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*Formula and
Competitive Grants*

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State of Alabama

Alabama Department of Economic and
Community Affairs (ADECA)

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Alabama
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 800,000
FY 1995 \$ 825,000
FY 1996 \$ 825,000
FY 1997 \$ 986,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,042,000
FY 1999 \$ 796,000

*The State of Alabama program
provided over 40,000 nights of
permanent housing in 1998.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

The State of Alabama's HOPWA Grantee is the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). ADECA is a department of State Government overseeing numerous HUD programs including CDBG, ESG, HOME, and multiple state initiatives surrounding the infrastructure of Alabama. The Project Sponsor is the AIDS Task Force of Alabama (ATFA). ATFA is a statewide agency whose mission is help people with HIV/AIDS live independent, healthy lives. ATFA also works to prevent the spread of HIV disease.

Alabama has 4.2 million citizens and over 8,800 persons currently tested in Alabama are known to be living with HIV or AIDS; over 2,800 persons have died of AIDS.

HOPWA funds provide rental assistance statewide (64% of funds); supportive services to persons in AIDS housing programs in Mobile and Birmingham (16% of funds); operating costs for existing AIDS housing (9%); and 1% each on resource identification and housing information, and the final 9% on administration.

Program Accomplishments

ATFA provided emergency short-term assistance to prevent homelessness in all 67 Alabama counties in fiscal year 1998; long term rental assistance in 14 counties during FY 1998, and over 40,000 nights of housing in HOPWA funded permanent housing facilities.

Since 1993, ATFA has acquired one 4-bedroom home; developed a second Section 811 property for 12 additional units of housing; and is developing a 14-bed group home. ATFA was recently awarded HOPWA funds to create 10 new permanent housing sites for persons in rural Alabama.



Birmingham, AL

Department of Community Development

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Birmingham, AL

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1999 \$ 365,000

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Grantee and Community Profile

Birmingham, Alabama is a new 1999 HOPWA grantee and the program will be administered by the City of Birmingham's Department of Community Development.

The city is working with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The AIDS Task Force of Alabama, and other community organizations to ensure that services which were funded through the State's HOPWA program will continue under the city's management.

The city will be seeking project sponsors in the next few months to operate the city's HOPWA program.

AIDS Task Force of Alabama

Competitive SPNS and MDI Grantee

1998 SPNS Grant

In 1998, a Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,118,150 was given to the Alabama Rural AIDS Project (ARAP). The project targets the population of 35 most rural Alabama counties, which comprise 49% of the State's population. Disproportionate access exists in Alabama due to the vast isolated, rural sections of the state, and ARAP seeks to assist those in the state's 35 most rural counties. ARAP will identify rural persons with AIDS and link them with medical care, supportive services, and/or housing. The project will reach 300 persons with HIV/AIDS as well as 300 family members with housing and supportive service assistance. An additional 1,400 persons will receive links to other outreach services.

This program will employ seven community outreach workers who the project director will train, coordinate and monitor. Outreach workers will link people living with HIV/AIDS in rural areas to existing medical, psycho-social, HIV services and housing providers. They will also serve as



educators, encouraging the populations at-risk to be tested for HIV. The program will provide permanent housing and rental assistance including empowerment and joint decision making. ARAP will develop 10 new units of permanent housing within these rural counties. The Community Outreach workers will connect participants with housing through the public housing agencies, 203k program, and referrals to AIDS specific housing in Mobile and Birmingham. Over 30,000 hours of outreach services will be provided. There are six project sponsors including the AIDS Services Center, AIDS Action Coalition, Montgomery AIDS Outreach, Mobile AIDS Support Services, East Alabama AIDS Outreach, and West Alabama AIDS Outreach, as well as other contractual relationships.

Key Facts

Service Area:

35 rural Alabama counties

Grant: Competitive SPNS and MDI

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,118,150 (SPNS)

1997: \$1,270,000 (MDI)

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1997 MDI Grant

In 1997, a HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative grant was awarded in Alabama for the Rectory House Project which has been designed to increase consumer-driven, service-enriched community housing. Under the \$1,270,000 grant, AIDS Task Force of Alabama, and its sponsor, Agape Foundation supervises the 18-month renovation of a 14-bed community residential facility in Birmingham and augment related activities already underway in this Enterprise Community. A total of 42 homeless, multiply-diagnosed persons who have HIV/AIDS will receive services and housing in a facility offering 24-hour care. Aside from housing, these clients will receive physical care, mental health care, chemical addiction support, and case management and access to other care in the community. The ATFA project will be part of a Continuum of Care by the Metropolitan Birmingham Services for the Homeless which has been recognized by HUD as Best Practice in coordination and strategic planning by communities. To help the project become self sustaining, a

reimbursement system will be developed to cover future annual operating costs. This system will create partnerships among area hospitals, health maintenance organizations, public health agencies, the mental health authority, and municipalities.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

AIDS Task Force of Alabama, Inc.

Birmingham, Alabama

\$ 756,992

A 1995 SPNS grant to the AIDS Task Force of Alabama (ATFA) was made to provide housing assistance to about people living with HIV/AIDS and

family members.



THE HIV MULTIPLE DIAGNOSES INITIATIVE (MDI)

In 1996 and 1997, HUD and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) collaborated on the design and implementation of the HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative (MDI), as a specialized effort to outreach to persons who are living with HIV/AIDS who are also homeless, and have chronic alcohol and/or other drug abuse issues and/or serious mental illness. This collaboration was also undertaken consultation with providers of AIDS housing programs who helped to identify the pressing needs of persons who were often not served adequately in existing programs due to complex needs of these persons. In addition, these efforts were designed with an evaluation component with the goal of understanding the lessons learned from operating new programs that provide outreach, housing and services to this special population and disseminate the knowledge gained to other communities. HUD and HHS selected an number of proposals for funding and these projects have begun operations. Currently, some preliminary information has been collected by MDI grantees on client outcomes and it is anticipated that projects will issue preliminary research findings in late 1999. HHS projects were funded for up to a five year period and HOPWA projects were funded for up to three years of operations.

The development of MDI responded to recommendations expressed during the 1995 White House Conference on HIV and AIDS, as well as to recommendations to HUD and HHS by residents and providers of HIV/AIDS housing. Beginning in 1996, the initiative targeted assistance to homeless persons who often have complex needs and for whom service systems are often least developed. The model MDI programs were selected under the HOPWA competitive program by HUD in the 1996 and 1997 competitions and under the Health Research and Service Administration (HRSA) Special Projects of National Significance Program by HHS. Once approved, each project undertook local collaborations to begin to address the identified needs and locate and serve clients. MDI also provided Federal funds to communities to develop innovative methods of providing specialized outreach and medical, social services and housing for clients. A prime feature of the projects is their on-going participation in the national evaluation of project activities. MDI grantees also acquired the services of the Evaluation Technical Assistance Center (ETAC) that was established by HHS in 1996 in an award to the Columbia University School of Public Health. ETAC was designed to advance knowledge and skills in HIV services delivery and to stimulate the design of innovative models of care by providing technical support during the operation and evaluation of MDI projects. ETAC will also help projects disseminate information to other organizations in order to help improve the systems of care for the targeted population in other localities.

One defining characteristic of MDI is the collaboration between Federal agencies, community-based organizations, public health professionals and researchers. These joint efforts have



resulted in the development of service delivery models designed to overcome the gaps inherent in conventional service delivery systems and to provide access to the range of services required to meet the multiple needs of MDI clients. Projects follow rigorous collaborative research efforts and these models are being tested and refined to ensure that they are effective, efficient and may be replicated in other communities. The collaboration is also helping to ensure that scientifically based knowledge is generated to guide the refinement and use of the models of care.

The housing and service delivery models implemented under the MDI initiative require close collaborations between medical, social service and housing providers in each participating community in order to reach and assist clients. Multiple resources and skills are required to engage and successfully serve persons with multiple service needs. The programs funded under the MDI combine the skills and resources of community based providers, mental health professionals, chemical addictions counselors, and housing providers among others. These collaborations have strengthened the linkages within service networks, enhanced the delivery of comprehensive and client specific services, and closed gaps in the HIV/AIDS service delivery system. Providers from participating agencies are sharing their experiences with clients to add to the base of knowledge on working with multiply diagnosed populations and on finding effective ways to coordinate housing and social services delivery. Effort is also being given to determine how to adequately prepare clients for services, particularly when they include a complex of medical, mental health and alcohol and drug treatment services. By combining experiences, providers are learning how best to design and manage client-driven service delivery and still be able to engage homeless persons who were often services resistant.

A third area of collaboration is between researchers and service providers in evaluating the models of care in order to guide the refinement of those models. These collaborations have produced a number of benefits such as the sharing of research and service skills. The transfer of skills between academic research centers and community programs has also enhanced community based research by guiding the development of appropriate and effective methods for field research and giving providers access to the research technology used in the scientific evaluation of their work. While site specific project evaluations are also being conducted, all MDI projects are participating in multiple site research studies with the goal of sharing knowledge gained with others through a comparative study of cross-cutting issues in the field.

The collaborative research work is expected be of value to the range of HIV/AIDS service and housing providers in the nation in identifying method to better reach and serve a population that are often the most difficult to assist. One example of a new tool developed for MDI is the use a questionnaire for screening for mental illness among clients. The Client Diagnostic Questionnaire (CDQ) is adapted from current state-of-the-art mental health questionnaires and can be used by a range of community based programs, including use by case-managers, social workers, psychiatrists and other medical providers to conduct their work. The instrument will enhance the provider's ability to detect possible mental health illnesses and result in helping clients receive needed treatment. The CDQ has also been adapted for use across cultural groups.



In coordination with ETAC, representatives from the MDI projects meet on a regular basis with HUD and HHS staff. Each project also serves as a member of the Partnership Steering Committee (PSC) which forms the coordinating body for collaborative evaluation research by the HRSA and HUD funded projects. The committee consists of service providers, community advocates, university based researchers, and members of the funding agencies. The committee serves to examine the issues that cut across HIV/AIDS service delivery settings, such as mental health concerns, substance abuse treatment, housing instability, access and adherence to current therapies, effective outreach strategies, the development of service networks and culturally sensitive care and the continuation of each client's housing stability.

In 1996, HUD selected eight MDI proposals under the national competition. In 1997, seven additional MDI grants were funded under that HOPWA competition. These projects are described in project information presented in the State-by-State HOPWA summaries, see MDI projects in the States of AL, CA, CT, FL, MD, MN, NJ, NY and TX.



Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Competitive Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Alaska
Grant: Competitive Long-Term

Grant Award:
1997: \$572,800

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4As) will provide supportive services, such as case management, housing information, and short- and long-term rental assistance.

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In 1997, a grant for \$572,800 to support Long-Term Comprehensive Strategies in Non-Formula Areas was awarded to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. AHFC will use funds to continue operating housing in Anchorage with three permanent and one transitional housing units.

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4As) will provide supportive services, such as case management, housing information, and short- and long-term rental assistance.

In the first HOPWA grant operated by AHFC and 4As, expectations were exceeded by nearly double and the program changed according to the needs of clients. HOPWA funds are used to help people in Alaska with HIV/AIDS and their families remain in their homes by providing for health care, prescription services, child care, relapse prevention therapy, and transportation. Transportation is of particular importance, as many families must travel to far distant services via airplane. Clients are referred from various community agencies, health care facilities, friends, and current clients.

Over the past three years, clientele has fallen into one of two categories: either very ill or long-term survivors. The program has been adapted to help both groups to secure residential assistance as needed. In addition, AHFC and 4As are planning for future clients by scouting appropriate housing locations across the state while visiting current clients.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

residing in two regions of the state of Alaska.

1995 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Alaska Housing Finance Corp.
Fairbanks & Juneau, Alaska
\$716,166

A 1995 HOPWA grant to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation was awarded in order to expand housing choice and opportunity for people living with HIV/AIDS



1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

State of Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Anchorage

\$ 997,672

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation received a HOPWA grant in 1994 to expand housing choices for persons with AIDS or HIV and to address serious gaps in services available to this population in the State.



State of Arizona

Department of Commerce

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Arizona

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1993 \$571,000

FY 1999 \$366,000

The State of Arizona HOPWA program is planning to provide rental assistance and emergency assistance throughout the state's rural counties.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Arizona Department of Commerce, a new HOPWA entitlement grantee will administer \$366,000 for the balance of the state area, consisting of 12 counties: Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, LaPaz, Navajo, Pima, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma. It is largely a rural area with only three cities over 50,000 in population: Tucson, Yuma and Flagstaff.

The Department of Commerce is the State of Arizona's housing office and administers the Small Cities CDBG program, the HOME program, the State Housing Trust Fund, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, and, 10 HUD McKinney Homeless Assistance grants. A significant partner in the HOPWA program is the Arizona Department of Health Services Office of HIV/STD Services, that administers a variety of services and medication programs for persons living with AIDS and HIV.

The HOPWA planning effort is centered around the State Ryan White Planning Council and the various AIDS/HIV Consortia to identify housing and services needs throughout the area and to identify funding sources, including but not limited to HOPWA funds, to address strategies for preventing homelessness for persons living with AIDS and HIV.

With the technical assistance of AIDS Housing of Washington, a statewide planning meeting was held in February 1999 to develop a funding distribution

methodology that addresses local needs, including regional solutions where appropriate. The methodology provides for the development of housing program administration capacity in areas of the state that have previously provided little or no housing assistance to HOPWA-eligible persons. The funding distribution methodology will also address a strategy for maintaining funding support for a major HOPWA program in Tucson/Pima County that has been funded by HUD competitive HOPWA grants in the past. Part of the planning process is to identify how mainstream housing providers, primarily Housing Authorities, can become operating partners in the program.

It is anticipated that HOPWA funds will be primarily used in rural Arizona for emergency rental assistance and tenant based rental assistance. Sufficient funds are currently available from Ryan White Title II resources, combined with other public training and assistance programs, to provide the appropriate supportive services needed for HOPWA eligible persons. In Tucson/Pima County



HOPWA funds will be used to continue emergency assistance, supportive services, facility-based transitional housing operating assistance, permanent rental assistance and transportation services currently being operated by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. Significant efforts will be undertaken to use other mainstream resources such as HOME, CDBG, Section 811, McKinney Homeless Assistance and Tax Credit set-asides to provide additional housing resources. An RFP for project proposals outlining regional allocations will be issued in late Spring, 1999 with funds available for distribution during the summer.

Phoenix, AZ

Phoenix Housing Department

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Phoenix, AZ

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994	\$698,000
FY 1995	\$760,000
FY 1996	\$727,000
FY 1997	\$851,000
FY 1998	\$865,000
FY 1999	\$923,000

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Phoenix HOPWA formula grant, first funded in 1994, serves people living with HIV/AIDS in the Phoenix Metropolitan Statistical Area including Maricopa and Pinal counties. Prior to the City qualifying to serve directly as the grantee, this area was part of the 1993 grant administered by the State of Arizona. The City of Phoenix Housing Department, in addition to the HOPWA grant, administers the City's public housing, HOME and various other programs all directed towards meeting the housing needs of primarily low and moderate income households.

Program Accomplishments

The Phoenix Housing Department has developed a flexible plan to utilize HOPWA funds that focuses on housing needs and assisting HIV/AIDS care providers to create or expand housing programs for low-income individuals and their families.

The plan consists of three activity areas:

- 1) Short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance to help maintain persons in their present living conditions or for emergency use [Project Sponsor - Southwest Behavioral Health Services];
- 2) Tenant-based rental assistance to both minimize dislocation and to provide increased permanent housing [Project Sponsors - City of Phoenix Housing Department (42 vouchers) and Pinal County (10 vouchers)];
- 3) Acquisition, rehabilitation, lease and/or operating assistance to provide project-based supportive shelter/housing for homeless persons [Project Sponsors - A Place Called Home (4 group homes), Mercy Properties Arizona (20 SRO units), Phoenix



Shanti Group (10 transitional housing units), and Southwest Behavioral Health Services (12 transitional housing units and 11 permanent housing units)].

The funds are available to organizations by open application and are integrated with support services funded through other related sources. In 1997, funds were made available to support a housing information specialist whose duties include:

- 1) assisting providers in the placement of eligible HOPWA participants in appropriate housing; and
- 2) providing information to persons living with HIV/AIDS of housing options available to meet their particular needs [Project Sponsor - Area Agency on Aging/HIV Care Directions].

The City of Phoenix Housing Department maintains communication with service providers and advocates throughout the year. This is accomplished through its memberships in the AIDS Housing Task Force and the Ryan White Title I Planning Council. Through these vehicles the Housing Department is able to track emerging housing needs and tailor its programs to assist in meeting these needs. The positive results of new drugs on lengthening the life span of persons living with HIV/AIDS will significantly impact the kinds of housing programs that need to be maintained or developed.

Pima County Community Services

Competitive Grantee

1997 Long-Term Grant

In 1997, a grant for \$639,196 to support Long-Term Comprehensive Strategies in Non-Formula Areas was awarded to continue funding for Positive Directions a project of Pima County Community Services that serves the Tucson area. The program was developed in consultation with clients and the community to provide

structured transitional housing, subsidized permanent housing, intensive case management, inpatient treatment, and job training for low income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. The program expects that 80% of clients will have substance abuse issues and 10% will have a mental illness that require specialized services.

Activities will be coordinated with Continuum of Care efforts by the Tucson Planning Council for the Homeless, which received a Best Practice award from HUD for its collaborative efforts. The project will support the elements of this continuum that implement long-term, comprehensive strategies for providing housing and related services to people with HIV/AIDS. Needs identified in surveillance reports are addressed in two ways:

- (1) by targeting the multiply diagnosed population for a continuum of housing and services through long-term rent subsidy combined with intensive case management and
- (2) by collaborating with existing housing, residential treatment, and service provision.

Sponsors who will be assisting Pima County, the grantee, are the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) and the City of Tucson. SAAF is the organization resulting from the merger of three AIDS service organizations in Tucson, People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, the Shanti Foundation, and the Tucson AIDS Project. The number of units in an existing long-term rent



subsidy program will be increased from 30 to 40, with 32 one-bedroom, 6 two-bedroom and 2 three-bedroom units. SAAF's transitional housing program will provide 6 studios; 2 one-bedroom and 2 two-bedroom units for a range of 12 to 18 beds. Intensive case management will be funded under this grant, as will be job training or retraining for clients when they have increased their self-sufficiency.

Key Facts

Service Area: Pima County, AZ
Grant: Competitive Long-Term

Grant Award:

1997: \$ 639,196

1996: \$ 538,902

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1996 Long-Term Grant

In 1996, an award of \$538,902 for a Long Term Comprehensive Strategy was awarded Pima County, Arizona. This grant will support the "Positive Independence" project to provide housing, and supportive services for persons living with HIV/AIDS in the Tucson area. The proposed project involved collaborative case management for clients served by the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT for Life), the Tucson AIDS Project and Shanti Foundation. In July 1997 these three ASO's merged to inform the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

Through SAAF, the "Positive Independence" program activities include: emergency housing payments for 450 eligible persons and 280 family members to reduce financial crises and prevent homelessness; and funding for supportive services, including counseling for alcohol or substance abuse and HIV/AIDS, short-term substance abuse treatment; neuropsychological

testing and psychiatric evaluations, day care, legal assistance relating to guardianships, complementary therapies, and adaptive devices such as eyeglasses and hearing aids.

The services offered are based on priorities established by the County HIV Care Consortium. The project provides needed housing and support services under the Continuum of Care plan in connection with other transitional and permanent housing and services programs for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS. The activities are consistent with the City of Tucson and Pima County Consortium Consolidated Plan.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Pima County Community Services
Tucson, Arizona
\$698,598

In southeastern Arizona, the City of Tucson Section 8 Division, the People with AIDS Coalition (PACT for Life), and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation

collaborated in a 1994 competitive grant to Pima County Community Services to operate a project to prevent homelessness and maximize self sufficiency by persons with HIV/AIDS.



State of Arkansas

Arkansas Department of Health,
Division of AIDS/STD

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Arkansas
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996	\$434,000
FY 1997	\$489,000
FY 1998	\$506,000
FY 1999	\$552,000

*The State population is 2.5 million and
there are approximately 2,515
individuals living with HIV/AIDS.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

Beginning in 1996, the State of Arkansas was eligible for HOPWA formula allocations. The Arkansas HOPWA Formula Grant is administered by the Arkansas Department of Health's Division of AIDS/STD. The Department of Health, in conjunction with the project sponsors, AIDS Outreach of Arkansas, Inc. And the Ryan White Consortia, provide statewide housing assistance and supportive services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Program Accomplishments

Short-term housing assistance and supportive services are provided through the statewide network of the Ryan White Consortia. The Statewide Housing Network of AIDS Outreach of Arkansas, Inc., a non-profit agency that also administers the Shelter Plus Care program, provides a tenant based rental assistance and supportive services. The State population is 2.5 million and there are approximately 2,515 individuals living with HIV/AIDS. In the 1998 program year, funds were allocated for the following activities:

- 1) Emergency short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance as well as supportive services to prevent homelessness;
- 2) Tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to provide increased permanent housing; and
- 3) Supportive services to assist in the utilization of Shelter Plus Care monies.

A total of 269 persons living with HIV/AIDS received housing assistance in the program year.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Arkansas Department of Health, Little Rock
\$ 997,251

The Arkansas Department of Health used 1994 competitive grant funds to support a comprehensive system of care for AIDS service delivery undertaken in Little Rock and Pulaski County.



State of California

Office of HIV/AIDS

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The State of California has been an Eligible State since the inception of the program in 1992. Prior to the initial receipt of HOPWA funds, the Governor designated the Office of AIDS to be the grantee for the State.

Key Facts

Service Area: State of California
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 1,106,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,801,000
FY 1994 \$ 2,684,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,980,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,933,000
FY 1997 \$ 2,229,000
FY 1998 \$ 2,288,000
FY 1999 \$ 2,427,000

The State of California program has a dual emphasis on permanent housing and rental assistance.

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Following consultation with an ad hoc committee formed of consumers, service providers and housing professionals, the OA decided to distribute HOPWA funds by formula to the Title II consortia located outside of the EMSAs. Over 4,000 persons living with AIDS (PLWA) currently reside in the non-EMSAs. Usage has been approximately as follows: short-term rental, mortgage and utility assistance: 60%; supportive services: 17%; facility operating costs: 17%; tenant based rental assistance programs: 5%; and resource identification: 1%.

The local HIV Care Consortia determine the use of funds. In the smaller Consortia (Counties with less than 100 PLWAs), the funds are typically used for rental assistance and services. The eleven counties with more PLWA are required to use a percentage of their allocation(s) for development of permanent units or planning for that development. Additionally, these HOPWA and State General Funds are made available on a competitive basis for development projects located in these eleven counties.

Program Accomplishments

The Office of AIDS has made significant changes to the administration of the State HOPWA Program. A dual approach in allocating HOPWA funds has been established and has proven successful. In an effort to encourage the development of affordable long-term HIV/AIDS housing, eleven counties were designated

eligible to begin the development of this type of housing. The other 33 counties were determined to be too small, less impacted by the disease and without sufficient resources to begin the development of housing. These 33 counties continued to receive formula funding, which is typically used for short-term rental, utility and mortgage assistance.



HOPWA Programs in California

The following eleven counties were designated eligible to begin development of long-term units for HIV/AIDS clients: Fresno, San Luis Obispo, Sonoma, Kern, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Monterey, Santa Cruz, Ventura, San Joaquin, Solano.

In 1997 the State's new HOPWA Competitive Program funded 22 units for a total of \$194,000. Projects included 9 apartments, 4 duplex units, and a five bedroom transitional house. It is anticipated that 30-40 additional units will be funded in the 1998 Competitive Program. Supportive service provided independent living skills training, counseling, and other services to help meet the needs for these clients to learn to live independently.

Los Angeles, CA

Los Angeles Housing Department

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

Since 1993, the Los Angeles HOPWA formula grant has been administered by the City of Los Angeles Housing Department. It provides housing and supportive services to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families throughout the Los Angeles-Long Beach Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). Prior to a statutory change effective in 1993, Los Angeles County served as the HOPWA grantee for this geographical area. The Los Angeles County wide HOPWA Advisory Committee, comprising members with diverse expertise in the AIDS housing and services arenas as well as persons who are HIV infected, serves as the formal advisory body to the City of Los Angeles on all matters related to the administration of the HOPWA grant.

The program employs a wide variety of strategies for providing housing for homeless person or persons at risk of homelessness living with HIV/AIDS in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Programs in this category include emergency food and shelter, supportive services, and transitional housing which help families living with HIV/AIDS secure and maintain affordable housing and related services.

Key Facts

Service Area: Los Angeles, CA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 2,917,000

FY 1993 \$ 7,219,000

FY 1994 \$ 9,266,000

FY 1995 \$ 8,943,000

FY 1996 \$ 7,979,000

FY 1997 \$ 10,102,000

FY 1998 \$ 10,144,000

FY 1999 \$ 8,769,000

The Los Angeles program developed 48 additional independent living units.

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Program Accomplishments

Between April 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998 the program provided an array of housing and supportive services. Three affordable housing complexes were opened adding 48 units to the existing inventory of 66 units of independent living, making a total of 114 units. 1,965 persons were assisted with rent, mortgage and /or utility assistance and 197 households were



assisted with tenant based rent subsidies and are currently receiving supportive services. 40 households are currently supported with project-based subsidies and support services. A food pantry program expansion was implemented and has provided 10,600 persons with 116,500 bags of food. Supportive services continue to provide a variety of services that support affordable independent living. High need continues to require deep subsidies for long term independent living. Food and transportation are emerging as critical links to the success of medical regimens that allow people to maintain their housing and consider entering the work force.

STUDY ON THE HOUSING NEEDS OF PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS IN LOS ANGELES.

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The City of Los Angeles commissioned Shelter Partnership, Inc. to conduct a study and prepare a report on the housing and social service needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS throughout the County of Los Angeles. This study is only the second major study in the nation to examine the housing needs of low-income people with HIV or AIDS in a metropolitan area. The first study of homelessness among people with HIV/AIDS was conducted by Philadelphia's Office of Housing and Community Development in 1996. Communities that undertake these needs assessments and plans have sought to: describe the housing needs of PWAs; identify and evaluate the available housing and services; identify gaps in housing and services; develop strategies for filling gaps in housing and services; coordinate HOPWA and Ryan White CARE Act funding activities; and prioritize future funding allocations.

The LA study broadly defines "homelessness" to include not only people living on the streets or in a car, abandoned building or homeless shelter, but also those who once lived on their own but had to "double up" with family or friends.

(Surveys were conducted by Shelter Partnership staff of clients, housing providers and service providers.) Data from 61 housing programs were collected 34 social services and health care programs 785 PWAs at 77 housing, social services, and health care sites were collected from July through December 1997.

Demographics of the PWA Survey Respondents (selected findings)

Thirty-seven percent of the PWA survey respondents were Latino/Hispanic, thirty percent were African American, twenty-eight percent were White, four percent were Native American/American Indian, and three percent were Asian/Pacific Islander.

Sixty-five percent of the surveyed PWAs had been homeless at some point in their lives and had experienced homelessness an average of 2.3 times in the past 3 years. Fifty percent of the PWAs who were not currently homeless believed that they were at risk of becoming homeless.



Fifty-three percent of the PWA survey respondents had to move at least once since becoming HIV Positive. The two most significant factors that prevented PWAs from getting housing were not having enough money to pay for housing and not knowing what was available or how to access available housing.

About one-half (52%) of the PWA survey respondents had ever applied for any type of housing assistance or subsidy. Of these, eighty percent had received or were currently receiving some type of housing assistance or subsidy.

The 61 surveyed housing programs operated 545 beds for PWAs. Of these, 349 (64%) were located in the City of Los Angeles and 196 (36.5%) were located in the County of Los Angeles.

Housing Preferences of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS

Almost half (47%) of the PWA survey respondents lived in an apartment, condominium, townhouse, or house. Seventeen percent lived in a licensed AIDS residential facility; eight percent lived in a homeless shelter; and two percent were living on the streets, in a care, or in an abandoned or condemned building.

The three most important neighborhood features to the PWA survey respondents were liking the neighborhood, accessibility to public transportation, and being near the doctor or health care. The building features that were most important to the PWA survey were building amenities; individual bathroom, kitchen, etc.; and individual sleeping spaces. The three program features that were most important were affordability, no waiting list, and sober living environment. According to the PWAs, the five most important social services in improving their quality of lives and in allowing them to remain in their housing were: food, financial assistance, medical care, transportation, and case management.

Developing HIV/AIDS Housing

The surveyed housing, social services, and health care providers and PWAs were all in agreement regarding the top four housing options most needed by persons living with HIV/AIDS: (1) long-term rental/mortgage assistance to keep PWAs in their own homes, (2) subsidized independent living in an apartment with linkages to social services, 3) transitional housing, and (4) emergency shelter.

Recommendations

The following are some recommendations resulting from the surveys and interviews conducted. The recommendations are not listed by priority or weight but in order of the report sections.

1. Increase the financial resources available to PWAs so that they can improve their quality of life and remain housed.
2. Increase the availability of substance abuse treatment programs to poor persons.
3. Increase homeless prevention activities so that PWAs remain housed.



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4. Increase the awareness of PWAs regarding available housing and how to access the available housing.
5. Increase the ability of PWAs with mental illness, substance addiction, and dementia, and those who are chronically homeless to access housing.
6. Increase the number of emergency shelter and transitional housing beds for PWAs.
7. Determine if the following subpopulations need more access to HIV/AIDS housing programs: families, men with children, pregnant teens, runaways and homeless youth, women with children, and emancipated youth.
8. Determine why PWAs are moving frequently and what, if any, actions should be taken to slow this movement.
9. Increase the financial resources available to PWAs so that they can access affordable housing.
10. Facilitate the movement of PWAs into appropriate housing when their health declines and increase the housing options available to PWAs in their communities.
11. Consider the following features when developing new housing: (a) neighborhood features: accessibility to public transportation, near doctor or health care, and low crime rate; (b) building features: building amenities, individual sleeping spaces, and paid utilities; (c) program features: affordability, no waiting list, and quick intake/application process.
12. Ensure the availability of the following services to PWAs: food, financial assistance, medical care, transportation, and case management.
13. Ensure the availability of the following housing options to PWAs: (1) long-term rental/mortgage assistance to keep was in their own homes and (2) subsidized independent living in an apartment with linkages to social services.
14. Increase the awareness of the need for HIV/AIDS specific housing.
15. All stakeholders need to engage in planning processes the maximize resources available to persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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Oakland, CA

City of Oakland

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Oakland is the grantee for the Oakland EMSA that includes both Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The City contracts with the Community Development Department of Contra Costa and the Housing and Community Development Department of Alameda County to carry out its objectives under the

HOPWA program.

At first glance, the differences between the two counties may seem greater than the similarities. Contra Costa County (CCC), which encompasses over 800 square miles, is nearly twice the size of Alameda County (438 square miles); yet its population, approximately 894,000, is only about two-thirds that of Alameda County (1.36 million). Similarly Alameda County (AC) with 5,303



cumulative case of AIDS reported as of March 31, 1998 has more than two and one-half times the number of cases as CCC with a cumulative total of 1,929.

When comparing HIV/AIDS epidemiology, however, the demographic similarities are striking.

- in both counties, gay white men comprise the largest proportion of AIDS cases;
- the epidemic has hit the African American community the hardest;
- injection drug use is increasingly the route of infection;
- correspondingly, the incidence of AIDS among women has grown;
- the majority of cases in both counties are in the northwestern cities: the Richmond-Oakland corridor.

Key Facts

Service Area: Oakland, CA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 448,000

FY 1993 \$ 1,072,000

FY 1994 \$ 1,905,000

FY 1995 \$ 1,438,000

FY 1996 \$ 1,611,000

FY 1997 \$ 2,229,000

FY 1998 \$ 1,591,000

FY 1999 \$ 1,670,000

A licensed ten bed facility was developed as a residential care facility for chronically ill.

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In the focus group sessions held at AIDS services and housing agencies in both counties, consumers indicated that, for them, the jurisdictional boundaries of the county are mostly irrelevant. They are more concerned with the availability of, and access to, housing and services than they are with in which county they obtain them. The prevailing transportation corridors reinforce this view, particularly BART, which cut across both counties and route all travel to San Francisco through downtown Oakland.

Given these realities, the City of Oakland, as the HOPWA grantee, is committed to doing EMA-wide multi-year planning which incorporates and assists the implementation of recommendations made in the two counties' AIDS Housing Plans. As a major participant in the Ryan White Care Act funding as well, the City of Oakland is in a unique position to see that HOPWA and Ryan White needs assessments, priority setting and funding decisions are coordinated to help ensure that existing and planned HIV/AIDS housing programs have sufficient support service subsidies over the long term to effectively achieve their goals of housing stabilization, health improvement and quality of life enhancement.

The needs of low-income persons living with AIDS, and their families, are remarkably consistent across the two counties. The emerging population of HIV/AIDS in other counties is similar in that this population is living with multiple challenges, not just HIV/AIDS. These persons need assistance from a variety of systems, including housing, medical care, mental health, drug treatment, child and family, and employment.



The Alameda County AIDS Housing Plan was completed in 1995 and the Contra Costa County AIDS Housing Plan was completed in 1996. Both counties along with the City of Oakland initiated a comprehensive community-based needs assessment and planning process to examine the housing needs and resources available for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Seattle-based AIDS Housing of Washington (AHW) facilitated both processes which included consumer surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews, visits to HIV/AIDS housing and service providers throughout the counties, analysis of existing research, and a series of public meetings.

More than 1,000 people living with HIV/AIDS were consulted regarding their needs and preferences through the use of written surveys and focus groups. These open processes helped assure that the outcomes would be reflective of the many subpopulations impacted by HIV/AIDS in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Program Accomplishments

Housing Assistance

Increased supply of independent housing:

1. Creation of shallow rent subsidy program to assist households who have some money to pay rent, but not enough to maintain their housing without significant sacrifices in other critical area such as food and utilities. Funded as a Special Project of National Significance in the 1996 HOPWA national competition, Project Independence is providing a shallow rent subsidy to 120 households per year. A similar program in Berkeley serves 20 additional households.
2. Increase access to Section 8 certificates and Shelter Plus Care units. A proposal was submitted which yielded 35 Shelter Plus Care tenant-based assistance certificates specifically for people with AIDS.
3. Creation of clean and sober transitional housing linked to permanent housing has been accomplished. Twenty-eight units have been created and 6 more are in development.
4. Establish licensed, service-enriched emergency housing for people being discharged from hospitals that still need medical attention but are homeless. A licensed ten-bed facility was developed as a residential care facility for chronically ill (RCF-CI) and is able to provide the medical, social and nutritional care that this population requires.

Supportive Services

Improved access to services which can help people living with AIDS remain in safe, appropriate independent housing, particularly case management, in-home support, including home care and nutritional services, and the State Drug Reimbursement Program. Most of the activities in this area have occurred among CBOs. The success of Eden I&R's AIDS Housing Information Program has taken some of the burden for housing counseling and referral off of community-based case managers, who have been more able to focus on service related referrals. Funding a process to develop and fully implement standards of service helps to assure equal access to services for AIDS housing residents wherever they live in the counties.



Other

To increase the capacity of AIDS housing providers through technical assistance. Targeted technical assistance has been provided in the form of small grants to HIV/AIDS housing agencies to obtain assistance to strengthen their ability to provide and expand AIDS housing services. Five TA contracts to date have been used to secure licensing, to obtain project management services for development, and to pursue organizational development goals to strengthen existing agencies.

While community acceptance issues are an ongoing challenge, positive strides have been made in this area for all types of affordable housing. In addition to broad-based work on this issue, community acceptance activities occur for every project, oriented to the needs of the particular project and its surrounding community.

HCD and Resources for Community Development were recently awarded a Best Practices award by HUD for their collaborative community acceptance successes in the Concord House project. Concord House comprises eight units of semi-shared living in a residential neighborhood for individuals and their families with HIV/AIDS. It was opposed by many neighbors but recently opened with a warm reception from the community. The high quality of the buildings, which are in scale with the neighborhood, and the adjacent single family home-development and sold to first time homebuyers, made the project work in the area.

Riverside, CA

Office of Neighborhoods and Community

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The Riverside HOPWA formula grant serves Riverside and San Bernadino Counties. Prior to the City qualifying to serve directly as the grantee in 1993, this area was part of a grant administered by the State of California.

Program Accomplishments

The provision of housing was identified as the highest priority service need for HOPWA funds. The housing services that were specifically identified were assistance with short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments and information services. In the past year, 991 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their family members received housing assistance through the Riverside HOPWA program.

The supportive services provided under this reporting period were health care, home health care and case management. A Supportive Housing Study has been completed. The results of this study are used as the basis for making decisions on the utilization of HOPWA funds for short-term, intermediate and long-term housing needs of persons with AIDS and their families.

The City of Riverside in cooperation with other public agencies (City of Cathedral City, County of Riverside and Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency), nonprofit agencies (Coachella Valley Housing Coalition) and for profit agencies (Hemet Federal Savings and Loans and California Equity Funds) acquired, developed, and rehabilitated thirty-nine units in the City of Cathedral City.



Key Facts

Service Area: Riverside, CA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1993 \$ 522,000

FY 1994 \$ 892,000

FY 1995 \$ 1,020,000

FY 1996 \$ 1,078,000

FY 1997 \$ 1,230,000

FY 1998 \$ 1,276,000

FY 1999 \$ 1,372,000

HOPWA funds are used for case management and supportive housing services.

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Twenty-five units will be set aside for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS at an affordable rent and priorities will be given to individuals for the remaining 13 units. The opening ceremony is scheduled for Spring 1999. Desert AIDS Project provides supportive services such as health services, food, counseling, case management and legal assistance.

During this funding year, the HOPWA Coordinating Committee provided short-term housing assistance and supportive services through the HOPWA funding source. The Committee has been using the results of the Supportive Housing study for the comprehensive planning for long-term housing needs of persons with AIDS within this EMSA.

Sacramento, CA

Sacramento County Department of Human
Assistance

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Overview

HOPWA is administered by the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance for the Sacramento EMA which is comprised of the counties of El Dorado, Placer and Sacramento. Each annual HOPWA allocation is distributed for use in the three counties based on the proportions of AIDS cases.

According to the State Office of AIDS, the cumulative number of AIDS cases in the three counties from 1981 through August, 1998 were: 138 in El Dorado, 125 in Placer and 2,599 in Sacramento. Project sponsors are the County of El Dorado, the County of Placer and CARES, a case management agency in Sacramento. In 1995, the community-based HOPWA Advisory Group developed the EMA five-year Plan (1996-2000).



Key Facts

Service Area: Sacramento, CA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$ 538,000
FY 1996 \$ 548,000
FY 1997 \$ 613,000
FY 1998 \$ 613,000
FY 1999 \$ 656,000

Emergency short-term assistance is available, which consists of help with rent, mortgage and utilities in order to prevent homelessness.

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Program Accomplishments

Emergency short-term assistance is available, which consists of help with rent, mortgage and utilities in order to prevent homelessness. Long-term housing pays a portion of monthly rent for those people meeting income and other criteria.

Supportive services are also available. A search is currently underway to secure transitional housing (with an overall minimum of 12 bedrooms) at three distinct sites for eligible singles and for families with children where at least one family member is HIV positive. This housing will be for those persons who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness and who have low to very-low incomes. Appropriate services will be available for a range of clientele, from those who are able to transition into the work world to those whose health is erratic or who have developed significant disabilities. Services will be aimed toward an enhanced personal sense of independence and self-determination, which will have different meanings for different individuals depending on their health status. In addition, stabilization of a person's situation will substantially contribute to the effective use of HIV/AIDS medications.

To date in the Sacramento-EMA, the HOPWA program has been the difference between housing and homelessness for many indigent and low-income persons struggling with HIV/AIDS. Without HOPWA, they would either be on the streets or in a variety of precarious living situations with very negative impact on their health. Although there has been some controversy about "The Homeless" in the area, those with HIV/AIDS who have not been at issue. In part, this is due to the practiced discretion with which providers of services have operated and to on-going community educational efforts.

The Sacramento-EMA HOPWA Advisory Group will be critically evaluating the Five-Year Plan in the next few months, with emphasis on the apparent shifts in the demographic groups most infected and the impact of major medications improvements—which have extended life for many but have also contributed to the increased incidence of serious chronic diseases. At the same time, those who cannot tolerate the new medications will continue to need more traditional approaches.



Case Study: Avalon House, Sacramento, CA

HOPWA funds were used to help purchase a structure for a six-bed AIDS Hospice, Avalon House, for persons with a prognosis of six months or less to live. Located in Sacramento suburb, Avalon House is the only AIDS Hospice in Northern California. In three years, Avalon has been home to 95 individuals with end-stage AIDS. Avalon has served low-and very low-income men and women of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, individuals with dual or triple diagnoses (HIV/AIDS, substance abuse and/or psychiatric), and regardless of sexual orientation. In addition to private rooms and meals, residents receive all needed medications, medical equipment, 24-hour attendant care, 24-hour on-call RN and Social Worker services, palliative care, case management, emotional and spiritual support, legal assistance, dental care, drug treatment, physical therapy and services for the recently blind, among others. Some services and bereavement counseling are also available to family members and loved ones.

San Diego, CA

Department of Housing and Community
Development (HCD)

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

As of October 1, 1998, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), a department of the County of San Diego, assumed all grantee and sponsor responsibilities for the administration of the HOPWA Program from the City of San Diego.

The HOPWA Program currently provides funding for the following housing activities for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH): transitional housing (six community residences), long-term supportive care housing (two community residences), independent transitional housing (one substance abuse community residence), long-term scattered site housing (rent subsidy program) and acquisition/rehabilitation project-based housing (two facility-based housing projects). Additionally, HOPWA also funds affordable housing information/referral services and moving services for PLWH.

The following community-based agencies are sponsors of HOPWA projects: Being Alive San Diego (moving services), Community Housing of North County (22-unit project-based housing), Fraternity House, Inc. (two licensed long-term supportive community residences), PACTO Latino AIDS Organization (two transitional community residences), St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc. (three transitional community residences), Stepping Stone of San Diego (one transitional independent community residence) and Townspeople, Inc. (affordable housing information/referral services and 8-unit project-based housing).

Using 1997 population figures, epidemiological estimates for incidence of HIV/AIDS cases in San Diego County is 11,700, with almost 4,000 cases of diagnosis of AIDS (based on the FY 1999 Ryan White CARE Act Title I Grant Application for San Diego County). Approximately 83% of San Diego's PLWH have an income 300% below the poverty level. Although males continue to be



diagnosed and reported most frequently with AIDS, a steady growth in the number of females is seen.

Key Facts

Service Area: San Diego, CA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 535,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,245,000
FY 1994 \$ 2,053,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,912,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,721,000
FY 1997 \$ 2,101,000
FY 1998 \$ 2,092,000
FY 1999 \$ 2,168,000

An average of 85 to 100 rent subsidies are currently provided to men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS.

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Recent reporting show males at 91% of cases diagnosed, and females at 9% as compared to 97.8% for males and 2.2% for females in 1985. Eighty-one percent of the cases are in the age range of 20 to 44, with 48.5% of total cases falling within the 30 to 39 age range. The majority of cases are seen among men who have sex with men, although recent increases have been reported with heterosexual injection drug users and other heterosexual transmission categories in keeping with national trends.

