



Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

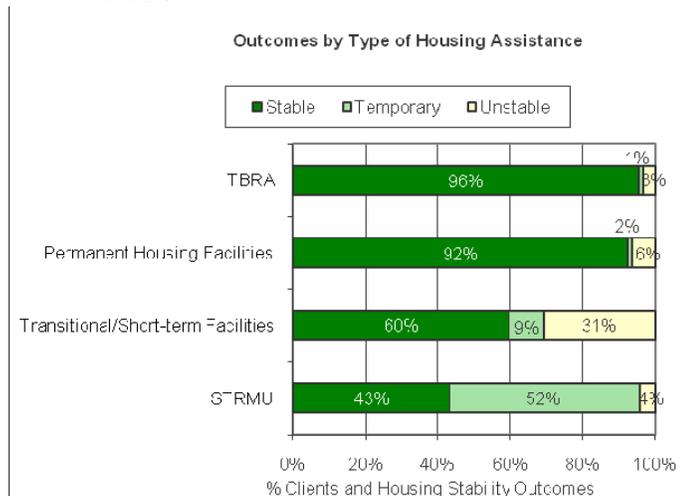
Assistance to Achieve Stable Housing Results for Low-Income Persons who are living with HIV/AIDS and their families

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Since its inception in 1992, HOPWA has helped thousands of Americans with HIV/AIDS avoid homelessness and access medical and other care by addressing their housing needs.

The first step to better health is a roof over your head care.

HOPWA housing resident, Chicago

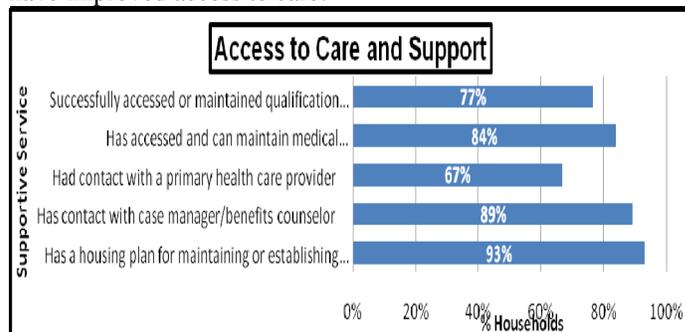
The HOPWA program helps beneficiaries improve their health by providing stable housing as a basis for increased participation in appropriate health care and other support. Program achievements are measured by grantees and reported in annual performance reports on housing outputs in using resources and client outcomes for beneficiaries. These are demonstrated in outcomes for efforts that establish or help maintain stable housing arrangements, reduce the household's risks of homelessness, and improve access to health care and other support for persons living with HIV/AIDS.



Outcomes by type of housing assistance: Tenant-based Rental Assistance is 96% stable, 1% temporary, and 3% unstable; Permanent Housing Facilities is 92% stable, 2% temporary, 3% to be determined, and 6% unstable; Transitional/Short-term Facilities is 60% stable, 9% temporary, and 31% unstable; and Short-term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance is 43% stable, 52% temporary, and 4% unstable.

The 2010 National HOPWA outcome targets are: (a) Maintain housing stability by at least 87% of HOPWA households in permanent housing (target to reach 90% by 2012); and (b) Reduce risks of homelessness for at least 63% of clients in short-term or transitional housing (target to reach 70% by 2012). The 2008 evaluation conducted on HOPWA program activities found that the program is well established with clear program purposes that operate under strategic planning efforts and management.

HOPWA projects also measure indicators that beneficiaries have improved access to care:



HUD Strategic Plan 2010-2015

The Department's mission is to *Create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all*. HUD's Strategic Plan FY2010-2015, issued May 12, 2010, included these key HOPWA related goals:

Goal 2: Meet the Need for Quality Affordable Rental Homes.

- End Homelessness and Substantially Reduce the Number of Families and Individuals with Severe Housing Needs.

Goal 3: Utilize Housing as a Platform for Improving Quality of Life.

- Improve health outcomes.
- Improve housing stability through supportive services for vulnerable populations including seniors, persons with disabilities, homeless persons and those at risk of being homeless.

Recipient communities make use of HUD and other resources through the area's Consolidated Plan. This involves HOPWA formula grants used in coordination with other HUD programs and other community resources, such as State, local and private funds. HOPWA grantees work in partnerships with over 950 area nonprofit organizations, including faith-based, and grassroots community organizations, to provide support to clients. The Consolidated Plan process involves public consultations in assessing needs, creation of multiple-year strategies and development of annual plans for targeting results achieved through the use of these resources.

