

Housing Stimulus Program Opportunities Through the Delaware State Housing Authority

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)

Purpose: The HPRP is designed to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

Funding: \$934,980

Opportunities: Program may provide assistance to landlords to keep good tenants that are behind on their rent due to economy, through short term rental assistance. May provide assistance to utility companies by assisting people who are behind on utilities and need assistance to remain in or obtain stable housing.

Timeline: Programs will begin in October 2009 and may continue through September 2012.

Process: Tenants will contact local agencies which will review their qualifications for the program and provide assistance directly to the landlords or utility company on the tenants' behalf when household is approved.

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Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Purpose: The CDBG program enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low- and moderate-income.

Funding: \$537,718

Opportunities: Contractors involved in rehabilitation of homes, contractors providing infrastructure improvements and those doing utility hook-ups.

Timeline: Projects likely to begin by fall 2009.

Process: Respond to advertisements posted by local governments looking for contractors, or contact my office to find out how to be added to qualified bidders lists.

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Public Housing Capital Fund

Purpose: Capital Grant Fund is provided to make capital improvements at Public Housing sites.

Funding: \$1,027,870

Opportunities: Contractors will be solicited to bid on capital improvement projects.

Timeline: 1) Obligate 100% of the funds within 1 year of the date on which the funds become available to the agency for obligation (3/18/10).
2) Expend 60% of the funds within 2 years of the date on which the funds became available to the agency for obligation (3/18/11).
3) Expend 100% of the funds within 3 years of the date on which the funds became available to the agency for obligations (3/18/12).

Process: Bids for work, including roofing, paving, window replacement, electrical (smoke detectors) will be advertised in area newspapers (Delaware State News, News Journal, etc.). Once advertised, bid packets can be picked up at DSHA. Steve Gherke of DSHA will be in charge of bids. Some projects at multiple sites with the same scope of work, (such as paving), will be bid in one process to speed up completion of work.

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Tax Credit Exchange Provisions of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Purpose: Housing Credit Agencies can exchange a portion of their housing credit ceiling for cash which can be used to finance the construction or acquisition and rehabilitation of qualified low-income housing buildings.

Funding: TBD

Opportunities: Contractors will be solicited to bid on rehabilitation work for selected developers.

Timeline: 2009-2010.

Process: Invitations to bid will be handled by developers.

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