



## New York City Stimulus Tracker Pending Grant Information

**Lead Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

**Application Submitted by:** NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

**Date Submitted:** April 7, 2010

**ARRA Funding Source:** Agency for Health Care Research and Quality CFDA 93.715

**Funding Source Description:** ARRA OS Recovery Act 2009 Limited Competition: Comparative Effectiveness Delivery System Demonstration Grants (R18)

**Grant Description:** Funding is requested for a randomized controlled trial of a supportive housing intervention expected to improve health care and outcomes, while reducing medical costs. The proposed study will compare the effects of 1) supportive housing (SH), defined as rental assistance with housing-based supportive services; 2) rental assistance only (RA); and 3) usual care (UC) on HIV clinical outcomes, medical care utilization, and costs among frequently hospitalized homeless people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

**Grant Amount:** \$5,000,000

**Anticipated benefits:** Homelessness heavily impacts public systems for medical care, as homeless individuals resort to emergency departments (EDs) for non-acute medical needs due to lack of insurance or inability to access more appropriate sources of primary care. Homelessness among PLWHA, in particular, is associated with lower access to appropriate medical care, higher rates of ED use, longer and more frequent hospital stays, and heavier reliance on alcohol, drug and mental health crisis services, which together incur excess, avoidable medical care costs. The White House Office of National AIDS Policy has requested evidence-based recommendations to incorporate housing into strategies to improve medical care and health outcomes for PLWHA.