A significant over-representation of African-Americans diagnosed with AIDS is noted when compared to their proportion in the population of San Diego County. Approximately 13.3% of recent cases have been diagnosed and reported among African-Americans in comparison to 6% representation in the population of San Diego County. The proportion of whites diagnosed with AIDS was slightly lower than their represented county population (59% vs. 62%), Hispanic cases were higher than their county population (25% vs. 23%) and diagnosed cases of AIDS for Asians and others is at 2.7% as compared to 9% of the county population.

According to the San Diego County Regional Task Force on the Homeless Regional Homeless Profile report (May 1998), HUD's definition of homelessness is helpful in identifying those in greatest need.

However, the definition excludes two additional forms of homelessness that persons living with HIV/AIDS experience in San Diego: (1) marginal homeless, which refers to those who are living in overcrowded conditions or staying with friends, and are unable to pay rent, or; (2) temporary homeless, which refers to those who may be periodically or episodically homeless.

The National Commission on AIDS states that up to half of all Americans with AIDS are either homeless or "in imminent danger of becoming so because of their illness, lack of income or other resources and weak support networks." Of the estimated 4,000 cases of AIDS in San Diego County, approximately 1,200 persons are surviving on a monthly income of less than \$600. Of these, it is estimated that 300 persons with active cases of AIDS are in need of shelter assistance. For FY 97-98, only 125 emergency/transitional shelter beds were available throughout the County for persons with AIDS (71 of these beds are funded through HOPWA). Of the current adult urban homeless population of 5,900, indications are that about 900 urban homeless persons in the County may be



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HIV-infected. HOPWA funds currently meet only approximately 10% of the housing needs for PLWH in need of assistance and support.

There are at least three unique local factors which influence HIV/AIDS program planning and implementation: geographic diversity, migration and a significant military presence (FY 1999 Ryan White CARE Act Title I Grant Application). San Diego County is over 4,000 square miles, with the vast majority (60%) of San Diego's PLWH living within the central urban core. The other 40% of cases live out among suburban and rural communities in four distinct geographic regions. The availability of general health and social service programs is scarce in many of these areas, let alone accessibility to specialized HIV services. Round trip travel distances in excess of two hours are not uncommon and the public transportation system is inadequate as compared to other jurisdictions. The local HIV/AIDS services planning bodies have devoted extensive effort towards developing regional service delivery systems, to at least provide a base level of health care, housing and supportive services in all areas of the County. Economies of scale, however, prohibit the replication of all needed services in every region. Over half the local resources are still targeted for programs that attempt to serve the entire jurisdiction.

A State Office of AIDS report (based on National Death Index data) comparing individual's residence at time of diagnosis to residence at time of death shows that 6.2% of San Diego's HIV-related death are among individuals who were diagnosed and reported elsewhere. Isolating intra-state migration, 63% more PLWH move to San Diego after their diagnosis than PLWH who leave San Diego after their diagnosis. Local reports suggest that inter-state movement of PLWH to San Diego is much higher, as 18%-19% of service recipients surveyed during three separate needs assessments reported that they were diagnosed in communities outside of San Diego County. Implications of these data are that federal funding sources under-fund the County in relation to the actual number of PLWH, and that many PLWH in San Diego are recent arrivals who are less likely to: (1) have established relationships with HIV/AIDS service providers, (2) be aware of available resources, and (3) have effective family and other support relationships within the community.

San Diego's Balboa Naval Hospital is one of two HIV medical care sites in the world for all U.S. Navy and Marine personnel. The hospital has provided HIV care to thousands of seropositive individuals. While the military provides high-quality medical care, their patients often must seek other care and supportive services, including housing, from resources in the community. Once they have been diagnosed with AIDS, they are discharged from the military, but can choose to continue medical care with the military or fully access community resources. In either case, the majority find it necessary to access local housing programs for assistance and support. The large number of active service members and veterans identified in the local needs assessment survey (19%) helps to document that many of these men and women do remain in San Diego. The demographic profile of this group is similar to San Diego's low income and under-served communities, but without the family and community support systems that local residents have developed over a lifetime.

The major HIV/AIDS planning activity for San Diego County was the **1998 HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment**. Conducted and coordinated through the County Office of AIDS Coordination, the purpose of the needs assessment is to gather information in order to re-evaluate all HIV/AIDS services, education and other activities in San Diego County.



A working group was established by the HIV Health Services Planning Council to oversee the design and implementation of the needs assessment process. The working group is comprised of over 50 representatives of the joint City - County HIV Housing Committee, the HIV Consumer Council, the HIV Prevention Community Planning Board, the HIV Health Services Planning Council and providers of HIV-related care and treatment, housing and prevention services and activities. Between mid-November 1997 and mid-June 1998, the working group met 14 times, with an average attendance of fifteen to twenty individuals.

The major portion of the 1998 HIV/AIDS consumer-based needs assessment consisted of: 1) data collected through surveys on quantitative information about services used, needed and considered priority, housing needs and family-related needs; 2) qualitative information gathered from consumer focus groups and interviews regarding critical needs, quality of services and barriers to services from affected community group members or key informants; and, 3) regional planning meetings targeting regional community leaders, consumers and providers in Central San Diego, Southeast San Diego, North County, East County and South Bay.

Consumer survey responses were received from 1,433 people (out of 8,000 surveys distributed county-wide). This level of response was unprecedented locally, if not throughout the country. Survey responses received were representative of the epidemic by geographic area, age, gender, HIV health status, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation and mode of transmission. Over forty consumer focus groups were conducted, with 355 individuals participating, representing 26 different community groups and subgroups affected by HIV/AIDS. Five regional community meetings were held to discuss care, treatment and housing needs, and were attended by over 120 unduplicated individuals, including agency representatives, community members and consumers.

An analysis of the data gathered from the consumer surveys, the focus groups and the regional community meetings places housing as the fifth highest priority and concern for PLWH in San Diego County. The urgency for adequate and affordable housing is heightened by the fact that the County currently has a less than 2% vacancy rate and many property owners are refusing to accept rental assistant recipients as tenants.

Program Accomplishments

The HOPWA Program currently funds the following housing activities for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) in San Diego County:

- Facility-based housing: The County funds six transitional group homes and two long-term supportive care group homes with a total of 71 beds for PLWH. Five of the transitional group homes provide 41 beds for up to four months for men and women. The sixth transitional group home provides independent group living for up to ten individuals who have successfully graduated from an inpatient substance abuse rehabilitation program. Successful residents can live in this home from 90 to 120 days. The two long-term supportive care group homes are licensed through the State of California and provide 24-hour care for up to 20 men and women. Additionally, HOPWA funds were utilized to create 22 units in the northern region of the County and eight units in Southeast San Diego through acquisition/rehabilitation activities.



- Rental assistance: An average of 85 to 100 rent subsidies are currently provided to men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS. The rental assistance is provided to PLWH living throughout the County, with a significant number living in the City of San Diego. The average rent subsidy is \$320 per month and the majority of individuals assisted are single adults.

Additionally, the following related supportive services are funded through the HOPWA Program:

- Housing information and referral services: 5,345 requests for affordable housing information and referrals were filled by Townspeople, Inc., in FY 1997-1998. Of these, 452 PLWH visited the agency for the first time during the fiscal year. As part of their activities, Townspeople keeps a daily census of group home beds and is able to refer consumers and their advocates to agencies with available beds.
- Moving services: Being Alive San Diego provided moving services for 380 persons during 1997-1998 through their Helping Hands Program. 328 of those assisted were adults and children living with HIV/AIDS and 52 were other persons in the family who also benefited from the services.

Currently, there are two projects in development in San Diego County. The first is a new construction project by Stepping Stone San Diego. It will be built on the site of their current drug and alcohol treatment center and will provide 31 beds for individuals dealing with substance abuse issues. Fifteen of the beds will be designated for PLWH who are also dealing with substance abuse issues. This project is slated to open in April, 2000. The fifteen beds are in addition to the ten beds currently provided through Stepping Stone's independent rehabilitation community residence.

Mercy Charities is the sponsor of the second project. A former convent building, located on the grounds of Mercy Hospital, will be rehabilitated to provide 22 units. Ten of the units will be Single Room Occupancy (SRO) and 12 will be one-bedroom units.

The home functions as the primary source of stability in people's lives, and, until housing needs are met, treatment or rehabilitation efforts are seriously jeopardized. Homeless adolescents are also a growing population of concern, many of whom are at high risk for HIV due to practices of trading sex for drugs, food, shelter or protection. This group also includes many trans-border youth subjected to organized prostitution in San Diego's parks and migrant camps.

Local barriers to safe and stable housing for PLWH are:

- limited amount of affordable housing units in San Diego County (below 2% vacancy rate). Affordable housing units either are not stable or in safe neighborhoods, or located in geographic areas that do not provide adequate and appropriate HIV/AIDS health, care and treatment services;
- limited supply of community residences and residential recovery and treatment resources for people with alcohol or drug problems;
- persistent and critical lack of adequate housing, community residence or otherwise, for PLWH with accompanying mental illness;



- perceived danger and/or discrimination in some existing homeless shelters for individuals who are identified as PLWH or homosexual;
- waiting lists in excess of ten years for Section 8 and similar housing programs

San Francisco, CA

San Francisco Redevelopment Agency

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The San Francisco HOPWA formula grant, funded since 1992, serves people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the San Francisco Metropolitan Statistical Area which consists of Marin, San Mateo, and the San Francisco Counties. As of October 31, 1998, there were 8,483 persons living with HIV/AIDS

in these counties as reported by the State of California Office of AIDS. Currently, there are over 3,600 individuals on the San Francisco HIV/AIDS Housing Waitlist (HWL) in need of housing assistance. This is more than three times the total number of beds accepting referrals from the HWL.

The City and County of San Francisco designated the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (the Agency) as the lead agency to administer the HOPWA funds. As part of the Agency's on-going efforts to improve housing services to persons with HIV/AIDS, the five-year HIV/AIDS Housing Plan issued in 1994 was updated in April 1998. As a result of that update, the Agency has sought to supplement the efforts of the existing rental assistance contractor with a partial rent subsidy program. The rental assistance program alone has not been able to serve the housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS. The Agency will also continue to develop housing permanently dedicated to serving persons with HIV/AIDS as part of larger affordable housing developments throughout San Francisco.

Program Accomplishments

The Redevelopment Agency distributes HOPWA funding for four primary activities which are described below:

New Construction, Acquisition and Rehabilitation of HIV/AIDS Housing:

Since 1993, \$20.2 million of HOPWA funding has been committed towards 19 capital projects, totaling 252 housing units or beds (14 of these projects are completed and are in operation). These new construction and acquisition/rehabilitation projects include licensed residential care facilities, independent living flats, permanent housing units (singles and families), and transitional housing. Additionally, there are six capital projects currently under evaluation by the Agency for possible HOPWA funding. The majority of the construction is based on recommendations from the five-year HIV/AIDS Housing Plan. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$3.4 million was issued April 1998 to encourage the capital development of HIV/AIDS-specific affordable, supportive housing. An additional NOFA for approximately \$3.0 million is being developed by the Agency.



Key Facts

Service Area: San Francisco, CA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 3,635,000
FY 1993 \$ 6,647,000
FY 1994 \$ 11,664,000
FY 1995 \$ 11,360,000
FY 1996 \$ 8,828,000
FY 1997 \$ 9,412,000
FY 1998 \$ 8,528,000
FY 1999 \$ 8,510,000

Since 1993, \$20.2 million of HOPWA funding has been committed towards 19 capital projects, totaling 252 housing units or beds (14 of these projects are completed and are in operation).

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Rental Assistance:

Current rental assistance programs include an emergency short-term program to prevent homelessness in San Mateo and an on-going tenant-based subsidy program in San Francisco. These programs might be considered the most significant of all housing programs due to the large number of recipients served. In San Mateo, an estimated 246 people with HIV/AIDS and their families received assistance in fiscal year ending March 31, 1998. In San Francisco, HOPWA funds are used for a scattered site rental assistance program operated by Catholic Charities and administered by the San Francisco Housing Authority. Approximately 300 to 325 rental subsidies are funded monthly. One of the biggest barriers to meeting the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in San Francisco is the challenging rental market. The supply of available and affordable rental units is very limited. For individuals who do receive a subsidy, it is often difficult to find an appropriate place to live because of rental prices that exceed the Fair Market Rent levels set by HUD. In San Francisco, a \$1.2 million HOPWA Partial Rent Subsidy Program is currently being implemented. The 18 month pilot program is intended primarily to serve individuals and households who already maintain a rental unit, but due to their units' high rent levels in relation to their incomes, are at-risk of homelessness. An estimated 150 households will be served by this program which has a job-readiness and education component. The program will also serve the homeless, medically frail population through a collaborative arrangement with the Department of Public Health.

Supportive Services:

Supportive services were provided to approximately 1,170 unduplicated clients during fiscal year ending March 31, 1998. The scope of services ranged from general case management and housing assistance services to more health intensive services required by individuals living in higher level care facilities.

Housing Information and Technical Assistance:

San Francisco continues a contractual relationship with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, a national non-profit intermediary, which assists nonprofit groups using HOPWA funds to implement more cost-effective and efficient housing and service programs for persons with HIV/AIDS.



San Jose, CA

Department of Housing

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: San Jose, CA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$ 553,000
FY 1996 \$ 547,000
FY 1997 \$ 616,000
FY 1998 \$ 620,000
FY 1999 \$ 649,000

The services provided include housing, long-term and short-term, as well as one-on-one counseling, benefits counseling, and other direct services.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The HOPWA grant administered by the City of San Jose, Department of Housing serves people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in Santa Clara County.

The Health Department in Santa Clara County reports about 2,000 cases of AIDS in the San Jose metropolitan area. The San Jose homeless population is estimated to be at 10%-15% HIV-infected, according to the AIDS/HIV Community Service Plan. The largest number of AIDS cases currently occurs in the 30-39 age group. Overall, people living with HIV/AIDS are living longer and the overall new cases of AIDS is declining, however because of increased longevity, the need for services continues to increase.

Program Accomplishments

HOPWA funds were used through a competitive process, to fund services through three community service agencies. The services provided include housing, long-term and short-term, as well as food, practical support, one-on-one counseling, benefits counseling, in-house support, and other direct services as well as family counseling.

The three service providers the program year were AIDS Resource Information Services Center (ARIS), Emergency Housing Consortium (EHC) and Visiting Nurse Association's (VNA) AIDS program. While ARIS concentrated on the provision of housing, and placing individuals in group homes, EHC and VNA worked on short-term housing placement as well as outreach to at risk youth, case management, benefits counseling and in-house medical assistance. Both programs work through a cooperative effort between HOPWA and the County Health Department's Ryan-White funding.



Santa Ana, CA

Community Development Agency

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Santa Ana, CA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992	\$ 296,000
FY 1993	\$ 1,101,700
FY 1994	\$ 955,000
FY 1995	\$ 1,005,000
FY 1996	\$ 960,000
FY 1997	\$ 1,082,000
FY 1998	\$ 1,086,000
FY 1999	\$ 1,143,000

Last year, fifty-three households were assisted with tenant based rental assistance, with an addition 588 individuals receiving supportive services.

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Grantee and Community Profile

Since 1993, the Orange County metropolitan area's HOPWA formula grant has been administered by the City of Santa Ana's Community Development Agency. The program serves people living with HIV/AIDS and their families throughout the County.

Prior to a statutory change in 1993, Orange County served as the HOPWA grantee for this area.

The City of Santa Ana has contracted with the County of Orange to provide supportive services for persons with HIV/AIDS. In turn, the County's Health Care Agency (HCA) has issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) for Qualified HIV/AIDS service providers. Several sub-contracts have been signed with providers specializing in services for HIV/AIDS infected persons.

The City ensures oversight of the County's contract by serving on the Orange County HIV Planning Advisory Council, which oversees all funds that are awarded under contracts for services through the Orange County HCA. An additional contract with AIDS Services Foundation (SF) of Orange County is in place for administration of the TBRA program and Hagen Place. Program administration for these programs is sub-contracted to Solari Enterprises.

Program Accomplishments

During 1997, HOPWA funds were utilized to fund supportive services and tenant bases rental assistance (TBRA). A total of 588 individuals were assisted with supportive services. These services included housing information, emergency housing and utility assistance, hospice services, and transitional housing for substance abusers. Fifty-three (53) households were assisted with TBRA during the report period. Additionally, 25 persons were provided housing at

Hagen Place, a hospice project developed in November 1996 with HOPWA funds. Finally, negotiations for the development of an AIDS care facility are in the final stages. It is anticipated the project will be under construction during this program year.

A dramatic increase in request for hospice services was experienced during the report period. Unfortunately this increase in requests for assistance may be attributable to a decrease in the success



of the new combination therapies used to treat HIV. A second challenge encountered is the lack of a strategic plan to utilize valuable limited public and private funds to meet the increasing needs of those persons with HIV/AIDS. An additional barrier identified is the lack of supportive housing for individuals with dual diagnosis. These individuals are unable to live independently with just tenant based rental assistance.

Housing and Community Development Dept., San Diego County

Competitive SPNS Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: San Diego County
Grant: Competitive SPNS

Allocations:
1997: \$1,053,000

Project goals are to enable the participants to access affordable and appropriate housing, increase their long-term stability in housing, enhance their access to health care and supportive services, and allow able-bodied participants to secure gainful employment.

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In 1997, a Special Project of National Significance grant was awarded for the La Posada Project (Spanish for home) which will provide service-enriched housing opportunities throughout San Diego County. The awarded amount, \$1,053,800, will assist homeless and very low-income HIV positive persons, especially in addressing the needs of women and their children.

The County of San Diego Department of Housing and Community Development's program will create flexible and affordable housing options, including permanent housing units that are integrated within an affordable housing complex. Funds are for: (1) acquisition and rehabilitation of ten apartments in the South Bay region; (2) rehabilitation of a licensed residential care facility in Vista to increase its capacity; and (3) outreach, residential service coordination, and supportive services. Assistance will be delivered in this Enterprise Community.

Activities will be co-administered by the County's Office of AIDS Coordination and its Department of Housing and Community Development. These agencies will be assisted by five sponsors, including South Bay Community Services, Fraternity House, San Ysidro Health Center, PACTO Latino AIDS Organization, and the San Diego Housing Commission. Moreover, to fill supportive or housing services gaps in the continuum of care, six community organizations will work in partnership with the sponsors.

The project will provide housing assistance to at least 270 individuals and 250 family members. Project goals are to enable the participants to access affordable and appropriate housing, increase their long-term stability in housing, enhance their access to health care

and supportive services, and allow able-bodied participants to secure gainful employment. Housing options will include emergency shelter, transitional housing, rental assistance, and licensed



residential care. Tenants will be linked to services with the assistance of bilingual, culturally sensitive case managers.

Santa Cruz Housing Authority

Competitive MDI Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Santa Cruz county

Grant: Competitive MDI

Allocations:

1996: \$800,000

The program provides short term emergency funds, long term scattered site housing assistance and intensive supportive services and treatment for 200 persons with HIV/AIDS who are homeless and having difficulties with substance abuse or mental illness.

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In 1996, a HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative Project grant for \$ 750,000 was awarded to the Housing Authority of Santa Cruz grant to support a collaborative effort by the Housing Authority and the Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP) to provide short term emergency funds, long term scattered site housing assistance and intensive supportive services and treatment for 200 persons with HIV/AIDS who are homeless and having difficulties with substance abuse or mental illness.

The planned program activities are part of the County's five-year strategic AIDS housing plan and are designed to provide a continuum of care from street and country-outreach to permanent housing that promotes independence and minimizes hospitalization for clients who face barriers to receiving and maintaining housing in the rural areas, small towns and medium-sized cities in the County.

The program includes community advocacy with housing providers, neighbors and family members to identify and secure housing, promote community acceptance and family unification.

Ten units of tenant-based rental assistance and short-term emergency payments, such as motel vouchers will be offered in connection with comprehensive case management and supportive services to help maintain a supportive living environment. The support will help clients access care offered from other community sources.

The Housing Authority and SCAP are participants in the Continuum of Care Coordinating Group, which

brings together a wide spectrum of housing and service providers to address strategically local housing needs as well as health care, legal services, personal care and other support for homeless persons, including persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Over \$1.2 million of additional financial and volunteer resources were committed for this project. The planned activities are consistent with the State of California's Consolidated Plan.



Alameda County Housing and Community Development Dept.

Competitive SPNS Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Alameda County, CA
Grant: Competitive SPNS

Allocations:

1996: \$ 1,093,125

*PI began providing its first subsidies
in March of 1997, and at the end of
the first program year had served 122
households including 167 people.*

*Children make up 17% of the
program's beneficiaries.*

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A 1996 Special Project of National Significance grant was awarded for \$1,093,125 to Alameda County, California for Project Independence (PI). The project grew out of Alameda County's Multi-year AIDS Housing Plan, based on priority needs identified by providers and persons living with AIDS.

Project Independence features these components:

- An ongoing shallow rent subsidy determined by a simple formula
- Case management focusing on ensuring participants have the range of services they need to continue to live in independent housing.

The program is administered by the Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department. Three hub agencies provide the rental assistance and case management throughout the County: The AIDS Project of the East Bay, in downtown Oakland, The Ark of Refuge in East Oakland, and the Tri-City Health Center in Fremont. These agencies take referrals from the entire network of AIDS services providers within the County.

The target population for PI is very low-income people living with HIV and AIDS who have a place to live but are at high risk of homelessness due to high ratios of rent to income, and vulnerability due to their disease.

PI began providing its first subsidies in March of 1997, and at the end of the first program year had served 122 households including 167 people. These households include single individuals, adults with partners, and families with children. Twelve of the households have three or more people, and five are families of four or five. Children make up 17% of the program's beneficiaries.

All participants in PI have incomes at or below 50% of are median, and the vast majority (73%) have incomes below 25% of the County median. The maximum subsidy level for participants is determined by a simple matrix based on size of the household and the unit, and ranges from \$150 for a one person studio apartment to up to \$400 for a 3 bedroom or greater family apartment.



HOPWA Programs in California

Because of low incomes and high rents in our area, the average household coming into the program is paying 58% of its income in rent. With the PI subsidy, the average household in the program pays only 35% of its income in rent. While this does not bring most participants to the affordability standard, it nearly doubles the amount of disposable income most participants have. PI has provided moving assistance or first month loans to 10 households who have moved into better housing situations and five households have benefited from accessibility modifications.

During the program's first year, 24 participating households were terminated or became inactive. This includes seven people who died, four people who obtained permanent subsidized housing, six people who moved out of the area, and one person who returned to work and became over income. Only three participants left or were terminated from the program because they were unable to continue living independently even with the assistance of PI.

After the first year of operations, PI surveyed its participants about their level of satisfaction with the program. 58% agreed with the statement that "the subsidy level is very helpful and has made a significant impact on my ability to remain housed." 31% said the subsidy level was "adequate" and made a difference in connection with other assistance. Only 9% said the subsidy was "barely adequate" and they continued to feel at risk. 100% said that Project Independence had made a difference in their overall health and well being, and 85% said they would be in danger of homelessness without the subsidy.

Since PI began, many communities have requested Alameda County's AIDS Housing Plan and Project Independence policies and procedures, and several communities have begun similar programs. We have found that the PI model is both replicable and cost effective.

Lutheran Social Services of Northern California

Competitive MDI Grantee

Lutheran Social Services of Northern California will receive HOPWA funds to support the Bridge Project under a 1996 HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative Project grant for \$ 1,200,000.

The Bridge Project is a transitional program that provides rental assistance and integrated services for up to 18 months in a residential hotel setting. The project was also the recipient of funds received under the Ryan White CARE Act. The HOPWA funds will be used to serve the target population of homeless adults living with HIV/AIDS, who are chronic substance users and/or mentally ill, and who either have no stable income or receive General Assistance.

The program will serve 360 clients during the three year grant period. The project is based in the Tenderloin neighborhood of San Francisco, and represents a collaboration of six agencies. The program is intended to serve people who have a long history of instability, and who have either been unable to access, or are alienated by existing service systems.



HOPWA Programs in California

By combining stable shelter with on-site services, the program offers chronically homeless individuals an opportunity to improve their health and well being, while addressing issues which have contributed to their homelessness.

Key Facts

Service Area: San Francisco, CA

Grant: Competitive MDI

Allocations:

1997: \$ 1,200,000

The Bridge Project is a transitional program that provides rental assistance and integrated services for up to 18 months in a residential hotel setting.

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Incorporating a philosophy of harm reduction, the program strives to eliminate barriers which often prevent individuals who are active substance users from accessing stable shelter and essential services. The program operates in four privately owned residential hotels, and maintains a program office at each site. Clients in the program pay 30% of their income for rent.

Staff from the agencies function as a multi-disciplinary team, and are available on site at the hotels to provide a range of services which includes: primary medical care, home nursing services, mental health services, substance use management counseling, case management, benefits advocacy, nutrition counseling, support groups, and health education. While in the program, clients will be assisted to obtain stable income and stable housing.

Bernal Heights Housing Corporation

Competitive MDI Grantee

In 1996, a HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative Project grant for \$ 845,541 was awarded to support a collaboration by the Bernal Heights Housing Corporation, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Legal Services for Children, and the Edgewood Family Center.

The Housing and Outreach Transitional Strategies Collaborative (HOTS) will be formed to assist homeless families with dependent children who are living with HIV/AIDS and also impacted directly by substance abuse and/or mental illness. By linking existing AIDS housing and service providers with low-income family and homeless service providers, the project intends to aid 45 families or approximately 95 adults and 120 children.



Key Facts

Service Area: San Francisco, CA

Grant: Competitive MDI

Allocations:

1996: \$895,541

The project will assume a child-centered approach which focuses on the needs of the entire family prior to and after the death of a family member.

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The grant will be used to acquire four units of permanent supportive housing, and develop a one-stop integrated case management service delivery system that includes housing, mental health and substance abuse services, AIDS care and supportive services and children's services. A comprehensive outreach program will engage the participants in the streets and shelters while admissions and coordination will be done through the Centralized Housing Information and Placement Services (CHIPS).

The project will assume a child-centered approach which focus on the needs of the entire family prior to and after the death of a family member. The development of a long-term plan for the placement of the child after the death of a guardian will begin in advance of the crisis. An aftercare program for children and guardians will also be present to address many of these issues.

Educational forums will be held to instruct participants on health issues, skill development, domestic violence, and parenting. Two case managers and three respite and recreational coordinators will be available in the housing unit and the Edgewood Family Center.

The project is consistent with the state of California's Consolidated Plan and will support the 1995 Continuum of Care and the 1994 Five Year HIV/AIDS Housing Plan for San Francisco.

West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation

Competitive SPNS Grantee

The West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation received a 1996 Special Project of National Significance grant for \$1,076,200. The grant will support an "Enhanced Management" model project to integrate property management, advocacy and referrals for supportive services, on-site community activities and crises support to maximize independent living for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families in metropolitan Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Consortium for Service-Coordinated AIDS Housing will carry out and adapt activities for eight independent living projects and will assist at least 350 PWAs and 300 family members.



Key Facts

Service Area:

Los Angeles metropolitan area

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Allocations:

1996: \$ 1,076,200

The Los Angeles Consortium for Service-Coordinated AIDS Housing will carry out and adapt activities for eight independent living projects and will assist at least 350 PWAs and 300 family members.

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The consortium is a cooperative venture of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, the Trinity Learning Center of Project New Hope, and the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

Activities will include resident service coordination to enhance access to services as needed, job development to create flexible volunteer and work opportunities, the production of procedures manuals and other materials and support to improve tenancy relations. Assistance will respond to clients who may otherwise fall away from support networks at times of crisis.

The project will be assisted by the National Resource and Policy Center on Housing and Long-Term Care at the University of Southern California and a research associate at Brandeis University to analyze program effects over three years.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Marin County Community Development Agency

San Francisco metro area, California

\$ 1,100,000

In the San Francisco metropolitan area, a 1995 SPNS grant was made to provide rental assistance throughout the suburban and rural areas of Marin County.

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS

San Francisco, California

\$ 718,372

The San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS operated Rafiki House, an innovative program for working with homeless and indigent persons with drug problems. Rafiki House estimated that over 1,700 individuals received some form of supportive services, and 200 benefited from rental assistance.



1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

Tarzana Treatment Center, Inc.

Tarzana, California

\$ 1,000,000

A project by the Tarzana Treatment Center, Inc. in metro Los Angeles provided emergency and transitional housing to 150 California State prison parolees who were HIV-infected or AIDS-diagnosed. This 1994 competitive grant provided clients with support to remain drug-free in a structured environment and transitional support in preparation to a return to their communities.

1992 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency

Sacramento, California

\$ 500,000

These 1992 HOPWA funds were used for rental assistance and supportive services helped to establish a continuum of care that addressed different levels of need by clients with a highly-coordinated comprehensive range of housing assistance and services.



Denver, CO

Denver Community Development Agency

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Denver, CO EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 300,000
FY 1993 \$ 709,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,414,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,055,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,009,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,126,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,117,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,164,000

The Denver, CO program had developed 81 units of permanent housing for persons living with HIV and AIDS.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Denver Community Development Agency (CDA) administers the HOPWA program for the Denver Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The area includes Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties. The three main project sponsors are the Colorado AIDS Project, The Empowerment Program and People of Color Consortium Against AIDS. As of September 30, 1998, the number of reported cases of HIV/AIDS in the Denver MSA was 6,125. The HIV/AIDS Housing Advisory Committee provides support to CDA for the planning of the HOPWA funds. This committee is comprised of individuals from AIDS service organizations, the Mayor's Office of HIV Resources and the HIV/AIDS affected community, and will update the AIDS housing needs assessment during the spring of 1999.

Program Accomplishments

The primary use of HOPWA funding is for emergency, short-term support. This rental assistance keeps individuals and families from becoming homeless. The Colorado AIDS Project, The Empowerment Program and People of Color Consortium Against AIDS administer both a rental assistance and homeless programs. The HOPWA program has developed 81 units of permanent housing specifically for individuals and households living with HIV/AIDS. Additional supportive service funding is provided by the Mayor's Office of HIV Resources with Ryan White Title funds.

In August 1998, the Colorado AIDS Project opened a housing services office. This office oversees the majority of AIDS housing requests in the metro area. The program administers the Section 8 voucher program, a homeless project, landlord/tenant issues, HOPWA case management for HOPWA funded

projects in addition to other subsidy programs. This office also maintains a housing waiting list. Since August 1998 over 170 clients have benefited by utilizing this centralized housing service approach. The Denver metro area has seen a high demand for real estate due to increased growth. This has resulted in extremely low vacancy rates and a reduced supply of available projects for low-income development. The overall vacancy rate for the Denver metropolitan area is 3.9% with the vacancy rate for affordable rental housing at or near zero. Low-income households living with HIV/AIDS find it most difficult to obtain decent housing at an affordable rate.



State of Connecticut

Department of Social Services (DSS)

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Connecticut

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 433,000

FY 1993 \$ 882,000

FY 1994 \$ 1,331,000

FY 1995 \$ 1,162,000

FY 1996 \$ 620,000

FY 1997 \$ 792,000

FY 1998 \$ 934,000

FY 1999 \$ 920,000

Twenty-three AIDS housing and service providers operated scattered-site apartments and community residences.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) administers Connecticut's HOPWA formula grant. The state coordinates distribution of the HOPWA funds to avoid duplication of effort among service providers and to ensure effective program operations through timely and efficient payments. In collaboration with DSS, the Connecticut AIDS Residence Coalition (CARC) coordinates program activities which enable clients to receive safe, affordable and permanent housing that enhances their quality of life. As a conduit for all State-supported programs addressing the needs of its target population, CARC provides a continuum of care statewide for Persons living with HIV/AIDS.

From 1992 to 1994, the State HOPWA grant served the entire state. In 1995, when the City of Hartford became eligible for HOPWA formula funds, it selected DSS as a Sponsor so that it could continue to develop its programming in collaboration with CARC. When the City of New Haven became eligible for formula funds in 1996, it continued funding the providers previously funded by DSS and monitored by CARC. A combination of City and State formula funding continues to support the implementation of the CARC statewide service plan.

Program Accomplishments

DSS and CARC carried out the following activities during State Fiscal Year 98:

- State HOPWA funds were distributed to 24 community-based AIDS service and housing organizations selected through a grant-in-aid process.
- Supportive housing was provided for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families in twelve communities. Twenty-three AIDS housing and

service providers operated scattered-site apartments and community residences, some with 24-hour care, respite or hospice care in connection with a range of supportive services.



Funding leveraged by HOPWA funds has enhanced Connecticut's housing network. For example, the State committed bond funds of \$4.3 million to acquire, rehabilitate and construct AIDS housing projects. The State appropriated an additional \$1.3 million and received \$1.5 million in private contributions to operate these residences and offer related services. In FY 98 the State reported that 843 persons with HIV/AIDS and their families received housing subsidies, 2,244 persons received supportive housing and 4,139 persons received housing information.

DSS, in collaboration with CARC, will continue to modify the Connecticut AIDS Housing Plan so that it communicates the housing service needs of people with AIDS. Particular attention will be placed on the emergency housing assistance fund offered through the Statewide Ryan White Title II consortium administered by the Department of Public Health and the Housing Assistance Fund through the Greater Hartford Ryan White Title I EMA.

DSS will share information with other services providers in AIDS/HIV service delivery, special needs housing programs and programs serving the homeless to educate social service providers on the housing resources available to people with AIDS so that they can address the needs of their client population with increasing effectiveness.

DSS will continue to look for opportunities for State and local government leaders to interact with the providers of AIDS residential housing. DSS will maintain its active role in the planning and policy development of CARC and other coalitions, including the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness and the Connecticut Housing Coalition.

Unmet needs.

- 20-50% of people living with AIDS will need help with housing.
- During the first six months of 1998, 496 people requested access to an AIDS residence, but 50% were denied due to lack of space
- Of the 10,000-15,000 persons in Connecticut estimated to be infected with the AIDS virus, at least 2,250 of them will need some form of supportive housing in the next ten years.

Hartford, CT

City of Hartford, Department of Social
Services

Formula Grantee

To provide access to housing and services for persons with AIDS (PWAs) on a regional basis the City continued to coordinate efforts with the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services and The Connecticut AIDS Residence Coalition (CARC). CARC is a statewide organization representing housing and services providers whose philosophy states "that all people have a right to safe, affordable and permanent housing that enhances their quality of life." CARC was responsible for developing

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Hartford, on behalf of the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), received formula allocations through the HOPWA program..

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HOPWA Programs in Connecticut

Standards of Care describing the best practices of operating supportive housing programs for people living with HIV/AIDS. The standards provide a framework for a continuum of responsive, supportive housing and service option for people with HIV disease. All programs receiving HOPWA assistance in the MSA follow these standards. The standards also speak to the regional needs identified in the City's Consolidated Plan for access to safe, affordable and supportive housings for PWAs.

Key Facts

Service Area: Hartford, CT
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$ 592,000
FY 1996 \$ 535,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,020,000
FY 1998 \$ 743,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,413,000

*The number of housing units available
through AIDS housing programs totals
138.*

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In keeping with the decision that was made within the context of the Consolidated Plan, the City contracted with State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services,, to run the HOPWA program in the Hartford MSA. This process has been used since Hartford became eligible for a HOPWA formula allocation in 1995.

Allocation of funds was predicated on the State's commitment to:

- Continued funding for the Hartford housing program;
- Maintenance of services to PWAs
- Providing access to housing and services for PWAs across the region; and
- Coordination of City efforts with the State Department of Social Services.

At the time the Consolidated Plan was written there were three housing programs within the city of Hartford which received HOPWA support, two programs receiving support outside of the city and one program providing services throughout the MSA. During this period, year three of the Con Plan, service has expanded to include five programs within the city, three programs outside of the city and one program providing services throughout the MSA. The MSA covers 58 towns out of the 169 towns in the state of Connecticut. Agencies receiving HOPWA funds in the MSA include: City of Hartford, State of Connecticut, Tabor House, Center City

Churches, Chrysalis Center, Community Renewal Team, CT AIDS Residence Coalition, HRA New Britain, Mercy Housing & Shelter Corporation, Perception Program, and St. Phillips House.

Program Accomplishments

The Hartford MSA HOPWA program provides scattered-site apartments and community residences, some with 24-hour care, respite or hospice care; technical assistance; rental assistance; and operating funds all with a broad range of supportive services. The number of housing units available through AIDS housing programs totals 138. Of these 74 are in group residences and 64 are scattered-site. During the period of July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998 there were 402 requests for housing by people with



HIV/AIDS from the Hartford HOWPA MSA. The cumulative number of reported AIDS cases in the MSA through March 31, 1998 totals 3,496.

The City actively engages in soliciting community input. Based on experience, staff conducts outreach through regularly scheduled meetings of community and provider groups. City staff have found that attending community meetings, rather than scheduling meetings hosted by the City specifically to gather input, is an effective way to solicit feedback and generally results in increased participation and citizen comment. Citizen participation efforts involved two public hearings, two community meetings, one of which was held at an elderly housing complex, two provider outreach meetings, the sharing of information on HUD programs at numerous other meetings and the provision of technical assistance.

In addition, City staff works to foster collaborative relationships in carrying out services for special needs populations. Staff works closely with CARC and relies on them for consultation regarding the implementation of the HOPWA program within the MSA. Working with CARC, the City has been able to collaborate with Ryan White activities, community-based organizations, people with HIV disease, and housing and service providers to understand the needs that exist throughout the MSA. Hearing those needs first hand, and working with organizations throughout the MSA to address them, has helped the City become a partner in the process.

Activities funded during the program year include: technical assistance, housing information services, resource identification, case management, rental assistance, and facility-based housing. Services include case management, live-in management, permanent housing placement, meals, adult day care, child care, and personal assistance. Since 1995 five new client support programs were put on line, one new emergency day shelter became operational and one new program providing case management services was funded.

New Haven, CT

City of New Haven, Health Department

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City became eligible for a HOPWA formula allocation in 1996. The New Haven grant serves the New Haven-Meriden Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area. Prior to that the area was included under the State's allocation and the city continues to fund programs developed and implemented by the Connecticut AIDS

Residence Coalition (CARC) under the State program.

Program Accomplishments

In its 1995 five-year Consolidated Plan, the City of New Haven noted that its Health Department estimated that as many as 13,000 city residents may be HIV-positive and 496 may be active AIDS cases. City project include the following:



Key Facts

Service Area: New Haven, CT

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996 \$ 403,000

FY 1997 \$ 969,000

FY 1998 \$ 724,000

FY 1999 \$ 1,214,000

The Connecticut Hospice Cottage is a residential model facility which provides high intensity clinical services, as needed, to acutely ill persons living with AIDS.

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Funded under HOPWA, the Connecticut Hospice Cottage is a model residential facility which provides high intensity clinical services, as needed, to acutely ill persons living with AIDS. Staffing includes a nurse manager, assistant manager, home health aides, and volunteers. The Cottage program assists residents in performing of routine activities of daily living while encouraging an independent and enhanced quality of life.

CARP is a New Haven based non-profit agency committed to providing supportive housing and associated services to specific populations. The transitional living program provides transitional housing to homeless people living with HIV/AIDS. Length of stay does not exceed two years. The supportive living program and the independent living program are permanent housing programs providing housing to homeless and financially needy individuals living with HIV/AIDS. All CARP programs provide a range of supportive services which help develop and maintain the residents' abilities to live independently in the community.

City of Bridgeport

Competitive MDI Grantee

In 1997, a HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative grant for \$1,270,000 was awarded in Connecticut, to the City of Bridgeport and the Connecticut AIDS Residence Coalition (CARC) along with seven project sponsors to initiate a three-pronged program to assist persons living with AIDS who also have severe and persistent mental illness and/or chemical dependence.

Included will be stabilization and orientation for clients in emergency shelter, development of a transitional living program (with goal formation and support to obtain those goals), and discharge planning that includes access to permanent housing. The program will also provide follow-up services in the community.



Key Facts

Service Area: Bridgeport, CT

Grant: Competitive MDI

Allocations:

1997: \$1,270,000

Transitional housing will help a minimum of 14 single adults, 10 single mothers attempting reunification with their children and 12 families.

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Project sponsors will provide intensive outreach, especially in the City's Enterprise Community. To help stabilize homeless clients, emergency shelter will be provided to a minimum of 100 people with HIV/AIDS and their families. In addition, transitional housing will help a minimum of 14 single adults, 10 single mothers attempting reunification with their children and 12 families. This structured transitional living program, which uses a combination rehabilitation and recovery model, fills a large gap in Bridgeport's continuum of housing for the target population. After completing the transitional program, clients will be assisted in moving to permanent housing via a bridge fund.

In an innovative method for vocational rehabilitation, some clients will be involved in developing a mailing services micro-enterprise that has already garnered pledges of business from area organizations. The program is consistent with Blueprint for the Future: Connecticut's AIDS Housing Plan (developed by CARC) and a 1996 HIV/AIDS care needs assessment for the greater Bridgeport area and Evergreen Network. Sponsors include the Helping Hand Center,

Catholic Family Services, the Regional Network of Programs, the Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center, and Alpha Home and Bethel Recovery Center.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

State of Connecticut Dept. of Social Services

State-wide, Connecticut

\$ 998,648

A Special Projects of National Significance grant was awarded in 1995 to enable the Connecticut Department of Social Services, in collaboration with 14 non-profit

organizations and foundations, to support housing assistance for people living with AIDS and their family members.

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

Connecticut Department of Social Services

Statewide Connecticut

\$ 1,000,000

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services, Family Services Division, provided rental assistance and supportive services for 84 persons with HIV/AIDS and their families under a 1994 competitive grant.



State of Delaware

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

State of Delaware EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1997 \$ 410,000

FY 1998 \$ 434,000

FY 1999 \$ 113,000

As of September 30, 1998, the Consortium had 95 active vouchers statewide, representing nearly 200 individuals and family members, thus doubling their original anticipated client caseload.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The program is administered by the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA), a public corporation in the Delaware State Department of Housing, which has the power to make mortgage and other loans to both for-profit and nonprofit housing sponsors. DSHA also owns and operates Public Housing, and acts as a community development agency. DSHA operates the following programs in Kent and Sussex Counties only: Section 8 Certificates and Voucher Program, Public Housing, Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grants Program, and the Public Housing Homeownership Program.

The HOPWA grant covers five geographic subsections. These subsections are: the City of Wilmington, New Castle County, the City of Dover, Kent County and Sussex County. Within the City of Wilmington are 923 cumulative reported diagnoses of AIDS/HIV cases and another 544 outside the City of Wilmington, for a total of 1,467 in New Castle County. Besides these cases, there are 191 cumulative reported cases in Kent County and 294 cumulative reported cases in Sussex County. Currently, in Delaware are 977 reported cases of people living with AIDS.

The Delaware HIV Consortium is the project sponsor for DSHA's HOPWA grant. The Consortium is the statewide community-based HIV program leader and works collaboratively with service providers, civic leaders and public health professionals. It also works with people with HIV and community members to insure that quality and non-duplicative HIV treatment and prevention services are available throughout Delaware.

