

Activities Eligible for Assistance:



Rental Assistance



Security Deposits



Utility Deposits



Moving Cost Assistance



Motel Vouchers

Eligible Program Participants:

1. Households needing PREVENTION ASSISTANCE are individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary housing -related financial assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless.
2. Those needing RAPID RE-HOUSING ASSISTANCE are individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the streets) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain and retain housing.



DESTINATION: HOME

Referrals to the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program may be made by contacting an HPRP case manager at:

For Catawba County residents ~



Greater Hickory Cooperative
Christian Ministry,
828-327-0979

For Burke County residents ~



Burke United
Christian Ministries,
828-433-8075

Questions? Call HPRP Program Specialist at Mental Health Partners,
828-327-2595



DESTINATION: HOME

Assistance to Prevent
HOMELESSNESS



"You have a house, Piglet, and I have a house, and they are good houses. And Christopher Robin has a house, and Owl and Kanga and Rabbit have houses, even Rabbit's friends and relations have houses or somethings, but poor Eeyore has nothing. So what I've been thinking is: Let's build him a house."

-The House at Pooh Corner

~ Purpose ~

The North Carolina Office of Economic Recovery and Investment in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency are working together to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless - many due to the economic crisis - and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house person who are currently homeless. Funds are available to persons in Burke and Catawba Counties to provide temporary financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization who are homeless or would be homeless **but for** this assistance.

~ Partners ~

Mental Health Partners (MHP) is responsible for implementing, monitoring compliance and overseeing the local effort called Destination Home to Prevent and Rapidly Re-House Households who are homeless or whose homelessness is imminent. A Program Specialist at Mental Health Partners will work with two case managers - who will be employed by and located at Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministries and Burke United Christian Ministries.

The case managers will perform in-take, determine eligibility and work with participants to establish and implement a plan to prevent the loss of their current housing or to rapidly re-house those already homeless.

~ Eligibility Criteria ~

The household must either be homeless or at risk of losing its housing and must meet the following three minimum criteria:

- * No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified AND the household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing.
- * The household must be at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI) and income eligibility must be maintained. If a household is assisted and is later re-assessed and their income exceeds the AMI, the household is no longer eligible for assistance.
- * Any individual or family receiving financial assistance through Destination Home must have at least an initial consultation with a case manager who can determine eligibility and the appropriate type of assistance to meet their needs.



DESTINATION: HOME