

## **New Feature on HUD HRE: *HPRP Success Stories***

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HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan [announced last week](#) that HPRP prevented or ended homelessness for over 1 million Americans. “At a time when so many families were at the brink of homelessness due to the economic crisis, HPRP was able to step in and provide the assistance needed to keep families safe and off the streets,” said Secretary Donovan. “I am proud to announce this historic milestone and to continue to work on strategies with my partners within the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness to end homelessness for all Americans.”

While HPRP will come to an end in 2012, many communities are looking to continue the good work being done in prevention and rapid re-housing programs across the country. Learning from the successes of other communities is key as communities start planning for the new Emergency Solutions Grant Program. To support this process, HUD is now posting **community and individual success stories** on HUD’s Homelessness Resource Exchange (HRE) website.

The new [Promising Practices and Success Stories](#) section of the HPRP page highlights:

- The successful strategies of communities or programs that have used HPRP to improve planning/coordination and achieve results; and
- Personal success stories from individuals or families helped through HPRP.

The stories focus on many different aspects of HPRP, including: homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, special populations, declines in homeless population, and targeted systems change.

HUD is looking to highlight more successes and will continue to add additional stories. HUD encourages communities to submit examples of how they have used HPRP to effect change in their communities and homeless continuum, and to positively impact program participants’ lives. To submit a story, please contact the [Virtual Help Desk](#) to request the template.