



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 ACTION PLAN WITH FUNDING FROM TITLE XII OF DIVISION A OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 FOR THE HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM

Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and subsequent regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Miami-Dade County is required to submit a Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Action Plan (Plan) to demonstrate how allocated funding would be used based on the Act.

Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$1.5 billion for assistance to state and local governments for communities to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. State and local governments may use the funds to provide short and medium term rental assistance not to exceed 18 months and housing relocation and stabilization services, as well as data collection and administrative costs. Miami-Dade County has been allocated \$7,468,222. The document is required by HUD to use these funds and represents the culmination of a coordinated planning process with involvement of county departments, local governments, entitlement cities, and the residents of Miami-Dade County to complete this Plan.

The Plan consists of:

- Citizens Participation and Public Comment
- Distribution and Administration of the Funds
- Collaboration between other Recovery Act grantees serving similar populations
- Estimated Budget Summary

The Plan includes Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds. The primary objective of this HUD Program is to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless-many due to the economic crisis- and to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless as defined by section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. HUD expects that these resources will be targeted and prioritized to serve households that are most in need of this temporary assistance. HUD also requires that households served must be at or below 50% of Area Median Income. The Plan will be available at the Miami Dade County Homeless Trust located at 111 NW 1st Street, 27th floor, Miami, Florida, 33128, and the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) located at 701 NW 1st Court, Miami, FL 33136, on April 23, 2009 for a 12-day comment period.

The Plan will also be available on the Homeless Trust and OCED's web site at the following address on April 23, 2009: <http://www.miamidade.gov/homeless> and <http://www.miamidade.gov/ced/>. The County encourages residents of Miami-Dade County to express their comments regarding the proposed Plan by writing to David Raymond, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust at 111 NW 1st Street, 27th floor, Miami, Florida 33128. Written comments on the Plan must be received by and will be accepted until 9:30 am on May 5, 2009.

Miami-Dade County is holding two community meetings to obtain comments on the Proposed Substantial Amendments to the 2008 Action Plan

April 28, 2009
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Caleb Center
5400 NW 22nd Avenue, Room 110

April 29, 2009
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
South Dade Government Center
10710 SW 211 Street, Room 203

The Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners will consider the Plan at a meeting scheduled for **9:30 am on Tuesday, May 5, 2009** in the Commission Chambers located on the 2nd level of the Stephen P. Clark, 111 N.W. First Street, Miami, Florida. The public is invited to attend. The Board of County Commissioners is tentatively scheduled to approve the Plan on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 which will be a public hearing.

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