

City of Austin Health and Human Services Department

Downtown Austin Community Court Emergency Solutions Grant Update

Overview

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated additional funding to the City of Austin for FY 2012-2013. A portion of this additional funding will be awarded to the Downtown Austin Community Court for a new Rapid Rehousing Program for homeless frequent offenders and frequent users of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless.

Downtown Austin Community Court – Rapid Rehousing Program

Fund Source(s)	Emergency Solutions Grant
Rapid Rehousing Program	\$132,218
Information System	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$135,218

Program Description

Two new staff members will provide Rapid Rehousing Services for homeless individuals who are frequent users of public systems including the Downtown Austin Community Court and Austin Resource Center for the Homeless. A small portion of funding will be available for operations costs associated with the new homeless information systems.

Performance Measures

The Downtown Austin Community Court Rapid Re-housing staff will provide housing relocation and stabilizations services to 72 homeless individuals in the downtown area. 65% of those individuals will exit homelessness into housing.

Requirements for the Grant

- 1) Participation in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database
- 2) Homeless participation in decision-making and the policy development
- 3) Use of the HUD definition of homeless for program eligibility
- 4) Matching funds at a dollar for dollar rate
- 5) Expend all funds for this year by September 30, 2013
- 6) Other HUD requirements as defined in the new HEARTH Act

Homeless Participation Requirement

Unless the recipient is a State, the recipient must provide for the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policymaking entity of the recipient, to the extent that the entity considers and makes policies and decisions regarding any facilities, services, or other assistance that receive funding under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).