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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
REGARDING CHANGES TO THE
*NEVADA HOUSING DIVISION'S***

**RURAL ALLOCATION OF THE
HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM (HPRP)**

I certify that a copy of the Nevada Housing Division's Notice to the Public Regarding Changes to the Rural Allocation of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) has been received and posted:

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STATE OF NEVADA



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING CHANGES TO THE NEVADA HOUSING DIVISION'S RURAL ALLOCATION OF THE HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM (HPRP)

(Note: Only current rural agencies that are recipients of the original HPRP allocation are eligible to apply)

SUMMARY

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) was created by Title VII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The purpose of the program was to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise be homeless, many due to the economic crisis, and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house person who are already homeless. Households targeted and prioritized as most in need of this temporary assistance and are *most likely* to achieve stable housing, whether subsidized or unsubsidized, after the program concludes are eligible to apply for assistance from the HPRP-funded agency located within their community. Sub-grantees receiving HPRP funding are expected to create a plan that utilizes all resources available in order to provide a comprehensive menu of services to assist eligible program participants.

The State of Nevada's 5 Year Consolidated Plan and the 2008 Annual Action Plan identified the following needs: 1) Additional transitional housing; 2) Financial support to assist those in imminent danger of becoming homeless; 3) Improving access to mainstream resources; and 4) Increasing the capacity and capabilities of local agencies serving the homeless to increase access to housing. In May of 2009 a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2009 Annual Plan was submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to apply for the State HPRP allocation to help address these needs. The Plan was approved, and the State received an allocation of \$2,035,393 in HPRP funds August 2009.

Funds for this program are intended to target two populations of persons facing housing instability: (1) individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and are in need of temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless or to move to another unit (prevention); and (2) individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and are in need of temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it (rapid re-housing). HPRP funds are only eligible to help program participants, whether they are at risk of becoming homeless or who are homeless, to pay for utilities, moving costs, security deposits, and rent in a new unit, storage fees, and other financial costs

or services described in Program regulations, available at www.hudhre.info and the Division's website at www.nvhousing.state.nv.us.

In August 2009 the Division allocated \$666,383.00 of State HPRP funds to 6 rural Nevada agencies that had submitted Letters of Intent describing plans for the use of State HPRP funds. An agency in

White Pine County received an award of \$47,000 in funding and has since elected to return their allocation to the Division. As a result, only the remaining five (5) rural agencies that originally received an HPRP allocation were considered for additional HPRP funds. Those agencies were: Carson City Health and Human Service, Elko Committee Against Domestic Violence, Consolidated Agencies for Health Services in Mineral County, Lyon County Human Services and Churchill County Social Services. Agencies interested in receiving all or a portion of the allocation-an amount that will be determined by Division staff-of the recaptured funds were asked to complete the following questionnaire and return responses to the Division no later than 5:00 pm Tuesday February 23, 2010.

Note: State HPRP funds that are not allocated to rural Nevada due to a lack of request for funding may be reallocated to Washoe County Social Services or Clark County Community Resource Management, agencies that are also current recipients of State HPRP funds. It is the intent of the Division to reallocate all of the returned \$47,000.00 in HPRP funds to rural Nevada as was originally reflected in the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2009 Annual Plan to HUD. However to ensure State HPRP funds are used to assist eligible clients in Nevada, any funds that are not requested to be used in rural Nevada may be reallocated to northern or southern Nevada if either are interested in these funds.

QUESTIONS COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY INTERESTED AGENCIES

Agencies were asked to respond to the following questions, answering each item under the applicable bullet, limiting responses to two paragraphs for each section, if applicable:

- Are you a current recipient of a State HPRP allocation: Yes No*
*(If no you are unable to apply)
- Agency name, address, contact person name, email and phone number of person submitting a response to this Notice:
- Amount Requested:
- Describe current community unmet need, taking into consideration current HPRP allocation shortfalls, describing gaps in programs and services needed to assist homeless and at-risk homeless clients in agency:
- Describe programs offered to address homelessness, including a description of the HPRP program currently being offered to your community:
- Describe collaboration efforts with other local organizations that are ensuring services are provided to HPRP clients:
- Type of activities to be provided with these additional HPRP funds. Activities include Financial Assistance-Prevention; Financial Assistance-Rapid Re-Housing; Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services-Prevention; Housing Relocation and Stabilization

