

# HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM (HPRP)

## Who We Are

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) is a collaboration between local non-profits and the City and County of Santa Barbara. (See detailed list at the bottom of this page.)

## What We Do

The services we offer are financial assistance for rent due, deposits, utilities, moving costs, help with locating housing, legal aid to inform people of their rights, and mediation to help prevent evictions.

## Who Can Apply?

The services are available to people who have an income of 50% or less than the Area Median Income and are at risk of becoming homeless, or are currently homeless. Case management is required of all participants and there are other eligibility requirements, some of which are listed on the back page of this brochure.

## Participating Agencies HPRP South Santa Barbara County

Bringing Our Community Home  
Casa Esperanza Homeless Center  
Catholic Charities  
City of Santa Barbara  
County of Santa Barbara  
Family Service Agency  
Legal Aid Foundation  
Rental Housing Mediation Task Force  
Transition House

## Homelessness Prevention

(Currently housed and at risk of losing housing because of eviction.)

### *Rent and Security Deposits*

HPRP may be able to assist with rent due, rent in arrears, and security deposits. Contact either agency to request an application:

**Transition House, Amella Botello**

805.966.9668 ext. 112

**Catholic Charities, Diana Villanueva-Hockley**

805.965.7045 ext. 115

### *Utility Deposits and Payments*

HPRP may be able to assist with current utility bills, utility bills in arrears, and utility deposits. Contact either agency to request an application:

**Transition House, Amella Botello**

805.966.9668 ext. 112

**Catholic Charities, Diana Villanueva-Hockley**

805.965.7045 ext. 115

### *Evictions and Landlord/Tenant Law*

**Legal Aid Foundation, Alex Lambrous**

805.963.6754

### *Mediation and Landlord/Tenant Law*

**Rental Housing Mediation Task Force,**

**Andrea Bifano**

805.564.5420

## Rapid Re-Housing

(Currently Homeless)

For all Rapid-Re-Housing services, contact Eddie Martinez at Casa Esperanza:  
**805.884.8481**

**You DO NOT have to be a client of Casa Esperanza in order to apply for HPRP.**

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### *Moving Costs*

HPRP may be able to help with moving costs such as a truck rental, etc.

### *Housing Search and Placement*

HPRP staff will try to assist in locating affordable housing when possible, though there is no guarantee in locating housing for HPRP clients.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### *How do I know which agency to contact?*

If you are not sure who to contact, please call Darleen Murray at Bringing Our Community Home, 805.884.5115 or call the Family Service Agency 2-1-1 helpline.

### *How long does it take to process the application?*

Each case is individually examined, and when a case is approved, each agency makes every effort to get the funds to the proper recipient in a timely manner. In some cases, a case worker will call the apartment manager and explain the process and ask for time to write the check.

### *Can you help people who have Section 8 vouchers?*

Some Section 8 voucher holders who need help with rent in arrears, utilities, or security deposits may qualify for HPRP.

### *Does a person need to be "documented" in order to apply?*

Documentation of legal status is not necessary.

**Call 211** or 800.400.1572  
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A PROGRAM OF FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY

## Some Requirements to Apply for HPRP

All adults in the household must be ready and willing to seek or maintain full-time employment, unless disabled as verified by a doctor. (If unable to work, you must be able to secure an alternative income.)

You must be able to show, after receiving assistance, how you can pay your rent and sustain your housing next month, as well as the months that follow.

You must have exhausted all other possibilities to pay your rent including attempting to negotiate a payment plan with your landlord for delinquent rent, securing a loan from family members or friends, or using your savings or some other asset to make your payment.

For Homelessness Prevention, the client must have received an eviction notice and provide a copy with their application. The lease must also be in their name.

If the above qualifications are met, an application for HPRP funds can be submitted. This does NOT guarantee that the funds will be awarded. Each application is decided on a case-by-case basis.

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Bringing Our Community Home