HPRP Housing Assistance
Prevention Program

Rental Assistance is now available for families or individuals who are having difficulty maintaining their current rental housing or have lost their housing due to the current state of the economy. The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) is sponsored by the **Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department** and the **Cities of Richmond, Antioch, Concord, Walnut Creek and Pittsburg.** A partnership of community agencies led by **SHELTER, Inc. of Contra Costa County** is providing this vital service to assist people in maintaining their current rental housing and to help people reenter housing who have lost their housing. Partner agencies include **Anka Behavioral Health, Bay Area Legal Aid, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, Contra Costa County Homeless Programs, Greater Richmond Interfaith Program, First Place for Youth, and Rubicon Programs.**

Eligibility to participate in the program is subject to criteria established by Federal guidelines. Please read the following eligibility guidelines carefully. Please contact us as soon as possible since this funding is limited and the service will be discontinued when the funding is depleted.

HPRP Prevention funding assistance is designed to assist Contra Costa residents who are in jeopardy of losing their current rental housing. Mortgage assistance is *not* available through this program. Please read the following criteria to see if you qualify and contact the provider in your area for more information.

This service is specifically for Contra Costa residents who meet *ALL* of the following criteria:

- Have an income at or below 50% of the area median income
- Lack the financial resources to remain in housing
- Have been employed in the past year or have an income equal to at least 120% of the housing costs
- Can develop a reasonable and achievable plan to adjust their household income and expenses to remain in housing.

In addition you must also meet at least ONE of the following criteria:

- Evicted from or in the process of eviction from a private dwelling within the next two weeks
- Being discharged from an institution that they have been a resident of for more than 30 days.
- Residency in housing that has been condemned
- Sudden and significant loss of income to the extent that rent cannot be paid.
- Sudden and significant increase in utility costs or rent that can not be paid.
- Behind on rent and or utilities by at least 3 months
- Living in a rental unit with high overcrowding and have received a warning from the landlord to reduce occupancy.

HPRP PREVENTION SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES. PLEASE NOTE THAT CONTACT HOURS FOR THESE SERVICES MAY BE LIMITED AT AGENCIES

For Central , East and South County contact either:

SHELTER, Inc. of Contra Costa County
925-957-7575
Monday and Wednesday
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

or

Catholic Charities of the East Bay
925-825-3099 x 302
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For West County contact:

Greater Richmond Interfaith Program
510-233-2141 ext. 309
8:00 a.m. to Noon on Tuesday and Thursday

Free legal assistance is also available to Contra Costa residents who qualify for HPRP Prevention or Rapid Re-Housing assistance. If you are in need of legal assistance and qualify for HPRP assistance, please contact **Bay Area Legal Aid** at **510-250-5270 or 925-219-3325** Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.