The Delaware HIV Consortium initiated a statewide rental assistance program with FY97 HOPA funding based on a 1996 Housing Needs Assessment conducted by Legg Mason Realty Group. The Delaware HIV Consortium looked at many factors and used data from various sources to document a substantial housing gap for people with HIV. The consortium found:



- Sixty-one percent of respondents to the Delaware HW Consortium's 1996 Client Assessment Survey showed housing assistance as their primary unmet need.
- A one week sample of the Division of Public Health's case management records show 33 case managed people with HIV as either homeless or in emergency transitional housing.
- Delaware State Housing Authority's 1996 Housing Needs Assessment estimates a potential housing gap for AIDS population to be as high as 575.

These statistics documented an overwhelming need for housing for people living with HIV/AIDS. However, because the available funding was limited, the Consortium sought to provide housing and supportive services to as many people as possible in the most cost-effective way. The Consortium decided to link its existing extensive system of supportive services, which the Ryan White Title II Care Act funds, to its HOPWA tenant-based rental assistance program. In doing so, the Consortium could make available most of its HOPWA grant funding through direct housing subsidies. The Ryan White Care Act grant provides a myriad of supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS, such as case management, mental health counseling, early treatment intervention services, transportation, food and dental care. The Consortium also offers referrals to HIV medication and patient education. Consequently, the Consortium has used housing as a way to enhance existing resources, thus giving HIV-positive people access to an excellent continuum of care.

Program Accomplishments

The DSHA awarded its FY97 HOPWA funding to the Delaware HIV Consortium to run a housing assistance program to persons and families living with HIV and AIDS and coordinated with services provided under the Ryan White Act. The program is offered on a statewide basis to offer permanent housing to a minimum of 40 low income individuals and families living with HIV or AIDS. The Consortium developed a Provider Manual and a Client Manual that case managers and prospective clients of the rental assistance program use with DSHA to create a housing unit inspection system.

As of September 30, 1998, the Consortium had issued 95 active vouchers statewide, representing nearly 200 individuals and family members, thus doubling their original anticipated client caseload. Very low income individuals and families held ninety-eight of the vouchers including 23% held by female-headed households. Additionally, 66% of the beneficiaries are African American, 28% are Caucasian, and 6% are Hispanic. This closely models the State's data on AIDS cases, for example as of July 31, 1998, the racial categories for AIDS cases in the state are: 63% African American, 31% Caucasian, and 5% Hispanic.



HOPWA Makes A Difference

James Benson is 34 years old, a native of Sussex County and a person living with AIDS. In 1982 he became addicted to crack cocaine and used crack cocaine for about 15 years. His life was completely unmanageable. He never had experience a sense of stability within those 15 years, moving back and forth from Sussex County to Wilmington. The severity of his addiction dictated when it was time to make a move. Four months after his arrival in Wilmington he became extremely sick. The family members that he was living with became very concerned and suggested that he go to the hospital. The medical staff recognized the symptoms and asked him if he had ever been tested for the HIV virus. He told them no. The PCR test revealed that he had contracted the virus and was AIDS defined. James was truly devastated about his AIDS diagnosis. He assumed that the AIDS diagnosis was an automatic death sentence. He was admitted into the hospital and was there for two and half weeks. He lost another 17 pounds while in the hospital. Once he felt better he was released to go home. James found the courage to positively change his attitude and behavior towards life and towards himself. He got involved by joining the PWA Coalition, attending support groups, attending a 12 step program and doing volunteer work. James is more in control of his life now. He has a very positive outlook and his self-esteem has improved drastically. One of the reasons for his improvement is the fact that he is now living on his own, renting a nice apartment. He never would have been able to achieve this had it not been for the HOPWA Program. James is on a fixed income (SSDI) and would be unable to afford decent housing without HOPWA assistance. James found out about HOPWA Program by attending the PWA Coalition meetings. James stated that the application process was relatively smooth.

Wilmington, DE

Department of Real Estate & Housing

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Wilmington, Delaware, a new recipient of HOPWA formula funds for 1999, will administer \$485,000 for the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area that includes the City of Wilmington, the remainder of New Castle County and Cecil County, Maryland. Currently funding is used for a statewide rental-assistance program awarded to the Delaware State

Housing Authority and administrated by the Delaware HIV Consortium. Services include: permanent housing, transportation, food programs, mental health and/or substance abuse counseling, day care and pharmacy assistance.



Recently, the City engaged in consultations to help determine the extent to which the most vulnerable populations of persons with AIDS are being served. To find out perceptions of housing services availability for people with AIDS the city reviewed data from the Centers for

Key Facts

Service Area: Wilmington EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1999 \$ 485,000

The Wilmington, Delaware EMSA includes the City of Wilmington, the remainder of New Castle County and Cecil County, Maryland. It is a new recipient of HOPWA for 1999.

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Disease Control and the 1998 Client Needs Assessment and evaluation from the DE HIV Consortium. The City is considering procedures for future funding and will propose options for ongoing evaluation of housing services for persons with AIDS who are not able to access services. The City will use the report as guidance in contracting and evaluating HOPWA services.

As a new grantee, the City's goal is to appropriate funds in an equitable manner while maintaining existing service level. The city is considering contracting with the Delaware HIV Consortium to continue the tenant-based rental assistance program and final decisions will not be made until the FY99 Consolidated Plan is submitted to HUD in May 1999.

HOPWA funds are being administered through the City of Wilmington's Department of Real Estate & Housing. Real Estate & Housing also administers the City's: Community Development Block Grant, HOME and Emergency Shelter Grant Programs. RE&H staff also participates in Delaware's Homeless Continuum of Care and Homeless Planning Council.



District of Columbia

Department of Health Administration for
HIV/AIDS (AHA)

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: District of Columbia

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 1,314,000
FY 1994 \$ 2,292,000
FY 1994 \$ 3,416,000
FY 1995 \$ 4,283,000
FY 1996 \$ 5,026,000
FY 1997 \$ 4,383,000
FY 1998 \$ 5,747,000
FY 1999 \$ 6,475,000

*HOPWA funds were used to provide
housing assistance for 1,531 persons
(adults and children) with HIV/AIDS.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

District of Columbia Department of Health, Administration for HIV/AIDS (AHA) is the HOPWA Grantee for the Washington, DC Eligible Metropolitan Area.

The purpose of AHA is to prevent the spread of HIV transmission and to ensure the management, oversight, planning, and coordination of HIV/AIDS services and programs in the District of Columbia, in collaboration with other government and community organizations. AHA administers the Ryan White Program in the Washington, DC EMA and receives CDC funding for HIV/AIDS prevention and surveillance activities.

AHA is the regional HOPWA Grantee for the Washington, DC EMA. The project sponsors are D.C. CARE Consortium, Prince George's County Government, Northern Virginia Planning District Commission and Berkeley County Health Department of West Virginia. In prior years, AHA had contracted with D.C. CARE Consortium for project sponsorship in the District of Columbia. Beginning in January 1999, AHA will be assuming the role of Project Sponsor in the District of Columbia.

HOPWA funds were used to provide housing assistance for 1,531 persons (adults and children) with HIV/AIDS. The total amount of HOPWA funds expended during the reporting period was \$5,191,944. In the District of Columbia alone there are approximately 279 individuals and 253 families on the AIDS Housing waiting list.

It is estimated that approximately \$4,000,000 would be needed to address this unmet need. The District of Columbia HOPWA program covers all HOPWA eligible activities. P. G. County's HOPWA program funds only rental assistance. Northern Virginia provides rental assistance, housing information, and supportive services. West Virginia offers rental/mortgage assistance and supportive services.



Program Accomplishments

The participating Project Sponsors (in parentheses) and service providers are:

District of Columbia (D.C. Care Consortium)

- Building futures: Family AIDS Housing - rental assistance, supportive services
- Damien Ministries - group home
- Joseph's House - repair/renovation,
- Miriam's House - transitional housing
- Regional Addictions Program, Inc. (RAP) - residential treatment ,transitional housing, repair/renovation
- Residing in Group Housing Together, Inc. (RIGHT) - permanent housing
- Safe Haven Outreach Ministry, Inc. (SHOM) - transitional and permanent housing, supportive services
- TERRIFIC, Inc. - permanent housing
- Whitman-Walker Clinic, Inc. (WWC) - permanent housing, supportive services

Suburban Maryland (Prince Georges County Government)

- Calvert County: Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. rental assistance
- Charles County: Department of Community Services rental assistance
- Frederick County: Housing authority of the City of Frederick rental assistance
- Montgomery County: Housing Opportunities commission (HOC) rental assistance
- Prince George's County: Whitman-Walker Clinic of Suburban Maryland rental assistance

Suburban Virginia (Northern Virginia Planning District Commission)

- Alexandria City: Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority - rental assistance
- Arlington County: Department of Housing, Section 8 Housing - rental assistance
- Fairfax County: Redevelopment and Housing Authority - rental assistance
- Prince William County: Housing and Community Development - rental assistance
- Whitman-Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia - emergency housing assistance
- Wesley Housing Development Corporation - group home

West Virginia (Berkeley County Health Department)

- Berkeley County Health Department - rental/ mortgage assistance, supportive services
- (PWAs), sub-populations, i.e., prisoners and transgenders, etc., and service providers. The result is the soon to be released Five Year Housing Plan. This Housing Plan provides The District of Columbia Government with recommendations for HIV/AIDS housing services in the Washington, DC.
- Coordination with D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCH) for submission of Consolidated Plan/HOPWA application.
- Increased participation of Persons With AIDS (PWAs) in planning, allocation, and evaluation of use of HOPWA funds via public hearings, committees, and needs assessment processes.
- Initiated discussions with DHCD to access CDBG, HOME, ESG and AHA.
- Expanded collaboration with the Community Partnership for Prevention of Homeless to incorporate the JJIV/AIDS continuum of housing and gaps analysis into the Continuum of Care



for Homeless Assistance grant process.

- Collaborated with CBO's on Shelter Plus Care (S+C) grants in response to the 1997 Homeless Programs Super NOFA.
- AHA is developing a Ryan White Title II and Housing Planning Committee to make recommendations for strategic planning.
- AHA attends meeting of the HIV/AIDS Housing Planning Council. The Council is an independent group composed of PWAs, service providers, and activists. AHA intends to use this group as a sounding board for its HOPWA funding allocations.

District of Columbia - 503 Clients assisted with Housing

- Housing Assistance (Short-term):

West Virginia (Berkeley County Health Department)- 207 Assisted with Housing. The Administration has created METRO CARES database (through its internal Data Utilization Committee) to capture information submitted by providers in their monthly reports. This service will bring all providers on-line with reports containing basic information about the numbers of persons served, how many moved forward on the continuum of care or exited the system, their demographics and special needs, and how providers are linking their consumers with other elements of the continuum of care, e.g., Ryan White Care Act. AHA has donated computers, software and technical assistance to service providers for their participation in this system.

The District of Columbia is moving toward outcome/performance measures and service providers' monthly and annual reports tell us whether the measurable objectives of their projects have been achieved as outlined Shelter Plus Care grants and Notice of Grant Agreements (NOGAs). AHA Performance Measures for FY99 include, but are not limited to the numbers of people receiving following services: tenant-based housing; project/sponsored-based housing; short-term housing, utilities and mortgage payments; and information and referral services.

The Administration is analyzing the average cost per client to compare the various programs it funds. This will give us the ability to evaluate the trade-offs between cost and outcomes as we move towards a unit cost fee for service system.



Case Study: Miriam's House

In 1995 Miriam's House officially opened its doors to homeless women living with AIDS and their children under the District of Columbia's HOPWA formula program. In the three years it has been opened, Miriam's House has been home to 24 women and 8 children and served a community in which compassionate attention is given to the housing, medical, personal and spiritual needs of each resident. The Miriam's House facility was once an abandoned building, and reported to have been inhabited by drug addicts and others engaged in illicit activities. The facility was renovated and converted to use for this housing services program.

The Miriam's House program offers comprehensive services and support for recovery and sobriety. This framework supports two programs; a transitional program for women who recover health and move on to independent living, and a hospice program for women who are living their last days. In-house services include addictions counseling, secondary medical care, respite care for mothers, support groups, financial counseling, personal care aide, and transportation to appointments. Off-site services include physical, occupational, speech therapies, medical care, counseling, acupuncture, alternative therapies, adult HIV/AIDS daycare, and NA/AA meetings. Community activities are arranged by staff and residents, bringing the various members together around meals, holidays, and outings.

The obstacles faced by the persons served by Miriam's House are large. Miriam's House clients are for the most part minority females who were homeless and suffering with AIDS; some clients have dependent children; and all struggle under the terrible burden of being among the most isolated and disenfranchised members of our society. Miriam's House strives to address the complexity of the issues facing these women and children in a nurturing and supportive atmosphere of community living.

Whitman-Walker Clinic

Competitive Grantee

The Whitman Walker Clinic of Washington DC received a 1998 Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,080,000. The Clinic will implement a comprehensive housing stabilization, placement and aftercare program for the hardest to reach and most at risk HIV/AIDS population.

The Bridge Back Program, designed to expand and enhance the existing continuum of housing and supportive services, offers a "bridge back" to safe and supportive housing. Bridge Back seeks to optimize and expand existing housing slots as well as provide housing resources, medical, psychiatric and clinical treatments necessary to ensure the well-being of the participants. The



HOPWA Programs in the District of Columbia

Bridge Back program will serve multiply diagnosed individuals (MDIs) living with HIV and AIDS who are homeless or whose housing is in jeopardy. Bridge Back provides a new gateway for homeless HIV & MDIs to become stabilized and placed into housing, or to stay in their current housing.

Key Facts

Service Area: Washington, DC

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,080,000

Thirty-four persons will be served with direct housing and an additional 275 persons will benefit from outreach social services.

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The approach of the program is a multidisciplinary in design. Participants will be screened and assessed to determine the needed level of care, identify therapeutic invention to stabilize and to develop a team-based care plan. Residential and transitional treatment, or stabilization services, will be provided. The program will offer housing placement assistance and aftercare services. Thirty-four persons will be served with direct housing and an additional 275 persons will benefit from outreach social services.

The Bridge Back program uses the clients' personal support systems and brings together the expertise and organizational capacities of many housing organizations and agencies serving homeless individuals, mentally ill, substance abusers and or persons living with HIV/ AIDS. Collaborating agencies include Building Futures, Community Connections, DC Commission on Mental Health, Joseph's House, Miriam's House, RAP, RIGHT, Safe Haven Ministries, Unity Inc. and the Psychology Institute of Washington DC.

Food & Friends, Inc.

Special Purpose Grant

In 1998, Food & Friends, Inc. Was awarded \$250,000 under a Special Purpose Grant. Food & Friends, Inc. is a non-profit organization, based in the District of Columbia. This grant supports their home-delivered meals services program for home-bound persons living with HIV/AIDS, throughout the DC metropolitan area.

Under a provision of the designated FY98 Appropriation Act, the Secretary was authorized to make the selection of one or more nonprofit organizations that provide meals delivered to homebound persons with AIDS, grants not to exceed \$250,000 per grant.



Key Facts

Service Area: Washington, DC

Grant: Special Purpose Grant

Grant Award:

1998: \$ 250,000

HOPWA funds will be used to support the provision of an estimated 800,000 home-delivered meals to an estimated 1,100 persons living with HIV/AIDS in the metropolitan DC area.

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The award to Food & Friends, Inc. significantly contributes to its mission. HOPWA funds will be used to support the provision of an estimated 800,000 home-delivered meals to an estimated 1,100 persons living with HIV/AIDS in the metropolitan DC area during the year. The recipients of this assistance are expected to be very-low income or low-income persons who will be better enabled to remain in their current residences by receiving meals, grocery services and nutrition education.

The organization assesses each client's nutritional needs and adjusts the support being provided. The organization reports that this service is crucial in helping clients attain the physical and emotional support to help fight the debilitating effects of AIDS on good nutrition.



State of Florida

Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Florida State EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 1,048,000
FY 1993 \$ 2,205,000
FY 1994 \$ 2,193,000
FY 1995 \$ 2,368,000
FY 1996 \$ 2,397,000
FY 1997 \$ 2,808,000
FY 1998 \$ 2,902,000
FY 1999 \$ 3,164,000

Services include transitional housing, assistance with short-term rent, mortgage, case management associated with housing, and housing counseling information.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The State of Florida has been the recipient of seven formula HOPWA grant awards since 1992 which have been used to support the housing needs of individuals and families who are living with HIV disease. The HOPWA program is administered by the Department of Health, which contracts with lead agency organizations at the local level serving 52 of 67 counties within the state. The Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Patient Care Resources, is the designated office within the Department of Health which has the lead responsibility statewide for the management of the State's HOPWA program.

Florida utilizes its HOPWA funds to provide housing and support services to low-income individuals and families who reside in areas of the state that do not receive direct HOPWA grants to six eligible metropolitan statistical areas (EMSA's). The State HOPWA allocations are coordinated with the Ryan White Title II CARE Consortia planning body process, which promotes maximum coordination between the various funding sources for HIV services. The HIV Care Consortia provides the Department of Health with needs assessment, planning and prioritizing recommendations for using the HOPWA program.

Program Accomplishments

There are fourteen (14) HIV CARE Consortia throughout the state. Ten plan the use of State HOPWA funds, while the other four jurisdictions' consortia areas are in HOPWA EMSAs.

State HOPWA funds are planned and utilized by the areas: Northwest Florida AIDS Consortium, Central Panhandle AIDS Network, Panhandle AIDS Network, North Central Florida Consortium, Volusia/Flagler AIDS Consortium, SunCoast AIDS Network, East Central Florida AIDS Network, Southwest AIDS Network, Monroe County AIDS Consortium, and The AIDS Consortium of the Treasure Coast.



Supportive services are provided to assist clients maintain level of independence, including case management, housing counseling information and assistance in locating, acquiring and maintaining housing. Housing assistance supported with state HOPWA funds includes transitional housing, assistance with short-term rent, mortgage, utilities, local telephone service, security deposits for utilities and housing units, case management associated with housing, and housing counseling information. The State is committed to preventing homelessness for individuals and/or families with HIV disease, or if already homeless, by transitioning the person(s) back into stable housing as soon as possible. By coordinating HOPWA services through the Ryan White Title II CARE Consortia, HOPWA participants have access to a variety of support services which contribute to these stable housing situations.

The number and amount of housing needs of individuals with HIV and their families have significantly increased over the past years. Funding over a longer period of time is required to sufficiently meet the growing needs of current and prospective HOPWA clients. From July 1997 through June 1998, the Florida State program served 2,288 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their family members. An additional 735 persons received supportive services, with 1,681 persons receiving housing information through HOPWA.

The lack of adequate low-income housing and alternative funding resources to supplement limited HOPWA funds in some consortia areas, primarily the rural areas, have resulted in a need to tighten client eligibility requirements. Clients who would normally be eligible for HOPWA services in less restrictive environments are sometimes put on waiting lists. In addition, there were no HOPWA funds committed for acquisition and rehabilitation of facilities to serve individuals with HIV/AIDS.

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Planning and Economic Development
Department, Community Development
Division

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Planning and Economic Development Department and Community Development Division administers the Fort Lauderdale metropolitan area's HOPWA formula grant. The HOPWA grant serves low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families throughout Broward County. Availability, affordability and accessibility

are major concerns for most PLWA's, and the city is endeavoring to create a comprehensive continuum of care for this population. Housing services provide a safe haven for eligible persons in conjunction with the provision of chemical dependency services, life management skills and mental health treatments. Housing services also provide residents with support, which enables them to focus on integration into the mainstream, thus breaking the homelessness cycle.

Program Accomplishments

The City works with Sponsors to coordinate activities and ensure the maximum use of resources with other providers and funding sources for HIV clients thereby and avoid duplication of services. This collaboration bolsters a new direction for HOPWA funding in Broward County.



Resources are focused on:

- 1.) Establishing collaborative partnerships with other funded agencies;
- 2.) Using a competitive bid process to invite innovative approaches to solve housing needs;
- 3.) Providing technical assistance to service providers to effectively administer programs; and
- 4.) Addressing service delivery concerns to ensure that programs are user friendly.

Key Facts

Service Area:

Fort Lauderdale, EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 1,111,000

FY 1993 \$ 2,308,000

FY 1994 \$ 2,615,000

FY 1995 \$ 2,912,000

FY 1996 \$ 4,036,000

FY 1997 \$ 3,979,000

FY 1998 \$ 4,327,000

FY 1999 \$ 4,186,000

*The City of Fort Lauderdale
instituted a rental voucher program
with 209 rental vouchers issued
within eight months and an
additional 400 persons were placed
on a waiting list for this service.*

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A consumer survey was conducted in Broward County to give persons living with HIV and AIDS the opportunity to express their housing and housing related needs. The assessment instrument developed by the Broward Regional Health Planning Council received input from the HOPWA committee. In addition to basic demographic data, the survey obtained information on the present housing situation and anticipated needs of the respondents.

Of the 875 persons surveyed, the housing resources continuum continues to be the most important factor for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Fifty-two percent of respondents had a need for short-term rental assistance payments. Over 815 requests for this assistance were processed into two years. Forty-one percent of the respondents indicated having a need for assistance in locating safe, decent housing. Long-term assistance with rental payment was expressed by 34% of the respondents. The HOPWA planning committee identified 13 priorities based on deliberations, which considered all available sources of funding. The addition of a new category, Housing for Special Populations, was added to meet an existing void. This includes persons who are visually impaired, dually and tri-diagnosed. The top priorities were:

1. Rental Vouchers/client-based
2. Project-based Rental Vouchers
3. Substance abuse Housing
4. Assisted Living Facilities
5. Emergency Transitional Housing and Substance Abuse Treatment
6. Housing for Special Populations
7. Mental Health, Family Counseling and Housing Transition
8. Direct Financial Assistance and Home Companion/Homemaker



As a result, the City of Fort Lauderdale instituted a rental voucher program. Funds were budgeted to assist 277 persons annually. Over two hundred rental vouchers were issued within eight months. Within a matter of months, 400 persons were placed on a waiting list for this service. The grantee is now exploring an expansion of the program's capacity. Through a competitive process, the City issues contracts to provide housing assistance services, assisted living facilities, substance abuse housing; project-based rental assistance; assistance with short-term emergency rent, mortgage, and utility payments; and Tenant-based rental assistance. These housing services provide linkages to supportive service arrangements with other HIV-related service providers which focuses our efforts while maximizing our resources.

Jacksonville, FL

Planning and Development Department,
Community Development Division

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Jacksonville EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 1,783,000
FY 1995 \$ 732,000
FY 1996 \$ 797,000
FY 1997 \$ 949,000
FY 1998 \$ 839,000
FY 1999 \$ 983,000

*Northeast Florida AIDS Network
provided 493 units of rent and
mortgage assistance.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Jacksonville has been a HOPWA formula grant recipient since 1994. The program is administered by the City's Community Development Division of the Planning and Development Department and serves the Jacksonville metropolitan area that includes Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties.

Program Accomplishments

During October 1997 - September 1998, HOPWA grants totaling \$949,000 were awarded to six subrecipients who administer programs that address the need of homeless and persons with special needs who are infected with HIV/AIDS.

The programs provide three major components of assistance:

- 1.) Shared housing program;
- 2.) Short-term rent/mortgage payments, security deposits and utility assistance; and
- 3.) Shelter and supportive services for HIV/AIDS persons dually diagnosed with substance abuse and/or mental health problems.

The Lutheran Social Services Shared Housing Program matched persons who may or may not be HIV/AIDS infected with rooms to rent in their homes, with 48 individuals seeking a place to live.

Northeast Florida AIDS Network used HOPWA funds to provide emergency financial assistance that



included 493 units of rent and mortgage assistance, 473 units of utility assistance, 161 security deposits and over 4500 units of case management to 312 individuals.

Overlay services were provided to 32 dually diagnosed persons with substance abuse, mental illness and HIV/AIDS that included mental health treatment and structured workshops by River Region Human Services.

HOPWA continued to support the St. Johns Horizon House, a permanent supportive housing facility for persons with HIV/AIDS. Thirty-eight persons received counseling sessions and 24-hour caregiver service in this caring home-like environment. In 1993, nearly a half million dollars in CDBG funds were awarded to Methodist Regional Hospital Systems, Inc. to assist with in the rehabilitation of approximately 30,000 square feet of the old 50-room hospital into individual residences for persons with AIDS. Since then, the City of Jacksonville has continued to support this program through HOPWA.

HOPWA grant funds also supported a residential substance abuse treatment program, including psychiatric evaluations for 56 individuals at Gateway Community Services.

A play area and playground equipment were funded through HOPWA for the University Hospital HIV/AIDS Pediatrics Clinic. The project was not completed during this program year and funds will carry-over to FY 1998-99.

Miami, FL

City of Miami,
Department of Community Development

Formula Grantee

and Economic Development.

Grantee and Community Profile

Since 1993, the area's formula grant has been administered by the City of Miami's Department of Community Development. It serves persons throughout the entire geographic area of Miami-Dade County. In 1992 the HOPWA Grant was administered by the County, Office of Community

Program Accomplishments

With significant community input through the HOPWA Advisory Board's (HAB) meetings, the principal goals established for the use of the HOPWA resources are to serve the neediest, and keep people who are a risk of becoming homeless in their own homes. These goals are being accomplished by providing clients with one or more of the following services: emergency housing assistance, short term housing assistance, long term housing assistance, permanent housing, utilities assistance, special needs assistance and assistance for nutrition.

The Program anticipates:

- 1) increasing the rate at which funds are expended since there has been an increase in capacity of the agencies providing long term housing assistance;
- 2) increasing the number of clients in the long term and permanent housing assistance and



- 3) increase from 856 to 1078 and the annual utilities assistance benefit from \$500 to \$1,200 per client.

Key Facts

Service Area: Miami EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992	\$2,308,000
FY 1993	\$4,697,000
FY 1994	\$5,155,000
FY 1995	\$7,268,000
FY 1996	\$8,359,000
FY 1997	\$8,832,000
FY 1998	\$7,732,000
FY 1999	\$8,418,000

The principal goals established for the use of the HOPWA resources are to serve the neediest of the needy, and keep people who are a risk of becoming homeless in their own homes.

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In addition, the waiting list for long term housing assistance is constantly being reworked in order to balance contracted funds with our agencies' abilities to serve the existing clients who are currently leasing and take additional clients. The number of applicants on the long term housing assistance waiting list as of November 30, 1998 was 586.

The City is optimistic that a more coordinated service delivery effort will be implemented due to the recent consolidation of four local HIV/AIDS service planning/advisory panels into one board.

The Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS services planning/advisory panel was created by county ordinance and is commonly referred to as the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership. This board is comprised of the Ryan White Title I HIV/AIDS Health Services Planning Council, the Ryan White Title II Consortia, the Dade County Planning & Prevention Group, and the City of Miami HOPWA Advisory Board. The Partnership will have a standing committee for housing and housing related issues as well as supportive services.



Coordination of Planning in Miami-Dade County

In 1997 representatives of four existing HIV related planning bodies and four major grantee organizations, i.e.: Miami-Dade County, The Public Health Trust, The State of Florida, and the City of Miami participated in a community-based process to develop recommendations for streamlining the planning and administrative functions of the counties HIV/AIDS related service delivery system. The process culminated in the Dade-County HIV/AIDS Summit which recommended the creation of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership.

On July, 1998, the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership was created by ordinance. The Partnership will serve as the unified planning body for public programs that provide medical care, prescription drugs, housing and many other services to Miami-Dade County's residents living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS. The Partnership conducts needs assessments, interacts with community groups and plans how funding is to be used to address the community's needs. The Partnership is designed to serve as the inter-governmental and inter-community coordinating body for a wide variety of HIV/AIDS related services.

The Partnership is responsible for planning and allocating nearly \$24 million for medical and social services using federal funds that come through Miami-Dade County and State of Florida. The Partnership also plans and provides oversight for prevention activities which is critical to stemming the AIDS epidemic as well as planning and allocating the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program, which comes through the City of Miami, e.g. \$8.4 million in FY 1999.

Much of the funding allocated by the Partnership is intended to fill the gaps that cannot be filled by other programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, Veterans Administration, food stamps, or other housing programs. The Partnership is composed by 37 members that reflects the racial, ethnic and gender composition of the HIV/AIDS epidemic of the County. Over half the members are African American and at least one-third are People Living With AIDS. Many of the members are representatives from local government, care providers, and Ryan White and/or HOPWA program beneficiaries. The Partnership usually meets the second Monday of each month and meetings are open to the public. For more information the Partnership's support staff can be reached at Williams and Stern and Associates, at (305) 573-4002.



Orlando, FL

City of Orlando

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Orlando, FL EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 1,518,000

FY 1995 \$ 811,000

FY 1996 \$ 1,043,000

FY 1997 \$ 1,352,000

FY 1998 \$ 1,058,000

FY 1999 \$ 1,753,000

The Orlando HOPWA program provided short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments assisting 349 new clients in averting imminent eviction and homelessness.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Orlando is the HOPWA grantee for the Orlando EMA. Located in the eastern portion of the central Florida region, the Orlando EMA is comprised of Orange, Seminole, Osceola and Lake Counties. The Local Health Council of East Central Florida (LHC) serves as the lead agency for administering HIV/AIDS funding in East Central Florida. In 1991, LHC developed the first comprehensive AIDS service Delivery plan and created the East Central Florida AIDS Network (EFSCAN) which serves as the Ryan White Title II Consortium for Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties.

In 1994, LHC assisted Orange County in preparing the First Ryan White Title I grant application. The funding was awarded to the County. Shortly thereafter, the County began contracting with LHC to administer Ryan White funds. The City of Orlando then became the HOPWA grantee for the Orlando EMA in 1994. In 1995 in order to realize the maximum benefits of the HOPWA grant, the City began contracting with LHC to administer the HOPWA grant.

Program Accomplishments

The 1997-2000 Comprehensive Service Delivery Plan for the Orlando EMA and East Central Florida Aids Network was prepared by LHC on behalf of the HIV/AIDS Health Services Planning Council. According to the Plan, as of April 1997, the region's estimated population of persons with HIV/AIDS was 5,633 to 8,667 persons. Approximately 3,071 persons in the region are living with AIDS. Almost 43% of all people with HIV have been diagnosed with AIDS.

Funding priorities for HOPWA funds are identified in the City of Orlando 5 Year 1995-2000 Consolidated Plan. The priorities are established through a needs identification process conducted in coordination with the HIV Health Services Planning Council and the citizen participation process for the Annual Action Plan of Housing and



Community Development Programs. The process involves two public hearings, one on housing and community development needs and one on proposed annual action plan activities.

During FY 1998, LHC subcontracted with 5 project sponsors to provide housing and related supportive services to HIV/AIDS clients under the HOPWA program:

1. Centaur; which provides tenant based rental assistance-in scattered sites, direct assistance with short-term rental, mortgage and utility payments, housing-based management services, counseling, information and referral services to assist persons locate, acquire, finance and maintain housing, mental health services-and individual and group counseling;
2. Grand Avenue Economic which provides facility based rental assistance and the - Maxwell Terrace Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Housing Facility which has- 45 HOPWA units;
3. St. Francis House: which provides facility based rental assistance-at a community residence for up to 7 persons;
4. Turning Point of Central Fl; which provides supportive service, substance abuse treatment and counseling; and
5. Arnold Palmer Hospital which provides nutritional services and counseling;

These five sponsors provided the following amounts of housing assistance:

- Tenant based rental assistance - Assisted 72 families and individuals to obtain permanent housing.
- Short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments - Assisted 349 new clients in averting imminent eviction and homelessness.
- Community Residence - Assisted 44 men with the average length of stay of eight months.
- Housing Rehabilitation - Created 45 SRO units through the rehabilitation and conversion of a hotel.
- Expanded the number of housing units created through acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction since 1993 - During FY 97, rehabilitated the St. Francis House Community Residence which houses up to 7 males; During FY 98, rehabilitated 45 SRO units.

The City also notes that language barriers, limitations on Medicaid reimbursements for nutrition supplements and an increased demand of outpatient nutrition referrals cause hurdles in service delivery.

Tampa, FL

City of Tampa, Housing and Community
Development Department

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Tampa administers HOPWA funds for the MSA covering Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, and Hernando Counties.

Tampa's reports that HOPWA funds were used to acquire, expand and support approximately 100 housing units for persons with AIDS and their families in the last operating year.



Organizations funded include Catholic Charities, Tampa AIDS Network, the Family Enrichment Center, Francis House, Agency for Community Treatment Services (ACTS), Red Ribbon Homestead Harbor Behavioral Health Care Institute and Operation PAR:

Key Facts

Service Area: Tampa, FL EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 368,000
FY 1993 \$ 950,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,624,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,539,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,314,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,493,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,541,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,661,000

HOPWA funds were used to acquire, expand and support approximately 100 housing units for low-income persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families

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Program Accomplishments

One-hundred housing units for low-income persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families. Supported with acquisition, rehabilitation and lease of single family and multifamily structures, as well as the provision of housing information services, rental assistance, supportive services and operating costs.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Petersburg acquired and is rehabilitating two duplexes to be used as residences for four low-income single persons with AIDS. Mercy House, a ten-unit residential facility offers suite-style living quarters to women with HIV/AIDS with or without children providing housing for 27 individuals. The City supported the efforts of Catholic Charities in providing a total of \$324,600 to provide residential and supportive services to eligible recipients. Catholic Charities leveraged HOPWA funds through grants and volunteer services and in kind donations, and use of Ryan White grants of \$227,000 rental income of \$54,000 and donations of \$54,000.

The Tampa Housing Authority entered into an agreement with the Tampa AIDS Network to provide 20 -25 families for units of housing in the private market. TAN's supportive housing program has an inventory of 30 units. TAN provides a comprehensive multidisciplinary housing and supportive service program and provides an array of professional and volunteer support services. TAN served 1,384 clients counting bed nights, transportation for 432 persons, nutrition services for 1,050 persons and mental health

services for 202 clients and housing for 429 families and singles.

The Family Enrichment Center provided response services, assessment, referral and coordination of family needs; partner training and education, parent support groups and monitoring and



evaluation, service referral and coordination to other service providers. Francis House served more than 250 unduplicated clients.

West Palm Beach, FL

City of West Palm Beach, Housing and
Community Development Department

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

West Palm Beach EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 468,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,028,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,832,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,427,000
FY 1996 \$ 2,080,000
FY 1997 \$ 2,622,000
FY 1998 \$ 2,490,000
FY 1999 \$ 2,635,000

*The Children's Place and Connor's
Nursery provides services to children
who have HIV/AIDS, and their
mothers. The program served 53
individuals with HIV/AIDS.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

The HOPWA Program in Palm Beach County is administered by the City of West Palm Beach's Housing and Community Development Department. The program is designed to promote long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing and related needs of persons and their families living with HIV/AIDS and related diseases. The HOPWA program coordinates with the Palm Beach County HIV Care Council for planning and prioritizing activities.

This Care Council consists of all HIV/AIDS related funding provided to Palm Beach County, e.g., Ryan White Title I, II and III, General Revenue-AIDS Patient Care/Network, Surveillance/Sero Federal Grant, Prevention Federal Grant, and HOPWA.

Program Accomplishments

The following eight agencies participated as service providers for the HOPWA program during Fiscal Year 1997-1998. Each of these agencies operated under a continuum of care model that was necessary for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The continuum includes case management, counseling, housing assistance and additional resource linkage to ensure continuity of services.

- Hope House of the Palm Beaches, Inc. - This program operates a women and children's facility and a men's facility and provides rental and utility assistance for eligible participants. The program served 181 individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families. The agency has a scattered site (rental assistance) program that provided thirty two- and three-bedroom apartments to participants. The program also has a 14-unit women and children's facility and a 5-bedroom community residence for single men.



- The Children's Place and Connor's Nursery - This program provides services to children up to six years of age. They also work with another HOPWA service provider (Gratitude House) that provides shelter for the mothers of these children. The program served fifty-three individuals with HIV/AIDS. The agency has two cottages, with five nurseries each for participants.
- Emmaus Residence/Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc. - This 8-bed facility provides skilled nursing services to individuals with AIDS who are in the last stages of the disease. The program served fifteen individuals with HIV/AIDS. The program also provided on-site counseling for participants and their families.
- Pahokee Housing Authority - This program provides rental assistance to individuals with HIV/AIDS in the western part of the county where the number of AIDS cases is higher, as a percentage of the total population. The program served 116 individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families. The program has 43 section 8 vouchers for residents living in Belle Glade and Pahokee.
- Florida Housing Corporation - This program provides housing services to individuals with HIV/AIDS. Support Services include employment and education counseling. The program served seventy-two individuals with HIV/AIDS. This program also provides assisted living facilities services to its residents.
- Gratitude House/Gratitude Guild, Inc. - This 12-bed facility is for women who have HIV/AIDS and are trying to overcome substance abuse. The facility offers substance abuse counseling and activities to improve life skills. The program served 25 individuals with HIV/AIDS.
- Haitian American Community Council, Inc. - This program, is geared toward Haitians who have HIV/AIDS and promotes wellness and cultural alliance for the south area of the County. The program served twenty-six individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families. This year the agency added a rental assistance component to it's program for participants who wanted to live independently
- The Comprehensive AIDS Program of Palm Beach County, Inc. - This program provides short-term rent, mortgage and utility subsidies for all eligible individuals with HIV/AIDS residing in Palm Beach County. The program served 928 individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families.

The Palm Beach County HOPWA Program acknowledges that independent living is the preference of those who are capable. One of the objectives in selecting program providers was to fund agencies that allowed for the dignity, safety and personal housing preferences of the individual. This objective was met by designating some funding for the lease of apartments in



the coastal and western parts of the county. The western part of the county has been the hardest affected by HIV/AIDS. The actual housing stock for individuals to receive rental assistance in decent, safe and sanitary housing is scarce.

Another objective of the program was to ensure that services were provided to the age and ethnic groups disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS. In Palm Beach County, the age group of 31-40, accounts for 40% of cumulative AIDS cases. While only 13% of the population in Palm Beach County, African-Americans comprise 60% of all AIDS cases in the county. Many of these individuals, in both groups, are homeless and lack skills for self-support. This objective was met by serving this population and reducing the number of individuals on waiting lists for housing. The City has attempted to be responsive to persons living with HIV/AIDS in Palm Beach County and to design our HOPWA program to fit the community.

The HOPWA Program for FY 1998 featured various housing arrangements and wide availability of complimentary supportive services to include the following:

- Leasing apartments in western Palm Beach County that will provide shelter for single men and women, mothers and children and entire families living with HIV/AIDS.
- Short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to keep persons with HIV/AIDS in an Independent living situation.
- Assisted living facilities that house adults and children with HIV/AIDS and provide 24 hour skilled medical supervision.
- A women's facility that provides housing support and services for chemically dependent individuals with HIV/AIDS
- A culturally specific program for Haitian Americans that provides safe housing and a bridge to services in the community.
- A variety of supportive services including respite care, case management and counseling services
(including nutrition, mental health and substance abuse) were made available.

The City of West Palm Beach experienced no federal procedural barriers in carrying out the program. However, we faced the following significant challenges:

- There is a lack of funding for transitional housing and tenant-based rental assistance. Many agencies were faced with the challenge of serving clients while trying to refer them to agencies that don't focus on serving individuals with HIV/AIDS.
- The lack of resources for individuals who have HIV/AIDS and have mental health or substance abuse problems. Many agencies do not have the resources to treat an individual with these types of problems.

Additional funding is needed for special outreach efforts with racial and ethnic groups including African-Americans, Hispanics and Haitians who have been hit the hardest by HIV/AIDS. Most



of them are not coming into treatment until the last stages of the disease. They have been homeless and without medical care. This population needs funding for rental assistance and vocational-rehabilitation skills most.

City of Key West

Competitive SPNS Grantee

The City of Key West, in conjunction with AIDS Help, Inc. as the project sponsor, will use the HOPWA grant to continue their program under a 1998 Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,150,000.

Key Facts

Service Area:

Monroe County, Florida
Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,150,000

The two goals of the expanded program are to maximize independent living with a continuum of care and to encourage maximization of self-determination through a job training program.

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Funded three years ago by HOPWA, the grant funds direct rental assistance to persons with AIDS in Monroe County, Florida. Monroe County is a rural community which consists of the 120-mile archipelago known as the Florida Keys. The 1994 HOPWA SPNS has proved to be remarkably successful in providing a full continuum of care. The previous grant enabled AIDS Help to offer comprehensive continuum of housing options for PWAs in varying circumstances, from emergency shelter to hospice housing while accommodating independent living.

The two goals of the expanded program are to maximize independent living with a continuum of care and to encourage maximization of self-determination through a job training program. This HOPWA project serves 165 persons with HIV/AIDS with housing assistance and social services as well as 30 family members. An additional 300 persons per year receive social services, for a total of 900 during the grant period.

The rental assistance program is modeled after Section 8, where vouchers may be used in the private rental market or in AIDS Help's own residential program. Coupled with rental assistance is a back-to-work program component in which ten clients per year would be eligible to participate in job training and computer education programs offered by the Florida Keys Employment and Training Council.

This training will be targeted to participants who are responding well to the protease inhibitors and who wish to return to work, yet are in need of continuing supportive services, assisted



housing and medical insurance. Clients also have access to AIDS Help's Early Intervention Clinic. This Clinic is staffed by a volunteer corps of 150 men and women and provides an individual case manager, in-patient and out-patient care, medications and special alternative therapies, prepared food, food vouchers and transportation services. The Key West initiative is linked to 13 community sponsors as well as the City of Key West Health Department.

Local Health Council of East Central Florida

Competitive MDI Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Orlando, Florida

Grant: Competitive MDI

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,205,903

Available under this grant are 15 tenant-based housing units, 20 direct assistance units, 5 assisted living facility units and 22 single room (SRO) units.

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In Florida, the Local Health Council of East Central Florida in Orlando, along with four project sponsors, received a 1997 HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative grant for \$1,205,903. These organizations designed a network that identifies participants, provides housing, and offers treatment to persons with HIV/AIDS, mental illness, and/or substance abuse. HOPWA funds are used for the operation of this network as well as the repair and conversion of an evaluation and assessment center.

The four sponsors are the Allen Outreach and Development Center for client assessment, the Center for Drug-Free Living for counseling and in-patient treatment, Lakeside Alternative for mental health treatment and crises stabilization, and Centaur for housing assistance.

Transitional Case Managers, based out of the Allen Outreach and Development Center, work with clients for 30 days, linking them to services through the sponsors' network of providers. Counseling is provided on the street and in established settings.

Available under this grant are 15 tenant-based housing units, 20 direct assistance units, 5 assisted living facility units and 22 single room (SRO) units, 10 of which are emergency transitional and 12 are for permanent housing.



Housing & Services, Inc.

Competitive MDI Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Dade County,
Florida

Grant: Competitive MDI

Grant Award:

1996: \$1,140,000

This project serves 250 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families with supportive services and program development support.

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Housing and Services, Inc. (of South Florida) (HSI) sponsored undertake the "Share Project," the first coordinated assistance program for multiply-diagnosed homeless persons in Dade County, Florida.

This 1996 award for a HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative Project grant serves an estimated 250 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families who benefit from supportive services and program development support designed to increase their access to appropriate care, including treatment for chronic substance abuse and/or serious mental illness.

