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Commission Accepts Funds for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

(Miami, FL) The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the City of Miami \$3,392,918 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP.) This program provides financial assistance and relocation/stabilization services to households facing financial difficulties in order to prevent homelessness. The program aims to assist extremely and very low income persons (earning 50% or less of the Area Median Income).

“These federal stimulus funds will help to keep Miami residents in their homes at a time when many are experiencing financial difficulties,” said Mayor Diaz. “This grant is another example of how the City is working to get federal stimulus funds to those who need them the most.”

The grant, which City of Miami Commissioners approved unanimously, will be managed through the City’s Department of Community Development. The funds will help to provide financial assistance will be available for: short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance and motel or hotel vouchers. Housing Relocation and stabilization assistance includes: case management, outreach, housing search and placement, legal services, mediation and credit repair.

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