

Attachment 1

Public Comments



**HIP Housing**

April 14, 2009

Ms. Claudia Young  
Department of Housing - County of San Mateo  
264 Harbor Blvd., Bldg. A  
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Dear Ms. Young:

HIP Housing strongly supports the County of San Mateo's "Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), and the process for expediting the allocation of funds.

HIP Housing also appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Amendment of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). In reviewing the Amendment, we believe the plan is a critically needed supplement to San Mateo County's needs, given the current economic downturn. As calls to HIP Housing have increased by over 30% over the last six months, it is clear more funds are needed to help those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

In regards to the general use of funds, HIP Housing has two programs within the guidelines of HPRP: its Home Sharing Program and its Self-Sufficiency Program. The Home Sharing Program and Self-Sufficiency Program both assist: 1) Individuals and families in San Mateo County currently housed who are at-risk of becoming homeless with rental assistance and/or assistance to move to another unit, and 2) Individuals and families who are homeless and need assistance to obtain and retain housing.

If HIP Housing has the opportunity, we would participate in the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program in the following categories:

In the category of Financial Assistance:

- ◆ Assist people with short and medium term rental assistance.
- ◆ Assist people with security deposits.

In both our Home Sharing Program and Self-Sufficiency Program clients have a need for rental assistance and security deposits, which will help these individuals to transition from homelessness (or risk of homelessness) to stable housing.

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In the category of Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services:

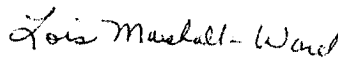
- ◆ Case Management. Provide San Mateo County individuals and families in the Self-Sufficiency Program, providing support for individuals to achieve self-reliance.
- ◆ Outreach and engagement. Provide to San Mateo County residents through both the Home Sharing Program and Self-Sufficiency Program
- ◆ Housing Search and placement. Provide residents through both the Home Sharing Program and Self-Sufficiency Program

In regards to the allocation of funds, HIP Housing will appreciate being kept informed about the RFP process. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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**Date:** 4/15/2009 5:34 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Public Notice: County of San Mateo Department of Housing Amendment to 5-Year Consolidated Plan

I am President of a volunteer group operating Homeless Help desk at Fair Oaks Community Center in Redwood City. Our target clientele are street homeless. Our unduplicated individuals count averages about 230 a month. We could certainly use some stimulus money for sleeping bags, back packs and in the future food.. I have been thinking about your request for comments and have certainly expected to reply. But the 16 page memo from HCD is beyond my understanding and my ability to reply. Especially realizing that it is talking about housing funds such as rental assistance and shelters which we don't do except in exceptional cases.. I am interested and want to help and want to see them Recovery Act succeeded but this is beyond my understanding.  
John Dempsey