Services-Rapid Re-Housing; and Data Collection and Reporting. *Note: Using these funds to offset administrative costs through the program will not be allowed as the maximum allowable administration allocation has already been met.*

- Status of current HPRP allocation i.e. what percentage of the original allocation has been drawn. If funds have not been drawn, please indicate reason and estimated time when HPRP funds will be provided to clients within your community. Describe challenges or barriers that have occurred in implementing HPRP program:
- Does that agency have HPRP Policies and Procedures in place: Yes No
- Does the agency have established grievance procedures in place: Yes No
- Is there adequate staffing capacity to manage additional HPRP funds: Yes No
- Does the agency enter HPRP clients into HMIS at least weekly: Yes No N/A (DV Shelter see below)
- If a DV shelter, do you have a comparable database currently in use that will allow for the collection of data needed to submit required Quarterly Progress Reports and will ensure duplication of services will not occur: Yes No

Please describe database:

- Staff has completed all Lead-Based Paint Visual Assessment, Housing Standards Inspection Training, and is familiar with all program requirements: Yes No
- White Pine County was originally awarded \$37,000 in Financial Assistance-Homeless Prevention funds and \$10,000 in Financial Assistance-Homeless Assistance funds. Please describe how your allocation will be budgeted:
- Is your agency current on all audited financial statements and has provided the most current copy to the Division as required by the HPRP Notice of Award: Yes No

If no, please describe reason(s) for not being current and the anticipated date when it is expected to be available:

- Is there additional information that has not been requested above that an agency would like to include:

RESPONSES

Two agencies responded requesting additional HPRP funds-Elko Committee Against Domestic Violence (Elko CADV) and Lyon County Human Services (Lyon County). Both agencies requested the entire \$47,000.00 in recaptured funds.

Lyon County requested that the full amount be used to provide financial assistance for eligible clients at risk of homelessness (Homeless Prevention). Elko CADV requested that \$16,920.00 be allocated to provide financial assistance to clients at risk of homelessness (Homeless Prevention); \$2,350.00 be used for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services (case management) for homeless prevention clients; \$25,380.00 be allocated to provide financial assistance to homeless clients (Homeless

Assistance) and \$2,350.00 be used for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services (case management) for homeless clients.

Factors used in part by Division staff to determine awarding of funds consisted of the following criteria:

- Status of current HPRP allocation/has HPRP funds been drawn by requesting agency from initial HPRP award since heavy federal scrutiny has occurred regarding timely expenditure of funds;
- Did agency report clients served by HPRP in the Quarterly Progress Reports and submit them on time to the Division;
- Does agency enter clients into the Homeless Management Information Database (HMIS) or other comparable database if a DV shelter to ensure duplication of services will not occur;
- Availability of other agency programs that can be used in partnership with the HPRP allocation;
- Are HPRP staff up-to-date and knowledgeable in program requirements (i.e. Lead-Based Visual Assessment Training; Inspections for Habitability Standards; Rent Reasonableness calculations, etc.);
- HPRP Policies and Procedures, including Grievance procedures, are in place
- Status of any due/past due agency financial audits, including any unresolved audit findings or major internal control weaknesses; and
- Unresolved issues with other grant program compliance audits

SUPPLEMENTAL AWARD NOTICE

Division staff determined that the agency to receive White Pine County's returned Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) Funds will be Lyon County Human Services. This agency is current on all criteria, has had no outstanding issues with other grant programs, has expended thirty-six (36%) percent of its current allocation as of March 1, 2010, and has provided current audited financial statements for period ending June 2009. This agency has also provided client data information for the HPRP Quarterly Progress Report. Elko CADV has not requested reimbursement of any funds (0%) as of March 1, 2010, is still in the process of implementing the HPRP program, has not provided current financial statements to the Division, and has not reported any clients served with HPRP funds in the Quarterly Progress Report.

\$47,000.00 of funds that were initially requested and awarded to White Pine County Social Services and were returned by the Agency will be allocated to Lyon County to provide Financial Assistance to eligible clients requesting Homeless Prevention Assistance.

Any comments regarding this Notice should be referred to the Division, in writing, no later than Tuesday March 9, 2010. Funds will be awarded via an Amendment to the HPRP Sub-Grantee Award Notice to Lyon County no later than Thursday March 11, 2010.

Please provide written comments to:

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