

Emergency Prevention

DuPage County, IL (component 2)

1.5. By 2006, using the CMIS system, complete an annual “gaps analysis” for homeless services.

1.6. By 2007, conduct a technology audit for all CMIS users.

2. Component: Emergency Prevention – Have system in place with resources for direct and flexible assistance.

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE: Grants Funding Committee and Prevention Providers

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2.1. By the end of 2005, coordinate between homeless prevention providers and community partners re: resources available and requirements for accessing them. A signed agreement will document intent to coordinate.

2.2. By 2005, expand legal assistance and housing resources available for a one-time, short term and transitional financial assistance that could be used to avert eviction. Measure – 10% increase in legal services and in number of those who receive homeless prevention services.

2.3. By the end of 2007, ensure adequate funding for case management services to process applications. Measure – 10% increase on C. M. \$ for three years.

2.4. By 2007, develop two new homeless prevention programs to address early intervention and influencing factors in homelessness.

2.5. By 2008, ensure that there is an adequate amount available annually for direct financial assistance to all persons who need it.

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Foreclosure/Eviction Prevention Project

Primary Issue:

City homeowners and apartment dwellers are being unnecessarily displaced due to inadequate prevention resources and systems.

Project Description:

This project will increase the pool of funds necessary to provide financial assistance for mortgage and utilities. Additional intervention services could include intensive case management, legal services, credit/debt counseling, financial management training, mediation and language translation assistance, and housing counseling.

Recommendation:

Increase the pool of funds available to provide emergency financial assistance for rent, mortgage and utilities.

Action Steps:

Action Step 1

Request the Commission on Homelessness to develop an emergency financial assistance provider certification process and raise the operating resources to ensure adequate and professional prevention services.

Action Step 2

Increase City funding of prevention services as city resources permit.

Action Step 3

Consider establishing a city ombudsman/consumer advocate to assist residents facing foreclosure/eviction and link residents to a certified prevention organization.

Potential Strategy Partner(s):

The Sullivan Center	Salvation Army
Pathways Community Network	Midtown Assistance Center
Buckhead Christian Ministries	United Way 211
Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta	Fulton Atlanta Community Action Agency
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Atlanta Legal Aid
Consumer Credit Counseling Service	Fulton/DeKalb Magistrate Court
Georgia Law Center on Homelessness	



Measurable Outcomes:

- ◆ Fewer homeless individuals entering shelter system
- ◆ Decreased costs for providing assistance
- ◆ Increased school and work attendance

Best Practices:

- ◆ Chicago – Chicago Homeless Prevention Fund & City Dept. of Human Services
- ◆ New York – Community Food Resource Center – Eviction Prevention Program
- ◆ Miami – Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust – Homeless Prevention Services

Timeframe:

Approximately 180 days

Budget:

Annual Operating: \$1.5-1.75M