The activities are managed by the Miami office of this New York-based non-profit housing provider in coordination with local Florida organizations. The Share Project will involve specialized outreach efforts by Camillus Health Concerns and discharge planning for client transition from inpatient care by Jackson Memorial Hospital.

HSI provides assistance to housing providers on developing and operating supportive housing programs, including the publication of an annual housing services guide for distribution to clients and providers, seminars on property management and service design for programs serving special needs populations, leveraging predevelopment loans, business plans and other program development tools and tracking systems on client outcomes.

The activities are coordinated with other supportive services provided by Dade County Homeless Trust, a public-private partnership on housing and services planning. The proposed activities are consistent with the Metropolitan Dade County Consolidated Plan.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

City of Key West, Housing Authority

Key West, Florida

\$997,672

This HOPWA grant provided housing for persons with AIDS in Key West and Monroe County. The program



was modeled after the Section 8 Program for low-income families, enabling the participants in the program to receive rental assistance vouchers which are used in the private rental market as well as for housing in special AIDS community residences.

1992 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Key West Community Development Office

Key West, Florida

\$447,889

In Florida, the City of Key West, Community Development Office HOPWA funds supported the acquisition and rehabilitation of an 8 unit independent living facility, Seebol Place, for persons with AIDS, featuring a comprehensive range of health care and other supportive services.



State of Georgia

Georgia Department of Human Resources

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

State of Georgia EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 843,000

FY 1995 \$ 899,000

FY 1996 \$ 931,000

FY 1997 \$ 1,106,000

FY 1998 \$ 1,194,000

FY 1999 \$ 1,297,000

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Grantee and Community Profile

The State of Georgia receives HOPWA funds to service 139 of Georgia's 159 counties that are outside of the Atlanta EMSA. Atlanta, together with the 20 counties surrounding the Atlanta EMSA receives its own HOPWA formula funds.

Based upon statistics compiled by the Georgia Department of Human Resources, there were 19,645 documented AIDS cases in the State of Georgia on September 30, 1998. Of that number 14,025 were located in the 20-county metropolitan Atlanta area, and 5,620 were located in the 139 county balance of state. Of these 5,620 cases, 2,617 were located within six (6) smaller metropolitan areas of the State (Athens, Albany, Macon, Savannah, Augusta and Columbus) and the remaining 3,003 cases were located throughout rural Georgia.

In the year ending June 30, 1998, the State of Georgia had HOPWA sponsors in three of the six smaller metropolitan areas of Macon, Savannah and Augusta. Additionally, there was one project sponsor in the rural community of Brunswick. For 1998, the State has developed additional project sponsors in two smaller metropolitan areas located in Athens and Albany, and has new sponsors in five rural areas of Gainesville, Rome, Dalton, Griffin and LaGrange.

Program Accomplishments

The State has worked to develop HOPWA service providers in its service area. However, discovering the amount of time required to develop new sponsors that had the capacity to deliver the program services, the State decided as policy to commit grant funds within the 20-county Atlanta EMSA.

Our non-Atlanta EMSA HOPWA providers included the HIV-AIDS Volunteer Network in Albany, St. Stephen's Ministry and Central Savannah River EOA in Augusta, Central City AIDS Network in Macon, Union Mission in Savannah, Coastal Area Support Team in Brunswick (services only), Georgia Legal Services of Macon and Savannah (services only), and The Legal Clinic for the Homeless (state-wide services).



In 1998 the State added several new providers for the HOPWA program including the Northeast Georgia AIDS Coalition in Athens (services only), and Urban Action's rural ministries Dalton, LaGrange, Griffin, Rome and Gainesville.

The State is seeking to provide information on the HOPWA program within the AIDS service community in the un-served or under-served areas of the State. Currently our efforts are concentrated in the larger cities of Columbus and Athens, as well as within the smaller communities located in south, southeast and southwest Georgia where AIDS housing and services are severely lacking. Over the next 5 – 10 years, the State anticipates following the trends of the HIV infection and AIDS cases in order to adequately target our HOPWA funds towards the areas of greatest concentration and need as the disease changes, which should be the most cost effective way to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Atlanta, GA

City of Atlanta,
Office of Grants Management

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

Since 1993, the Atlanta area HOPWA formula grant has been administered by the City of Atlanta's Office of Grants Management in the Department of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Conservation. The program serves persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the 20 counties of the Atlanta

metropolitan area.

The City initiated the HOPWA program in 1993, in cooperation with the most populous central metropolitan counties and the HIV Planning Council. The local jurisdictions and the HIV Planning Council annually review, comment and/or recommend HOPWA program priorities and project selection.

Program Accomplishments

Among the organizations identified for major funding are AID Atlanta, Inc. which provides site-based case management for persons with HIV/AIDS living in 6 housing facilities plus short-term and emergency assistance with rent, mortgage and utility payments to prevent homelessness; St. Joseph's Mercy Care, Inc., which provides essential on-site support services for residents of The Edgewood, a 46-unit SRO developed with multiple funding sources; Southside Healthcare, Inc., permanent housing sponsor for persons living with HIV; and Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Programs of Georgia, Inc. which houses men and women who are recovering from addiction in a structured environment necessary for recovery.

Funded activities include: (1) projects that provide housing units, subsidy payments or create new housing resources; (2) projects that offer housing related services such as on-site case management, personal care aides and delivered meals; and (3) support programs that provide assistance that enables clients to maintain and/or secure housing, including mental health support, child care, and legal services and other services which are designed to prevent the loss of housing and independence.



Key Facts

Service Area: Atlanta, GA EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 1,097,000
FY 1993 \$ 2,341,000
FY 1994 \$ 3,153,000
FY 1995 \$ 2,418,000
FY 1996 \$ 2,817,000
FY 1997 \$ 4,090,000
FY 1998 \$ 3,889,000
FY 1999 \$ 3,407,000

The program provided direct housing assistance to nearly 1,200 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

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Atlanta's HOPWA program supports facilities that provide a total of 200 units and/or beds. and, 300 people with HIV/AIDS lived in various housing projects supported by HOPWA during a one year period. During that same period more that 900 households received case management support and short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to prevent eviction.

Since 1993, HOPWA funding has been used for a portion of the cost of acquiring and/or renovating property to house single women and women with children, and for apartments for homeless men and women. The program currently supports permanent housing facilities with on-site services for single adults, women with children and people who are medically fragile, a transitional residence for homeless men, transitional housing for persons in recovery from addiction, and a program to match persons interested in sharing housing. HOPWA resources have been allocated to assist with the development of one new project and the expansion of an existing housing project for people living with mental illness. A total of 13 units of the 76 new units will be set-aside for persons who are also living with HIV/AIDS.

The program provided direct housing assistance to nearly 1,200 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families through community residences and emergency and short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance to prevent the loss of housing.

Support services directed to assisting with obtaining and/or maintaining housing.

City of Savannah, GA

Competitive Grantee

1998 SPNS Grant

In 1998, a Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,087,000 was made to the City of Savannah, Georgia. In collaboration with Union Mission Inc. as the project sponsor, the city will coordinate efforts to implement Project House Call.



Key Facts

Service Area:

Savannah, GA

Grant: 2 Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,087,000

1996: \$ 750,000

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As a component of the Savannah-Chatnam AIDS Continuum of Care, this program focuses on prevention of homelessness and preservation of housing by enabling persons living with HIV/AIDS to receive home-based healthcare to connect clients to supportive services at a central site. Establishing these services will help in meeting the growing demand of home-based needs and will ensure access to service based on proximity to established housing.

In connection with the Phoenix House transitional housing facility and rental assistance under the Tenant Independence Project, this "one-stop shop" will serve 2090 AIDS-impacted persons in the Savannah area with centralized supportive services. 500 persons with HIV/AIDS will receive housing and services along with 450 family members. Another 1140 persons with HIV/AIDS will be served through supportive service programs.

The project will implement "house calls", home based interventions allowing for participants to maintain their current permanent housing. The community-based clinic will focus on serving up to 75 persons in the neighborhood with an initial assessment and referral. Initial assessments, limited lab services, primary care, access to medications will be provided by the staff of nurses.

The project services include legal services, education outreach, rehabilitation of homes, education sessions, transportation, nutritional services, medical assessment and care, discharge planning from medical facilities and housing information services.

Collaborators for this project include Georgia Legal Services Programs, Chatham County Health Department, Hospice Savannah, Open Arms, Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority, Memorial Medical Center, St. Joseph's Health System, Project Azuka, and the Department of Children and Family Services.

1996 SPNS Grant

A 1996 Special Project of National Significance grant was awarded for \$750,000 to the City of Savannah. The grant will support the Family AIDS Care Enterprise (FACE) project as part of the City of Savannah's AIDS Continuum of Care. The project will be implemented by Union Mission, Inc. the project sponsor, and will focus on family preservation, by providing new and needed services which will form a physical and emotional safety net for low- to moderate-income persons living with HIV/AIDS, and their families, that will enable them to retain or regain independent living. During the first two years of this project, 79 family members received



housing assistance. Of those, 19 clients were housed in community residences and 60 clients were provided rent, mortgage, and utility financial assistance to enable them to retain independent living. Another 361 persons living with HIV/AIDS received supportive services only, and approximately 3,000 other persons received AIDS prevention education.

The Savannah FACE project has: (1) Continued and augmented the existing comprehensive range of housing and supportive services that is offered by nine local agencies. During the first two years of the grant, an unduplicated count of 425 low- and moderate-income persons living with HIV/AIDS in the Savannah area have been provided housing and supportive services. In addition, approximately 3,000 persons have been provided AIDS prevention education.

(2) Provided new services for AIDS-impacted families, including age-appropriate support groups for adult survivors and children, bereavement programs, and a specialized program for children who are survivors of people who have died from AIDS. A family advocate was hired to provide comprehensive case management and referral services to AIDS-impacted families with children. So far, 80 clients in families have been provided these specialized services. Several support groups were held for five AIDS-impacted adult survivors and five AIDS-impacted children. Several attempts were made to start up the support groups was eventually abandoned. However, attendance was lacking and the idea of the support groups was eventually abandoned. The AIDS-impacted families--adults and children-- did not want to interact in a group setting. Therefore, a decision was made by the Family Advocate to serve the clients through individual case management instead of in groups, with some type of group activity to be scheduled if and when the clients request same. The bereavement programs are being coordinated with project partner Hospice Savannah, and it is projected that this objective will be achieved during 1999.

(3) Utilized voluntary AIDS care teams to provide direct personal services and respite for family care givers. Seven AIDS Care Teams served a total of seven low- and moderate-income persons living with HIV/AIDS during the first year of the grant. This agency was only two years old when this project started, and it lost funding for their care team coordinators in July, 1997. The lack of a coordinator led to the demise of the agency's care team effort, due to lack of organization and/or death of the care partner, and these funds were re-allocated to other supportive services.

The grant application, which was not fully funded, stated that the following services would be provided: additional acute medical care, skilled nursing care and visits by a home health assistance at the Phoenix Place community residence to create support for residents in need of higher levels of care or support on site as an alternative to hospitalization or hospice care. This \$81,468 budgeted activity was taken out of the grant and budget because the grant award was \$750,000, compared to a request of \$1 million. This action was approved by the HUD Georgia State Office prior to the start-up of the project. Other necessary budget cuts were also approved. Approximately \$560,000 of additional financial and volunteer contributions have been committed to this project by the project sponsor and partners during the first two years of the grant. This project is consistent with the Consolidated Plan for the City of Savannah.



**1992-1995
Competitive Awards**

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

City of Savannah Bureau of Public Development
Savannah, Georgia

\$988,415

In 1994, the City of Savannah, received a second HOPWA grant to expand the area's continuum of care in collaboration with twelve area providers.

1992 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

City of Savannah
Savannah, Georgia

\$500,000

In 1992, the City of Savannah, Georgia was awarded a HOPWA grant in conjunction with its project sponsor, Union Mission, Inc. Funds were used for the acquisition, rehabilitation and operation of Phoenix Place I, a ten-bed community residence that provides substance abuse treatment.



State of Hawaii

Hawaii Housing and Community
Development Corporation

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Hawaii
EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996 \$ 419,000

FY 1997 \$ 474,000

FY 1998 \$ 477,000

FY 1999 \$ 132,000

The funds support a variety of housing assistance and supportive service activities for persons living with HIV/AIDS throughout the State of Hawaii, which includes the City and County of Honolulu and the rural Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH) is the public housing agency for the State of Hawaii and it administers the State's HOPWA program. Its mission is to serve as a catalyst in providing affordable housing and shelter opportunities in a balanced and supportive environment.

The HCDCH's Homeless Programs Section administers statewide homeless programs and funds designed to provide persons with the opportunity to achieve and improved living condition and to progress towards self-sufficiency. In 1999, Honolulu qualified to directly receive formula funds and the State's service area was reduced.

Six project sponsors, Gregory House Programs (dba Ho'omana'olana), Life Foundation, Maui AIDS Foundation, West Hawaii AIDS Foundation, Big Island AIDS Project, and Malama Pono work to provide a coordinated network of permanent housing, transitional shelter, case management, and supportive services throughout the State. In 1997, there were an estimated 500 persons (out of 600) with AIDS and 2,500 persons (out of 5,000) with HIV with housing needs.

Community-based planning for the effective use of HOPWA funds continues on a semi-annual basis with participation from all of the State's AIDS service organizations (ASOs). In addition, service providers meet to discuss changes in participant needs and population trends on a monthly basis.

Programs administered by the ASOs, the State Department of Health, Protection & Advocacy, the County Housing Agencies, Legal Aid Society, Drug Addiction Services of Hawaii, Queen's Hospital, and the HCDCH are integrated into the AIDS Housing Continuum which is used by the State to address

housing needs for persons living with HIV/AIDS.



Program Accomplishments

- *Housing Assistance:* Through the HOPWA program, the State provides both tenant-based rental assistance and short-term rental assistance. Housing assistance is coordinated statewide from one centralized tenant-based rental assistance program on Oahu and participants are provided with housing assistance on a first-come, first-served basis.
- *Supportive Services:* All of the ASOs network on a regular basis to ensure that participants do not receive duplicated housing and supportive services.

Service providers constantly face difficulties in their efforts to serve people with HIV/AIDS, but some of the most significant issues facing those in the State of Hawaii include:

- the lack of affordable housing
- continuing downtrend in the state's economy and rising unemployment; and
- the absence of public transportation on the neighbor island's rural counties.

With the approach of the third decade of AIDS, the pandemic disease is rapidly increasing among the poor, the homeless, ethnic minorities, and women. Today, persons living with HIV/AIDS are more likely to be multi-diagnosed. The challenges to providing housing to this population require the coordinated efforts of the housing, health, mental health, and substance abuse treatment communities. The delivery of services can no longer be effectively provided by one specialized agency.

With the advent of protease inhibitors and improvements in medical management of opportunistic infections, persons with HIV/AIDS are living longer. Consequently, there is a greater need for housing assistance and supportive services over a longer period of time. Wait lists for housing have increased exponentially over the past two years from 1996 to 1998, primarily because funding for housing has not kept pace with needs.

An emerging trend is a growing need in the population of heterosexual women with HIV/AIDS women who have children. and this increase will present new and varied challenges.

Honolulu, HI

Hawaii Housing and Community
Development Corporation

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii, a new recipient of HOPWA formula funds in 1999, will administer \$364,000 for the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area for the island of Oahu. Currently two agencies are funded through June 30, 1999 by Hawaii State's Aid to States allocation. They are Ho'omama'olana and Life Foundation. Services



include: long term rental assistance, short emergency assistance and supportive services

Key Facts

Service Area: Honolulu, HI EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1999 \$ 364,000

*The City and County of Honolulu,
Hawaii is a new recipient of
HOPWA formula funds in 1999, and
will administer programs in
Metropolitan Statistical Area for the
island of Oahu.*

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Recently, the City has initiated contact with various organizations to conduct a policy analysis to help determine the extent to which persons with AIDS are being appropriately served. Meetings have been scheduled with two of the primary funded agencies in the City and County of Honolulu as well as the State of Hawaii that serve people with AIDS and homeless populations to find out their perceptions of housing service availability for people with AIDS. The City will use this information as guidance in contracting and evaluating HOPWA services. Contracts for housing services will be in place by August 1, 1999.

HOPWA funds are being administered through the Department of Community Services. The Department also administers the City's Emergency Shelter Grant, Supportive Housing Program and Shelter Plus Care Grants provide training and coordination of adolescent and teen pregnancy prevention programs. It also administers the Community Development Block Grant (Community Needs Category); Job Training Partnership Act and Welfare to Work; Special Needs Housing Funds; Elderly Affairs Programs and other social service programs.

Ho'omana'olana

Competitive SPNS Grantee

In 1997, a Special Project of National Significance grant was awarded for \$1,028,797 to fund an expansion of Ho'omana'olana's ("building hope") Gregory House.

This project involves use of a transitional shelter, as well as the development of an independent scattered-site program of housing services for persons living with HIV/AIDS. These expanded services respond to the growing need to stabilize the multiply diagnosed in order to maximize their success in permanent housing. Currently, support services at Gregory House are not optimal in meeting intensive care needs of those with HIV/AIDS who are multiply diagnosed; gaps exist in the areas of monitoring, follow-up, and on-site support.



Key Facts

Service Area: Honolulu, Hawaii

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1997: \$1,028,797

Additional leveraged resources of over \$2 million will be provided in a collaborative manner by project coordinators and sponsors.

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Outreach will target the homeless among all impacted communities. After becoming a client, individuals will be placed in the newly developed scattered-site program, an independently supportive program where clients can continue to have a strong social service component while living independently in the community. Ten units of long-term lease housing will be made available in the community.

Additional leveraged resources of over \$2 million will be provided in a collaborative manner by the Life Foundation, Comfort, Security, and Independence, Waikiki Health Center, The Queens Medical Center, State of Hawaii STD/AIDS Prevention Branch, and WorkHawaii. The initiative will provide housing assistance services to at least 90 individuals and 6 family members. The proposal was developed with the participation of the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii, and a statewide, broad based consortium of community-based organizations that provide services to, and advocate for, persons affected with HIV and AIDS and for persons at risk.

1992-1995

Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

in conjunction with the Maui AIDS Foundation to provide supportive services.

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

County of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns

Maui, Hawaii

\$250,000

The County of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns received a 1994 competitive grant in



State of Illinois

Illinois Department of Public Health

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Illinois

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996 \$ 391,000

FY 1997 \$ 467,000

FY 1998 \$ 489,000

FY 1999 \$ 534,000

The Department utilizes the HOPWA funds by linking into the established HIV care consortia system.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Illinois Department of Public Health provides a wide array of services for persons with HIV/AIDS, including Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act Title II funded programs (i.e. AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), Continuation of Health Insurance Coverage (CHIC) Program, and the HIV Care Consortia Program), and prevention programs (i.e. Health Education/Risk Reduction (HE/RR), and the Counseling, Testing, Referral and Partner Notification (CTRPN) Program). All of the above mentioned programs are available on a statewide basis.

The Department is the agency responsible for administering the statewide HOPWA Program outside of two urban areas that currently receive HOPWA funds. Therefore, the entire Cook County Consortium, portions of the Will County Consortium (DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties), portions of the St. Clair County Consortium (Clinton, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties), and Jersey County in the Sangamon County Consortium are not eligible for state HOPWA funding, as they are located in the EMAs of Chicago and St. Louis, which directly receive HOPWA funds.

The Department utilizes the State's HOPWA funds by linking into the established HIV care consortia system. This system divides the 102 Illinois counties into ten regions with an identified lead agency, that coordinates a continuum of medical and support services for persons and families affected by HIV disease.

There are nine project sponsors: Champaign-Urbana Public Health District; Heartland Human Services; Jackson County Health Department; Peoria City-County Health Department; Rock Island County Health Department; Southern Illinois University - School of Medicine; St. Clair County Health Department; Will County Health Department; and Winnebago County Health Department.



Program Accomplishments

The range/type of housing activities and related services include the following:

- Rehabilitating and renovating an existing building to provide transitional housing units, while offering case management, counseling and other supportive services on-site. This project is a partnership between Illinois and Missouri that includes HOPWA funding from both states. Illinois HOPWA funds are being utilized for the following site improvements: mechanical Systems; interior finishes; handicap accessible ramps; window replacements; insulation; plumbing and electrical work; interior and exterior painting; off street parking; security system; and telecommunications system
- Increasing the capacity of current rent and utility assistance programs to serve eligible clients.
- Providing emergency short-term housing, mortgage assistance, security deposits, and back rent for persons with HW.
- Providing rent assistance for eligible persons within transitional housing facilities.
- Providing housing information services to assist clients in locating and acquiring rental housing.
- Providing technical assistance in operating a designated AIDS community residence program, including community outreach, public relations, and creation of operating guidelines.
- Providing repair and renovation of clients' residences to assure security, safety and energy savings.
- Developing a resource housing directory that includes information about housing resources, subsidies, HUD programs, fair housing laws, and state agency programs.
- Providing partial home insurance coverage, and essential furnishings, such as beds.
- Providing repairs to a community based residence which provides transitional housing to persons with HIV/AIDS.
- Purchasing and installing Americans with Disabilities (ADA)-related equipment to a designated AIDS housing unit.
- Purchasing an emergency home response device for use by very terminally ill program participants to call for emergency assistance.
- Purchasing a portable wheel chair ramp for use by program participants for entry and exit



from their permanent residence.

- Reimbursing for operating costs, such as housing managers, maintenance, security, repair, improvements and appliances for designated AIDS housing units.

All project sponsors have performed needs assessments; however, many of these assessments are in need of updating. In 1999, the Department plans to conduct a statewide needs assessment in response to the changing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS due to new therapies, to update existing needs assessments, and to obtain uniform data throughout consortia regions. The Department sponsors public hearings on an annual basis to receive input concerning service needs of persons with HIV/AIDS.

Housing has always been stated as a top priority. Housing has become a more urgent need due to the complex drug regimens and the treatment adherence issues. Homeless persons with HIV/AIDS often do not have access to protease inhibitors, or if the drug therapy is available, they have major problems with adherence to the complex treatment regimens.

The Department utilizes the HOPWA funds by linking into the established HIV care consortia system. Each consortia area has a local advisory board to assist the lead agency with determining priority services. The local advisory board includes consumers, providers, and other interested parties. The HIV care consortia have experience in identifying needs, planning, contracting for services, developing formal links with service providers and providing a continuum of care to persons with HIV/AIDS.

The continuum of care that is provided through local HIV care consortia includes the following services: case management, primary medical care, lab services, dental care, optometry services, rent assistance, emergency housing assistance, utility assistance, child care, legal services, nutritional services, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling and transportation.

Emergency short-term housing, mortgage assistance, utility assistance, security deposits and back rents have been provided by all project sponsors. All project sponsors have utilized HOPWA funds to increase the capacity of current rental assistance programs. HOPWA funds are being utilized to rehabilitate and renovate an existing building to provide transitional housing units, while offering case management, counseling and other supportive services on-site. This project is a partnership between Illinois and Missouri that includes HOPWA funding from both states.

HOPWA funds are also utilized to provide rent assistance for eligible persons within transitional housing facilities. One project sponsor has provided repairs to a community-based residence which provides transitional housing to persons with HIV/AIDS. One project sponsor has purchased and installed Americans with Disabilities (ADA)-related equipment in a designated AIDS housing unit.

HOPWA funds are also utilized to provide repair and renovation of clients' residences to assure



security safety and energy savings. In addition, HOPWA funds have provided home insurance coverage, and essential furnishings, such as beds. HOPWA funds have purchased an emergency home response device for use by participants of a very terminally ill program to call for emergency assistance. A portable wheel chair ramp has also been purchased for use by program participants for entry and exit from their permanent residence.

HOPWA funds have been used to reimburse operating costs, such as supportive housing managers, maintenance, security, repair, improvements and appliances for designated AIDS housing units. No units of housing have been created through acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction since 1993 with any HOPWA funds.

Chicago, IL

City of Chicago,
Department of Public Health

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The HOPWA formula grant, first funded in 1992, serves low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the nine counties in the Chicago Eligible Metropolitan Area. During the past year, the HOPWA program has successfully met and/or exceeded projected goals for the number of persons served. Additionally, resources have been expanded to

serve more geographic regions of the Chicago EMA. Funds have been used to build and maintain housing facilities as well as related supportive services for low income persons living with HIV/AIDS. The program has designed a program with four areas of support:

1. Rent subsidies/direct emergency assistance
2. Assistance for persons residing in community residences
3. A variety of supportive services including food services, providing nourishing means to persons living independently with HIV/AIDS, housing advocacy for people living with HIV/AIDS, and legal services and entitlement advocacy for Persons with HIV/AIDS; and
4. Expanding housing resources through acquisition, renovation, construction and the leasing of sites.

In distributing funds to these four components, the city contracts in order to provide the necessary services to clients and priority consideration is given to those persons living with HIV/AIDS who are homeless or in imminent danger of becoming homeless. The HOPWA rent subsidy program was consolidated into a single contract in 1995. The AIDS Foundation of Chicago became the lead agency for the HOPWA rent subsidy program. Under AFC's leadership, applications are completed by case managers from any one of 51 agencies and are returned to AFC for review. After an intake process, the applications are forwarded to four "partner agencies" who administer the subsidies and reassessments. These partner agencies



developed policies concerning program eligibility, criteria for application evaluation and training to assist case managers.

Key Facts

Service Area: Chicago, IL EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 919,000
FY 1993 \$ 2,292,000
FY 1994 \$ 3,122,000
FY 1995 \$ 3,288,000
FY 1996 \$ 3,394,000
FY 1997 \$ 3,805,000
FY 1998 \$ 3,900,000
FY 1999 \$ 4,219,000

Growing from 150 monthly subsidies to a capacity of 600 subsidies in 1998, the HOPWA subsidy program is the largest single provider of AIDS Housing resources in the metro area.

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Program Accomplishments

Program success is based on its flexibility in meeting client needs, the accessibility of the program through 150 case managers located throughout the metropolitan area, and the decentralization of the agencies that actually provide the subsidies. The HOPWA partner agencies, including BEHIV, Community Response, TIA/Raphael Center, AIDS Ministry of Illinois, continue to meet monthly to discuss cases and review policy issues. These groups also form a provider advisory group that monitors the system. Through the cooperation of the AIDS Foundation, partner agencies, and case managers, the HOPWA rent subsidy system maintains its flexibility and responsiveness to client needs. Growing from 150 monthly subsidies in 1995 to a capacity of 600 subsidies in 1998, the HOPWA subsidy program is the largest single provider of AIDS housing resources in the metropolitan area.

Housing subsidies are available for persons who are disabled by HIV throughout the eight county Chicago area. Subsidies are available through an application and approval process for eligible clients, and are calculated based on the deficit between the applicant's income and expenses related to housing. The HOPWA subsidy program is successful as a short term assistance program with an ultimate goal of assisting clients in developing a budget and resources to sustain affordable housing on their own. Once a client begins to receive HOPWA, they are reassessed at three months, and if approved, again at six month intervals. The average subsidy is \$215.00 per month.



Cornerstone Services, Inc.

Competitive Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Will County, IL
Grant: Competitive SPNS

Allocations:
1998: \$ 615,967

This project will expand to provide independent living options with supportive services for sixteen persons with AIDS and mental illness in suburban Will County.

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In 1998, a Special Project of National Significance Award for \$615,967 was made for a project in Joliet, Illinois. Cornerstone Services, Inc., a non-profit, comprehensive social service agency that provides housing, mental health, employment, developmental, educational, and recreational services to persons with disabilities, will receive HOPWA funds to continue their program. Cornerstone has developed a program in collaboration with AIDS Ministry of Illinois, Stepping Stones, and Metro Infectious Disease Consultants to provide permanent housing with supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and mental illness, targeting those who are homeless.

Building on the previous three years success, this project will expand to provide independent living options with supportive services for sixteen persons with AIDS and mental illness in suburban Will County, Illinois. It is the goal of the program to have the services optimize each participant's potential for occupational achievement, goal setting, skill acquisition and improved quality of life, maximizing independence from institutional care in favor of community and peer support.

Services will include intense case management, counseling and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, daily living skills training, employment services, crisis intervention, family reunification, education, and socialization and support groups. The

project provides rental assistance for housing and participants are able to choose their own permanent housing options. Combined the project sponsors will provide over \$200,000 in leveraging to further HOPWA dollars in their community.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Cornerstone Services, Inc.
Joliet, Illinois
\$465,991

In Joliet, Illinois, a 1995 SPNS grant was made to Cornerstone Services, Inc., a non-profit, comprehensive social service agency that provides



housing, mental health, employment, developmental, educational, and recreational services to persons with disabilities.

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Travelers & Immigrants Aid of Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

\$1,030,000

Travelers and Immigrants Aid of Chicago's First Step Program received a 1995 SPNS grant to provide assistance to address substance abuse recovery, housing stability, and HIV-related health issues of homeless and low-income people living with AIDS.



State of Indiana

Indiana State Department of Health

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Indiana

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 788,000

FY 1995 \$ 947,000

FY 1996 \$ 452,000

FY 1997 \$ 535,000

FY 1998 \$ 577,000

FY 1999 \$ 636,000

*The Indiana statewide HOPWA
formula program serves 83 out of 92
counties in the state.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Indiana statewide HOPWA formula program serves 83 out of 92 counties in the State. The program has been funded since 1994. Indianapolis, a metropolitan entitlement area, served the remaining counties since 1996.

The Indiana State Department of Health administers the State HOPWA program and contracts with AIDServe Indiana, Inc., a statewide not-for-profit HIV/AIDS service organization. that was formed by the merger of Indiana Cares Inc., and ICAAN. Indiana Cares primarily operates the housing and services programming, Indiana Cares, Inc. collaborated with ICAAN on prevention, education, outreach and services. Services provided include housing continuum, substance abuse and medial services to the Indiana HIV/AIDS Population.

Program Accomplishments

AIDServe Indiana, Inc., supports twelve (12) HIV/AIDS care coordination regions, established by the Indiana State Department of Health, by providing funding resources, networking, technical assistance, training and new programming initiatives. Care regions are coordinated by a lead agency which initiates regional planning for funding, service needs and priorities.

The HOPWA formula program is administered in conjunction with an annual funding cycle of AIDServe Indiana, Inc. Housing Continuum Services funding cycle of federal, state, local and private dollars. The program assists in the fiscal administration of the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program, Direct Emergency Financial Assistance program, and Special Projects including seed money for developing projects around the state.



Indianapolis, IN

Department of Metropolitan Development,
Division of Community Development and
Financial Services

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Indianapolis, IN EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996 \$ 432,000

FY 1997 \$ 524,000

FY 1998 \$ 537,000

FY 1999 \$ 579,000

The Damien Center is serving, on average, over 480 persons with HIV each year with emergency assistance.

Over 264 family members are also benefiting from the program.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Indianapolis' HOPWA grant is administered by the Department of Metropolitan Development, Division of Community Development and Financial Services. It serves the Indianapolis Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), including Marion County, Indiana and the surrounding eight counties. According to the most recent health department statistics, an estimated 3,097 HIV-infected persons live in Indiana, 2/3 of which are served by HOPWA funds in Marion county alone. The Indianapolis MSA has an increasing need for low-income, safe, affordable housing especially for persons with HIV. Multi-bedroom units are in large demand and difficult to find. Once found, they are often unaffordable for HIV clientele.

Since it first qualified for HOPWA funds in 1996, the City has distributed these dollars through its Consolidated Planning process. Through this annual process, the city requests proposals from local service providers and makes funding recommendations bases on a profile of community needs, as outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan. In recent years, the primary sub-recipient of HOPWA funds has been the Damien Center, a non-profit AIDS housing provider, which has been serving the HIV community for over ten years. In preparing its proposal to the City, the Damien Center relies upon the input of a HOPWA committee, comprised of staff of the Center, consumers, volunteers and representatives from other AIDS Service Organizations. The committee meets monthly and draws upon the experiences of the previous year's efforts to make its recommendations for future spending.

Program Accomplishments

As primary recipient of HOPWA funds, the Damien Center has Coordinated AIDS-related activities for the nine-county MSA. The principle activities that the Damien Center carries out with HOPWA funds on an annual basis are tenant-based rental assistance, project-based rental assistance, emergency assistance and supportive



services. Its services include case management, housing information, wellness, job training and placement, pastoral care, food deliver, transportation and legal assistance.

Housing Assistance:

Emergency Assistance - The Damien Center is serving, on average, over 480 clients with HIV each year with emergency assistance. Over 264 family members are also benefiting from the program. The emergency services that are being provided included short-term rent and utility assistance and temporary emergency apartment usage.

Rental Assistance-73 units are currently being subsidized with HOPWA funds. Another 13 units are expected to be approved and receive subsidy. However, 118 individuals remain on a waiting list to qualify and be approved for long-term assistance under HOPWA. The community is currently investing an average of \$236,000 per year to meet this need.

Facility-Based Housing - Since 1993, a number of project-based assistance programs have been used to provide a range of location options for the Center's clientele. The Anderson AIDS Housing project has six two-bedroom apartments available. The Blue Triangle, a 94-unit SRO, has five units set aside for residents with HIV. A third facility, Federation Place Apartments, has leased three studio apartments to the Damien Center for emergency housing purposes. In 1999, three empty lots on the north side of Indianapolis will be developed to provide multi-room units for families impacted by HIV.

Two supportive services programs are currently provided using HOPWA funds. The Food From the Heart program provides clients who are not physically able to prepare their own meals with three nutritiously-balanced meals a week. The meals are donated by local hospitals and delivered by a volunteer driving team and 57 people regularly receive meals through this program. A second supportive service is a transportation program, through which volunteers take clients to and from medical and social service appointments. HOPWA funds are used to leverage additional dollars for maintenance and up-keep of a van that was donated to this program. The Damien Center has been able to use HOPWA resources to influence local housing providers and developers to use their projects to set aside units for persons infected with HIV. The Center has educated and trained consumers to find permanent housing solutions and to advocate for themselves through technical assistance and by giving them the opportunity to attend national conferences and workshops. Through the use of HOPWA funds to identify resources and provide housing information, the center has become recognized as a respected leader in HIV housing around the State. Additionally, HOPWA dollars have enabled the Damien Center to present a model of community involvement in which a large number of agencies work together to meet the client needs.



1992-1995
Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1992 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Indiana, Department of Health
Statewide Indiana

\$438,111

In 1992, the State of Indiana, Department of Health
was awarded a HOPWA grant in conjunction with its
project sponsor, Indiana Cares, Inc.

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Kentucky Housing Finance Agency

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Kentucky
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996 \$ 413,000

FY 1997 \$ 494,000

FY 1998 \$ 485,000

FY 1999 \$ 561,000

The Kentucky HOPWA Advisory Committee was formed and given a large amount of freedom to tailor the state's AIDS housing system to the unique needs of Kentucky's residents.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Kentucky HOPWA Advisory Committee, established when the state of Kentucky became eligible for HOPWA formula funding, has established a model that is an example of innovative, efficacious, and responsive statewide leadership.

The state of Kentucky began to receive HOPWA formula funding in FY 1996 and delegated responsibility for the program's administration to the Kentucky Housing Finance Agency.

The agency decided to create an advisory committee that would be responsive to the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWAs) in each part of the state. The Kentucky HOPWA Advisory Committee - an open, community-based planning committee made up of service providers, PLWAs, advocates, and agency program administrators - was formed and given a large amount of freedom to tailor the state's AIDS housing system to the unique needs of Kentucky's residents.

Program Accomplishments

The committee's main purpose is to distribute HOPWA funds which are distributed through a base amount, as well as, a formula amount to six HIV/AIDS care consortia. Each year non-profits agencies and local governments in one of the six regions of the state (Barren River Region, Cumberland Valley Region, Lexington Region, Louisville Region, Northern Kentucky Region, and Purchase Region) must submit a plan outlining how they will use their awarded HOPWA funds. Submitted plans must address the housing needs as addressed in the state's Housing Needs Assessment. The HOPWA Advisory Committee is currently examining the possibility of transforming their program from a formula-based

system to a competition-based system.

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Competitive Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Central/Southeast Kentucky

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,144,060

60 persons benefit from the transitional housing facility, an additional 45 persons in the community residence, with a total of 600 persons served throughout the three year program.

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In Kentucky, a 1998 Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,144,060 was awarded for a program designed to enhance and expand on a 1994 HOPWA award to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. LFUCG in coordination with AIDS Volunteers Inc. The grant will provide three year operational support for a transitional living facility and a community residence. 60 persons will benefit from the transitional housing facility, an additional 45 persons in the community residence, with a total of 600 persons served throughout the three year program.

The program targets the traditionally underserved in the 63-county central/southeast Kentucky including those just released from jail, alcohol, or drug recovery programs, persons at the end stages of AIDS and those individuals with acute medical episode who require recuperation time. The program is based on a state-wide needs assessment undertaken by AIDS Volunteers Inc. in 1997.

Two project components comprise this initiative. First, is a transitional housing program (Rainbow Apartments) which responds to persons with HIV/AIDS who are homeless, displaced, and in need of social services. An on-site social worker/resident manager provides case management, as well as transportation, good nutrition, healthcare, medication, vocational rehabilitation, job training skills, mental health services, community resources and volunteer services. Participants successfully exiting the

program will be assisted with permanent housing.

A second component is the community residence (Soloman House) to accommodate individuals who require personal care, supervision and social services following an acute medical episode or who are at the end of their disease. A six-bedroom residence, Soloman House has 24 hour certified nursing assistants on call. Individual assistance with daily living, medication monitoring and good nutrition will be the key services offered at Soloman House. This residence also provides short term housing for those who need lodging while receiving medical care, as some might travel 200 or more miles for medical assistance.



AVOL and LFUCG will coordinate with the Lexington-Faith County Health Department, Cumberland Valley Health District, Community Ministries and the Hospice of the Blue Grass to implement a successful rural initiative.

Kentucky Housing Corporation

Competitive SPNS Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Kentucky
Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:
1997: \$901,323

Funds will be used to develop an AIDS Housing Integration Team, which will provide outreach, education, and training to mainstream providers and assist in the development and implementation of AIDS-specific set-asides.

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The Kentucky Housing Corporation received a 1997 Special Project of National Significance grant for the AIDS Housing Integration Project to help existing mainstream housing and service providers to expand their programs for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The \$901,323 in HOPWA funds are developing an AIDS Housing Integration Team, which will provide outreach, education, and training to mainstream providers and assist in the development and implementation of AIDS-specific set-asides. A placement program for persons with HIV/AIDS who require alcohol and/or drug dependency services is also being established in Louisville, Lexington, and in Dayton and Covington in Northern Kentucky.

In cooperation with the Kentucky Housing Corporation, three sponsors will participate, including Volunteers of America of Kentucky, Transitions Inc., and AIDS Volunteers. Over a three-year period, the project will develop at least 30 set-aside beds, units, or slots in 18 existing housing programs. Housing assistance services will be provided to at least 99 individuals and 35 family members with other services for an additional 201 people.

This plan recognizes that the State may most appropriately serve its dispersed client population by improving resources already in place. Preference will be given to clients residing in Louisville's Enterprise Community. An AIDS Housing Integration Team will provide outreach, education, and training to mainstream providers and assist in the development and implementation of AIDS-specific set asides and/or preferences.



The Project builds upon the capacity and infrastructure of local service providers in rural areas who know their communities, resources, and members, and special-needs service providers in urban centers who are experts in alcohol and drug dependency. Its innovation in utilizing existing housing (at times, a household with one extra bedroom), training the family or provider in HIV/AIDS prevention and care, and using volunteers to help provide services is notable.

1992-1995
Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government,
Division of Community Development
Fayette County, Kentucky

\$ 1,000,000

HOPWA 1994 competitive funds supported a collaborative effort between the Lexington-Fayette

Urban County Government and the AIDS Volunteers, Inc., to maximize the independent housing choices of those affected by HIV/AIDS.



State of Louisiana

Office of Public Health,
HIV/AIDS program

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Louisiana
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 665,000
FY 1995 \$ 739,000
FY 1996 \$ 748,000
FY 1997 \$ 883,000
FY 1998 \$ 950,000
FY 1999 \$1,063,000

A total of 1,360 persons were assisted with HOPWA funding during this reporting period. A total of 267 family units were assisted.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The State of Louisiana received funding from HUD through the Fiscal Year 1996 HOPWA grant award. According to the May/June 1998 issue of the Louisiana Office of Public Health Surveillance Report, the cumulative number of AIDS cases in Louisiana reached 10,500. Of these cases more than half (5,580) were reported from Region I, the New Orleans metropolitan area. The remaining 4,920 individuals are located in the areas outside of the metro area in Regions II through IX (the remaining parishes in the State).

The formula grant awards have provided the State of Louisiana with the resources to meet the housing needs of low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families in Regions II through IX. The New Orleans eligible metropolitan area receives HOPWA and Ryan White Title funding through grants to the City of New Orleans.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) uses an request for proposal (RFP) process in eight of the nine DHH Administrative Regions to nonprofit organizations to allocate approximately 30 percent of the total HOPWA funds. This competitive RFP process is coordinated through the Office of Public Health of the State of Louisiana which is also the Ryan White Care Act Title II grantee. This joint program planning and implementation occurred through the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, and the HIV/AIDS Program which is responsible for administering both HOPWA and Ryan White Title II grants. The AIDS Services/Community Based organizations which were selected to administer HOPWA funds are also the Regional Lead Agencies for the administration of the Ryan White Title II program. This funding was primarily for emergency short-term rent, mortgage and

utility assistance payments.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals awarded the remaining 70 percent of



HOPWA Programs in Louisiana

HOPWA funds to the existing HIV residential housing facilities in seven of the nine DHH regions for new construction, renovation, acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, lease, repair or purchase of capital equipment, or the purchase of major systems to ensure ADA compliance.

The overall housing goal of the Office of Public Health, HIV/AIDS program is to increase the availability and types of housing for persons who are HIV infected, including group homes, a community residence, and emergency short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance payments. The State of Louisiana has a genuine commitment to assure that there is at least one supported-living, residential program for persons with AIDS (PWA) in each region of the state.

Program Accomplishments

A total of 1,360 persons were assisted with HOPWA funding during this reporting period. 767 adults and children with HIV/AIDS, 583 other persons in the family units received housing assistance, with a total of 267 family units provided.

During the reporting period African-American participants represented 66% of the total, white participants accounted for 34% of the total and six persons were Hispanic. Of the total number to receive HOPWA grant assistance, men accounted for 60% and women 40%.

Previous living conditions of the participants show that 888 persons were reported living in rental housing, while 362 were living with relatives and friends and were in need of housing assistance. Only 53 individuals owned housing. The gross monthly income upon entry into the HOPWA program was, as expected, in the lower income level for the majority of participants.

New Orleans, LA

City of New Orleans, Mayor's Office

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The HOPWA formula grant, funded in 1992, covers the New Orleans EMA which is comprised of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Tammany Parishes. It is administered by the Mayor's office, through the Division of Housing and

Neighborhood Development.

Consumers and services providers have participated in community forums to develop priority service needs. These include transportation, housing, services information, access to primary medical care and child day care. The HOPWA project addresses these housing needs and related support services in the service area.



