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### **Introduction to HPRP Concept Papers**

The City of Lawrence began its planning for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) with a discussion at a meeting of Homeless Continuum of Care members on March 31<sup>st</sup>. A little task force was formed, and the task force at its first meeting decided to invite short “concept papers” from organizations involved with issues of homelessness in the city or region. The purpose of the concept papers was to get clear description of how organizations would like to see the HPRP used, and their interests and capabilities in undertaking programs that could be funded under HPRP. It is understood that this was not an RFP process, and no individual funding decisions will be made by the City as a result of their submission. (An RFP process will be conducted after the City of Lawrence submits the “Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Action Plan” to HUD.)

The concept papers are intended to facilitate discussion and aid in the preparation of the HPRP budget summary and the allocation of funds between homeless prevention and rapid re-housing and for the categories of financial assistance or housing relocation/stabilization services. We summarized and discussed the papers at the public hearing held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The six concept papers are posted here so that we can share the ideas with a wider audience. On May 4 our draft substantial amendment also will be posted on the web.

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