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**State Announces \$25 Million in Stimulus Funding to Prevent Homelessness**  
*Grants Will Allow 25 Agencies to Serve More Than 9,000 At-Risk of Homelessness*

The State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) today announced the award of nearly \$25 million in homelessness prevention grants through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The funds will allow 25 agencies to provide services in 33 counties through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP).

“We must continue to do all we can to help the most vulnerable New Yorkers get through this economic downturn and ensure that those on the brink are not forced into homelessness,” Governor Paterson said. “By helping these individuals and families secure and maintain safe, stable housing, we can help them begin on a path to economic security.”

“This funding will play a critical role in ensuring housing stability for literally thousands of New Yorkers,” said Kristin Proud, Deputy Secretary for Human Services, Technology and Operations, who is currently overseeing the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. “Equally important are the services and supports these individuals and families will receive to move toward achieving increased self-sufficiency and, with it, a life of independence.”

The grants announced today are part of \$1.5 billion made available through ARRA for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Homelessness Prevention Fund, including a total of \$141.2 million awarded to New York State communities. The state’s larger municipalities received this funding directly from the federal government, with the remaining \$24.9 million being awarded competitively by OTDA.

The HPRP funds will provide much-needed services to New York families at-risk of homelessness while helping those already homeless to find stable housing. Services to be provided include short- and medium-term rental assistance, legal services, case management, locating available housing and financial counseling. More than 9,000 individuals will benefit from these programs. Additionally, more than half the projects awarded funding are multi-agency collaborations, addressing gaps in their respective communities.

Organizations awarded funding are listed below.

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>COUNTIES TO BE SERVED</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Wait House	Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Essex	\$2,469,837
Oswego County Opportunities	Oswego	\$1,932,657

Albany County Department of Social Services	Albany	\$1,160,354
Options for Independence	Cayuga	\$1,260,729
Delaware Opportunities	Delaware	\$380,848
Schenectady Community Action Program	Schenectady	\$856,642
ETC Housing Corp.	Clinton	\$456,786
Project Hospitality	Richmond	\$900,000
Rural Ulster Preservation Company	Ulster	\$1,019,242
Joseph's House and Shelter, Inc.	Rensselaer	\$872,681
Catholic Charities of Chenango County	Chenango	\$1,633,529
Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY	Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie	\$719,375
Community Action of Greene County, Inc.	Greene	\$347,889
Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, Inc.	Kings	\$1,566,747
Hudson River Housing	Dutchess	\$225,000
Community Action Program for Madison County	Madison	\$746,685
Catholic Charities of Cortland County	Cortland	\$327,318
Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency	Oneida, Herkimer	\$1,051,441
Tompkins County Department of Social Services	Tompkins	\$2,430,000
Columbia Opportunities, Inc.	Columbia	\$584,962
Steuben County Department of Social Services	Steuben	\$466,353
Opportunities for Otsego	Otsego	\$444,539
ACCORD	Allegany	\$391,973
Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler	Chemung	\$666,929
Jefferson County Department of Social Services	Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence	\$1,976,682