

60% Expenditure Deadline - TA materials and Webinar Save-the-Date

The HPRP program requires, by statute, that grantees expend 60% of their award funds within 2 years of the date that HUD signed the grant agreement. Now that HPRP grantees have ramped up their programs and are working hard to serve program participants, the next several months are going to be critical in ensuring that grantees meet this requirement.

Recently, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development Mercedes Márquez sent letters to the Authorized Official for each HPRP grant. These letters provided a status report on how much each grantee had drawn down from IDIS to date, and whether or not the grantee is projected to meet the 60% deadline at 2 years, based on draws from IDIS in the past 12 weeks. Grantees that have already expended 60% of their HPRP allocation did not receive a letter.

- **Note:** If the Authorized Official's address or contact information for the letter was not current, please send updates to the Virtual Help Desk, at www.hudhre.info/hprp.

HUD will also work with grantees and make technical assistance available to identify any existing challenges that may prevent them from meeting these requirements.

Increasing Expenditure Rates:

Grantees who are currently projected to fall short of the 60% mark should take the necessary steps to increase their expenditure rates while ensuring that funds are spent on eligible activities and program participants. HUD is providing new materials to assist grantees in thinking through their current status and options for spending—either increasing expenditure rates, or ensuring that the grantee maintains current expenditure rates.

- *Financial Management: Accelerating Expenditure Rates.* This TA document provides several options for grantees to consider to increase HPRP expenditures. It will be available on the HRE soon. Some highlights from the guide include the following:
 - Of the options discussed in this document, **HUD is encouraging grantees to consider using more of the funds for rapid re-housing to assist people who are literally homeless.** The HPRP eligibility documentation requirements for rapid re-housing are easier to meet than for homelessness prevention—this is because the person or household is coming from the street or shelter and it is easier to document that they have no other resources or housing options.
 - Currently, **HPRP has assisted over 750,000 persons and 315,000 households to obtain or remain in housing.** This is an incredible accomplishment, and HUD acknowledges the hard work communities have done to prevent and end homelessness for so many people. However, only about 25 percent of persons assisted with HPRP are receiving rapid re-housing assistance. There is still a

great need for rapid re-housing – and HPRP is an available resource that communities can use to help end homelessness in their areas.

- **Note:** It is not a HUD requirement that a household be employed or prove that they can sustain housing on their own after the HPRP assistance ends. For more ideas for targeting the population to receive HPRP assistance, view (or review) the HPRP webinar, “HPRP: Beyond the Basics” at <http://www.hudhre.info/hprp/index.cfm?do=viewHPRPBeyondBasicsWebinar>.
- *Status Report on HPRP Spending:* HUD has posted details on current spending levels and projected spending levels for all HPRP grantees. There are three charts, and all contain the same data (current as of 11/8/10), sorted several ways. To access this information click on the following links:
 - **Sorted by Grantee State and by % of Funds Drawn**
(http://www.hudhre.info/documents/HPRP_FinancialReport60PctReq_byState.pdf)
 - **Sorted by % of Funds Drawn**
(http://www.hudhre.info/documents/HPRP_FinancialReport60PctReq_byPctDrawn.pdf)
 - **Sorted by Projected Gap in Meeting 2-Year 60% Requirement**
(http://www.hudhre.info/documents/HPRP_FinancialReport60PctReq_byProjGap.pdf)
- **Save the date for the next HPRP Webinar: *HPRP: Strategies for Achieving Performance and Spending Goals***

This webinar will focus on approaches to achieving HPRP performance and spending goals. Presenters will review examples of expenditure and performance analysis methods, as well as strategies to improve HPRP performance and utilization.

 - **Audience:** HPRP grantee and subgrantee program administrators and finance staff
 - **Times:** There will be 2 sessions, containing the same material. Click on the dates for additional information related to registration for the two available dates:
 - **Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 3:00 PM EST**
(<http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewEventdetails&EventID=418AB485-5056-867C-9F9E4847D05F2F89&View=month&linkDate=12%2F1%2F2010>)
 - **Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 11:00 AM EST**
(<http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewEventdetails&EventID=418D5E93-5056-867C-9FD0A3EC648CBC90&View=month&linkDate=12%2F1%2F2010>)