In FY2010, the HOPWA program received an appropriation of \$335 million, a \$25 million (8%) increase over FY09 amounts. Ninety percent of program funds are distributed under a formula that is based on AIDS surveillance information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including cumulative AIDS cases and area incidence. In FY 2010, a total of \$298.5 million will be allocated by formula to 133 grantees, to the

qualifying cities and one county for 92 eligible metropolitan statistical areas (EMSAs) and to 41 eligible states for areas outside of EMSAs. Nine of the MSA allocations are managed by state agencies, by agreement. A description of the areas and allocation data for each HOPWA formula program is found at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/formula>.

Every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstances, will have unfettered access to high quality, life extending care, free from stigma and discrimination.

*National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States
July 13, 2010*

Ten percent of HOPWA funds are made available each year to support projects that demonstrate model or innovative approaches to providing permanent or short-term/transitional housing support and for projects in areas that do not qualify for formula allocations. Funds are made available with priority for the renewal of expiring competitive grants which operate permanent supportive housing efforts. Currently 91 projects are operating, with funds provided for a three-year period. In 2010, HUD awarded \$30.3 million to 29 projects that will continue operations as permanent supportive housing projects. There were 26 renewals in FY2009. In FY2008, along with 18 renewals, HUD selected 9 new projects by competition. Nine other projects are completing use of funds awarded in FY2006 and FY2007.

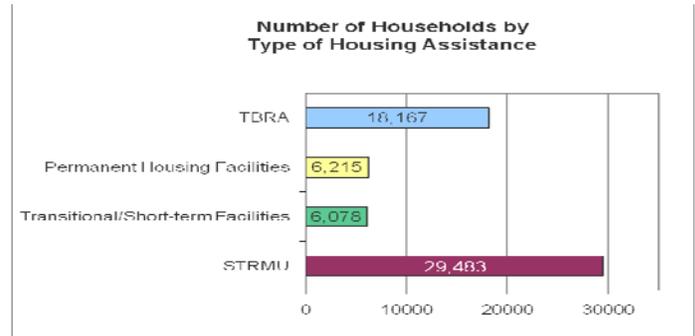
In addition, in FY 2010, \$3.35 million was designated for HUD program technical assistance activities that are part of the HUD Transformation Initiative. This will include HOPWA technical assistance to support results for local projects and promote the sound management of these area programs, including evaluation of performance data collected on outcomes.

PROGRAM USES IN HOUSING OUTPUTS

In program year 2009, grantees reported that 58,210 low-income households were assisted. A wide range of housing is supported with HOPWA funds including rental assistance payments and support for maintaining current residences through the use of short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments. Funds also are used for the operating costs for supportive housing facilities, such as community residences which support beneficiaries with on-site activities and services.

A component in providing housing assistance for this targeted special needs population is the coordination and delivery of health care and related supportive services. These may involve support for residents with their daily living activities; case management;

substance abuse treatment and counseling; and other services, to help beneficiaries maintain appropriate housing and access other needed support. HOPWA clients also use a range of health and supportive services funded by DHHS through the Ryan White CARE Act and other public or private support.



Number of households by type of housing assistance: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance is 18,167; Permanent Housing Facilities is 6,215; Transitional/Short-term Facilities is 6,078 and Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility assistance is 29,483.

Grantee and project sponsor administrative costs are also available and limited by statute (3 percent for grantees and 7 percent for project sponsors). Other support is provided by resource identification activities to establish, coordinate and develop housing resources to assist HOPWA eligible households.

HOPWA targets housing support to households having the lowest incomes, with 71 percent of beneficiaries having extremely-low incomes (less than 30 percent of the area's median income) and another 17 percent of beneficiaries have very-low incomes (less than 50 percent of area median income).

No one should experience homelessness.

No one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.

*Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
June 22, 2010*

Authorization: AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901) as amended. Funds were appropriated in FY 1992 and for subsequent years. The Department's appropriation is authorized under annual appropriation acts.

Regulations: HOPWA Final Rule, 24 CFR Part 574, as amended, & Consolidated Submissions for Community Planning and Development Programs, Final Rule, 24 CFR Part 91.

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Also, see information at www.HUDHRE.info/HOPWA and at: www.AIDS.GOV.