

City of Philadelphia

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Emergency Shelter Grant -- Homeless Prevention Services

Notice of Public Comment Period

The City of Philadelphia has been notified that it will receive funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Homeless Prevention Services. These funds are part of the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ESG funds are administered by the City's Office of Supportive Housing. The City has released its *Proposed Substantial Amendment to Year 34 of the Consolidated Plan* to describe the proposed usage of these funds for homeless prevention and related services. Funding will be used to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house households as defined by the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The anticipated award will total \$21,486,240 and is expected to be spent over a 3 year period. The City is accepting comments on the *Proposed Substantial Amendment* until April 23, 2009.

The *Proposed Substantial Amendment* outlines the following proposed Homeless Prevention activities:

- 1) Housing Prevention to assist families in retaining housing.
- 2) Housing Counseling assistance
- 3) Housing Diversion assistance to help households find housing alternatives to emergency shelter placement
- 4) Emergency Relocation Assistance
- 5) Rapid Re-Housing assistance to move households out of emergency and transitional housing quickly.

A copy of the *Proposed Substantial Amendment* is available on the following City websites: www.phila.gov/rfp, www.phila.gov/ohcd, and www.oneneighborhood.org. Citizens are urged to access the document via the internet. A limited number of printed copies are available from the Office of Supportive Services, 1401 JFK Boulevard, 10th floor.

Comments should be directed to Katrina P. Roebuck by email at Katrina.pratt-roebuck@phila.gov, or by mail at 1401 JFK Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Comments are being received from April 9, 2009 to April 23, 2009.

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