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Housing Assistance Programs

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP):

Program to address homelessness in the community by working with families with children who are most at risk of becoming homeless. Program goal is to help people obtain long term sustainable housing.

Prevention: Provides the necessary resources and support to prevent people from becoming homeless through financial assistance, case management, and housing stabilization measures.

Diversion: The intent is to prevent homelessness for those who are applying for shelter. Services include: helping people return to housing they have just left, using financial incentives or mediation to allow moving in with friends or relatives, location of other housing if no other alternatives exist.

Rapid Re-housing: The targeted population for rapid re-housing services includes those people who are already homeless. People who become homeless are rapidly re-housed through financial assistance, case management, housing location, and stabilization services.

Financial assistance can include rental assistance, rent arrears (up to 6 months), security/utility deposits (up to 6 months arrears), moving costs, storage (up to 3 months), motel/hotel vouchers (no more than 30 days), and can be short term (approximately 3 months) or medium term (4 to 18 months maximum).

-Eligible Recipients include: Families with children who have incomes at or below 50% of the area median income; those who have no appropriate housing options identified; those who lack the ability to maintain existing housing after the 18 month period of assistance ends; must be US citizens or grantees of asylum.

Contact Information:

Nassau County, Office of Housing and Homeless Services

Homeless Services Helpline (for Applicants) (516) 572-2711

Housing Services Helpline (for Landlords) (516) 572-1995

Suffolk County Department of Social Services

(631) 854-9542

The Town of Islip Community Development Agency and the Town of Babylon are working in conjunction with the Suffolk County Department of Social Services to provide HPRP services:

Western Suffolk site: (631) 647-3100, EXT 678, serving Islip and Babylon.

Central Suffolk site: (631) 647-3100, EXT 677, serving Smithtown and Huntington.

Eastern Suffolk site (Riverhead): (631) 369-6076, serving Riverhead, Southold, Southampton, East Hampton, and Shelter Island.

Eastern Suffolk site (Greenport): (631) 477-1510, serving Riverhead, Southold, Southampton, East Hampton, and Shelter Island.