Key Facts

Service Area:

New Orleans, LA EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 429,000

FY 1993 \$ 1,082,000

FY 1994 \$ 999,000

FY 1995 \$ 1,179,000

FY 1996 \$ 1,295,000

FY 1997 \$ 1,737,000

FY 1998 \$ 1,888,000

FY 1999 \$ 2,031,000

The Benefit Assistance Project has assisted 738 individuals in accessing benefits.

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Program Accomplishments

The program includes a collaboration of sponsors conducting the following programs and activities:

- **NO/AIDS Task Force:** The NO/AIDS Task Force provides services for persons with HIV/AIDS, including both individuals and families with children. The projects provide nutritional services as well as assistance in gaining local, state and federal government benefits and services. These programs include a Benefits Assistance Project and Food for Friends Meal Delivery program. The Benefit Assistance Project has assisted 738 individuals in accessing benefits. Project personnel assist persons who are eligible for SSI, SSDI, Food Stamps and State Medical Assistance Programs. The program serves the 8 parish area. The Food for Friends program provides two meals a day, five days per week in order to assist clients in maintaining a certain degree of independence and relieve the stress of having to prepare their own meals. Since its inception, Food for Friends has grown from serving 42 clients daily to over 270 persons. In the last program year, over 460 people with AIDS have been provided daily delivery of hot and cold meals.

- **Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority (JPHSA):** Provides short term rental, mortgage and utilities assistance. This project also assist persons with HIV/AIDS with an emergency prescription assistance program. Provisions for day care for a limited number of participants is also available through JPHSA. JPHSA provides a large range of services including street outreach for prevention and education, transportation assistance, mental health counseling, and has strong linkages to primary health care and case management.

- **Project Lazarus:** Project Lazarus has a capacity for 20 permanent residents and 4 short-term respite care residents with the four houses in this program. Project Lazarus serves persons who are in need of housing and daily personal care. Project Lazarus provides services at the end of the continuum of care in the HIV/AIDS spectrum and addresses the multiple needs of its residents from admission to discharge. Case management, referral and follow-up services are provided through this program. It is the mission of Project Lazarus to provide all services in an environment that is loving and compassionate and that enhances the quality of life.



- **Responsibility House:** Provides substance abuse treatment in a residential setting and treatment to adult male substance abusers living with HIV/AIDS. The service delivery area includes the eight parishes under the EMSA.
- **Shelter Resources:** Provides permanent and transitional housing in two separate facilities for adults and families with HIV/AIDS. Belle Reve provides permanent housing to eight women and men. Belle Espirit has permanent space for two families and transitional space for four adults. Shelter Resources also operates an Outreach Program that provides support to persons on the waiting list. The sponsor provides full support services including 24 hour personal care, prepared meals, assistance with activities of daily living, medication monitoring, case management, mental health services, social activities, child-care, tutoring and transportation to and from medical appointments.
- **Rays of Hope:** Provides assistance to families with day care services. Daily programs can assist up to 37 children.

The New Orleans HOPWA program served 861 persons with HIV/AIDS and 667 family members with housing assistance in the last program year. The program provides 12 single occupancy units, one four-bedroom community residence, 63 units of housing in other facilities and a total of 232 short-term payments to prevent homelessness. Almost \$1 million is spent on supportive services, with emphasis on housing placement, nutrition and health care services.

UNITY for the Homeless

Competitive Grantee

In New Orleans, Louisiana, a collaborative inter-agency program for a comprehensive and complimentary range of services will be implemented by UNITY for the Homeless under a 1998 Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,132,412.

This multi-service umbrella organization will integrate homeless people living with HIV/AIDS into its continuum of care for the homeless population in the metropolitan area. Building upon a successful 1995 HOPWA program, UNITY will collaborate with six sponsors including Project Lazarus, the NO/AIDS Task Force, Volunteers of America, The Pediatric AIDS Program, Belle Reeve, and United Services for AIDS. Tulane University School of Social Work will provide a program evaluation for UNITY. UNITY provides housing and services to 3,465 people with AIDS and 550 of their family members.

This project offers personalized responses to individual needs with the goal of maximizing opportunities for independent living. Supportive services provided include emergency shelter services, transitional rental assistance, permanent housing for those at the end of their illness, itinerant home healthcare and drop-in respite care, mental health counseling, case management,



education and outreach, employment and career counseling, and adult day care center as well as substance abuse treatment.

Key Facts

Service Area:

New Orleans metropolitan area

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,132,412

UNITY provides housing and services to 3,465 people with AIDS and 550 of their family members.

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The prior program was adjusted with the addition of adult day care and better integration of services for clients. UNITY for the Homeless was recognized with a Blue Ribbon Award for Continuum of Care Overall Excellence in 1997 and shared the award with the City of New Orleans in 1998.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

UNITY for the Homeless

New Orleans, Louisiana

\$ 1,099,230

In Louisiana, HOPWA SPNS funds awarded in 1995 supported a program of UNITY for the Homeless, a multi-service umbrella organization for the coordination of homeless services in the City of New Orleans, to integrate homeless people living with HIV/AIDS into its continuum of care.



The AIDS Project

Competitive SPNS Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Maine

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Allocations:

1997: \$1,064,149

Short-term emergency rental assistance will be provided for 54 persons and 24 will receive shallow rent subsidies to enable them to remain in their apartments or to assist in mortgage payments.

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Grantee and Community Profile

In 1997, a Special Project of National Significance grant was awarded to fund a renewal of the Housing Assistance and Volunteer Enlistment Network (HAVEN) project, operated by The AIDS Project (TAP). With the \$1,064,149 awarded for three years, this project continues efforts in Maine to addressing the complex housing and related support needs of people with HIV/AIDS in Portland and other areas of southern Maine.

TAP provides overall case management and coordinates housing and supportive services with three other organizations: Peabody House, AIDS Housing Lodge, and Shalom House. HAVEN is notable for its ability to serve and adapt to the needs of its service population.

During its first grant, the HAVEN project was successful in filling housing and social service gaps. Providers have subsequently found that the nature of their clientele has altered with: more individuals having multiple diagnoses; prognoses of longer life expectancies; and a tighter local housing market. TAP and its three sponsors have adapted their program to attend to these changing needs. The program's use of trained volunteers and both consumer and service professionals advisory committees are notable.

Services include: emergency assistance and shallow rent assistance (up to \$250 per month); employment re-entry; counseling; and helping clients access scattered site, short-term apartments, and tenant-based rental assistance.

Over the course of the three-year grant, 250 persons will receive rental assistance. Assisted living will be provided to 46 persons. Short-term emergency rental assistance will be provided for 54 persons and 24 will receive shallow rent subsidies to enable them to remain in their apartments or to assist in mortgage payments. An additional 72 persons will receive other short-term payments.



Evaluation of the first HAVEN program has shown that 90% of clients entering emergency care had been housed permanently within 90 days of intake. In addition, TAP met a significant list of benchmarks and developed a working pool of 100 volunteers. For the 1997 award, it is expected that 300 persons with AIDS and 30 of their family members will receive housing assistance, and 1,824 persons with AIDS will receive supportive services.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

The AIDS Project, Inc.

Portland, Maine

669,260

The AIDS Project in Portland, Maine, received a grant for the *Housing Assistance and Volunteer Enlistment Network (HAVEN)* in order to bring housing and a continuum of supportive services to people with HIV/AIDS in south central Maine and enable them to live independently.



Baltimore, MD

Baltimore City Department of Housing and
Community Development

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development is the grantee for the Baltimore Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA) which includes Baltimore City, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Carroll, Anne Arundel and Queen Anne's Counties.

Key Facts

Service Area: Baltimore EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 447,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,091,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,515,000
FY 1995 \$ 2,454,000
FY 1996 \$ 4,582,000
FY 1997 \$ 3,596,000
FY 1998 \$ 4,414,000
FY 1999 \$ 4,689,000

Throughout the EMSA, HOPWA funds are primarily used for tenant based rental assistance serving 1,141 individuals and families in FY 97.

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The Maryland Epidemiological Profile of June 1998 reports 4,779 persons living with AIDS in the EMSA. The number of infected persons was estimated at 38,000. The number of women reported in the last year has increased to comprise 33% of the newly reported AIDS cases. Among men newly reported in the last year, intravenous drug use was a dominant factor in the increase, comprising 24% of the cases. These changes, in profile of AIDS clients has influence the city's funding decisions.

Program Accomplishments

Within Baltimore City, the sponsor agencies are: Health Education Resource Organization (HERO), AIDS Interfaith Residential Services (AIRS), Project PLASE, Chase Brexton, Housing Unlimited Group (HUG), Moveable Feast, Family and Children's Services, Baltimore American Indian Center, Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO), and Joseph P. Richey Center. In the EMSA, the fundamental need identified is affordable housing. This need is met primarily through tenant-based rental assistance. To assure clients have access to supports necessary to maintain stable housing, the HOPWA grant also funds Support Services, including case management, nutritional services, health services and client assistance. In Baltimore City, funds are committed for acquisition and capital projects to increase the supply of affordable housing available to PWA's.

In the EMSA, the process for developing a Continuum of Care for PWA's is rooted in a series of interrelated processes, councils and planning groups that provide a steady flow of information and data to help in the decision-making process and needs assessment. The pivotal point for decisions and recommendations on the use of HOPWA



funds in the continuum is the HOPWA Advisory Board. The Board recommends funding priorities and a subcommittee reviews and rates applications from potential sponsors. The Board is composed of representatives from AIDS service providers, representatives from city and county government and persons living with AIDS.

The planning process is further influenced by information gained from various other groups and organizations working with HIV/AIDS clients. These organizations include: Baltimore County, who surveyed consumers about the services they received and the un-met needs; Anne Arundel County, which holds quarterly meetings with service providers to assess the needs and improve coordination among their service providers; the HIV Housing Plan for Greater Baltimore assists in the planning process; the Maryland Center for Community Development which provides technical assistance in capacity building that increases the housing supply for PWA's as well as conducting community meetings statewide including those in the Baltimore EMSA.

The Housing Plus Care Planning Group, which is open to anyone interested in HIV/AIDS services and housing, meets bi-monthly to promote housing development. The group is planning to update the statewide housing needs assessment. Additionally, the Ryan White Planning Council conducts an annual needs assessment as part of the annual priority setting requirement.

Throughout the EMSA HOPWA funds are primarily used for tenant based rental assistance. During the fiscal year 1997, 1,141 individuals and families received this rental assistance. In Baltimore City, HOPWA funds supported the acquisition of an apartment building that ensured persons living with HIV/AIDS access to the five (5) units of affordable housing over the next 10 years. Currently, the city is planning a project that includes 12 short-term beds for medically fragile PWA's and a 10 bed SRO site.

Supportive services are administered through Baltimore City and its Substance Abuse Systems to purchase 101 units of inpatient and intensive out patient care to serve 255 eligible clients. In December 1998, Baltimore City implemented a training and employment program with HOPWA funds. The "People on the Move" organization recruited, hired and trained 17 PWA's as drivers on the new shuttle system which provides transportation for homeless persons and PWA's.

HOPWA funds have contributed to the acquisition and planned rehabilitation of the Maryland Community Resource Center. The Center provides structured daytime activities and various other services for low-income PWA's and their families. Special programs like the PLASE, HUG, and HERO organizations make an concerted effort to employ PWA's so they can become self-sufficient, often times these people were clients of the organizations. Additionally, there are several PWA's who are medically unable to work full-time that volunteer in the agencies that have helped them in the past.



Case Study

The following is a story of one HOPWA client who was living in an abusive domestic situation: John was forced to live in an environment where his domestic partner was abusive and causing him debilitating mental anguish. Overwhelmed by his HIV diagnosis and coupled with his intolerable home life John was withdrawing from life and became homebound. An outreach nurse funded through HOPWA, evaluated John and determined that he was capable of living independently if affordable housing was made available to him. John needed subsidized housing to supplement his very low income in order to improve his mental status. Through the efforts of program sponsors, John was able to secure an apartment with HOPWA tenant based rental assistance. And now that his life is once again in order, John has set his sites on going back to school to become a social worker himself.

Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development

Competitive Grantee

The Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development will establish the "Back to Basics" program under a 1998 Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,150,000. A staff of four family focus teams will implement an empowerment and enrichment model designed to provide the basic needs of housing, food and clothing.

Through the Back to Basics program families who have traditionally fallen out of service have the opportunity to build the skills and resources necessary to become and remain independent. Once basic needs are met, the groundwork is laid to empower the family to develop the resources and skills to access the necessary healthcare and services to function as a unit, to maintain housing and economic stability.

Approximately 100 individuals will receive housing and social service assistance, as well as 180 family members. Back to Basics services include case management, nutritional and food resources, temporary cash assistance, medical assistance, supportive housing beds, emergency funds, housing and mortgage assistance, healthcare, substance abuse treatment, legal services, education and job training, child care, respite and hospice care. Linkages to community resources have been established in order to maintain each family in the most appropriate and least restrictive environment.

Community based agencies collaborating in this effort include Health Education Resource Organization (HERO), Sisters Together and Reaching (STAR), You are Never Alone (YANA),



Movable Feast, BCDSS and HDC/Office of Homeless Services. Families in Back to Basics have also established a forum that promotes the interchange of ideas and implementation of new approaches responsive to the needs of HIV/AIDS impacted families.

1996 MDI Grant

In 1996, an HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative Project grant for \$ 1,200,000 (with \$50,000 additional funds for program evaluation) was awarded to the City of Baltimore. In addition to funds received under the Ryan White CARE Act, these HOPWA funds support an HIV/AIDS Community Resource Center and an HIV/AIDS Transitional Housing program for 225 persons with HIV/AIDS who are homeless and diagnosed with chronic substance abuse and/or chronic mental illness issues in Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

Key Facts

Service Area:

Baltimore metropolitan area

Grant: Competitive SPNS and MDI

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,150,000 (SPNS)

1996: \$1,270,000 (MDI)

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Clients benefit from the coordinated provision of housing counseling, case management, day center activities, medical and mental health care, and substance abuse treatment. The activities are carried out by two primary project sponsors - Health Education Resources Organization and Project PLASE in coordination with nine public and private agencies which provide intensive outreach to the target population and offer nonduplicative support through the coordination of the HOPWA-funded activities and other necessary supportive services for clients. Project sponsors include: the Black Education AIDS Project (BEAP), Chase-Brexton Health Services, Health Care for the Homeless (HCH), the Housing Unlimited Group (HUG), and Maryland Department of Human Resources' Project Home AIDS program.

This program has two components:

- (1) The use of twelve emergency beds for the medically fragile to provide a supportive transition for an estimated 75 persons from crises to stable, secure and appropriate living situations; and
- (2) The creation of a community resource center to provide structured activities, vocational training and a range of other related assistance for approximately 700 clients per year.

The resource center is operated by HERO and provides a low-cost copying service to provide employment experiences for clients. These activities address unmet needs in the metropolitan area's ten-year strategic HIV Housing Plan for Greater Baltimore by providing services to multiple-diagnosed people with HIV/AIDS in emergency shelters. Over \$2.4 million of additional financial and volunteer resources were committed for this project. The planned activities are consistent with Baltimore City's Consolidated Plan.



Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Competitive Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: 12 Eastern Shore and
Western Maryland counties

Grant:
Competitive Long-Term and SPNS

Grant Award:
1998: \$1,100,000 (LT)
1996: \$976,800 (SPNS)

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1998 Long-Term Grant

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene received a \$1,100,000 grant to continue a Long-Term Comprehensive Strategy grant in a Non-Formula Area.

In 1995, the State was awarded funding to serve clients in the Eastern Shore and Western Maryland. This program, the Maryland Rural HOPWA Initiative, is a comprehensive program designed to prevent homelessness and help low-income persons with HIV/AIDS live independently, targeting 12 counties. Combining rent subsidies, case management, drug assistance and other supportive services, the program will serve 152 persons with HIV/AIDS and 123 family members. The program reaches an additional 330 persons with HIV/AIDS through supportive services.

Maryland's Rural HOPWA Initiative will provide tenant-based rental assistance with deep and shallow subsidies, short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments. The approach is three-fold. First, the program will continue housing assistance and supportive service to prevent homelessness.

New components include a regional case management approach to maximize coordination and individualization of service delivery in the spread out rural areas and temporary drug assistance. Two regional case managers positions were created, improving direct case management services for participants. The continuation of the program expands the case manager functions providing a cost-effective and personalized approach, rather than the previous method of sponsors receiving funds and implementing services directly. The program also establishes a regional HIV drug assistance program to pay for prescriptions for those waiting for their prescription entitlements to be approved by the state. Other social services to be provided in the initiative include transportation, nutritional supplements and food, payments for emergency and unanticipated medical appointments. Project collaborators include the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Dorchester County Department of Social Services, Washington County Department of Social Services and the 12 participating county Health Departments.



1996 SPNS Grant

In 1996, the AIDS Administration of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene received a Special Project of National Significance grant for \$976,800 to fund a program to:

- (1) Increase the number of HIV/AIDS housing units in Maryland
- (2) Establish a statewide system assessing and coordinating HIV housing resources
- (3) Enhance HIV/AIDS housing policy decisions.

This HOPWA SPNS project will project provides at least 100 new affordable housing units for low income persons with HIV/AIDS in Maryland by assisting non-profit organizations including HIV/AIDS service providers with pre-development planning, by establishing a loan/grant program to help non-profits with pre-development costs, and by linking non-profits with financing and developers to complete their housing plan. The HOPWA project creates a housing information center and clearinghouse including a database of HIV/AIDS housing resources throughout the state. The database will be accessible through a toll free 800 number and the internet. HIV/AIDS housing public policy will be enhanced by the project's activities including development of linkages and communications between HIV/AIDS community groups and housing providers.

To implement this project, the AIDS Administration has been assisted by the Maryland Center for Community Development (MCCD) and the Enterprise Foundation. These organizations are responsible for providing predevelopment assistance to non-profits including administering the pre-development loan/grant program. In addition, MCCD is be responsible for the establishing and maintaining the housing database. This HOPWA proposal was developed in conjunction with Maryland Housing + Care Planning group and is consistent with the State of Maryland Consolidated Plan.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Dept of Housing and Community Dev
Baltimore, Maryland

\$ 1,076,718

In the City of Baltimore, a HOPWA SPNS grant supports the City's efforts to provide comprehensive housing assistance to close to 500 PWAs and 135

family members.

1995 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

State of Maryland, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Eastern Shore & Western Maryland

\$ 1,000,000

In Maryland, a 1995 Long-term grant to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene provides short-term rental assistance and utility payments as well as supportive services to low income persons living with HIV/AIDS in Maryland's rural counties.



1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

County of Baltimore Department of Community Development

Baltimore County, Maryland

\$ 838,354

In Maryland, the Baltimore County Office operated a county-wide cooperative effort among County government and service agencies by providing tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services for 39 families with HIV/AIDS and a cumulative 169 persons with services over the three-year period.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Public Health, AIDS Bureau

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 763,000
FY 1995 \$ 896,000
FY 1996 \$ 898,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,052,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,055,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,111,000

*The Justice Resource Institute
provides tenant based rental
assistance, statewide. The program
housed 318 persons in 171 units.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Massachusetts Department of Health (DPH) promotes conditions that improve and protect the health of residents of the Commonwealth. DPH focuses on community-based approaches, fosters continuous improvements in the health status of individuals and communities, supports programs that prevent and treat disease and disability, and intervenes to reduce threats to public's health. DPH's focus includes the health status of all the residents of Massachusetts with a particular emphasis on those at highest risk and in greatest need.

As of July 1, 1998 the DPH's AIDS Surveillance reported that there was a cumulative total of 13,342 cases of CDC defined AIDS in Massachusetts, with 4,893 living. DPH estimates that there are at least 26,291 people in Massachusetts alive with HIV infection and/or AIDS and that the range of the need for subsidized or supportive housing is 2,775 to 1,870 units for this population. The current supply of housing units designated for people with HIV/AIDS in Massachusetts is 1,093. The range indicates that 39% to 58% of the need is being met.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has sponsored two five-year planning documents that address the needs of people with HIV/AIDS and these needs assessments included the housing needs of people with HIV/AIDS. In addition, a number of cities, such as Cambridge and Boston, have also developed AIDS housing needs assessments specific to their communities. These documents have guided the state in its use of HOPWA funds. The AIDS Bureau relies on the guidance of the Statewide HOPWA Advisory Committee when making decisions in allocating HOPWA funds. The statewide HOPWA Advisory Committee is integrated into the network of Ryan White Title II Consortia across the state.

Program Accomplishments

DPH's AIDS Bureau currently funds a total of 36 HIV/AIDS housing and housing-related programs: 31 programs provide supportive housing services to 734 units; on program provides



short-term rental assistance; one program provides housing search and stabilization services; and three program provides technical assistance and training.

The AIDS Bureau budgets \$6.5 million per year for each of these 36 programs: \$4.6 million in state funds, just over \$1.0 million in HOPWA funds, and \$0.9 million in other federal funds. In addition to AIDS Bureau programs, DPH's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services funds in whole or in part, six HIV/AIDS housing programs that provide supportive services to 79 units. In total, DPH supports 42 programs with 813 units of supportive housing for people with HIV/AIDS.

Under its HOPWA grants, DPH funds the following six projects: (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998)

- The Justice Resource Institute provides tenant based rental assistance, statewide. The sponsor provides statewide outreach, case coordination, and case management services to clients by linking them with rental subsidies funded, not by HOPWA but by Section 8 vouchers and HOME certificates made available by the Massachusetts Department of Communities and Development. The program housed 318 persons in 171 units.
- The Latino Health Institute conducts the La Comunidad de Walnut Park program for the Metro Boston area. A congregate, supported housing program, this program serves people with HIV/AIDS who need services delivered to them in Spanish. This program provided supported housing to 8 individuals in 8 household units.
- The AIDS Action Committee has provided two rental assistance programs including the Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) and the Rental Startup Program (RSP). The HPP program is to prevent the eviction of people with HIV/AIDS who are falling behind in their rent or mortgage payments. The program served 111 households last year. The RSP program provides first month's rent and security deposits to persons with HIV/AIDS to enable them to move into affordable housing. This program assisted 209 households.
- Victory Programs provides hands-on training to the staff and direct services to residents of AIDS housing programs through the HART program (Housing AIDS/Addiction Resource Team). This statewide program assists residents in dealing with the most pressing issue of AIDS housing programs: substance abuse and relapse. The past year, HART trained 149 staff members and assisted 199 residents of 24 AIDS housing programs.
- The AIDS Housing Corporation provided technical assistance to providers to identify and access available funding to develop and maintain AIDS housing programs. It provided technical assistance to over 24 AIDS housing programs.
- The Vinfen Corporation provides a congregate supported housing program in the Metro Boston area for people disabled by HIV/AIDS who also have histories of substance abuse



and/or major mental illness. This program opened in February 1998 and provided housing to 12 people in 12 units.

Boston, MA

City of Boston
Department of Neighborhood Development

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Boston, MA EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 589,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,188,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,566,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,709,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,613,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,803,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,814,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,890,000

The City's HOPWA program consists of emergency and short-term assistance to prevent homelessness to approximately 200 households annually.

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households;

Grantee and Community Profile

The Boston HOPWA formula grant, first funded in 1992, is administered by the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development. The grant supports a wide variety of housing assistance and supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS throughout the Boston Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes the City of Boston and its suburbs, as well as several other suburban and rural communities across the 7 counties in Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. The estimated number of persons living with AIDS in this jurisdiction as of 6/98 is 3,750.

Planning for the usage of the HOPWA grant is conducted as part of the City's overall Consolidated Plan process and in conjunction with the Ryan White Title I Planning Council, as well as through coordination with the Boston Public Health Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

HOPWA planning over the next 5 years will also incorporate data and recommendations from a 1998 AIDS Housing Needs Assessment commissioned by the City of Boston and conducted by the AIDS Housing Corporation and the Latino Health Institute. Additionally, the needs of the homeless living with HIV/AIDS in the Boston MSA are also addressed through the City's annual Continuum of Care planning process and competitive application.

Program Accomplishments

The City's HOPWA program consists of 6 components of assistance:

- 1) emergency and short-term assistance to prevent homelessness to approximately 200 households annually;
- 2) tenant-based rental assistance for approximately 90



- 3) supportive services to approximately 150 recipients of tenant-based rental assistance (HOPWA, HOME, Section 8, Shelter Plus Care);
- 4) supportive services to 100 units of transitional and permanent housing;
- 5) housing information and referral services; and
- 6) technical assistance.

All of these components are operated by the following non-profit community based organizations: AIDS Action Committee, AIDS Housing Corporation, Cambridge Cares About AIDS, Center for Community Health Education and Research, Justice Resource Institute, Latino Health Institute, Homeless Services of Boston, Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, North Shore Community Action Program, Quincy Interfaith Sheltering Coalition, Ruah, South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Tri-City Community Action Program and Victory Programs.

AIDS Housing Corporation

Competitive SPNS Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Boston metropolitan area

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,143,261

1997: \$ 749,689

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1998 SPNS Grant

The AIDS Housing Corporation, a Boston based non-profit agency, will expand its successful SHARE 2000 program under a 1998 Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,143,261. The Supported Housing Agencies Resource Exchange, (SHARE), is a cooperative partnership designed to address unmet needs of HIV/AIDS housing programs and consumers in the greater Boston area. The SHARE 2000 program was created under a 1995 HOPWA grant and this grant will allow the program to continue for three additional years.

SHARE 2000 addresses the critical needs identified in Boston's Consolidated Plan and Continuum of Care for supportive housing and stabilization services for persons with HIV/AIDS. This approach capitalizes on existing expertise in the HIV/AIDS provider community and to share resources to expand and enhance efficiency and capacity of programs. This statewide program conducts training on area needs assessments and offers a technical assistance and program evaluation component to enable providers throughout Massachusetts to create new housing programs for persons with HIV/AIDS.

There are five components to the SHARE 2000 program: direct care relief program, staff development program, donations assistance program, staff training program, and HomeStart.



SHARE's new component, HomeStart, forges a partnership of experienced service providers to tend to the direct service needs of homeless persons with HIV/AIDS in the community and to facilitate movement to housing. Approximately 2000 persons will benefit through the SHARE Program.

The AIDS Housing Corporation brings together the expertise and experience of seven agencies which provide housing and services for persons with HIV/AIDS in the Boston area. Collaborating agencies include the AIDS Action Committee, BayCove Human Services, Boston Living Center, Justice Resource Institute, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and Victory Programs.

1997 SPNS Grant

A Special Project of National Significance grant for \$749,689 was awarded to the AIDS Housing Corporation's (AHC) New England Comprehensive Technical Assistance Program as a continuation of a 1994 HOPWA SPNS grant.

With 1997 funds, AHC will continue serving Massachusetts while expanding their capacity to serve other communities in the New England area. Included are five components:

- (1) needs assessments;
- (2) program evaluations;
- (3) research, training, and publications;
- (4) project development, operations, and management;
- (5) community-wide system development.

Additionally, AHC will hold a New England-wide AIDS Housing Conference so that organizations and agencies may share information and the region's technical assistance needs may be assessed. Assistance will be provided to at least 400 individuals and 200 family members. In AHC's 1994 technical assistance grant, all planned goals were met. AHC published a primer on developing AIDS supported housing, guidelines for the design of AIDS housing, a handbook for AIDS housing directors and a directory of programs in Massachusetts and initiated use of a web site.

AHC will continue to work with people with AIDS, AIDS service organizations, and community-based organizations to identify the need for housing and support services and develop/maintain housing options addressing those needs. By building on the capacity of existing organizations, AHC helps to bridge gaps in knowledge and expertise to create a continuum of housing options for people living with HIV/AIDS, involve consumers in decisions and form partnerships to provide housing and care.



1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

AIDS Housing Corporation

Boston, Massachusetts

\$ 990,534

In 1995, a SPNS grant funded the Supported Agencies Resource Exchange (SHARE) initiative, sponsored by the AIDS Housing Corporation. SHARE coordinates a resource enhancement program of four components available to all of the AIDS housing programs in the metropolitan Boston area including volunteer coordination, an emergency relief team, resource development and a consumer employment agency.

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

AIDS Housing Corporation

Boston, Massachusetts

\$ 461,590

A Boston-based nonprofit organization AIDS Housing Corporation received HOPWA funding for state-wide program development activities. AHC conducted training on area needs assessments and offered technical assistance and program evaluation services to create new housing programs for persons with HIV/AIDS.

1992 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Boston Public Facilities Department

Boston, Massachusetts

\$500,000

In 1992, the City of Boston, Massachusetts, Public Facilities Department was awarded a HOPWA grant to support two projects. HOPWA funds supported the construction and rehabilitation of a community residence, Peter Faneuil HIV Housing, with the Faneuil HIV Housing Corporation. Funds were also used for the development of the Rockwell Street Residence in cooperation with the Paul Sullivan Housing Trust.



State of Michigan

The Michigan Department
of Community Health

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Michigan EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$ 523,000
FY 1996 \$ 506,000
FY 1997 \$ 603,000
FY 1998 \$ 618,000
FY 1999 \$ 677,000

In Flint, a rehabilitation project will convert a 46 unit former motel and twenty-two(22) units are designated to house persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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Grantee and Community Profile

In Michigan, the HIV/AIDS epidemic is growing among hard to reach populations, who traditionally do not have medical insurance. This situation provides a "Catch-22" for housing and service providers. A great deal of education, outreach and culturally sensitive and culturally specific long-range solutions must be planned for and provided. HOPWA dollars are more necessary than ever before in assuring that we can meet the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS in Michigan.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is the grantee for formula HOPWA funds through its Community Living, Children and Families Administration (CLCF). The 1998 award was \$618,00.00 for Michigan outside the Detroit Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area. This administration change was made this year to increase the effective use of HOPWA funds by coordinating with other housing programs in Michigan managed through MDCH. MDCH encompasses the state public health services, mental health services, substance abuse services, Medicaid CLCF.

Program Accomplishments

The state's main goal for the year is to assure the coordination of HOPWA funds with other available resources. MDCH provides comprehensive public and mental health services throughout the state of Michigan, through local public health departments and other service providers. MDCH is also a partner with the Michigan State Housing Authority and Corporation for Supportive Housing to develop 300 units of housing in four communities in Michigan.

Efforts are being made to integrate HOPWA dollars into those projects to assure that people living with aids have affordable housing available to them for the next 30 years. The 300 units are only a first step in

creating more affordable housing for people with disabilities in Michigan and efforts will be made to assure that HOPWA dollars are an integral part of every project.



The Current HOPWA Sponsors are: The HIV/AIDS Resource Center (Region 2), Community AIDS Resource and Education Services (Region 3), The Lansing Area AIDS Network (Region 4), St. Mary's McAuley Health Center (Region 5), Hospice of Muskegon/Oceana Counties (Region 5), AIDS Resource Center (Region 5) Ann Broadhurst et al (Region 5), Muskegon Area AIDS Resource Center (Region 5), Wellness AIDS Services- Flint (Region 6), B.A.S.I.S. (Region 6), Northwest Community Public Health Agency (Region 7), Thomas Judd Care Center (Region 7), and Marquette County Health Department (Region 8).

Michigan's HOPWA dollars have provided a broad range of housing and supportive services in the past year and have covered the entire range of eligible activities. Beginning last summer, the state launched a concerted effort to educate the providers concerning other available housing resources. As a result, HOPWA dollars are being used to leverage other community resources more effectively.

It is estimated that between 8,500 and 11,500 people in Michigan are infected with HIV. Since most housing assistance programs have long waiting lists, when a person faces a crisis, often there is no emergency assistance available and people are forced into shelters. Increased rental and mortgage assistance programs are an essential part of keeping the person in their home. Since two-thirds (2/3) of Michigan's counties are rural (from Rural Health in Michigan), transportation is a significant element in keeping people in their existing housing. The HOPWA funds are administered through the established Ryan White Care Consortia, to keep planning for the housing needs of PLW HIV/AIDS at the regional level where the knowledge of those particular needs exists. Additionally, a requirement of the Michigan HOPWA program is that the Care Consortia make an effort to collaborate with existing housing coalitions to ensure that HOPWA dollars are used effectively and HOPWA providers are educated on community planning processes.

Wellness AIDS Services- Flint is involved in a rehabilitation project to convert a 46 unit former motel. Twenty-two (22) units are designated to house persons living with HIV/AIDS. In addition to 9 Project Sponsors who provide short term rental and utility assistance to prevent homelessness.

Michigan's efforts to provide supportive services in creative ways are ongoing. Barrier busting teams at the state level are available to local communities to help them resolve problems with sources of dollars and program requirements of those dollars. As a result, more collaboration is happening in many communities. Since several HOPWA fiduciaries are Public Health Departments, they receive the full benefit of these services. With Michigan's move to managed care and the collaboration and prevention that is encouraged by that move, HOPWA dollars will more effectively leverage other resources, both in the housing and service arenas. The state has a program goal, beginning with FY99, to facilitate information and technical assistance in an organized and periodic way so as to build the knowledge base and capacity of local communities to respond to the multifaceted needs of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/As).



Detroit, MI

Detroit Department of Health

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The HOPWA formula grant, administered by the City's Department of Health was first funded in 1992. It serves people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in Lapeer, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne Counties.

Key Facts

Service Area: Detroit, MI EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 321,000
FY 1993 \$ 729,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,135,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,207,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,180,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,374,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,409,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,526,000

The number of unduplicated persons receiving emergency financial assistance during FY'97 was 160 women and 196 men for a total of 356 clients.

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Program Accomplishments

Three organizations in the Detroit Eligible Metro/Area (EMA) received funding for community residence housing:

- Detroit Health Care for the Homeless provides nine shelter beds to men who were homeless. This respite program stabilizes clients through committed medical care and connects them to appropriate support services and transitional or permanent housing.
- Simon House, 5 beds for women and their children and Wellness House (12 beds for men and women) also received funding for twelve residences that provide a safe and supportive environment, services that stabilize clients and activities as needed.

A rental assistance component of the Housing Stability Program is operated by Management Systems, Incorporated.

The Housing Stability Program (HSP) is a highly collaborative effort led by the HSP Program Administrator at Management Systems, Inc and involves lease-ups and service coordination, with housing Case Managers at the two AIDS service organizations in the Detroit EMA, AIDS Consortium of Southeastern Michigan (ACSEM) and AIDS Partnership Michigan (APM).

The Housing Case Managers provide all participants in the program with basic case management that emphasizes the housing component to better ensure



the success of client tenancy. Mandatory monthly education sessions are conducted by outside speakers to enhance basic living skills and landlord-tenant relationships as well as peer education.

After a residence is selected and inspected for Housing Quality Standards, the Social Worker from Care Givers conducts an in-house assessment of each clients situation and forwards written documentation to the appropriate manager.

Simon House Phase II is working toward completion of an eleven (11) unit apartment building that will result in (2) one bedroom and (9) two bedroom units being available for women and children. A total of 129 unduplicated individuals/families received assistance during the year.

The city's sponsor based rental assistance program will assist up to 100 low-income PLWA and their families to secure pre-identified and pre-approved units, and as needed, pay for security deposits. The units are located throughout the Detroit EMA in proportion to the epidemic, i.e. 79% are in Detroit and Wayne County, 19% in Oakland County and 2% in Macomb, Monroe, Lapeer and St. Clair Counties. While support services are not directly funded by this program, a Program Administrator at Management Systems Incorporated, will oversee client linkage to a range of existing support services such as HIV/AIDS case management and referral to appropriate stabilizing services. Collaboration with housing authorities to facilitate the provisions of Section 8 vouchers or certificates is ongoing so that clients, as appropriate, can transition on from this program.

As appropriate Emergency Assistance provided for rent or mortgage payments to prevent evictions and utility assistance to avoid utility shut offs. Also, security deposits were offered to assist with moves. Three agencies, Community Health Awareness Group, Health Awareness Group, Health Emergency Lifeline Programs and Oakland Livingston Humans Services Agency, facilitated emergency financial assistance to clients. Caregivers provided support to the clients in these programs. Following emergency assistance, screening is conducted by a Social Worker to review the cause for the client's emergency needs and to develop a housing emergency support plan. Paraprofessional stabilization support may also be provided on an individual basis for a limited time. The number of unduplicated persons receiving emergency financial assistance during FY'97 was 160 women and 196 men for a total of 356 clients. A telephone hotline number with housing data base and housing specialist helped clients to find suitable housing and housing services including a total of 478 clients.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan

Detroit metro area, Michigan

\$ 572,932

A grant was made in the Detroit metropolitan area for a collaboration of Hospice of Southeastern Michigan with Greater Detroit Hospital. The efforts seek to provide a



supportive environment for persons who cannot adequately be assisted in other area programs.

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

Patterson Residential Care, Inc.

Detroit, Michigan

\$572,442

This metro Detroit project expanded the efforts of Patterson Residential Care, Inc. to provide transitional supportive housing for persons with AIDS. The project included an Independent Living Program and a Hospice Care Program.

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

City of Lansing Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development

Lansing, Michigan

152,540

HOPWA 1994 competitive funds were used by the City of Lansing Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development to establish a housing and supportive services program for persons with HIV/AIDS.



State of Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Health

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Minnesota EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 617,000

FY 1999 \$ 92,000

MHFA will issue a Super RFP to increase leveraging of other funding sources while encouraging a broad range of project development throughout the entire state.

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Grantee and Community Profile

In 1994, the State of Minnesota received \$612,000 in HOPWA formula grant to support a wide variety of housing assistance and supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS. The grant, administered through the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) served the entire State of Minnesota.

Some of the activities funded with the grant included a comprehensive needs assessment and a five-year plan for the housing needs of people living with HIV. Other activities funded included new construction and development of two adult foster care facilities, emergency and transitional housing and rental assistance program.

In 1995, the State lost its eligibility under the HOPWA formula because the number of AIDS cases in the Minneapolis Metropolitan area exceeded the HOPWA threshold for an entitlement area, and the remainder of the state had less than the threshold of 1,500 cases. The City of Minneapolis was awarded HOPWA funds for that year and subsequent years. This annual HOPWA allocation as part of the formula grant, is restricted to the thirteen-county Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). The FY95 funding was administered through the MDH. Recognizing the need for greater housing expertise, a decision was made to work with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) in 1995 to combine HOPWA funding with other funding sources in the MHFA's Super RFP process. All subsequent years of HOPWA allocations have followed this process.

In 1996, MHFA agreed to take over MDH's role in the administration and management of all HOPWA housing related activities while activities funded for rental assistance and support services for housing were administered through the Minnesota Department of Health.

The shift of designated funding from statewide to the thirteen-county EMA in 1995, eliminated funding for rural areas in Minnesota. This created the loss of continued funding for two valuable programs that utilized Statewide HOPWA funding and caused a gap in services for individuals and programs in outstate Minnesota.



The Housing Coalition for Housing for People With HIV (Housing Coalition), formed in the summer of 1993, became an advisory group to MDH in the expenditure of HOPWA funds. The mission of the Housing Coalition is to facilitate access to quality housing and appropriate support services for individuals and families living with HIV disease throughout Minnesota. The coalition has now joined the Ryan White AIDS Planning Council for Minnesota and acts as a committee of the planning council. The Coalition will continue to act as an advisory group for both the city and state agencies.

Under new authority approved in FY 1999, the State of Minnesota is a recipient of \$92,000 of HOPWA formula funds. Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) will administer the funds for outstate Minnesota in cooperation with the Housing Coalition, and the Minnesota Department of Health. Activities planned for the use of these funds include: rental assistance and emergency assistance. This funding would help alleviate the gaps in services identified in these areas.

MHFA will combine the FY99 funding for the State's formula grant, the City of Minneapolis' funding with other funding sources in the upcoming MHFA's Super RFP. This increased funding availability through the Super FPR affords agencies increased leveraging of other funding sources while encouraging a broad range of project development throughout the entire state.

The Housing Coalition has developed a workplan to address the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. The plan sets forth four general areas for MHFA to follow in allocating HOPWA funds to projects seeking funding through the RFP.

- Increased affordable housing stock through housing development and utilization of housing subsidies.
- Intensive housing intervention.
- Emergency housing assistance.
- Clearinghouse to serve the housing needs of individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS.

The number of organizations that are/have provided services in these areas include Allina Health/Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN) Claire Housing, Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP), Metropolitan Council HRA, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), The Minnesota American Indian AIDS Task Force (MAIATF) /Powderhorn Residence Group (PRG), Grace House, Agape House and The Salvation Army.



Minneapolis, MN

City of Minneapolis and the Minnesota
Housing Finance Agency

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Minnesota EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$ 569,000
FY 1996 \$ 558,000
FY 1997 \$ 636,000
FY 1998 \$ 640,000
FY 1999 \$ 670,000

*Minnesota AIDS Project Emergency
Housing Fund provided emergency
housing assistance 50 persons
throughout the Twin Cities
metropolitan area.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

In 1994, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) received funding for housing for people living with AIDS statewide. During that time, a comprehensive needs assessment and five-year plan for HIV/AIDS housing was completed. The Coalition for Housing for People with HIV was designated as the advisory group to assist MDH in the distribution and expenditure of HOPWA funds.

In 1995, the number of AIDS cases for the Twin Cities metropolitan area surpassed the threshold and the City of Minneapolis, the metropolitan area's largest municipality, became the designated HOPWA grantee. The City of Minneapolis receives the annual HOPWA formula allocation as part of its annual Consolidated Plan process and is restricted to the thirteen county Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA).

In order to ensure that the grant is distributed throughout the EMA, the City of Minneapolis has designated the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), the state housing agency, to administer and monitor HOPWA projects. Partnering with the MHFA allows the City to advertise the annual HOPWA allocation in the MHFA's Super RFP process. The Super RFP process is a bi-annual advertisement of all of the MHFA's programs. Applicants file one general proposal with the agency and MHFA staff determine how many different programs a proposal may be eligible for.

Program Accomplishments

As stated above, the Coalition for Housing for People with HIV is the designated advisory group that assists in the distribution and expenditure of HOPWA allocations. The Coalition consists of members of the

HIV/AIDS community, service providers, and public agencies. In 1997, the Coalition became the formal housing committee of the larger HIV Services Planning Council, the entity that advises the State of Minnesota and Hennepin County on the expenditure of federal Ryan White funding.



This collaboration has allowed for greater coordination in the implementation of HIV/AIDS-related projects. While the Coalition focuses primarily on housing and housing-related services through HOPWA funding, they are able to provide and receive input from persons and agencies that are implementing Ryan White funding in a multitude of service and program areas. The partnership has allowed for a more consistent and seamless approach to the implementation of all HIV/AIDS-related projects across the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

The HOPWA funding process follows these steps. First the annual funding amounts anticipated from HUD are estimated. Then the annual priorities (i.e. capital, services, focus on families and/or target special groups, etc.) for the 1998 strategic planning process are submitted to MHFA for inclusion in the bi-annual Super RFP advertisement. MHFA reviews and categorizes proposals. The Coalition solicits persons to serve on the MHFA-sponsored project review committee for all HIV/AIDS-related projects and reviews committee recommendations. Once the review committee has made project recommendations, the selections are forwarded to the MHFA Board for final approval.

