



# Press Release

## City of Camden Receives Stimulus Funds to Assist Homeless Population

***Camden City's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) will provide financial assistance and services to prevent Camden City families and individuals from becoming homeless and to re-house those who are homeless.***

**Camden, NJ, October 30, 2009:** The Honorable Gwendolyn A. Faison is pleased to announce the implementation of Camden City's Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program. As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) authorized by President Obama, the City of Camden has been allocated \$1.149 million dollars to help prevent the rise of Homelessness in the City. "In a City where over 3,700 of the people are homeless and over 40% live below the poverty level, this program will come as a welcomed relief," says Mayor Faison.

The purpose of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program is to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless if not for the support, and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless. The funding, which stems from the Housing and Urban Development Emergency Shelter Grants Program, will support such services as rental & utility assistance, emergency shelter assistance, and credit and financial counseling.

In order for families or individuals receive HPRP funding, they must meet the following criteria: (1) no appropriate housing options have been identified; AND (2) the household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing.

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Camden City Residents Employed and Unemployed May Call for An Appointment at the Following Numbers:

**For Utility Assistance and Emergency Shelter Assistance**

(856) 757-7056 and (856) 757-7319.

**For Security Deposit Assistance, Bank Rent Assistance, and Temporary Rental Assistance**

(856) 757-7286 and (856) 757-7327.

Residents from other Municipalities can contact 1-800-331-7272 for more information.

**(TANF Recipients are NOT Eligible)**