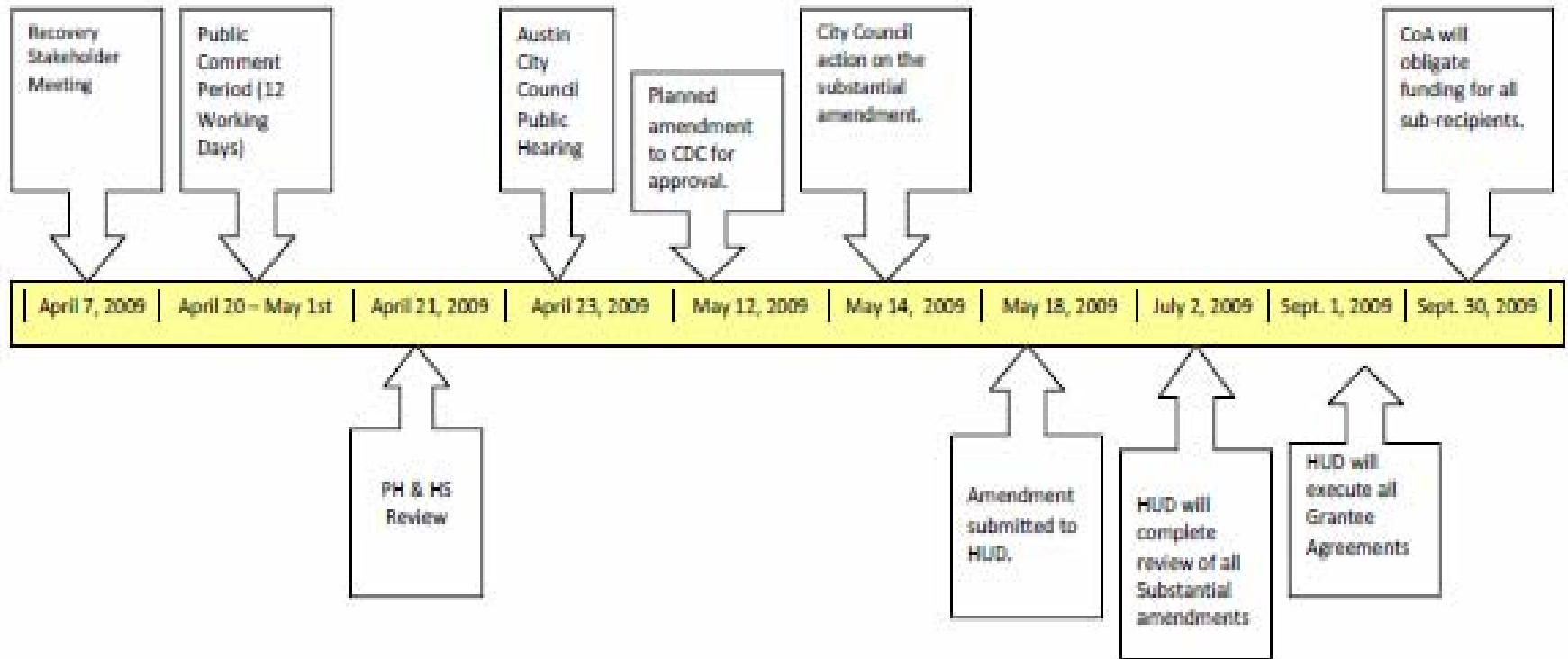
### \$102,000 for Homeless Management Information System

- HMIS must be structured so HPRP recipients are tracked for this program as well as for participation in other homeless prevention or intervention programs

### \$153,000 for Administration



# HPRP Timeline: Substantial Amendment



# CDBG-R Federal Criteria

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- 70% of funds for low to moderate-income residents
- Create/preserve jobs
- Promote economic recovery

“Investing in infrastructure that will create or sustain jobs in the near-term and generate maximum economic benefits in the long-term.”

-HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, May 5th Letter to Grantees



# CDBG-R Local Criteria

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- Sustainable, well-financed, established efforts
- Significant results for the Community
- Tangible results for Residents
  - Benefits low to moderate-income persons
  - Benefits underserved neighborhoods and populations



# CDBG-R: Staff Recommendations

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- \$500,000 for Lifeworks' East Austin Youth and Family Resource Center
- \$500,000 for PeopleFund's Center for Economic Opportunity
- \$550,000 for creation of African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility
- \$250,000 for new sidewalks in central East Austin
- \$200,000 for Administration



# Expanded Home Repair Program

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- \$2M in G.O. Bonds to expand home repair program
  - -Flexible funding source
  - -Enhances current programs: Emergency Home Repair & Architectural Barrier
  - -Alleviates concerns of “Buy America” federal guideline requirement
- June stakeholder meeting for input on program design
- Funds available in current year



# Informational Resources

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- [www.hud.gov/recovery](http://www.hud.gov/recovery)
- [www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus](http://www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus)
- [www.cityofaustin.org/housing](http://www.cityofaustin.org/housing)  
(see News & Events)