The most recent Program Accomplishments have been the rehabilitation of Clare House, a four-unit adult foster care residential structure. Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN) provided emergency housing assistance to approximately four households in rural Minnesota. Minnesota AIDS Project Emergency Housing Fund provided emergency housing assistance to 50 persons throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The American Indian AIDS Task Force and Powderhorn Residents Group constructed Maynidoowahdek Odena, a permanent housing complex of 14 units in Minneapolis. New construction of Grace House II created a new four-unit adult foster care facility in Minneapolis. Metropolitan Council HRA provided tenant-based rental assistance for approximately 104 units throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Supportive services are also provided. AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. serves an average of 6-10 persons in the Wisconsin counties of Pierce & St. Croix. The Minnesota AIDS Project Housing Intervention Program serves an average of 20 to 25 persons per funding round. Abbott Northwestern Hospital's Park House is a 15-20 person adult day health center in Minneapolis. Agape Dos is a four bed adult foster care facility currently under construction. Minnesota AIDS Project/Met Council HRA collaborative project serves an additional 20 persons with a mix of both supportive services and housing assistance.

Salvation Army, Harbor Light Center

Competitive MDI Grantee

In Minneapolis, a 1997 HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative grant for \$1,200,000 was awarded to the Salvation Army. The Harbor Light Center's AIDS Supportive Housing Project will include an MDI project in their 100 unit multi-purpose permanent housing campus.



Funds will be used to expand this village of support, with the construction and operation of a 12-unit apartment project for individuals living with HIV or AIDS who also have substance abuse or mental health issues. Six units will be constructed for families and six for individuals.

Key Facts

Service Area: Minneapolis, MN
Grant: Competitive MDI

Grant Award:
1997: \$1,200,000

Residents benefit from a "flexible leasing" approach that will enable them to utilize programs in the adjacent Multi-Service Center, without losing their lease in the apartment project.

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With the assistance of the Minnesota AIDS Project, supportive services available to clients will include case management, substance abuse counseling, primary health care, TB screening, on-site day care, nutrition and hygiene counseling, personal care (food, clothing, transportation), and recreation and social activities. Clients will also be reached in an HIV prevention street outreach program operated by Women With A Point.

Residents will benefit from a "flexible leasing" approach that will enable them to utilize programs in the adjacent Multi-Service Center, such as the detox program, without losing their lease in the apartment project. Flexible leasing will help to prevent clients from becoming homeless, even if they experience relapses and temporarily re-enter treatment programs. The project implements a part of the State's HIV Housing Needs Assessment and Five Year Plan.



State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Health's (MSDH)
Division of STD/HIV

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The Mississippi Department of Health's (MSDH) Division of STD/HIV has served as the grantee for the State's HOPWA formula allocation since 1995 and was the recipient of a HOPWA competitive grant in 1994. The State primarily provides short-term housing assistance with case management support throughout the State.

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Mississippi
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$ 542,000
FY 1996 \$ 544,000
FY 1997 \$ 641,000
FY 1998 \$ 692,000
FY 1999 \$ 769,000

In 1998, the state reported that 454 households received housing assistance and that 796 persons were assisted in avoiding homelessness with HOPWA. The State's goal for the HOPWA program is to maximize independent living and self-determination for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

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CDC reports that 1,445 are living AIDS cases in Mississippi and that an additional 3,666 persons are known to be living with HIV (June 1998 Surveillance Report). Current AIDS data shows that Mississippi's African-American population (which constitutes 35% of the state population) accounts for 77% of all reported AIDS cases and 74% of the newly reported HIV infections. The State also reported that 78% of the beneficiaries of HOPWA housing assistance are black, one percent Hispanic and 21% white.

Program Accomplishments

In 1998, the state reported that 454 households received housing assistance and that 796 persons were assisted in avoiding homelessness with HOPWA. Over 75% of the families assisted had incomes of less than \$500 per month.

HOPWA services are coordinated with the Ryan White Program, in a complementary manner. Both programs are administered on a statewide basis through the same office and utilize MSDH social workers as case managers. MSDH social workers, as well as community based organizations, are responsible for submitting applications on behalf of applicants. Community based organization are utilized in an effort to strengthen public-private partnerships as services for persons living with HIV/AIDS are provided.

The State's goal for the HOPWA program is to maximize independent living and self-determination for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.



This goal is accomplished by providing scattered site housing assistance (emergency short-term and rental assistance) to keep people living with HIV/AIDS from losing their housing and help ensure that low-income people with AIDS receive appropriate health care. One of the ways in which self-determination is achieved is to provide a choice between home health care or institutionalized care. The program doubled the number of clients served in the first year and has continued to serve increased numbers each year. The number of persons served in the Ryan White AIDS Drug program has also increased proportionately.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

clients.

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Mississippi Department of Health
Jackson

\$1,000,000

This 1994 grant to the Mississippi State Department of Health supported a Home-Based CARE Program that provided case management services to HIV/AIDS



State of Missouri

State of Missouri, STD/HIV/AIDS
Prevention and Care Services Section

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Missouri
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 442,000
FY 1993 \$ 925,000
FY 1998 \$ 369,000
FY 1999 \$ 396,000

The HOPWA program enables the Missouri Department of Health (MDOH) to provide housing assistance to low-income residents with HIV disease and their families in the outstate regions of Missouri.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Missouri Department of Health has had a unit dedicated to assisting persons living with HIV/AIDS since 1986. This program exists today as part of the Section of STD/HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Services.

Program Accomplishments

The goal of Care Services is to assist persons living with HIV/AIDS in Missouri to maintain the optimal quality of life possible by providing health and supportive services through various state and federally funded assistance programs.

The HOPWA program enables the Missouri Department of Health (MDOH) to provide housing assistance to low-income residents with HIV disease and their families in the outstate regions of Missouri. (The major metropolitan areas, St. Louis and Kansas City, receive HOPWA funding, and are not included in the Department's jurisdiction for HOPWA). The outstate region of Missouri consists of 97 counties. Data indicates approximately 1063 living HIV/AIDS cases in the outstate region of Missouri.

The two major challenges to serving all eligible clients with appropriate HOPWA housing assistance are the limited amount of resources available and the regional slot system. A waiting list for HOPWA assistance exists in some outstate regions.

Unmet Needs: Because of limited resources, HOPWA program eligibility for Missourians living with HIV/AIDS has remained at 100% of the federal poverty level which is considerably lower than the low-income standard. This limits the number of HIV positive persons who can be served with HOPWA.

The Missouri Department of Health estimates that only 2,945 (or 42%) of the state's HIV+ population fall into this income range. Other state programs, such as Ryan White, define "low income" individuals as those at 300% or less of the federal poverty guidelines and nearly twice as many HIV+Missourians, 5,312 (or 75.3%), meet this definition of "low income". This leaves an extremely large gap in the numbers of clients who could benefit from housing assistance.



The limited availability of funds has also forced the grantee to maintain a \$175 per month cap on HOPWA benefits for each client. In very few areas of the state can a client find adequate housing available for such a low cost and this perpetuates the unmet needs of low income persons with HIV/AIDS.

The grantee currently has limited the number of clients it will allow to enroll in the HOPWA program to approximately 213, based on the spending levels and available funds. At any given time, the HOPWA program has maintained a waiting list of no less than 30 clients in need of HOPWA services, but whom the program cannot afford to support.

Prior to May 1998, the HOPWA program was administered with a designated number of slots available per outstate region. In evaluating this process, the state found that regional slot assignments did not efficiently address clients' needs and some regions of the state had open slots, while their regions needed to form waiting lists. Program administration has been centralized in order to accurately reflect clients' need for HOPWA assistance on a statewide basis. A revised HOPWA client assessment tool has been developed to help ensure that those clients facing critical housing needs or are homeless are given priority access to HOPWA assistance.

Kansas City, MO

Kansas City Health Department

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The HOPWA grantee is the Municipal Government of the City of Kansas City, Missouri and funds are administered by the Health Department. The area of service is an eleven county metropolitan area covering counties of Missouri (seven counties served), and Kansas (four counties served). The estimated number of persons in the area living with HIV/AIDS is 2,200.

Program Accomplishments

The project sponsor is SAVE Inc., a non-profit organization committed to serving the housing needs of those living with HIV/AIDS in the program area. SAVE provides rent and utility assistance to clients as well as operating several facilities for housing clients. They also provide housing referral, and information services which tie into other housing resources such as federal Section 8 and state Housing Development funds. The program is a part of the CDBG Consolidated Plan and the program operates in coordination with activities of the Kansas City Ryan White Consortium.

Housing Assistance: SAVE Inc. provides short-term (two-week) emergency housing, long-term rental assistance and owns and operates properties as part of facility based housing. Scattered site long-term rental assistance provides rent and utilities for approximately 160 units during the year. Short-term emergency housing utilizes area motels for the housing of clients, yet unable to enter into independent long-term rental assistance situations. SAVE Inc., with the help of



HOPWA funds has acquired and rehabilitated properties accounting for 17 housing units since 1993 and will bring on-line another eight (8) units in late January 1999.

Key Facts

Service Area:

Kansas City, MO EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 1,101,000
FY 1995 \$ 757,000
FY 1996 \$ 700,000
FY 1997 \$ 781,000
FY 1998 \$ 778,000
FY 1999 \$ 813,000

SAVE Inc., with the help of HOPWA funds, has acquired and rehabilitated properties accounting for seventeen (17) housing units since 1993 and will bring on-line another eight (8) units in late January 1999.

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Supportive Services: Clients in the housing program are directly linked to case management services provided by local Ryan White Title I and Title II funding. Authorizations for housing services come from Ryan White funded case managers as part of assessed need. The case managers provide the opportunity for housing clients to access other federal (Ryan White, Medicaid/Medicare), state and local (General Revenue) funded programs and services such as ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program), transportation, supplemental food programs and back-to-work programs. The case managers also provide the primary tool for marketing HOPWA funded services to clients with assessed housing needs.

The changing nature of the disease, and the effectiveness of new drug therapies have allowed clients to maintain better health, and slowed disease progressions substantially. This has also kept people on long-term rental assistance longer than anticipated and complicated efforts to serve those individuals currently on waiting lists. The effort of policy development is being assisted by the input of both clients, care givers and the local Ryan White Consortium. As another means of using all available resources, the program, and case managers are working with clients currently in the program and on waiting lists to access a surplus of local Housing Authority vouchers for Section 8 properties. Hopefully, these actions will alleviate over demand for the program. The Consolidated Plan for the

coming year will reference the product of the policy making process for long-term, short-term and intermediate rental subsidy programs.



St. Louis, MO

Division of Community Development

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: St. Louis, MO
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 807,000
FY 1995 \$ 792,000
FY 1996 \$ 737,000
FY 1997 \$ 843,000
FY 1998 \$ 888,000
FY 1999 \$ 944,000

The principal activities carried out during the program year were housing services; rental assistance, transitional housing, short-term payments, rehab/conversion, emergency assistance, etc.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The city's Division of Community Development administers the HOPWA program throughout the eligible metropolitan area for St. Louis. The EMA consist of a twelve county region which encompasses seven counties in Missouri and five counties in Illinois. The number of reported cases of persons with HIV as of 9/30/98 is 5,071.

The metropolitan area was first eligible for a HOPWA formula allocation until 1994. It serves people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area which covers 14 counties. Prior to the City qualifying to serve directly as the grantee, this area was part of a grant administered by the State of Kansas.

Program Accomplishments

Currently, the St. Louis EMA has contracts with three agencies to provide housing services

- (1) Doorways
- (2) Peter & Paul
- (3) Bethany Place

The city contracted with AIDS Housing Washington, an organization providing technical assistance, to devise a comprehensive housing plan, and this was undertaken in 1998.

The principal activities carried out during the 1998 program year included housing services, rental assistance, transitional housing, short-term payments, rehab/conversion, and emergency assistance etc. Doorways continues to be the premier HIV/AIDS housing provider operating a residential care program which targets people who are homeless, mentally ill and HIV positive. Peter and Paul provides six transitional beds and four emergency beds to serve this population. Peter and Paul is funded for a Mental

Health/Substance Abuse Outreach Counselor to provide assistance with treatment planning, individual and group counseling and education to residents of the Positive Directions Program. Bethany Place will be the new Metro East housing provider. Bethany Place is being funded for technical assistance which includes predevelopment or pre-construction expenses. The agency



was granted a zoning variance for a five bed transitional/group housing permit by the Zoning Board of the City of Belleville, and passed an environmental study review performed by HUD.

There have been four housing units created through acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction since 1993 with HOPWA funds. In 1998, 449 persons with HIV/AIDS and their family members received housing assistance through the St. Louis HOPWA program. Ten one-bedroom units were made available through a transitional housing program with the HOPWA grant. The program also provided short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to HOPWA program participants.

Housing assistance was identified as one of the greatest areas of need for individuals living with HIV/AIDS in the St. Louis metropolitan area. The HOPWA funds, administered by the City's Department of Health and Hospitals is coordinated with Ryan White Title I and II funding to provide a continuum of housing opportunities and supportive services for low-income individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS.

There is a rehab/conversion underway in St. Claire Co., Illinois which is one of the counties on the Illinois side. The main challenge encountered this program year is ensuring that the St. Claire Co. provider's site will pass the final stage of the environmental review for housing facilities for AIDS patients. The objectives that were set for this program year were to secure a housing provider in Metro East, conduct on-site visits of the HOPWA providers, maintain uniformity and consistency in reporting requirements set by HUD, ensure the confidentiality of all clients assisted, and provide quality assurance to agencies receiving HOPWA monies. Success in all the objectives set were achieved in the last program year.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

State of Missouri, Department of Health
Outside of St. Louis and Kansas City, MO
\$ 888,065

This HOPWA grant awarded in 1995 provided support to the Missouri Department of Health (MDOH) for clients living in the rural and smaller cities in the

State.

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Missouri Department of Health
Non-metro areas of the State
\$ 998,653

The State of Missouri Department of Health received a 1994 competitive grant for rental assistance individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS in the State's cities and rural areas outside metropolitan Kansas City and St. Louis.



State of Nevada

Department of Human Resources,
Health Division

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The State of Nevada is a new recipient of HOPWA formula funds, receiving \$190,000 in FY 1999 under new authority in the FY 1999 Appropriation Act. The State serves the 15 counties that are outside of the Las Vegas served EMSA area.

Key Facts

Service Area: Nevada EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1995 \$592,000
FY 1999 \$ 190,000

In anticipation of receiving HOPWA funds designated for rural Nevada, the Health Division intends to subgrant funding to the existing Northern Nevada HIV/AIDS Consortium for enhanced provision of housing services.

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The Nevada Department of Human Resources, Health Division, HIV/AIDS Program serves as the administrative and fiscal agent to: the Ryan White Title II From the Department of Health and Human Services; and the Centers for Disease Control Cooperative Agreement HIV Prevention Project. In 1996, the Nevada Health Division's HIV/AIDS Program also served as the administrative and fiscal agent for HOPWA funds, which were received in that fiscal year for state-wide activities. In 1997, Las Vegas qualified to receive funds directly and the remaining areas of the state had less than the statutory 1,500 cases of AIDS and did not qualify for the formula allocation.

In anticipation of receiving HOPWA funds designated for rural Nevada, the Health Division intends to subgrant funding to the existing Northern Nevada HIV/AIDS Consortium for enhanced provision of housing services, which will coordinate Ryan White Title II Consortia services and HOPWA. Additionally, the Consortium's planning process will be based on a community needs assessment, with service priority setting, a request for proposals, and program evaluation through an established community-driven process which is equipped to accommodate this new funding

The need for housing assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS discharged from prison and jail, has been identified in the 1998 Nevada HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment. It is likely that HOPWA funding will assist this difficult to reach population as a part of the comprehensive prison/jail discharge plan. Currently the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides discharge and continued medications and other Ryan White funds are used for case management and substance abuse counseling. Housing services have remained an obvious gap that has placed these clients at risk for substance abuse relapse, non-compliance



with treatment regimes, and recidivism. There is a natural link between Ryan White and HOPWA in addressing the needs of this under served population.

Las Vegas, NV

City of Las Vegas
Neighborhood Services Department

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Las Vegas HOPWA grant is administered by the City of Las Vegas Neighborhood Services Department. The Las Vegas EMSA includes two counties in Nevada and one in Northern Arizona. They are Clark County and Nye County, Nevada and

Mohave County, Arizona. The funds utilization period is on a fiscal year basis, July to June, which coincides with other HUD entitlement grants.

The HIV/AIDS community is assisted by resources from the City's other HUD grants. The CDBG grant provides operating funds for an HIV/AIDS education program. The ESG grant assists in homeless prevention. The HOME grant has funded acquisition of townhouse units for shared living arrangements. And as of 1996, when the City began receiving HOPWA, funds have primarily gone towards short term housing assistance and supportive services.

Program Accomplishments

The HOPWA non-profit sponsors provide short-term rental and mortgage assistance, and/or utility deposits. Legal services in procuring disability benefits and alleviating discrimination are provided by another sponsor. A van was purchased by one sponsor because of the distances the clients had to travel to access medical facilities where no public transportation exists. One of the sponsors serves the Latino community by bridging the language barrier for the many clients who are not bi-lingual. Food vouchers are distributed by another sponsor. Two non-profit sponsors have food banks at their respective office locations for emergency use by clients.

Key Facts

Service Area: Las Vegas, NV EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996 \$ 468,000
FY 1997 \$ 554,000
FY 1998 \$ 598,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,308,000

*In fiscal year 1997-1998 2,148
persons with HIV/AIDS were assisted
through the City of Las Vegas
HOPWA grant.*

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In fiscal year 1997-1998 2,148 persons with HIV/AIDS were assisted through the City of Las Vegas HOPWA grant.



New Hampshire Department of Health

Competitive Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Nashua/Hillsborough county area

Grant: Competitive Long-Term

Grant Award:

1998: \$ 875,000

It is estimated that 186 persons with AIDS and 70 family members will receive housing and case management. An additional 144 persons will benefit from outreach supportive services.

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A 1998 grant for a Long-Term Comprehensive Strategy in a Non-Formula Area for \$875,000 was awarded to the Office of Community Support and Long Term Care in the Department of Health and Human Services of the State of New Hampshire.

The State, in conjunction with Merrimack Valley AIDS Project and Harbor Homes, work together to provide case management, housing, and access to affordable housing to persons living with HIV/AIDS. This project targets seven New Hampshire counties including Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton, Merrimack, Strafford and Rockingham.

The efforts of the non-profit housing developers, AIDS Service organizations, and the state are joined collectively to develop and implement a model long-term strategy for housing opportunities. It is estimated that 186 persons with AIDS and 70 family members will receive housing and case management. An additional 144 persons will benefit from outreach supportive services.

The partners in the project carry out distinctive roles. Harbor Homes is the technical consultant for this project as it relates to expanding special needs and affordable housing opportunities for persons with HIV/AIDS. The Merrimack Valley AIDS Project (MVAP) will develop additional housing through leasing activities, encouraging flexibility. The overall program will provide clients with interventions to obtain and maintain safe, affordable housing. Up to 55 rental units will be made available in the program. All activities of this initiative focus on attaining and maintaining quality of life and

independent living.

Services provided include case management, transportation, short-term housing, relocation, access to doctors, dental, assistance with benefits, employment training, and 24-hour on-call social services. Community meetings in conjunction with the State of New Hampshire, OCSLTC, and the Division of Public Health will be conducted to ensure the success of the program. Additional collaborators on this project include the Office of Family Services (HHS),



Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Heritage Health Care Management, New Hampshire AIDS Foundation, and AIDS Services.

Harbor Homes

Competitive Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Nashua/Hillsborough county area

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$ 347,548

Two significant components of the program are a housing advocate and availability of financial assistance for rent, mortgage and utility payments.

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In New Hampshire, a 1998 Special Project of National Significance Award for \$347,548 was made to Harbor Homes Inc., a provider of community housing programs specializing in supportive and permanent housing for persons living with chronic mental illness, including homeless.

The nonprofit coordinates a HOPWA grant program with the Southern New Hampshire HIV-AIDS Task Force (SNHATF). This grant assists individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS including multiply diagnosed or homeless individuals in the greater Nashua/Hillsborough county area of Southern New Hampshire.

The serves 90 persons with HIV/AIDS and 30 family members with short-term housing assistance and long-term social services. An additional 110 persons receive outreach social services.

The primary objective of the program is to assist PLWAs to maintain or obtain their choice of housing in a manner that prevents or interrupts the cycle of homelessness.

Two significant components of the program are a housing advocate and availability of financial assistance for rent, mortgage and utility payments. Services offered include individual and group counseling for mental health and substance addiction,

funding for inpatient and outpatient detoxification, case management, nutritional counseling, linkages assistance, and assistance with entitlement benefits.

The project also provides coordination with traditional and alternative therapy providers to ensure a holistic approach, including massage services, dietitian, exercise trainer, and primary care providers. This program coordinates services with the HIV & Public Health Clinic, HIV/STD Counseling and Testing Site, Medical Case Consultation, Child Wellness & Immunization Clinic, and Street Outreach. Partners for the project include 19 non-profit agencies, ministries, and state/county departments.



State of New Jersey

Department of Health and Senior Services,
Division of AIDS Prevention and Control

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of New Jersey

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 664,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,166,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,537,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,080,000
FY 1996 \$ 617,000
FY 1997 \$ 729,000
FY 1998 \$ 765,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,430,000

During the report period, 157 heads of households received tenant-based rental assistance. An additional 160 household members also benefited from the program.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS), Division of AIDS Prevention and Control, is a state government agency charged with providing varied HIV/AIDS services throughout the State and serves as the administering agency for the State's HOPWA program.

As the project sponsor, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA), Division of Housing and Community Resources, provides tenant-based rental assistance to low-income households in primarily southern and central New Jersey.

Priority assistance is given to the following counties: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Mercer which are outside the five metropolitan areas directly receiving HOPWA formula grants. In 1998 and 1999, the state was authorized to administer grant funds in the four county area that is part of the Philadelphia metropolitan area and grant funds of \$617,000 were awarded.

As of September 30, 1998, the State's priority counties reported 2,716 cases of AIDS and 1,528 persons who are HIV positive, and that affordable housing is difficult to find for these persons.

Program Accomplishments

The two state agencies meet with HIV consortia and AIDS service organization representatives on a quarterly and/or semiannual basis to review program activities that include the resolution of problems and planning interests. Based on information from consumers, the NJDCA, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, and HIV Care Consortia representatives agreed that tenant-based rental assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS continues to be a priority.

During the report year, 157 heads of families received tenant-based rental assistance. An additional 160 family members also benefited from the program. Of the 157 families, 50% were Black, 30% were Hispanic, and 20% were White. In



addition, 25 families were transferred onto Section 8 rental assistance. Utilizing other funds, the NJDCA also provides security deposits for HOPWA rental assistance recipients. Supportive services are provided by Ryan White CARE Act funded resources. The State reports that it takes between two to five months to find affordable housing that meets HUD standards and this impacts providing needed services and delays the grantee's ability to expend HOPWA funds in a timely use of resources. The state reports that in its experience, In the early 1990s, incomes of persons with HIV/AIDS decreased because of illness and the rate of evictions and homelessness increased. Currently, the success of new drugs which help to prolong life, impacts the on the need for continued housing.

Dover, NJ

Dover Township

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

HOPWA program funds are to be used by Dover Township to serve eligible persons in the Monmouth - Ocean PMSA which includes all of Monmouth and Ocean County. Prior to Fiscal Year 1996, formula funds were granted to the State of New Jersey and the state then administered a tenant based rental assistance program in this area with HOPWA funds.

In 1996, the two county area qualified for a separate HOPWA grant and the township of Dover is the recipient of these funds.

Program Accomplishments

The Township continued the tenant based rental assistance program implemented by the State, prior to fiscal year 1996, and this program is currently administered by the Monmouth and Ocean County Social Service agencies.

The township has continued to contract with the two county social service boards for administering the HOPWA Program and a tenant based rental assistance program funded under the HOME Program. These agencies provide experience and administrative capacity, and as the recipient of HOPWA funds the township has been required to retain administrative functions. For example in the Fiscal Year 1997, Monmouth County administered Tenant Based Rental Assistance at \$349,834, and Program Delivery Costs at \$26,332. Ocean County provided Tenant Based Rental Assistance in the amount of \$149,929 with Program Delivery Costs totaling \$11,285. Dover Township used

Key Facts

Service Area: Monmouth - Ocean
PMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996 \$ 473,000

FY 1997 \$ 554,000

FY 1998 \$ 565,000

FY 1999 \$ 595,000

HOPWA funds have been designated for a tenant based rental assistance program currently administered by the Monmouth and Ocean County Social Service agencies.

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HOPWA funds for General Program Administration in the amount of \$16,620.

A total of 145 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their family members were assisted in 1997 through the Dover HOPWA program. Seventy-five units of housing were provided to these HOPWA participants in form of tenant-based rental assistance payments. Based on prior discussions with the county health departments, the AIDS cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control documented total AIDS cases in the two county area and in the individual counties. These cases were identified as 70% in Monmouth County and 30% in Ocean County.

Jersey City, NJ

Division of Community Development

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The city of Jersey City has been a recipient of HOPWA funding since 1993. Grant activities are currently administered by the Division of Community Development. Grant funds are used to assist people living with AIDS throughout Hudson county. Prior to a statutory change that went into effect in 1993, Hudson county served as the HOPWA grantee for this area.

Jersey City is the second largest city in the State of New Jersey and the largest in Hudson county. Jersey City is second to New York City in per capita cases of AIDS and according to the Center for Disease Control, there are 5,822 reported individuals with AIDS in the Jersey City metropolitan area.

Program Accomplishments

The city works with existing AIDS housing and service providers to carry out a variety of types of housing and services for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Two of our funded agencies - Let's Celebrate and Hudson County Housing Resource Center - operate a tenant-based rental assistance and short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance program. Catholic Community Services operates a transitional housing facility for male HIV/AIDS clients.

Corpus Christi Ministries operates two permanent housing residences for single individuals and one multi-family apartment building for small families. Hogar Crea, Inc. operates a residential facility for persons living with AIDS who had drug abuse issues. Finally, Catholic Community Services is preparing to provide hospice related services for individuals with AIDS.

Key Facts

Service Area: Jersey City EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 638,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,277,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,298,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,885,000
FY 1996 \$ 2,378,000
FY 1997 \$ 2,644,000
FY 1998 \$ 2,464,000
FY 1999 \$ 2,271,000

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In 1998, 137 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their family members received housing assistance through the Jersey City HOPWA program. An additional 86 persons received social services. Jersey City also provided 256 persons with housing information services.

Jersey City - Clara's Story

Clara (not her real name) lost both of her parents to AIDS. She was only eighteen at the time and had just completed her first year at New Jersey City University. Right after they passed away, she had to make one of the hardest decisions of her life. Clara had to choose whether or not she would accept legal guardianship of her six siblings. After much thought and consideration, she finally decided to care for her brothers and sisters.

When she came to Let's Celebrate for short-term rental assistance, Clara was already three months in arrears on her rent. She was living off a very limited income, which also was used to provide food for her family. Her Housing Plus case manager worked closely with her to ensure that she receive assistance, advocated on her behalf with the landlord to prevent eviction and made arrangements for payment. To prevent this problem from occurring again, Clara's case manager networked with another outside agency and successfully placed her on a long-term rental assistance program.

But rent was only part of the difficulties. Food was an equally pressing need, so the Housing Plus case manager connected Clara with Let's Celebrates' Emergency Food Network. One of the Network's pantries delivers food to the family each week. Clara's case manager had found resolution for her two major problems. But they still had to work with the most trying difficulty; her youngest sibling (only two years old) had full-blown AIDS, and suffered from Global Developmental Delays and Failure to Thrive Syndrome. He needed specialized assistance and care. Throughout October and November, the Housing Plus case manager and Clara worked extremely hard to identify a program which could help the child. After an exhaustive search, they were able to enroll him in a school for children with special needs.

With many of her problems ameliorated through the assistance of the Housing Plus program, Clara is now able to continue with her college education and is registered to begin classes once again in January 1999.



Jersey City - The Story of Phyllis

Early last April, Phyllis' (not her real name) family was at-risk of becoming homeless; her building was being foreclosed on and her fixed income was not enough for an affordable apartment for her family of three. During this trying month, she came to Let's Celebrates Housing Plus Program. Her case manager assessed her situation and worked diligently with Phyllis to find a two bed room apartment that met her income requirements. She was approved for rental assistance.

As soon as Phyllis and her children were settled in their new apartment, she started looking for employment so she would not have to rely on Housing Plus perpetually. In counseling sessions, our case manager discovered that Phyllis had a stable work history, most of which was a resident building superintendent. Our case manager assisted Phyllis with preparing her resume, to better prepare her for obtaining a job. Phyllis set out, researching and applying for qualified job openings which she found through the newspapers, the Department of Labor, the Office of Employment as well as by registering on-line with the WorkFirst NJ database at the Jersey City Library.

After several months of working closely with her case manager and her employment resources, she was selected for an interview. Following a successful third interview, Phyllis was hired as a building superintendent. Fortunately, the position offered free rent, providing her with the opportunity to use some of her income to put her youngest child in daycare. With her youngest in daycare, she was now able to enroll in a Life skills training program. In late November, Phyllis am back to her case worker to offer her tanks for assisting her through those troubling times and our case manager reassured Phyllis that case management would continue to fulfill her needs.

Newark, NJ

Department of Health and Human Services

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Newark, NJ serves as grantee for HOPWA funds within the Newark Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes Essex, Morris, Sussex, Warren and Union counties. The City operates a HOPWA rental assistance program and other contracted activities under the City's

Department of Health and Human Services. Activities are provided in the areas of housing assistance, housing information services, resource identification and a variety of supportive services for persons with HIV/AIDS.



Activities are carried out by the City's 17 Project Sponsors, as follows:

- (1) *AIDS Resource Foundation for Children* - in Newark, which provides long term rental assistance, short term rental assistance, housing information services and resource identification to Persons with HIV/AIDS and their families throughout the Newark area. They have rendered services to a total of 737 individuals and families, and least 150 are unduplicated persons;

Key Facts

Service Area: Newark, NJ EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 1,366,000
FY 1993 \$ 2,838,000
FY 1994 \$ 3,389,000
FY 1995 \$ 4,798,000
FY 1996 \$ 4,718,000
FY 1997 \$ 5,597,000
FY 1998 \$ 5,604,000
FY 1999 \$ 5,777,000

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- (2) *Babyland Family Services* - Newark, provides supportive day care services to children and their families throughout Newark. During their contract year, this agency has provided services to 21 unduplicated children in the areas of day-care services, preventive health care services (screenings, early intervention, and well-baby care). Home visitations, initial assessments, and coordinated referrals were made to 21 Children with HIV and 43 unduplicated family members living with HIV/AIDS were also provided with psychosocial assessments. Certified Nurses, Social Services Counselors and Outreach Workers performed these services.

- (3) *Bridge Inc.*, - the Bridge, located in Caldwell, provides, case management (outreach, drug and alcohol abuse treatment). Forty-five individuals and their families have received services.

- (4) *Catholic Social Services of Morris County/Hope House*- is located in the County of Morris. They have provided housing information services to 100

unduplicated Persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Short-term rental assistance has been rendered to sixty persons with HIV and their families and resource identification to an additional 66 individuals.

- (5) *City of Newark*- as the grantee, directly assists client at the Department of Health and Human Services and has provided long - term rental assistance to 236 individuals and families throughout the City of Newark.

- (6) *City of Elizabeth* - The city's welfare Department, provide case management in a sub-contract with St. Elizabeth Hospital. Case Management is provided in the areas of drug and



alcohol abuse treatment for 45 unduplicated Persons with HIV/AIDS long term rental assistance supports 55 families and individuals.

- (7) *Cope Center* - Case Management Services have been rendered to individuals and their families. Seventy-Eight individuals and their family members have received services.
- (8) *Eric Johnson House*, Morristown, provides Case management services to the 10 residents who reside at this transitional housing facility as well as drug and alcohol abuse treatment, nutritional services and permanent housing placement.
- (9) *Essex County Tenant Resource Center* - in the City of East Orange, provided Housing Information Services to a total of 133 clients and families.
- (10) *Hyacinth AIDS Foundation* - in Newark provides long term rental assistance and short term rental assistance to 35 individuals and families.
- (11) *Isaiah House*, located in East Orange provides long term rental assistance, short term rental assistance, housing counseling services, and case management services, (mental assessments, drug and alcohol abuse treatment and nutritional services) to 368 Persons with HIV/AIDS and families residing in East Orange.
- (12) *Mount Carmel Guild/Catholic Community Services (St. Bridgets)* - this transitional housing facility was funded through HOPWA with FY'95 funds and provides case management, (nutritional services, drug and alcohol abuse treatment, mental assessments, and permanent housing placement) to 65 Men with HIV residing at St. Bridgets facility.
- (13) *Newark Emergency Services for Families* - is located in Newark, and provides services for the population of Essex County. This agency provided long-term rental assistance to 35 unduplicated individual and families, short-term rental assistance has been provided to 44 persons and their families. Housing Counseling has been provided to 76 persons and families.
- (14) *Township of Irvington* - is a municipality which provides services in the areas of long term rental assistance and short-term rental assistance to Irvington residents. There have been 78 unduplicated individuals and families who have received services.
- (15) *Union County* - Their HOPWA program is operated by the Union County Department of Human Services and the agency has chosen to sub-contract with four community based organizations. The participating organizations are as follows: (a) Interfaith Council - long term rental assistance has been rendered to 33 unduplicated individuals and families; 15 individuals and families have received short-term rental assistance. (b) Proceed- Long-term rental assistance has been rendered to 47 unduplicated individuals and families. (c) St. Elizabeth Hospital - long term rental assistance has been rendered to 23 unduplicated Persons



with HIV/AIDS and families, short-term rental assistance has been rendered to 65 unduplicated individuals and families. (d) Urban League of Union County - short-term rental assistance has been rendered to 15 unduplicated individuals and families.

(16) *Visiting Nurses Association of Essex Valley* - is located in the within the City of East Orange NJ and the provide long term rental assistance to 35 individuals and families, and 35 persons and families with short term rental assistance, to East Orange residents.

(17) *Warren County Legal Services* - the organization provides short-term rental assistance to 25 individuals as well as case management (outreach and Housing Information Services) has assisted 36 individuals and families.

Paterson, NJ

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

Paterson receives formula funds on behalf of the two county Bergen-Passaic metropolitan area. The city uses the Paterson Coalition for Housing as the sub-grantee to administer funding in Passaic and Bergen counties in New Jersey. HOPWA funding has been

utilized to expand existing affordable housing for HIV families and single persons and families where one or more members is diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

Program Accomplishments

Several housing assistance activities have been funded through HOPWA since 1993. Under the short-term housing assistance program for the 1996 calendar year, over 100 clients were provided with rental assistance for periods of five months. Since 1997, long-term rental subsidy assistance has been provided to 28 families.

Facility based housing services have also been provided to families in the area the Paterson Coalition's transitional housing program. This program provides housing along with intensive case management and supportive services. In Bergen County, the Paterson Coalition has provided HOPWA funding for rehabilitation and mortgage payments for two homes, Haven House & Welcome Home program which are transitional housing facilities for single women and families.

HOPWA funding has also been utilized to fund rehabilitation costs in Passaic County for an HIV/AIDS transitional housing provider known as "Sancta Maria House of Mercy. Under the prevention and emergency assistance components, thousands of singles and families have received rental assistance for rent arrears, security deposits, first month rent and mortgage payments.

Supportive Services funded through HOPWA are also provided for an array of HOPWA funded housing programs. Case management services are provided for a 32-unit facility, known as the



Sheltering Arms Project. This project is an innovative HUD-funded program that provides permanent subsidized housing with supportive services such as day care, exercise room activities, counseling, case management, services with doctor's office and dental offices, art classroom, community area and additional services provided on-site by other HIV social service providers.

Key Facts

Service Area:

Passaic-Bergen County EMA, NJ

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 290,000

FY 1993 \$ 631,000

FY 1994 \$ 791,000

FY 1995 \$ 1,166,000

FY 1996 \$ 1,044,000

FY 1997 \$ 1,218,000

FY 1998 \$ 1,210,000

FY 1999 \$ 1,160,000

Case management services are provided for a (32) unite facility known as "Sheltering Arms Project" which is an innovated HUD funded program housing HIV/AIDS families.

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The Coalition also owns and manages a twenty-unit transitional housing facility known as Catherine A. Rowe Commons, a community based facility serving a variety of clientele including HIV clients who are homeless. Services are also provided on-site including case management and day care.

HOPWA funding is also being utilized to provide case management for the Coalition's scattered site subsidized permanent housing facilities. This program, "Esperanza Homes", involves five two-family houses which were acquired via HUD foreclosures and later rehabilitated. The Paterson Coalition for Housing, Inc. also provides case management services at their central office in the Advocacy Center. HOPWA funded case management services are provided to hundreds of clients on a walk-in basis daily and a variety of housing assistance services are made available. HOPWA vouchers vary from emergency shelter to placement housing placement.

Although the HIV/AIDS epidemic appears to have stabilized, there is a greater need for housing and services. Because persons with AIDS are living longer due to the new medications on the market, they face a different set of problems than before. They require more permanent affordable housing, rental assistance, primary care, more expensive medications and more social supports as they continue to live with their disease. Counseling and case management services will be in greater demand as clients continue to access community and government resources.



Woodbridge, NJ

Township of Woodbridge

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Woodbridge EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$ 552,000

FY 1996 \$ 556,000

FY 1997 \$ 617,000

FY 1998 \$ 632,000

FY 1999 \$ 671,000

*Over 12 months, \$311,151 was
expended to provide tenant based
rental assistance to 53 households
consisting of a
total of 110 persons.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

HOPWA program funds are to be used to service eligible persons in the Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon PMSA which includes all of Middlesex, Somerset and Hunterdon County. The metropolitan area was not eligible for a HOPWA formula allocation until 1995 and prior to 1995 was included under the State's HOPWA allocation.

Prior to the Township's designation as a HOPWA entitlement recipient, the State administered a tenant based rental assistance program in the EMSA. The three county area qualified for a separate HOPWA grant when the area reported over 1,500 cases of AIDS to CDC.

The Township of Woodbridge is the recipient of these funds, the largest city in this area. The Township has continued the state's tenant based rental assistance program through an agreement with the State of New Jersey and its implementing agency the Department of Community Affairs.

Program Accomplishments

In 1997, a total of \$617,000 in HOPWA funding was made available. This grant provided for tenant based rental assistance to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. \$311,151 was expended to provide tenant based rental assistance to 53 households consisting of a total of 110 persons.

The HOPWA funds for the Woodbridge Greater Metropolitan Statistical Area are carried out in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs as a continuation of the State's program in this area. The state HOPWA program consists of a rental assistance program that provides critical subsidies to low-income persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families. It is estimated that each

household will receive approximately \$7,750 annually in rental assistance. The need for affordable housing was determined by the State Department of Health, Division on AIDS to be the highest priority for people with AIDS.



Catholic Community Services

Competitive MDI Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Hudson County, NJ
Grant: 2 Competitive MDI

Grant Award:
1997: \$1,236,922
1996: \$ 805,692

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1997 MDI Grant

In 1997, a HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative grant was awarded to Catholic Community Services for Canaan House in Jersey City, New Jersey, a project which meets the urgent permanent, supported, independent housing need of Hudson County residents who are living with HIV/AIDS and a persistent, mental illness and/or chemical addiction.

Catholic Community Services (CCS) uses these funds for acquisition, rehabilitation, and operating costs of a housing facility that includes nine one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom apartment for families. In addition, a broad range of services will be provided for tenants. The goal of Canaan House is to assist and empower clients to obtain the social services they need by helping them overcome the obstacles caused by a lack of permanent housing and the fragmentation of the social service system.

This CCS project is connected to Operation Link, a 1996 MDI project that provides assertive outreach to engage homeless clients to transitional housing at Franciska House and hospice care at Coming Home. Services will be provided by CCS as well as other social agencies and the building rehabilitation will be undertaken by the Domus Corporation.

The project's primary objective is to develop a holistic service delivery microsystem that views multiply diagnosed consumers as whole persons. As such, these services include 24-hour on-site staffing, crisis intervention and emergency services, mental health and

substance abuse services, home health care, benefits management, nutrition education, food preparation, housekeeping, vocational rehabilitation, life skills and personal care education, family support, case management, and transportation.

1996 MDI Grant

In 1996, a HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative Project grant for \$755,692 was awarded to Catholic Community Services in New Jersey. The project received funds for Operation Link, a housing services program in Jersey City that reaches out and links services to the hardest to reach homeless clients: those with HIV/AIDS and a severe mental illness and/or an addiction to



alcohol and other drugs. The program is operated by a team of social service providers including Let's Celebrate and Jersey City Medical Center's Medical and Social Services for the Homeless (MASSH) as well as Catholic Community Services. This project supports leasing, operating and rehabilitation costs for a drop-in center and transitional and permanent housing facilities and related supportive services.

The CCS Operation Link goal is to demonstrate that the traditionally underserved population can be effectively linked to a broad continuum of housing services designed to meet their special needs. Five highly integrated graduated housing components are designed to move the target population from the streets to permanent housing: (1) an Assertive Mobile Outreach unit (AMO); (2) a No/Low Demand Drop-In Center; (3) a supported Transitional Housing Facility; (4) a Permanent Housing Facility; and (5) support from a staff of experienced behavior health and social service professionals and a team of specially trained Operation Link "Peers". The support will help clients navigate the social service system and achieve a more stable, healthy and independent lifestyle. During its three years of operation, Link's goal is to provide services for to up to 600 homeless persons, 75 of whom will receive direct housing placements. Catholic Community Services is a non-sectarian, nonprofit social services corporation.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

to rehab sites in the cities of Paterson, Newark, Trenton and Camden to create 34 units of permanent housing.

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency
Statewide New Jersey

\$1,000,000

The *Scattered Site AIDS Permanent Housing Program*, was the result of a partnership coordinated by the New Jersey HMFA. HOPWA funds were used



State of New Mexico

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

State of New Mexico EMSA

Grant: Formula

Grant Award:

FY 1999: \$391,000

The State of New Mexico has been awarded a HOPWA formula grant for the first time effective in FY 1999.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The State of New Mexico has been awarded a HOPWA formula grant for the first time effective in FY 1999. The HOPWA grant, which totals \$391,000, will be administered by the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA), the State's principal housing agency. The MFA also administers a three year competitive HOPWA grant awarded to the State in 1998, HUD's HOME programs, ESG, the State's Homeless Assistance Program, DOE's and LIHEAP's weatherization programs and an array of mortgage programs for first-time buyers.

Planning for the HOPWA grant was conducted as part of the State's 1999 Action Plan. Input for the planned HOPWA activities was provided by sub-grantees of the current competitive HOPWA grant, based on their current experience for client demands on the competitive HOPWA grant and projected case trends.

Based on recommendations from the service providers, the formula HOPWA program will contain five components to address the current heaviest service demands: rental assistance, encompassing 51% of the grant; 11% supportive services at 13%; motel vouchers at 11%; utility payments at 11%; and 4% for technical assistance.

Santa Fe Community Housing Trust

Competitive Grantee

1998 SPNS Grant

The Santa Fe Community Housing Trust (SFCHT), in coordination with the Northern New Mexico People Living with AIDS Coalition, South West Care Center and Santa Fe Cares will create Re-Entry Housing strategies under a 1998 Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,080,000. The project will serve the Santa Fe metropolitan area and will address emerging issues for treating



HIV/AIDS as a chronic disability. The program aims to serve 27 persons living with HIV/AIDS through housing assistance and social services, as well as 50 family members. An additional 65 persons will access supportive services.

SFCHT's project has a three-tiered plan for support: Re-entry training, housing stabilization and credit counseling. Re-entry services will include job training, training on workplace and financial issues, and counseling to integrate the demands of the new medical regimen. The housing stabilization component will assist participants in obtaining home ownership through consumer education and independent financial reviews.

Key Facts

Service Area:

Santa Fe metropolitan area

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,080,000

1996: \$1,030,000

The project combines innovative financing and direct subsidies in a home purchase assistance plan.

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The project combines innovative financing and direct subsidies in a home purchase assistance plan. Short term first mortgages have been leveraged with private funds with agreements by area banks. A tenant-based rental assistance component will escrow funds to assist with home purchase. Credit repair and counseling will teach the skills and technical assistance needed to help in re-establishing financial security.

Resources from this innovative program include the Phoenix Rising HIV/AIDS Re-entry Resource Guide which will be available to all participants. The program will also produce a video documentary to be used for future projects of this nature.

Policy direction, marketing, outreach and program oversight are provided by the HIV/AIDS Planning and Steering Committee. This Steering committee is a coalition of 12 agencies representing over 50 public and private care providers and consumer organizations which will assist in implementing this grant. The positive results of new drugs on lengthening the life span of persons living with

HIV/AIDS will significantly impact the kinds of housing programs that need to be maintained or developed.

1996 SPNS Grant

A 1996 Special Project of National Significance grant was awarded for \$1,030,000 to the Santa Fe Community Housing Trust to create reverse mortgages and rental assistance for households affected by HIV in Santa Fe County, New Mexico.



The program:

- (1) Coordinates HIV support and housing service delivery through a coalition of 11 agencies and over 50 care providers;
- (2) Creates a reverse mortgage program to enable PWAs who are homeowners to convert equity to useable funds to repay medical debts or create supplemental income
- (3) Extends tenant-based rental assistance to rural areas of the county;
- (4) Utilizes volunteer labor to improve accessibility for physically challenged PWAs who are residing in rental units that need minor repairs.

Over the three year grant period, 55 persons living with HIV/AIDS and 120 family members will benefit from housing assistance and 200 clients will receive supportive services. Community Health Services develops individual treatment plans in connection with services being coordinated by 50 care providers in the Santa Fe community.

New Mexico homeowners at risk of housing defaults due to their loss of income as a result of AIDS receive credit and legal counseling or support in refinancing to produce cost savings in their personal budgets. Additionally, at risk homeowners may participate in a reverse mortgage program that provides: lump sum paydown of major medical expenses or related debt; scheduled payments as equity amortized payouts; first mortgage payments for principle, interest, taxes and insurance costs made by the grantee to the mortgage server for the client; or life estate property transactions allowing continued residency with repayment of zero-interest loans from resale/refinancing or possession of the property.

The grantee has made arrangements with area banks and real estate professionals to provide fee-reduced or volunteer services. HOPWA funds have leveraged over \$1.6 million in other resources for this project. These activities are consistent with the Santa Fe City and County Consolidated Plan.

New Mexico Mortgage and Finance Authority

Competitive Grantee

Under a 1997 grant, the New Mexico Strategy has undertaken a two-pronged approach that promotes statewide and regional collaborations between the housing and HIV/AIDS services communities to enhance and expand capacity of housing resources for people with HIV/AIDS.

As a grant to support Long-Term Comprehensive Strategies in Non-Formula Areas, this project received \$1,100,000 to support housing assistance through three independent living condos in Albuquerque. The program also involves the use of a four-bed community AIDS residence in Gallup that is sensitive to the culture of Native Americans and \$147,871 state-wide for tenant-based rental assistance.



Key Facts

Service Area: Albuquerque, NM & Mora, Rio Arirba and Taos counties

Grant: Competitive Long-Term

Grant Award:
1997: \$ 1,100,00

The project provides over \$7.5 million in additional resources that are committed to implementing this state-wide strategy to integrate services, AIDS drug assistance and housing for clients.

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As planned, rental assistance is mainly provided to clients in the State's two Enterprise Communities: Albuquerque and the rural EC in Mora, Rio Arirba and Taos Counties. Clients in these communities have received 85% of the given assistance. Additional funds are used to fill gaps in the continuum of care throughout the State and for Native Americans, coordinated through comprehensive HIV/AIDS case management.

The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority implements this project in coordination with five sponsors, each familiar with a different region of the state: New Mexico AIDS Services, Southwest C.A.R.E. Center, CAA Cares Program, Pecos Valley HIV/AIDS Resource Center, and the Navajo AIDS Network.

The project is also providing utility assistance; emergency grants for moving expenses; minor repairs and other housing related needs; and motel vouchers for rural residents traveling to clinics.

To date 499 individuals have received individuals have received housing assistance and/or services. The proposal was developed based on statewide consultation with people living with HIV/AIDS, their families, and organizations that serve them. Open planning meetings, focus groups, surveys and interviews were all used with a focus on New Mexico's rural areas that are largely underserved.

The project provides over \$7.5 million in additional resources that are committed to implementing this state-wide strategy to integrate services, AIDS drug assistance and housing for clients.

State of New York

Bureau of Supported Housing
Development of the New York State

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

New York State EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 656,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,312,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,735,000
FY 1995 \$ 2,083,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,979,000
FY 1997 \$ 2,301,000
FY 1998 \$ 2,102,000
FY 1999 \$ 2,218,000

During this past year, a total of 762 persons living with HIV/AIDS and 491 family members received emergency short-term housing assistance.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The New York State HOPWA formula grant was first funded in 1992 and serves the region outside of the New York City, Islip, Rochester and Buffalo EMSAs.

According to the New York State Department of Health's Bureau of AIDS Epidemiology, there were 13,597 cumulative cases of AIDS reported (as of December 31, 1997) in the region covered by the State's formula grant. There was an estimated total of 5,400 persons living with AIDS. with many times that number living with HIV in the region, a large geographical area containing a mixture of urban, suburban, and rural communities.

In the State, the AIDS epidemic has had a particularly devastating impact on women, adolescents, gay men, persons of color, and injection (IV) drug users.

New York State's HOPWA funding was allocated in a manner consistent with the New York State Consolidated Plan. Applicants for funding participated in a competitive funding process, submitting applications in response to a Request for Proposals invitation to bid process.

Funding decisions were based on an AIDS housing needs assessments which was conducted by local AIDS housing sponsors and providers with input from the New York State AIDS Housing Network, formerly known as the New York State AIDS Housing Advisory Committee. The proposals were rated on past performance by funded providers.

The New York State program is administered by the Bureau of Supported Housing Development of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which was formerly part of the New York State Department of Social Services.

HOPWA funding for the 1997-1998 grant cycle was used to support the following seventeen AIDS housing programs:



Agency

AIDS Community Services of Western New York
AIDS Council of Northeastern New York
AIDS Rochester, Inc.
Benedict House of Western New York
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester
Central New York Health Systems Agency
Corporation for AIDS Research, Education and Services
Liberty Resources, Inc.
Mohawk Opportunities
Multi-County Community Development Corp.
Rural Opportunities
Southern Tier AIDS Program
Support Ministries for Persons with AIDS, Inc.
The Health Association/MAIN QUEST
Unity House of Troy
Utica Community Action
VESTA Community Development Housing Board

Region

Buffalo
Capital Region and outlying areas
Rochester
Buffalo
Rochester
Syracuse
Statewide
Syracuse
Capital Region
Mid-Hudson Valley
Mid-Hudson Valley
Binghamton
Capital Region
Rochester
Capital Region
Utica (Syracuse)
Capital Region

Program Accomplishments

During this past year, a total of 762 persons living with HIV/AIDS and 491 family members received emergency short-term housing assistance. Due to the extreme cold temperatures experienced during the winter months in New York State, some of this assistance was used to pay heating and other utility costs. Without this emergency short-term assistance, a total of 1,253 persons would have become homeless.

The majority of the HOPWA funding distributed throughout the New York State's jurisdiction was allocated to long-term, tenant-based rental assistance. During the year, 398 persons with HIV/AIDS and 315 family members totaling 713 persons utilized this assistance. Long-term rental assistance was provided in a total of 394 units. According to surveys of persons with HIV/AIDS conducted by local AIDS housing networks, as well as the New York State AIDS Housing Network, most persons living with HIV/AIDS in New York State prefer to live alone or with their families in apartments or homes within the community, rather than in congregate living facilities. This is particularly true of those who have families and/or are living in rural areas in which they do not wish their HIV-status to be disclosed. It is important to note that there is a huge demand for long-term rental assistance and insufficient funds to meet the needs of all eligible clients. Therefore, all providers currently have long waiting lists.

The New York State HOPWA formula grant was used for operating costs and supportive services in three facility-based housing projects. There were 31 facility-based housing units funded by HOPWA, serving a total of 63 persons living with HIV/AIDS this past year. These facilities primarily served those clients who were very ill and in need of more intensive care, or

in need of transitional housing. Fortunately, since New York State has a separate State source of funds for facility acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction, and since HOPWA funds are extremely limited, no HOPWA dollars were used for these activities, purposes.

In the 1997-1998 grant year, 589 persons living with HIV/AIDS received supportive services totaling 1,955 units of service. This total is in addition to the supportive services provided to those who were also received housing assistance. New York State was able to leverage a substantial amount of State funding for the provision of supportive services by selecting some existing AIDS service organizations as grantees. These grantees used HOPWA funding to provide housing assistance and made maximum use of State dollars to provide supportive services to our clients.

The funds received by New York State through its HOPWA formula grant was not sufficient to address the tremendous un-met need for AIDS housing. The State therefore focused on assisting providers to identify other resources that address AIDS housing needs. It funded the Corporation for AIDS Research, Education and Services to assist consumers and providers in establishing local AIDS housing networks which serve as chapters of the New York State AIDS Housing Network. The New York State AIDS Housing Network works with local, state, and federal government representatives to address gaps in the AIDS housing continuum in New York State.

The local chapters of the Networks focus on developing regional AIDS housing plans, and include AIDS housing issues in the local Consolidated Planning process. This often results in the creation of more housing resources for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA funding was also used to fund a housing advocacy program to prevent persons with HIV/AIDS from becoming homeless and link those who were already homeless to available housing resources. Thus, the small amount of HOPWA funding received by the State was used to leverage additional housing resources for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Surveys of consumers conducted by AIDS Housing of Washington and the Corporation for AIDS Research, Education and Services indicate that at least one-half of persons with HIV/AIDS lose their housing at some stage of their illness. There were an estimated 5,400 persons living with full-blown AIDS in the region served by the State formula grant and many times that number with HIV. Therefore, at a minimum 2,700 housing units are needed just to serve the expected case load. The need for AIDS housing far exceeds the supply, and as more people with HIV/AIDS live longer, the need for assistance continue to increase.

Given the current trend of the AIDS epidemic in New York State, the greatest need is for additional long-term rental assistance subsidies. However, if accessibility to quality home health care diminishes, or if there is a sudden mass decline in the health of persons living with HIV/AIDS due to failure of the combination drug therapies, there will an increased need for facility-based housing. One of the greatest challenges in AIDS housing is the difficulty in predicting future trends.



Buffalo, NY

City of Buffalo Department of
Community Development

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Buffalo EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1999 \$ 352,000

The Department will undertake outreach efforts to ensure that housing and services are made available to that segment of the population through current agencies serving the disabled.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Buffalo, New York is a new recipient of HOPWA funds in 1999 and will administer \$352,000 for the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Erie and Niagara counties. Currently, two agencies are funded through March 30, 1999 through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance which administered the earlier HOPWA funds in this area. Benedict House of Western New York provides congregate emergency and transitional housing and supportive services to persons living with AIDS. AIDS Community Services provides tenant-based rental assistance and supporting services.

For the upcoming program year, the City of Buffalo Department of Community Development will administer the HOPWA program. The Department also administers the Emergency Shelter Grant, Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs. Funds are scheduled to be allocated to the primary providers of housing and services to HIV positive individuals as listed above. In addition, these providers have identified a gap in services available to developmentally disabled and handicapped persons with AIDS.

Program Accomplishments

The Department undertake outreach efforts to ensure that housing and services are made available to that segment of the population through current agencies serving the disabled.

For the FY 1999 program year, the Department will prepare an RFP and assemble an application review panel. Members of the AIDS Network of Western New York, which includes staff members from the Erie County and Niagara County Health Departments, will be invited to participate in the evaluation of applications to the program. The Department is also considering contracting with an independent agency to undertake a comprehensive needs assessment to help determine how to better meet the needs of the AIDS population. It is expected that recommendations regarding policy and programs will be provided as a product of that analysis. The City will also investigate the ability of NYS to continue administration of this program.



Islip, NY

Islip Community Development Agency

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The Long Island region is a large, diverse suburban area directly adjacent to New York City, the largest epicenter of the AIDS epidemic in the United States. The population of the counties of Nassau and Suffolk is highly diverse with respect to age, income, education, race, ethnicity, and language.

Major issues that influence the region's health care delivery system include the extreme shortage of affordable housing, inadequate public transportation, and the presence of poverty pockets within areas of relative affluence.

As of June 1997 there were 5,478 AIDS cases from the Nassau-Suffolk region reported to the Centers for Disease Control. The Long Island region continues to have the highest number of cumulative cases of AIDS among all suburban metropolitan statistical areas nationwide.

Long Island possesses demographic characteristics which increase the opportunity for HIV transmission. Problems of drug use, prostitution and homelessness as well as the scarcity of day and residential substance treatment facilities contribute to the rise in incidence of HIV infection among all groups, but especially among women and injection drug users.

Housing for persons living with AIDS in the region is an ongoing problem. Planning a continuum of housing for the HIV infected is complicated by the high cost of living in Nassau and Suffolk Counties and the scarcity of affordable houses and apartments. The region has the highest housing costs in New York State and has the most expensive residential units in the nation.

The high cost of housing is complicated by the fact that housing entitlements have not kept pace with the cost of living. In a region where it is difficult to rent a studio apartment for less than \$600 per month the maximum monthly public assistance allowance for an HIV positive single person is \$480. Currently, the fair market rent in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties is \$708/month for a studio apartment, \$852 for a one-bedroom, \$1040 for a

Key Facts

Service Area:

Nassau-Suffolk, Long Island NY

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 362,000
FY 1993 \$ 709,000
FY 1994 \$ 948,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,123,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,045,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,205,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,245,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,362,000

The Town of Islip's Community Development Agency to target all HOPWA housing dollars solely for the purchase and/or renovation of housing units.

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two-bedroom, and \$1,446 for a three-bedroom. The report cited above found that 52% of the renters in the region can't afford a two-bedroom apartment and 44% cannot afford a one-bedroom apartment.

Since the late 1980's, homelessness in the region has been gaining recognition as a growing health problem. Based on a 1991 survey, the Nassau-Suffolk Coalition for the Homeless estimates that there were 30,000 - 40,000 persons in 1993 who were homeless in the region. This figure includes not only residents of emergency shelters, but also people who are living with friends and relatives, residents of houses and motels, and persons living in abandoned cars and buildings or on the street.

Program Accomplishments

Because of the immense scarcity of housing (especially for people with AIDS) in the region, a conscious decision was made by the Town of Islip's Community Development Agency to target all HOPWA housing dollars solely for the purchase and/or renovation of housing units. The specific objectives of the grant administrators were to develop housing units: no ancillary housing services are solicited for this funding. AIDS care services are provided by the not for profit Subrecipients solely, or in conjunction with contracted AIDS care providers.

In order to distribute these funds in a fair and equitable manner, while targeting communities of highest need, a regional RFP process was developed by the grant administrators in 1993, and has been utilized since that time.

For fiscal year 1993, funding was utilized exclusively to purchase and renovate three houses (one in Nassau County; two in Suffolk County) for people with HIV/AIDS. The fiscal year 1994 process funded the rehabilitation of four homes (two in Nassau County; two in Suffolk County) for persons with AIDS in the region. The 1995 fiscal year culminated in the acquisition and rehabilitation of five homes (three in Nassau County; two in Suffolk County).

These houses are self-sufficient (operating costs are raised through the reasonable rent charged), and operate as housing for HIV positive individuals and their families for ten years.

Collaborative efforts are made by the Town of Islip CDA and the Nassau-Suffolk Health Systems Agency in administering the grant. The Community Development Agency within the Town of Islip has an excellent housing rehabilitation program serving many special needs and transitional homes, while the HSA has vast experience in federal grant administration for services for people with AIDS, (e.g., Title I: Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act) and years of researching and planning for services for individuals with HIV infection. Together, the HOPWA program for the Long Island region has developed into an extremely competent tool for housing persons with AIDS.



New York City, NY

Office of the Mayor,
AIDS Policy Coordination

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The New York City grant funds the nation's largest HOPWA effort. The grant, administered by the Office of the Mayor, AIDS Policy Coordination; serves the five boroughs of New York City, plus Westchester, Rockland and Putnam Counties, and the Cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Yonkers.

As of October, 1998, over 38,600 individuals with AIDS live in NYC. It is estimated that 145,000 New York City residents live with the HIV infection. In the upstate localities, over 1,500 individuals live with AIDS, and over 5,600 are estimated to be HIV-positive.

Throughout the EMSA, more than 40% of persons living with AIDS receive some form of housing assistance, through HOPWA and other funding streams.

Within the New York City EMSA, HOPWA funds are allocated to five broad entities:

- Office of the Mayor, AIDS Policy Coordination (Grantee);
- New York City Human Resources Administration's Division of AIDS Services and Income Support (Project Sponsor DASIS);
- New York City Department of Housing, Preservation and Development (Project Sponsor);
- The Master Contractor for HOPWA programs (currently the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health), providing services through contracts community based organizations;
- The Upstate Localities: Westchester County, Putnam County, and Rockland County and the Cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, and Yonkers.

The New York EMSA utilizes HOPWA funds for capital development of transitional and permanent congregate housing, scattered site supportive housing, rental assistance, short-term payments to prevent homelessness, and programs providing assessment and referral services, food and nutrition, substance abuse counseling and treatment housing placement assistance, outreach to homeless PWAs, social services in a variety of housing settings, housing-related legal assistance, conflict resolution services, quality assurance, technical assistance for the start-up and development of congregate programs, and programs to assist special needs populations (e.g. homeless HIV-positive adolescents).

Assessments of unmet housing needs for PLWA/HIV vary. It is estimated that 65% of all of the EMSA's PLWA/HIV need some kind of short- or long-term housing assistance after learning of their sero positive status. Between 25% and 56% of all households living with HIV/AIDS (between 36,250 and 66,700) are at risk of homelessness.

DASIS, solely capturing the needs of DASIS clients (Medicaid-eligible persons with AIDS), currently estimates an unmet need of 1200 single units of emergency and permanent housing for individuals with AIDS and 100 units for families living with AIDS. In addition, the nature of the



changing epidemic may warrant an increase of supportive and homelessness-prevention services as the number of individuals with AIDS grows, and as the percentage of PLWAs with inadequate educational, vocational and daily living skills increases.

Key Facts

Service Area: New York City

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 11,153,000

FY 1993 \$ 20,796,000

FY 1994 \$ 32,379,000

FY 1995 \$ 38,336,000

FY 1996 \$ 35,840,000

FY 1997 \$ 41,829,000

FY 1998 \$ 44,493,000

FY 1999 \$ 48,668,000

As of October, 1998, over 38,600 individuals with AIDS live in NYC, and an estimated 145,000 NYC residents live with HIV.

Throughout the EMSA, more than 40% of persons living with AIDS receive some form of housing assistance, through HOPWA and other funding streams.

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The Office of the Mayor/AIDS Policy Coordination, as grantee, has implemented a comprehensive HOPWA community planning process. The planning cycle runs from March through November, and offers all concerned citizens a forum in which they can make their priorities and recommendations known.

Program Accomplishments

The primary vehicle for citizen input is the HOPWA Advisory Committee (HAC), comprised of persons living with AIDS (including consumers of HOPWA-funded residential programs), executive and line staff of AIDS-housing community based organizations, staff of other AIDS services organizations, and interested parties. This group also serves as the Ryan White HIV Planning Council's Housing Work Group, which facilitates integrated planning for the allocation of Ryan White Title I and HOPWA funds. The HAC, currently chaired by a PLWA, meets monthly, except during the Spring/Summer planning cycle, when it meets more frequently to develop and approve its formal recommendations regarding the Consolidated Plan.

Housing Placement Assistance Programs, funded through the Master Contractor, assisted HIV-positive individuals and their families at risk of becoming homeless to locate affordable housing. These funds also provided emergency financial assistance to pay real estate brokers' fees, security deposits, and household furnishings. These programs served over 700 individuals and families during the year.

Six-hundred and sixty units of Scattered Site Housing funded through DASIS with HOPWA dollars provided apartments to over 495 individuals and over 165 families through contracts with community based organizations. Rental payments, plus utilities and local phone service costs, are provided for Medicaid-eligible

individuals and families living with AIDS, and these programs provide a broad array of



supportive services such as case management, counseling, life skills training, and permanency planning.

Rental Assistance funded in the Upstate Localities provided financial rental assistance to 64 households during the year.

Facility Based Housing: Since 1993, HOPWA funds have been utilized toward the completion of 302 units of congregate AIDS housing in new construction or rehabilitation in 8 buildings throughout the metropolitan area. In addition, HOPWA funds are currently being utilized in the development of 853 additional units in 21 congregate sites for persons with AIDS.

Information and Referral Services: funded through DASIS, and through programs funded by the Master Contractor, provided over 9,700 individuals and families with housing-related information and referral services. Approximately 1,000 individuals and families were placed in emergency and permanent housing funded through HOPWA and other funding streams this past year.

Social Services funded through DASIS provided services to approximately 750 persons living with AIDS in Single Room Occupancy Hotels (SROs) which are used as emergency shelter placements. Such services include information and referral, housing placement assistance, and advocacy in maintaining financial entitlements.

Legal Advocacy Services were funded by DASIS to serve PLWAs living in emergency shelter SROs. These efforts maintained the emergency housing, and provided legal advocacy in a variety of arenas, including obtaining permanent housing, for 260 individuals.

Independent Living Skills programs funded through the Master Contractor provided intensive social services to persons newly placed, or awaiting imminent placement, in housing situations. These programs served 170 persons with AIDS with poorly developed daily living and vocational skills, many newly released from incarceration, all of whom volunteered for such services in order to prevent homelessness once they were housed.

Risk Reduction Services funded through the Master Contractor engaged over 2,000 residents of 14 SROs, living with HIV/AIDS, in services designed to teach safer practices for individuals engaging in substance use and sexual activities. These programs are implemented to engage HIV-infected individuals who have not enrolled in, and are unlikely to utilize, more traditional services. Numerous services beyond basic risk reduction, including distribution of food and other immediate needs, information and referral, case management, advocacy, and assistance in obtaining and maintaining primary medical care and substance abuse treatment are also provided. Because these programs reach PLWA's who are otherwise under served or not served, they are estimated to have a dramatic impact on the quality and maintenance of life, and reduce the risk of secondary HIV infection and other transmissible illnesses.

Food and Nutritional Services funded through the Master Contractor provided over 5,600 meals to PLWA's, served as outreach and engagement tools to provide housing information, assessment and referral services to homeless persons living with HIV and AIDS. These services often represent the first "outreach" steps in engaging recipients into the treatment process.

Outreach Services to Homeless Adolescents, funded (beginning July 1, 1998) through the Master Contractor, provided low-threshold services including food, information and referral, assistance in locating housing, educational and vocational programs, case management, counseling, and assistance in obtaining and maintaining primary medical care. Based on current information, it is estimated that 2,400 adolescents at high risk of HIV-infection—many assisted in serostatus testing and follow-through with medical care—will be served annually in these programs.

Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation Services were funded (beginning July 1, 1998) through the Master Contractor to provide an alternative to court proceedings due to conflicts between individuals and families living in AIDS supportive housing programs. Based upon current information, it is estimated that 400 individuals and families will be assisted annually.

Technical Assistance projects were funded by the Master Contractor to provide development assistance to two organizations planning facilities for special needs populations. HOPWA-funded services and needs assessments provided by other funding streams have highlighted the need for specialized residential services for HIV-infected adolescents, seniors, women with children, and women with mental illness. Through the Master Contractor, the City is currently developing projects to provide housing services to adolescents and transitional housing for PLWA's.

The New York City EMSA is challenged by the broad reality of homelessness. There are tens of thousands of homeless individuals, many with known and undocumented HIV infection and AIDS. The program faces the additional reality that the purchase, rehabilitation and rental of units is costly in the area. As in other communities, AIDS in the New York City EMSA is an epidemic increasingly suffered by impoverished, poorly educated, untrained, and disenfranchised populations, including persons of color, immigrants, substance users and their sexual partners, and persons with mental illness and developmental disorders. Increasingly, models of housing and housing-related programs for persons and families with AIDS must meet the challenges raised by these co-existing conditions. The New York City EMSA is also challenged by complex siting and acquisition procedures that make the rehabilitation and construction of congregate housing programs a years-long process. As changes in the medical management of HIV illness occur in rapid succession, the New York City EMSA is exploring the creation of service models which can meet medical and psychological needs as they arise, rather than necessitating a change in housing to accommodate consumers' needs. This challenge seems all the more vital as the epidemic may, for some individuals, develop into a chronic but manageable illness. Therefore, the EMSA is exploring the increased use of vocational services to persons living with AIDS, both to re-train persons who had been in the workforce prior to their medical illness, and persons with HIV/AIDS who were never fully employed in the workforce.



Rochester, NY

City of Rochester,
Bureau of Human Services

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Rochester, New York, a new recipient of HOPWA formula funds, will administer \$398,000 for the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area that includes Monroe, Genesee, Orleans, Ontario, Livingston and Wayne counties.

Key Facts

Service Area: Rochester EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1998 \$ 398,000
FY 1999 \$ 542,000

The services provided include: long term rental assistance, short emergency assistance and supplemental assistance through six sponsor based rental assistance apartments.

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Program Accomplishments

Currently three agencies are funded through March 31, 1999 by the State of New York's Aid to States allocation. They are AIDS Rochester, Catholic Charities and the Health Association's MainQuest. The services provided to our HIV/AIDS clients include: long term rental assistance, short emergency assistance and supplemental assistance is also furnished by MainQuest to operate its six (6) sponsor-based rental assistance apartments.

Recently, the City contracted with the University of Rochester (U of R) to conduct a policy analysis in order to determine the extent to which the most vulnerable populations of persons living with AIDS are being served or under served. Interviews will be conducted with the three currently funded agencies and key staff and clients of other similar programs that serve people with AIDS and homeless populations to gather an understanding of their perceptions regarding the housing services currently available to people living with AIDS. The U of R report will also propose options for ongoing evaluation of the housing services for persons with AIDS in Rochester from the perspective of both clients and people living with AIDS who are not yet able to access the services that are available. The City will use this report as a guide in contracting and evaluating the HOPWA services

provided within the EMSA. It is hopeful that contracts for housing services will be in place by April 1, 1999.

Presently, the current HOPWA grant funds are being administered through the Bureau of Human Services. The Bureau of Human Services also administers the City's Emergency Shelter Grant, the Adolescent and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs (which are funded through New York State), a five-year implementation grant from the Centers for Disease Control for evaluation, the

training and coordination of adolescent and teen pregnancy prevention programs, the Community Development Block Grant (Community Needs Category), The Job Training Partnership Act, and the Welfare to Work program. Bureau staff is also involved with the Rochester-Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care and the Homeless Services Provider Network, which support HIV/AIDS individuals and families.

New York City - "Streetwork"

There are a number of innovative programs existing through HOPWA funds in the NYC EMSA. One is the Streetwork Project, which provides outreach to homeless, street-involved youth, many of whom have utilized prostitution as a means of survival, and drug use as a coping mechanism. Streetwork targets difficult-to-engage youth whom the system has failed to engage in services through more traditional means. Through provision of food, showers, laundry services, clothes, legal help, and an array of one-on-one counseling and group activities, Streetwork's HIV-positive and at-risk clients are encouraged to participate in serostatus testing, HIV/AIDS housing programs, primary medical care, and the full range of services required to enable these young people to get off the street, and maintain a less destructive, lifestyle.

One Streetwork client, "Patrick," met the program's outreach workers at a New York City park where many "counter-culture" substance-using youth congregate. At age 19, Patrick was homeless, an active heroin addict and a prostitute. He was initially distrustful and expressed no interest in becoming engaged in Streetwork's services. After repeated contacts, Patrick eventually came to the Streetwork drop-in center, initially eating some food and using the program's shower. Over time, Patrick was engaged into a variety of services, including primary medical care, drug treatment, educational activities and vocational training. Patrick currently lives with his grandmother, is employed, and he maintains phone contact with his Streetwork counselor to maintain stability in his life's activities.

Bailey House

Competitive Grantee

1998 SPNS Grant

In 1998, a Special Project of National Significance Award for \$979,834 was given to Bailey House, Inc., a New York City-based AIDS housing organization.

Bailey House provides a Comprehensive Technical

Assistance Project (the Project) to 75 of the New York City (NYC) AIDS housing service providers.

Key Facts

Service Area:

NYC Housing Providers

Grant: 2 Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$ 979,834

1996: \$717,268

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The program includes support for projects that operate housing placement assistance, congregate, scattered site, SROs and transitional and permanent housing programs in the nation's largest urban setting.

The Comprehensive Technical Assistance Project has several components, including: Program Evaluation and Needs Analysis; Vocational/Educational Technical Assistance; Operations Resource Center; Consumer Training Institute; and the use of Regional Organizational Stipends.

Program Evaluations are offered to all AIDS housing providers in metropolitan New York City. Program Evaluations are used as tools to help provide valuable feedback on how programs are operating and to allow staff, residents and other stakeholders an opportunity to improve their respective programs.

Vocational/Educational Technical Assistance is provided to AIDS housing programs with the planning and development of vocational/educational (voc/ed) services. This service assists with voc/ed development within the programs, and linkages to job training programs in the city that are sensitive to residents with HIV.

The Operations Resource Center provides technical assistance services to the operations staff such as property managers, clerical and maintenance staff of these programs to enhance site operations. A joint purchasing coalition has been established to lower costs and maximize resources.

A fourth component is the Consumer Training Institute developed for residents of all Network members to help residents develop Life Skills and Communal Living Skills; support the development of Client Advisory committees programs; and help identify and train a number of AIDS housing consumers who will develop client skills.



A Regional Organizational Stipends program will also be developed as a pool of flexible funds that will be used to meet capacity needs of organizations in such area as accounting, cash flow management, strategic planning, MIS and other services.

1996 SPNS Grant

A 1996 Special Project of National Significance grant was awarded for \$717,268 for a nationwide project being undertaken by Bailey House, Inc., which currently operates a vocational/educational program for people living with AIDS in New York. This national technical assistance grant provides funds to test and replicate a Vocational/Education Program Development Technical Assistance Project for persons living with HIV and AIDS at ten sites.

Bailey House works with the World Institute on Disability (WID) of Oakland, California, to develop supportive housing programs that challenge existing ideas about AIDS, disability and employment. The initiative responds to PWAs who are living longer, healthier lives by promoting greater independence and productivity by expanding the use of voc/ed programs by AIDS housing providers. As a condition on site selections, no more than ten percent of these program funds will be used in the New York City EMSA.

The Bailey House project identifies participating agencies from a range of rural to urban settings, employment markets, and client characteristics and needs for technical assistance and program development support. The project is developed in five stages: needs assessments, training, model development and implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and dissemination and replication. Over 150 clients are expected to be assisted by the project directly over three years.

In addition, participating organizations will have improved capacity and skills to help develop other similar efforts. The project will issue training materials, a curriculum for technical assistance, adapts materials based on WID's Vocational Rehabilitation approach and HIV/AIDS. This included the Resource and Training Manual and policies and procedures based on the existing Bailey Housing model for participating supportive housing providers.

Church Avenue Merchants Block Association

Competitive MDI Grantee

In Brooklyn, New York, a 1997 HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative grant for \$1,199,901 was awarded grant to the Church Avenue Merchant's Block Association (CAMBA) to fund operating costs of a scattered site housing program for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS who are also alcohol/drug addicted and/or mentally ill.

This MDI program will be run by CAMBA. Health care and other supportive services will be offered in CAMBA's primary health care center and the adjacent HIV/AIDS service center. The program will also emphasize acupuncture as a treatment for substance abuse withdrawal symptoms as well as to increase energy for fighting HIV/AIDS.

Key Facts

Service Area: Brooklyn, NY
Grant: Competitive MDI

Grant Award:
1997: \$1,199,901

CAMBA offers furnished, scattered site apartments in several Brooklyn neighborhoods to 40 people with HIV/AIDS and 40 family members of these individuals.

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CAMBA will offer furnished, scattered site apartments in several Brooklyn neighborhoods in a designated Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community to 40 people with HIV/AIDS and 40 family members of these individuals.

Residential staff finds and maintains housing and will offer subsidized rent payments. In linking HIV and substance abuse prevention services, alternative treatments, health care, and other supportive services with housing assistance, CAMBA is responding to their MDI clients' needs by integrating service delivery. The program's special focus uses immediate access to housing as an incentive to reach otherwise non-engaged clients.

The use of non-invasive alternative treatment approaches, such as the Lincoln Hospital acupuncture treatment program, will help maintain clients in care with access to counseling, treatment and other services.

Center for Children and Families

Competitive MDI Grantee

In 1997, a HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative grant for \$1,221,450 was awarded to fund a New York City Youth MDI Housing Project in central Manhattan.

The project is a collaborative effort by the Center for Children and Families and the sponsoring agency, Samaritan Village, Inc., to establish a distinct system-wide housing assistance program for HIV positive 18-24 year olds. Aggressive street and institutional outreach will help connect clients to comprehensive services for an estimated 600 homeless youths who have multiple diagnoses.

Counseling and other support will be offered at SafeSpace, a drop-in center in Times Square. Some clients will be referred to SafeHome, a transitional living program and, if possible, reunited with their families. The project aims to improve transitional housing with client-driven conflict management methods and to engage clients in assistance to improve life skills and



rebuild trust in relationships. The program will reduce services fragmentation and help remove other barriers to treatment.

Key Facts

Service Area: New York City
Grant: Competitive MDI

Grant Award:
1997: \$1,201,450

Aggressive street and institutional outreach will help connect clients to comprehensive services for an estimated 600 homeless youths who have multiple diagnoses.

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The CC+F project will offer housing placement assistance for supportive and permanent housing as well as services, such as intensive case management, entitlements, primary health services, specialized clinical assessment, treatment for mental illness and substance abuse, tutoring and GED instruction, independent living skills and vocational readiness, job and intern placement, individual and group counseling.

Another initiative includes the development and publication of a city-wide resource directory of services for homeless HIV positive youth and the training the staff at 100 youth serving agencies to increase ability for early intervention.

Hudson Planning Group

Competitive SPNS Grantee

reimbursement.

In New York City in 1997, the Hudson Planning Group was awarded a Special Project of National Significance grant to develop, implement, and evaluate the Housing Network Development Project. This program uses \$334,750 in HOPWA funds to assist people with HIV/AIDS and use key managed care principles in supportive housing service provision and

With the assistance of two other non-profit organizations, Bailey House and Housing Works, the Hudson Planning Group contracts with the City on a capitated payment basis to provide a full continuum of supportive housing services and links supportive services to the specific needs of individuals being served. HOPWA funds are used to demonstrate the applicability of key managed care principles.



Key Facts

Service Area: New York
Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:
1997: \$ 334,750

HOPWA funds will be used to demonstrate the applicability of key managed care principles.

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Funding has provided directly to the Housing Network, an umbrella organization of non-profits providing supportive housing, which in turn will contract with non-profit community-based housing service providers.

All proposed activities are consistent with the State of New York Consolidated Plan. Furthermore, the Housing Network Project prevents duplication that will arise when the State's HIV special needs managed care plans are introduced in mid-1998.

The managed care model is flexible and establishes a provider network for a seamless continuum of services. For instance, case managers will be responsible for both housing and social service needs of their clients: previously, these two services have been handled by different systems.

United Bronx Parents

Competitive MDI Grantee

In 1996, a HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative Project grant for \$1,130,000 to United Bronx Parents, Inc. established "Casita Esperanza", a culturally sensitive, one-stop service center and low-demand emergency and transitional housing program.

The project provides 12 emergency and 30 transitional beds to a total of 340 homeless single men and women with HIV/AIDS and chronic substance abuse problems who are entering or recently discharged from inpatient detoxification services or are awaiting residential treatment placements. The project fills a service gap identified in the New York State Consolidated Plan. The program engages participants through a continuum of ongoing low-threshold/recovery readiness counseling, HIV services and contemporary substance abuse treatment approaches that are especially designed to handle the various stages of recovery, including relapse.



Key Facts

Service Area: Bronx, NY

Grant: Competitive MDI

Grant Award:

1996: \$1,180,000

The project will provide 12 emergency and 30 transitional beds to a total of 340 homeless single men and women with HIV/AIDS and chronic substance abuse problems.

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With low-demand entry requirements as an attraction, participants are offered life skills training including risk-reduction counseling, HIV education and self-care. Case managers assist with obtaining entitlement benefits and accessing all proper mental health, primary care, and a full range of supportive services.

Transitional housing support continues for up to five months and a housing counselor aids in developing a plan for permanent housing with continued case management and supportive services. As part of its information dissemination activities, the grantee will develop a technical assistance publication for organizations interested in replicating the project.

The Actor's Fund of America

Competitive SPNS Grantee

Under a 1996 Special Project of National Significance grant for \$ 750,000, the Actors' Fund of America will use HOPWA and other funds to support the "Aurora" project. This project will provide 60 units of permanent, supportive housing for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS on the west side of Manhattan.

The Fund has acquired the Aurora, a 30-story apartment building on West 57th Street in New York City, and has converted it into an affordable, supportive housing residence by utilizing private equity contributed through the sale of low-income housing tax credits.

The HOPWA units in the building's 98 apartments and provides shared housing for approximately 190 people from three populations: people with HIV/AIDS, the elderly, and low-income working people. In this congregate living environment, HOPWA-eligible residents receive social and supportive services provided on-site by Actor's Fund social workers.



Key Facts

Service Area: New York City

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1996: \$750,000

The Aurora apartment building provides 98 apartments and shared housing for approximately 190 people.

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Over a three-year period, the Aurora will be home to 222 people, including an estimated 95 persons living with HIV/AIDS and 3 family members who have a special need for stable, affordable housing. An additional 200 persons with HIV/AIDS are expected to benefit from services.

As one of the City's largest residences which provides permanent housing for people with AIDS, the project is a pioneering effort at integrated and shared housing. The Actors' Fund grant provide funds for expanding on-site supportive services, operating costs and technical assistance in managing this newly rehabilitated apartment building to provide shared units of permanent independent living.

The location of the Aurora apartment project on the west side of Manhattan expands the amount and availability of affordable, supportive housing and allows many clients to remain in their neighborhood in proximity to their existing health care and other providers and networks.

The Fund has affiliated with St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital and the Visiting Nurse Service of New York for the on-site provision of medical services. The Fund's volunteer initiative assist clients with "buddy" services and offer other educational and social activities.

Over \$15 million of additional financial and volunteer contributions have been committed to this project in connection with the acquisition of the building through the use of Federal low-income tax credits and over \$34 million in private equity. The project also involves components to assist residents who are elderly or are low-income, disabled, and/or under employed.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

Episcopal Center.

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Episcopal Social Services New York, Episcopal Action
Harlem neighborhood of New York City, NY
\$ 1,099,999

In the Harlem neighborhood of New York City, a 1995 SPNS grant to Episcopal Social Services was made for a collaborative effort with Harlem United and St. Mary's



1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Greyston Foundation, Inc.
Yonkers, New York
1,100,000

A SPNS grant to Greyston Foundation, Inc. in 1995 supported the development of Issan House in Yonkers, the first permanent housing for homeless people with AIDS in Westchester County.

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Southside Community Mission
Brooklyn, New York
\$ 975,572

In Brooklyn, a SPNS grant to the Southside Community Mission continued support in 1995 for supportive services and operating costs for the second and third years for Casa Betsaida.

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Community Counseling & Mediation
Brooklyn, New York
\$ 66,950

In New York City, a SPNS grant was awarded to Community Counseling and Mediation (CCM) for acquiring a 4-story building next to CCM's Crown Heights Multi-Service Center. CCM rehabilitated the building and converted it into model enriched permanent supportive housing for homeless families living with AIDS.

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

Housing Works, Inc.
New York City
\$ 1,000,000

In New York City, Housing Works, Inc. undertook the construction of a residence and adult day health care program for persons with AIDS in Lower Manhattan. The 36-unit supported residence was designed to assist at least 216 people with room, board, recreational activities and 24-hour supervision.

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

Southside Community Mission
Brooklyn, New York
\$437,740

The Southside Community Mission program of the Catholic Charities Diocese of Brooklyn received a 1994 competitive grant to cover one year of operating costs for Casa Betsaida.

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

New York State Department of Health
Statewide New York
\$985,724

In 1994, the New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute, operated a scattered site housing initiative for homeless persons with HIV illness and their families in three areas of the State outside the New York City region.

1992 Competitive SPNS Grantee

New York Department of Health

New York City

\$425,834

In 1992, the Department of Health was awarded a HOPWA grant in conjunction with their project sponsor, Health Research, Inc. The funds were used to assist persons with AIDS in providing operating costs and supportive services at scattered-site apartments for persons with AIDS diagnosed with multiple-drug resistant tuberculosis



State of North Carolina

North Carolina Department
of Health And Human Services

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: North Carolina EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 395,000
FY 1993 \$ 822,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,210,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,465,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,467,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,707,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,092,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,212,000

The program also offers supportive services and operating funds at 6 family care homes, 2 independent apartment complexes and a transitional housing project.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The HOPWA formula grant was first funded in 1992 and served the entire state until 1998. In that year, Charlotte and Raleigh became eligible for a HOPWA formula allocation and the State's area was reduced. Since 1998, the state's grant serves people living with HIV/AIDS and their families who are outside of those metropolitan areas. The State HOPWA grant is administered by the North Carolina Department Of Health And Human Services.

The State estimates that at least 6,600 of the estimated 20,000 persons living with HIV in the State are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Only 126 housing units, including beds in group homes, are currently designated for persons living with HIV/AIDS in North Carolina.

Program Accomplishments

Under the HOPWA program, the State provides short-term payments to prevent homelessness combined with supportive services and other assistance through 14 community based organizations in the regional HIV/AIDS Care Consortia. The program supports existing adult day care/day health centers has served approximately 64 persons per day. The program also offers supportive services and operating funds at six family care homes, two independent apartment complexes and a transitional housing project. The tenant-based rental assistance programs are offered in eight metropolitan communities throughout the state.

A Pre-development loan program was created in 1994, with \$126,000 in HOPWA funds which supported a variety of acquisition and rehabilitation projects. A housing development fund program was developed in 1997 to provide acquisition, construction and rehabilitation grants to nonprofit organizations so they could provide housing for persons with HIV/AIDS.



Charlotte, NC

Charlotte Neighborhood Development -
Key Business

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Charlotte, NC EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1998 \$ 361,000

FY 1999 \$ 397,000

The Charlotte HOPWA program supports the Havens, an apartment complex with twenty five (25) units for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Charlotte was a first time HOPWA Grantee in 1998. The City's Neighborhood Development - Key Business, is dedicated to working with neighborhoods to ensure that they are provided with the tools and resources necessary to become suitable living environments and sustainable viable communities. Neighborhood Development's mission is to improve Charlotte's neighborhoods and the lives of the people who live in them. Its goal is to reduce the number of households living in substandard, overcrowded, or in unaffordable housing conditions, targeting families earning less than 80% of the area's median income. The City also seeks to expand the public's role in addressing the HIV/AIDS housing issues by partnering with private and non-profit housing development organizations.

There are seven (7) counties within the Charlotte Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). They are the counties of Cabarrus, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Union Counties in North Carolina and York County in South Carolina.

Program Accomplishments

The Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium has been selected as the City's project sponsor. The services provided by the consortia include: Sub-granting to distribute twenty (20) grants to various agencies within the seven (7) counties in the MSA for the development or enhancement of housing programs targeting clients living with HIV and AIDS. The Sponsor also provides access to community residences and creates affordable

housing through rental assistance programs and immediate relief through short-term payments that prevent homelessness. In addition, the sponsor provides health care and other supportive services for HIV/AIDS clients on an as need basis. The consortia also serves as the centralized resource for all related technical assistance for member sub-grantees.

The project sponsor constantly strives to improve the program by routinely researching successful national housing models and programs for potential replication in the MSA. This ensures the maximum use of HOPWA funds and introduction of best practices models. The sponsor has designed and developed opportunities for creating new, county-specific housing initiatives based on identified needs among the diverse counties. The Consortium is also working



towards the development of long-range planning for meeting the housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS.

The program currently supports:

- Crisis Assistance Ministry, which provides case management, emergency housing assistance and resource identification for the seven counties including rental housing, utility, food, and case planning emergency assistance.
- House of Mercy, which provides short terms housing from three to six months, for persons nearing the final stage of AIDS. This facility can provide housing for up to six clients at any one time.
- The Havens, an apartment complex with twenty five units for persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- Hospice of Gaston & Mecklenburg Counties provides specially trained volunteers that assist persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS with transportation, laundry, meal preparation, light housekeeping, hospital visitation, errands, and companionship. The Metrolina AIDS Project provides information and education, a speakers bureau, outreach programs, support groups, case management, counseling, and respite care services for infected and affected children.

Raleigh, NC

City of Raleigh

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The Raleigh EMSA received it's first HOPWA formula allocation in 1998. The grant serves people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in a six county area including Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Johnston, Orange and Wake counties.

Key Facts

Service Area: Raleigh, NC EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1998 \$ 360,000

FY 1999 \$ 386,000

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The city of Raleigh entered into a contract with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to continue to administer the HOPWA program in this area, as the State had been the grantee since 1992.

Program Accomplishments

Agencies funded in this metropolitan area include four family care homes, one independent living apartment complex, two HIV care consortia and two public housing authorities. It is the goal of the city of Raleigh to work with the State in creating long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons living with HIV or AIDS and to coordinate activities with health-care and other service programs.



North Carolina Dept of Environmental Health & Natural Resources

Competitive SPNS Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Charlotte, Durham, Greenville, Wilmington, Smithfield, and their surrounding counties.

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:
1997: \$ 785,714

Services for 460 persons statewide are to be provided over the three years of the grant and serve as models for expanding efforts in other areas.

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In North Carolina, a Special Project of National Significance grant of \$785,714 was awarded in 1997 for project titled Serving the Dually Diagnosed in North Carolina.

This effort has been implemented in five communities selected for local team efforts in housing people who have HIV/AIDS and substance abuse issues. A project sponsor in each area will hire a substance abuse counselor who can help homeless and precariously housed, dually diagnosed individuals to obtain and maintain safe, decent and affordable housing.

The grant to the North Carolina Department of , Health and Human Services will provide assistance to Charlotte, Durham, Greenville, Wilmington, Smithfield, and their surrounding counties. The areas to be served contain a mix of urban and rural counties.

While the State is responsible for linking AIDS services and substance abuse efforts of all communities, the five sponsors individualize their services according to community needs and area resources. Sponsors include Cure, Inc., the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium (Foundation of the Carolinas), the Durham County Mental Health Center and the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization.

The grant is expected to provide services for 460 persons statewide over the three years of the grant and serve as a model for expanding efforts in other areas. The use of Substance Abuse Counselors fills an identified gap in the local continuum of care in each geographical area. In addition, each area has designed a plan of activities for its HOPWA-funded counselor based on the unique needs of its area.

State of Ohio

Department of Development, Office of
Housing and Community Partnerships

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Ohio EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 526,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,086,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,611,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,287,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,262,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,707,000
FY 1998 \$ 760,000
FY 1999 \$ 822,000

The State of Ohio HOPWA program funds 11 non-profit organizations across the State. Approximately 10,500 individuals and 4,700 households have benefited over a period of one year.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Ohio State HOPWA formula grant, first funded in 1992, served the entire state until 1995 when Cleveland became eligible for a HOPWA formula allocation in its metropolitan area. In 1997 Columbus became eligible for a HOPWA formula allocation and in 1998 Cincinnati became eligible for a HOPWA formula allocation and these also reduced the State's service area.

Presently, the grant serves people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in areas of the State outside of these three metropolitan areas. The State HOPWA grant is administered by the Ohio Department of Development Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

Program Accomplishments

The HOPWA Program provides funds to eligible non-profit organizations to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing and supportive service needs of persons with AIDS or HIV-related diseases. The activities funded are rental Assistance, private rehabilitation, housing development, supportive services with housing, supportive Services Without housing, mortgage/utility payments, resource identification, and operating expenses.

The State of Ohio HOPWA program funds 11 non-profit organizations across the State. Approximately 10,500 individuals and 4,700 households have benefited over a period of one year.

The State is leveraging approximately \$2.5 million in other funds during each grant period in an attempt to address the still unmet needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in the State of Ohio.

Current year funds will be administered by private nonprofit organizations incorporated in the State of Ohio. One of the stipulations for each applicant is that

the applicant must match the requested amount of HOPWA funds at a minimum ratio of 1:1.

Cincinnati, OH

Department of Neighborhood Services

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Cincinnati became a HOPWA grantee in 1998 and the metropolitan area was included previously under the State allocation. The grant serves people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana in the Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Key Facts

Service Area: OH-KY-IN MSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1998 \$ 360,000
FY 1999 \$ 395,000

The program provides housing assistance payments (rent and emergency) to 142 clients in 6 Northern Kentucky counties served by the Northern Kentucky District Health Department.

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Existing agencies offer services to clients and report activities and statistics through the State Government agency with which they contracted include AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC) and Caracole, Inc with the State of Ohio and Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department with the State of Kentucky.

Program Accomplishments

The City of Cincinnati plans to implement the following with the 1998 HOPWA grant:

- A resource identification project will establish, coordinate and develop assistance resources for eligible persons. This activity includes a review the housing and supportive service needs of HIV/AIDS patients and their families, an inventory of current housing resources available and service providers within the area, "a strategic plan for addressing the housing and Supportive service needs of HIV/AIDS patients over the next 5-7 years which will be in the City's next Consolidated Plan.
- Housing assistance payments, rent and emergency, housing will be provided to 142 clients in 6 Northern Kentucky counties served by the Northern Kentucky District Health Department

A range of housing assistance and supportive services, including facilities and community residences, rental assistance, short-term payments to prevent homelessness, technical assistance, supportive services and other activities that benefit persons with AIDS were carried out by these service providers.



Cleveland, OH

Cleveland Department of Community
Development and Department of Public
Health

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Cleveland
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$499,000
FY 1996 \$532,000
FY 1997 \$592,000
FY 1998 \$618,000
FY 1999 \$ 670,000

*A partnership between several
community organizations resulted in
the renovation of five single family
homes in primarily African-
American neighborhoods of
Cleveland to serve families with
children.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Cleveland metropolitan area became eligible for a HOPWA formula allocation in 1995. The grant is administered by the Cleveland Department of Community Development and the Cleveland Department of Public Health. All HOPWA programs are coordinated with other programs serving persons living with HIV/AIDS, including Ryan White Titles I and II. The activities assist people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties. Cumulatively 2,817 persons have acquired AIDS in the metropolitan area. Estimates of HIV positive persons on a region wide basis range from 3,000 to 6,500. Currently an area wide working group is forming to create a blueprint for addressing the housing needs in the area for the next five years.

Program Accomplishments

The grant provides various levels of housing services tailored to the wide variety of housing and supportive needs of low income persons living with HIV/AIDS in the Cleveland area. Included within these services are emergency housing and utility assistance provided to prevent the loss of housing, and short-term 90 day housing with developmental case management services provided to homeless persons and persons coming out of alcohol/drug treatment services. HOPWA funds will also be utilized to support a longer-term permanent housing project for persons in need of assistance with daily living because of their HIV status.

Supportive and development case management services are provided to persons living in the community to ensure retention of housing. These services include financial management and advocacy services, counseling and referral to other resources. Direct supportive services, including alcohol and drug treatment services and nutrition, and financial management services are also provided.

A partnership between several community organizations resulted in the renovation of five single family homes in primarily African-American neighborhoods of Cleveland to serve families with

children. This project was developed in response to the growing need of women and children, a population traditionally difficult to serve in finding adequate housing. The houses are owned by a non-profit community-based organization which serves low income persons in the City of Cleveland. Full supportive and developmental case management services are provided to the residents of these homes through the local AIDS housing organization. HOPWA, combined with other funding sources, was utilized to finance the renovations.

Persons living with HIV/AIDS in the Cleveland metropolitan area face two barriers in obtaining housing, a shrinking number of housing units designated for low-income persons and the resultant rise in costs of adequate housing. Compounding this difficulty, is the spread of HIV to persons already living in or near poverty. These issues, along with others, will be addressed in the upcoming five year blueprint.

Columbus, OH

Columbus Health Department

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The Columbus Health Department (CHD) is the HOPWA Grantee for the EMSA which includes Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union Counties.

Program Accomplishments

The Columbus Health Department is charged with protecting and promoting the health of the community through over 40 programs staffed by 500 full and part-time employees and with an annual budget of \$31 million.

The Department operates multiple programs designed to reduce and eliminate the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (STD's), including HIV infection. Program components include: STD Clinic, Laboratory, HIV Counseling and Testing Site, HIV Early Intervention, STD Control and Partner Notification, Outreach, Sexual Health Awareness Clinic and the AIDS Program. The AIDS Program is responsible for HIV and STD community education and prevention efforts, collaboration, direct service delivery and HIV/AIDS Affordable Housing Grants Program Coordination & Planning.

Key Facts

Service Area: Columbus EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1997 \$ 429,000
FY 1998 \$ 438,000
FY 1999 \$ 458,000

The Columbus EMSA includes Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union Counties.

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State of Oklahoma

Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Oklahoma

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 618,000

FY 1995 \$ 623,000

FY 1996 \$ 583,000

FY 1997 \$ 650,000

FY 1998 \$ 666,000

FY 1999 \$ 723,000

Oklahoma utilizes its HOPWA funds to implement a plan that ensures that housing is an essential component of the continuum of care for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The State of Oklahoma HOPWA formula, first funded in 1994, serves the entire state of Oklahoma. It is administered by the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency.

Oklahoma utilizes its HOPWA funds to implement a plan that ensures that housing is an essential component of the continuum of care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The plan focuses on providing housing and supportive services to those who have the fewest resources to access services and to those in the greatest need. These efforts help ensure that low-income PWAs can access available direct care resources in the most accommodating environment possible.

Program Accomplishments

The plan covers both short-term, immediate housing needs and builds a foundation for meeting future needs. It consists of a statewide rental assistance, short-term rent and utility bill assistance program combined with mental health and intensive case management services. The state is undertaking an evaluation of this plan.

Was provided to 383 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their family members received housing assistance through the Oklahoma state program last year. An additional 94 persons received supportive services, with the program providing housing information services to 679 people.

The Oklahoma program provides tenant-based rental assistance for 133 units and short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments for an additional 161 units.

Up to one-fifth of Oklahoma's total HOPWA award could be realigned to be used for other eligible activities (e.g. acquisition and rehabilitation) based on the consultant's recommendations.



Portland, OR

City of Portland

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Portland metropolitan area

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1994 \$ 670,000

FY 1995 \$ 665,000

FY 1996 \$ 667,000

FY 1997 \$ 758,000

FY 1998 \$ 766,000

FY 1999 \$ 803,000

The six counties in the Portland EMSA utilized HOPWA funds to develop an emerging, diverse stock of permanent, affordable rental units serving eligible tenants and their families.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Portland is the entitlement jurisdiction, which receives and distributes HOPWA funds to meet the housing needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS in the six counties in Oregon and Southwestern Washington, which comprise the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. In FY 1997-98, the City committed HOPWA funding to projects that fall within Priority One as identified in the Consolidated Plan that, provide affordable rental housing for individuals or families who are homeless or have other special needs, and very-low income households who pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing; and housing-related services to individuals and families living with HIV or AIDS.

Program Accomplishments

In the Consolidated Plan the needs of those living with HIV/AIDS were identified as the Consolidated Plan's number One Priority, the HOPWA Consortium committed funds broadly across a continuum of service needs that include the following:

- Transitional housing units and case management services for homeless youth and adults living with HIV/AIDS in all six counties served by the Consortium;
- A Warehouse project that provides furniture and basic necessities to persons living with HIV/AIDS who are transitioning out of homelessness;
- Fair housing education and enforcement to assist persons living with HIV/AIDS and their social service providers in overcoming the barrier of unlawful housing discrimination.

Additionally, the six counties utilized HOPWA funds to develop an emerging, diverse stock of permanent, affordable rental units serving eligible tenants and their families. The operators of these units contract with an experienced, qualified service provider to insure that occupants of HOPWA-funded housing can

access a full range of needed social services. The HOPWA-funded permanent housing stock includes the following:



Care House, a state of the art, six bed adult foster care facility in Vancouver, WA. PCRI Scattered Site Housing in Portland provides nine units of rehabilitated, affordable housing for families living with HIV/AIDS. Project Open Door in Gresham provides 12 units of affordable, shared housing to persons living with HIV/AIDS eligible tenants within a 55 unit Low-income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) project. The Rose Wood, developed by Central City Concern, will provide 35 units of rehabilitated affordable rental housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS in a community facility setting in Portland. A project of Innovative Housing will provide 6 SRO rental units within a downtown, mixed-income condominium complex; Northwest Housing Alternative.

The City monitors grantees through quarterly project reports and yearly monitoring site visits to service providers. In order to leverage expertise in existing monitoring and compliance systems, the City will incorporate monitoring HOPWA-funded housing developments into comprehensive construction and operations monitoring system, administered largely by the Portland Development Commission.

In the Spring of 1998, the City of Portland hosted two planning meetings for HIV/AIDS advocates and social service providers, HOPWA-funded housing developers, public sector representatives from the housing and health fields and housing development agencies to review past activities and commitments, the array of service needs and the emerging housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS. Over 45 people including representatives from governments or agencies in all six counties, attended the meetings. The group reached consensus that development of a diverse stock of permanent, affordable units was critical to meet an expected burgeoning demand. However, the planning committee agreed to maintain an almost equal commitment of current HOPWA resources to needed services, recognizing that new treatments have not slowed the debilitating effects of HIV/AIDS and the need for direct services that target homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS remains critical.

The City of Portland created a HOPWA-funded, project-based rental assistance program, administered by Cascade AIDS Project which began the Summer of 1998. The City expects that the project-based rental assistance will facilitate ongoing development and reduce developer reluctance to participate in the development of permanent housing for this population by easing the need for immediate, full capitalization of the project and by allowing for predictability in rental income. Staff from BHCD has begun regular meetings with Multnomah County staff from the Ryan White Planning Council to improve coordination of funding of permanent, affordable housing and use of leveraged LIHTC funds, state housing trust funds, HUD sources and private funds HOPWA-funded units will be incorporated into larger housing production efforts and coordinated with HOME and project-based Section 8, to create permanently affordable community residences for HOPWA-eligible tenants. State funding also includes both financing from bonds as well as funds from the Trust Fund.



**1992-1995
Competitive Awards**

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

County.

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

City of Eugene Planning and Development Department
Eugene, Oregon

\$689,700

In Oregon, a partnership between the City of Eugene Planning and Development Department and the HIV Alliance received a 1994 competitive grant to provide a range of housing and supportive services in Lane



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Department of Health

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Commonwealth
of Pennsylvania (62 counties)

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1993 \$ 693,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,069,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,175,000
FY 1996 \$ 793,000
FY 1997 \$ 948,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,020,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,135,000

*Funding is primarily used to support:
short-term rent, mortgage and utility
payments to prevent homelessness,
rental assistance, and facility based
housing.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health administers the HOPWA grant. The grant provides housing related services in the 62 counties outside the five counties in the Philadelphia EMA and the six counties in the Pittsburgh EMA. HOPWA funds are dispersed to non-profit organizations through the Ryan White HIV Planning Consortia. This linkage ensures comprehensive HIV-related service planning and enables coordination of housing services with a broad range of medical and support services. Additional statewide planning linkages include: the Division of HIV/AIDS is on the Governor's Disability Agenda Housing Work Group with other disability and Housing partners; the Pennsylvania Department of community and Economic Development is represented on the statewide Integrated HIV Planning Council; and the regional HIV Planning Consortia are included in the Pennsylvania and Regional Housing Advisory Committee meetings and /or public hearing processes and Consolidated Planning efforts.

Program Accomplishments

While specific use of the funds is driven by regionally identified needs, there is a broad need for affordable, accessible housing for low income families affected by HIV disease. Funding is primarily used to support: short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to prevent homelessness, rental assistance, and facility-based housing. Supportive services are provided through a combination of HOPWA, Ryan White and state funds.

Regionally-based resource development, technical assistance and housing information activities have served to: broaden the scope of available housing services; increase the number service providers and the services they offer; increase the number of accessible housing units and/or cooperative landlords; expand the participation of housing providers in HIV planning groups and the participation of HIV providers in housing planning groups; and promote dialogue and



planning related to serving multiply diagnosed populations.

Long waiting lists for Section 8 housing exist throughout Pennsylvania. The majority of persons served via the regional HIV Planning Coalitions are below the poverty level, Medicaid eligible, and receive other health and human services. For some, those services are not directly related to HIV infection. As such, a key issue is the successful integration of service delivery systems including but not limited to health care, transportation, substance abuse counseling, housing, and support for employment related issues. Without integrating such life-stabilizing services, improvement of physical and behavioral health, employment, housing status, and quality of life are extremely difficult to sustain.

Regional planning coalitions cite housing as the number one priority need for people living with HIV disease in Pennsylvania. They also acknowledge the need to develop programs and services to serve an increasingly diverse and often multiply diagnosed population. In rural communities, safe and affordable housing is extremely difficult to find. There is little incentive on the part of landlords to improve the housing quality. Simultaneously, there is great reluctance on the part of people living with HIV disease to disclose in rural communities.

As people with HIV disease are increasingly poorer and are living longer, and housing assistance is required for longer periods. Increased funding, and maximizing other housing resources, becomes much more critical to supporting HIV-affected families.

Philadelphia, PA

Office of Housing and Community
Development, City of Philadelphia

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Philadelphia's Office of Housing and Community Development is the grantee for a five-county EMSA in southeastern Pennsylvania (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties). Prior to 1998 the EMSA also included four counties in southern New Jersey, which now receive

funding from the State of New Jersey HOPWA program. HOPWA funding supports the full range of housing activities, including rental assistance (50% of the HOPWA budget), emergency payments, operating costs for facilities, information and referrals including housing counseling and supportive services. Philadelphia's emphasis has been to limit HOPWA-funded activities, to the maximum extent possible, to direct housing assistance and to limit supportive services to activities directly associated with housing.

Program Accomplishments

Project sponsors are:

- Congreso (rental assistance, emergency grants)
- Tenants Rental Assistance Corp. (rental assistance)
- CO-MHAR (rental assistance, mental health services)
- Gaudenzia (rental assistance), We the People (emergency grants, housing counseling)
- Calcutta Housing and Catholic Social Services (operating support for facilities)



- Keystone Hospice
- Bucks County Family Services (rental assistance, emergency grants, housing counseling)
- Delaware County (rental assistance, emergency grants, housing counseling)
- Chester County Community Service Council (rental assistance)
- Montgomery County Family Service (rental assistance, housing counseling)
- ActionAIDS (for a pilot job training program).

Additionally, the city supports three project sponsors in southern New Jersey with HOPWA funds remaining from prior years when the EMSA included southern New Jersey.

Key Facts

Service Area: Philadelphia EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 766,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,607,000
FY 1994 \$ 2,271,000
FY 1995 \$ 2,966,000
FY 1996 \$ 2,682,000
FY 1997 \$ 3,118,000
FY 1998 \$ 3,256,000
FY 1999 \$ 3,428,000

Four additional projects are in the planning phase, for an additional 34 units expected to begin construction in 1999.

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It is estimated that approximately 25,000 persons are living with HIV/AIDS in the five county EMSA. Approximately 85% of these persons live in the City of Philadelphia and 15% in the Pennsylvania suburbs, including low-income small cities such as Chester, Norristown and Coatesville, PA. The population affected is extremely diverse and increasingly low income. African -American gay men are the single *largest* demographic group of persons living with AIDS. Persons with a history of injection drug use are the largest number of *newly-diagnosed* AIDS cases. Women are the single *fastest growing* demographic group.

OHCD works cooperatively with others, including advocates and consumers, other City departments, non-profit housing and AIDS service providers. OHCD also works closely with The Philadelphia HIV Commission, the Ryan White CARE Act designated planning council for the EMA, a relationship which dates to 1993 and was formalized in 1997. The Housing Committee of The Philadelphia AIDS Commission, one of three standing committees, meets monthly at OHCD to consider policy and program implementation and to advise OHCD and the Health Department on issues relating to HIV/AIDS housing. Members of the Housing Committee are jointly appointed by the City's Health Commissioner and Director of Housing and represent HIV/AIDS consumers, AIDS service organizations and advocates.

At the present time, both co-chairs of the committee are persons living with HIV/AIDS. In 1996 OHCD completed an HIV/AIDS housing needs



assessment study, which surveyed 761 persons with HIV/AIDS in the nine-county EMA. This survey continues to inform AIDS housing planning in the region.

Philadelphia provides one-time emergency payments to individuals or households who are delinquent in rent, utility or mortgage payments and are threatened with homelessness. Approximately 400 such grants are made annually, with an average payment of \$520, and a maximum cap of \$750. The City is exploring centralizing the administration of these payments with similar emergency grants funded with Ryan White CARE Act funding. The City provides approximately 260 on-going rental assistance payments to households in the region using HOPWA funding. The City also provides similar rental assistance limited to City residents using HOME and Shelter Plus Care funds. Twenty-nine of these units are project-based, with the remainder scattered-site units attached to households who locate their own apartments. Rental assistance is the single largest use (50% of the entitlement grant) of HOPWA funding in the EMA.

HOPWA supports operating costs at Calcutta House, an 18-bed community residence for persons who need intensive assistance. HOPWA also supports operating costs for Good Shepherd House, a 12-unit transitional facility for street and shelter homeless men operated by Catholic Social Services. In 1998, HOPWA funds acquired McAuley House, a similar 6-bed residence for homeless women, also operated by Catholic Social Services. HOPWA funds the lease of Keystone Hospice, a 20-bed facility located in Montgomery County.

Since 1993, HOPWA funding has supported the acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of six housing projects with a total of 87 units, including one 25-unit apartment building under construction. Four additional projects are in the planning phase, for an additional 34 units expected to begin construction in 1999. Both projects used HOPWA SPNS and other funding, including HOPWA entitlement, CDBG, HOME and Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

Medical advances, including the use of combination therapy with protease inhibitors, have improved the lives and survival of many persons with HIV/AIDS, but have placed increased demands on housing providers for services. Far fewer rental assistance or other housing "slots" turn over due to client death or decline in health. Demand continues to outstrip availability of resources. The increasing number of persons with AIDS who have histories of substance abuse and/or incarceration has made it more difficult to provide appropriate housing, and more expensive to provide appropriate social services. In concert with growing medical advances which are keeping persons alive much, much longer, the result is a need for subsidized demand which is increasing at a rate faster than available resources. The five percent increase in HOPWA funding in FY99 was not adequate to keep pace with the growing need.



Pittsburgh, PA

City of Pittsburgh

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Pittsburgh EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996 \$ 400,000
FY 1997 \$ 459,000
FY 1998 \$ 463,000
FY 1999 \$ 491,000

Currently 141 households, including 30 families, are assisted by the HOPWA program. 70 households receive short term assistance and Approximately 1,000 households will receive housing information services.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Pittsburgh HOPWA formula grant serves people with HIV/AIDS in six counties that make up the Pittsburgh metropolitan area.

Funds are administered by the Jewish Healthcare Foundation which serves as the fiscal agent for the regional Ryan White Planning Consortium. Responding to the needs identified by the Consortium, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation subcontracts for service providers through a competitive process.

Program Accomplishments

HOPWA funds are used to provide short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance; tenant-based rental assistance; housing information and referral services; and support for a 22-bed personal care home for people with HIV/AIDS. In 1998, HOPWA funds were used to support an extensive assessment of the housing needs of people with HIV/AIDS in Allegheny County.

Rental assistance for safe and affordable housing is the highest priority need in the area. Currently 141 households, including 30 families, are assisted by the HOPWA program. A waiting list and regional priorities have been instituted. An additional 70 households receive short term assistance. Approximately 1,000 households will receive housing information services.

With the help of rehabilitation funds provided by HOPWA (through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) in 1993 and 1994, Corpus Christi Residence – a 22 bed personal care home for people with HIV/AIDS requiring 24 hour assistance and support – opened in 1994. This facility is the only one of its type in Western Pennsylvania and one of only two in the Commonwealth.

Corpus Christi currently receives operating funds from the Pittsburgh EMSA allocation to support the care of low-income, underinsured and uninsured individuals. With the advances in medical treatment in the last two years, the facility has gone from being a place where people go



on their way to a nursing home or hospice to being a place for stabilization and integration back into the community.

Using Pittsburgh EMSA HOPWA funding, the Ryan White Planning Consortium has produced a *Housing Resource Manual* for the 11 county Ryan White Title II Planning Region. The manual contains a list of housing assistance programs and housing related services available in each of the counties. The manual has been distributed to HIV/AIDS case managers and consumers and is available for a small fee to other health and human services providers.

Applicants for tenant-based rental assistance are provided with a county-specific checklist that they must complete as part of their application. The check list provides documentation that the individual/household has tried to access (and been denied or deemed ineligible) these other resources, ensuring that HOPWA is the funding of last resort. While surely not exhaustive of all available housing resources (especially in the rural counties where information was more difficult to collect), the manual is the only one of its kind in the area. The Consortium hopes to develop a data base of this information that would allow for more frequent updates and an expanded list of available units for people with HIV/AIDS.

Calcutta House

Competitive Grantee

In 1998, a Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,055,500 was made to Calcutta House, a provider of housing and care for persons with AIDS in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Calcutta House will open an additional facility for PWAs with their HOPWA grant. This project, the Calcutta Community Home, will complement the programs already in place at the Calcutta House.

The targeted population for the program are those who have responded well to drug therapies, have a history of mental illness and/or substance abuse, and are in need of supervised and supportive environment to continue their drug regimen and maintain growth towards independence.

The program is the first step in re-engineering the Philadelphia AIDS housing continuum, identified through an extensive needs analysis. Calcutta House seeks to fill the existing gap between independent living and personal care facilities in Philadelphia's AIDS Housing Continuum through the development of Calcutta House. While in Calcutta Home, residents will receive a level of care appropriate to assist them in maintaining their health while providing them with access to supportive services necessary to achieve independence.



Key Facts

Service Area:
Philadelphia, PA
Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:
1998: \$1,055,500

Calcutta House will open an additional facility for PWAs with their HOPWA grant, the Calcutta Community Home.

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The Calcutta Community Home will house eight persons at one time and it is estimated that 32 persons will be assisted through the direct housing program in the grant cycle. Services to be provided, in addition to housing, include case management, mental health and substance abuse referrals, transportation, nutritional services, job training/placement, referrals to independent living, and assistance in the maintenance of drug regimens.

Personal care of residents living in the Community Home is supervised and coordinated by a registered nurse and a home health aide is on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Supportive service linkages will be provided by Action AIDS, MANNA, COHMAR, WHEELS, Hospice of Visiting Nurse Association, Gaudenzia Inc., and the North Philadelphia Health System. This effort is a collaboration with the Philadelphia Office of Housing and Community Development.

Asociacion de Puertorriquenos en Marcha

Competitive SPNS Grantee

A 1996 Special Project of National Significance grant was awarded for \$750,000 to Asociacion de Puertorriquenos en Marcha, Inc. of Philadelphia. The nonprofit supports La CASA, a Community AIDS Services Advancement program offering specialized services targeted to persons who are at risk of becoming homeless and homeless persons who are living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Over three years, 30 PWAs and 70 family members were assisted through access to an integrated system of culturally appropriate and family-focused services that are intended to maximize their opportunities for independent living by adapting services to the changing needs of clients. In connection with a city-wide case management and housing voucher program administered by the AIDS Activities Coordinating Office of the City Health Department, APM provides rental assistance vouchers to 22 households.



Key Facts

Service Area: Philadelphia, PA

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1996: \$750,000

In connection with a city-wide case management and housing voucher program administered by the AIDS Activities Coordinating Office of the City Health Department, APM will provide rental assistance vouchers to 22 households.

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The project extends the continuum of both services and housing which are offered to people with AIDS in Philadelphia. APM staff outreaches to clients using a bilingual/bicultural approach in the largely Latino north central Philadelphia area.

Project staff help clients access a comprehensive range of services, homemaker assistance, day care, transportation and health care and assist clients as needs change, including during periods of acute illness. APM clients also benefit from related activities supported by MANNA for home-delivered meals, the Ecumenical Information AIDS Resource Center for respite care and the Einstein Hospital Hospice program.

Activities are evaluated through computerized tracking of client service utilization and a customized software package designed by the Minority AIDS Project of Philadelphia for program outcome analysis. The proposed activities are consistent with the Philadelphia Consolidated Plan and the intended service area includes part of the city's Empowerment Zone.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Asociación de Puertorriqueños en Marcha

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

\$ 1,030,000

In Philadelphia, a 1995 SPNS grant to the Asociación de Puertorriqueños en Marcha helped develop Hogar de Esperanza (House of Hope), a community residence for people with AIDS and their families who can no longer live independently.

1992 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Philadelphia Office of Housing and Community Development

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

\$ 485,000

In 1992, the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Office of Housing and Community Development was awarded a HOPWA grant in conjunction with their project sponsor, Calcutta House.



Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico Department of Health, AIDS
Affairs and Communicable Diseases

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 445,000
FY 1993 \$ 904,000
FY 1994 \$ 1,278,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,440,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,382,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,619,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,686,000
FY 1999 \$ 1,841,000

In this Fiscal Year thirteen (13) non-profit organizations sponsor eighteen (18) different projects.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDOH) is responsible for establishing the island's AIDS public policy under the Secretariat of Health Promotion and Protection of the PRDOH is the AIDS Affairs and Communicable Diseases Program (PASFT). The program is in charge of AIDS surveillance and is responsible for managing and evaluating the HIV continuum of care. Coordination with existing programs within and outside the PRDOH helps to secure the continuum of care system developed in 1990, and thus effectively meet the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.

PASET administers and coordinates a broad range of medical, social and support services for men, women, youth, children and families affected by HIV/AIDS. It also provides parallel services to prevent and control the spread of other infectious diseases, such as sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis. The Program activities are implemented and coordinated with other available resources including federal and state funds. The services are provided by non-profit organizations representing community groups. With these groups the Department of Health addresses the specific multi-faceted needs of each homeless subpopulation with multiple diagnosis.

Program Accomplishments

During the Fiscal Year 1998 thirteen non-profit organizations sponsor eighteen different projects. For these non-profit organizations, the Department of Health through HOPWA Program allocated 71% of the program to provide housing and support services to homeless persons and persons with HIV/AIDS. This allocation was distributed in the municipalities of San Juan, Bayamon, Guaynabo, Caguas, Mayaguez, Ponce, Jajardo, and Aibonito.

The major concentration of the allocation is in the municipality of San Juan. Our efforts are aimed at the strategies for Housing and for Homeless and other Special Needs Strategies. Both strategies are



related because the nonprofit organizations are contracted by the Department of Health to provide housing and support services to homeless persons and /or persons with HIV/AIDS.

During Fiscal Year 1998, the HOPWA program sponsors nine non-profit organizations to provided transitional housing for children, abandoned children, persons with HIV/AIDS (women and men), homeless and intravenous drugs users. Another two non-profit organizations sponsored by the Department of Health, provided assistance for rent and mortgage payments. Other non-profit organizations are contracted by the Department of Health to provide assistance for rent payment and other supportive services which include shelter through subcontracted home health care and day care.

Two non-profit organizations contracted to provide nutritional services by three projects: two in the municipality of San Juan and one in Fajardo. These organizations prepare the meals on their premises and freeze them. Once a week the eligible persons come to the organizations and receive the food they will need for a whole week.

As part of our duties, we created a Needs Assessment Survey. This survey will be used for interviews, tabulating data, analyzing data, and creating the final report. The agency collected data and are in the process of tabulating and analyzing data. When computed, they will begin preparing the report for the four agencies that form the Consolidated Plan. This way the agencies will comply with the compromise made in the Consolidated Plan.

As a result of this needs assessment our goals are directed to:

- A) to expand the shelter and care services so as to serve more people who are in need of housing plus care due to their HIV related disabilities and social/financial conditions.
- B) to improve the living conditions of those affected by HIV/AIDS by rehabilitating their homes and allowing them to continue living in their own homes with facilities that meet their housing and disability needs; and
- C) to support nonprofit organizations in rehabilitating the structure of shelters that constitute long term housing for persons affected by HIV/AIDS. This will increase the availability of permanent housing for persons with HIV/AIDS (particularly for those that are disabled) and will contribute to keep leaving them out of the streets.

It is important to note that, in order to reach desired goals and objectives of the HOPWA program, we should keep striving towards the wide scope of needs and of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. It is also particularly necessary to develop flexible programs to adjust to their characteristics. Efforts will continue to assure that housing assistance will continue and that such services will maximize opportunities for independent living.



San Juan, PR

Department of Community Development

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: San Juan, PR
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 1,392,000
FY 1993 \$ 2,220,000
FY 1994 \$ 4,303,000
FY 1995 \$ 3,701,000
FY 1996 \$ 3,754,000
FY 1997 \$ 4,559,000
FY 1998 \$ 4,917,000
FY 1999 \$ 5,891,000

Approximately 200 persons or families have been served through the emergency short term assistance, and 2,500 persons or families with the AIDS virus have benefited from the scattered rental assistance.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The San Juan eligible metropolitan statistical area (EMSA) have reported 14,144 AIDS cases since 1983 until the present, of which 9,043 (64%) have died. This reflects a considerable decrease in the fatality rate of AIDS cases since in the 80's and beginning of the 90's when a 70 to an 80 percent fatality rate was reported.

HOPWA is administered by the Housing Department of the Municipality of San Juan. Services under this program began in 1993. Since then thousands of persons and families who are HIV/positive to the acquired immunodeficiency (AIDS) virus have received housing assistance through scattered rental assistance and the creation of community residences.

Program Accomplishments

At present 21 municipalities from the San Juan EMSA provide rental assistance and 14 non profit organizations have established community residences and supportive services programs. Through the San Juan HOPWA program, 1,247 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their family members received housing assistance in 1998. Housing assistance payments in the form of tenant-based rental assistance were provided for 500 units of housing. Short-term, rent, mortgage and utility payments were provided for 60 units of housing.

The following project sponsors provided housing assistance:

- Municipality of San Juan - Short-Term Facility
- LA Fondita DE Jesus - Community Residence
- La Perla De Gran Precio - Community Residence
- Alivio Foundation - Community Residence
- Fundacion Posada Del Angel - Community Residence
- Una Ventana Al Cielo - Community Residence
- Iniciativa Comunitaria - Community Residence
- Casa Ismael - Community Residence
- Teen Challenge - Community Residence



- Lucha Contra El Sida - Community Residence

Through the acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of facility-based housing a total of 250 units have been created. Approximately 200 persons or families have been served through the emergency short term assistance, and 2,500 persons or families with the AIDS virus have benefited from the scattered rental assistance.

In Networking with different partnerships the following activities were carried out for Supportive Services:

- Outreach
- Case management/client advocacy/access to benefits/services
- Nutritional services/meals
- Adult day care and personal assistance
- Education
- Health/medical/intensive care services

The decrease in the AIDS fatality rate creates a higher need of housing and supportive services programs. Our program is sponsoring the creation of hundreds of additional housing units and of education and prevention programs.



Providence, RI

City of Providence

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:
Providence, RI EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1998 \$ 393,000
FY 1999 \$ 424,000

*Programs and projects include both
homeownership and rental units for
low- and moderate-income
households.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Providence, Rhode Island is a new recipient of HOPWA funds in 1999, and will administer \$424,000 on behalf of the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Housing services specifically targeted to people with HIV and AIDS did not exist in Rhode Island until 1988. Since then, committed, grassroots efforts have resulted in three agencies that now assist persons living with AIDS. These agencies are: Sunrise Community Housing, Inc. (Sunrise), Family AIDS Center for Treatment and Support, Inc. (FACTS), and House of Compassion.

However, persons with HIV and AIDS in need of housing are not limited to assistance from to these agencies. Housing assistance is also available through other entities including public housing authorities, privately-owned affordable housing developments, transitional housing programs, shelters, and single room occupancy facilities.

Sunrise, FACTS, and the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation are the sponsors for this plan. Rhode Island Housing is a self supporting, quasi-public corporation which funds most the State's affordable housing programs through privately-raised and federal funds. Programs and projects include both homeownership and rental units for low- and moderate-income households.

A part of the successful 1995 Rhode Island HOPWA competitive grant application was a proposal to undertake a needs assessment and strategic plan to

determine the statewide needs for AIDS housing and a plan to address those needs. Rhode Island Housing used a Request for Proposals to conduct the study in order to:

- (1) Assess and quantify the housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS;
- (2) Create a needs-based strategic plan for future AIDS housing initiatives.

The goal of the assessment and planning process was to create a seamless approach to addressing and serving the housing requirements of low and very low income persons adults and children,



with HIV/AIDS, including persons who also may be mentally ill, homeless, existing prison, and/or have substance abuse problems. The project was awarded and work began in early 1997.

A Housing Advisory Group was established to provide input guidance. The sponsors selected the members who bring to the process varying perspectives on housing different population and who represent a variety of geographic areas and include providers, advocates, and consumers. When completed, the plan will be used by the city to inform its HOPWA program.

Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation

Competitive Long-Term Grantee

In 1997, a grant for \$1,097,030 to support Long-Term Comprehensive Strategies in Non-Formula Areas was awarded to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to expand Rhode Island's continuum of care for people with HIV/AIDS.

The project will extend the geographic service areas from prior HOPWA grants and add a new component of housing service delivery for northern Rhode Island. Funds will be used to renew the Sunrise Supportive Service Program, which provides supportive services coupled with housing services to clients residing in 12 scattered site apartments in Providence, including clients in the City's Enterprise Community.

In connection with the completion of a Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities facility under rehabilitation in Pawtucket that will provide six units for people living with AIDS, rental assistance will be offered in southern Rhode Island.

Also, support will be given to expand capacity of a four-unit group home in Cumberland in the northern area of the State that operated on a volunteer basis for the last two years. HOPWA will fund project oversight, utility payments, site operations, expansion to eight units and provide a range of housing and supportive services.

During operation of the 1994 award, Sunrise achieved its three benchmarks of success in providing stable housing for 45 people with HIV/AIDS, cementing linkages with partners, and evidence of client satisfaction. New activities will be undertaken by two

Key Facts

Service Area:

Northern Rhode Island

Grant: Competitive Long-Term

Grant Award:

1997: \$1,097,030

In connection with the completion of a Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities facility under rehabilitation in Pawtucket that will provide six units for people living with AIDS, rental assistance will be offered in southern Rhode Island.

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HOPWA Programs in Rhode Island

sponsors, Family AIDS Service Center for Treatment and Services (FACTS) in the greater Providence area and the House of Compassion in northern Rhode Island.

At least 148 individuals and 30 family members will receive housing assistance, and an additional 100 persons will receive other services. The proposal was developed using focus groups, interviews with AIDS service organizations, and surveys of people living with HIV/AIDS. The planned activities are coordinated within the State's Continuum of Care for Homeless Persons.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

State of Rhode Island, Housing and Mortgage Finance Corp.

Providence, Rhode Island

\$ 943,440

The Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation received a 1995 Long-term grant provided

funds for Sunrise Community Housing and Family AIDS Center for Treatment and Services (FACTS) to expand housing and supportive services.

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

State of Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation

Providence

\$833,421

The Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation received a 1994 competitive grant to expand and diversify its housing programs and related supportive services for low income persons with AIDS in conjunction with Sunrise Community Housing, Inc.



State of South Carolina

Department of Health and Environmental
Control, STD/HIV Branch

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

State of South Carolina

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1993 \$ 519,000
FY 1994 \$ 924,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,147,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,224,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,453,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,504,000
FY 1999 \$1,657,000

South Carolina has experienced an 115% increase of all persons living with HIV/AIDS from 1990 to 1997. With a 216% increase in the number of women during this time, increasing the demand for housing services.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Statewide HOPWA program is administered by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), STD/HIV Branch. DHEC distributes the funds to regional Ryan White Care Consortia and/or eligible non-profit organizations that assist persons with HIV/AIDS.

South Carolina has experienced an 115% increase of all persons living with HIV/AIDS from 1990 to 1997. More dramatic, there has been a 216% increase in the number of women during this time. This increased prevalence means we have experienced increased demands for health care and housing services. As of December 30, 1997, there were an estimated 9,290 persons living with HIV/AIDS in the state. Sixty percent of persons living with HIV are estimated to be unemployed, although women are more likely than men to be unemployed (69% vs. 56%). Over half of women living with HIV/AIDS (59%) earn less than \$10,000 annually.

Program Accomplishments

In January 1997 a needs assessment was conducted with HIV clients to identify high priority care and housing needs. These needs were reviewed and further discussed at a Statewide meeting of service providers in March 1998 to develop a Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN). The SCSN includes a description of the need to develop solutions for unmet short term housing, long term housing and assisted housing needs. Housing issues are routinely addressed during quarterly meetings of consortia/HOPWA sponsors.

Most of the funds have been used to provide short-term housing payments and supportive services to prevent homelessness. Short term payments average from \$1,340 to \$1,600 per client. About one third of the clients receiving housing assistance are families. Case management is an important component of South

Carolina's HOPWA continuum of care. Some funds are used to support operations of a



HOPWA Programs in South Carolina

transitional housing residence. The program is currently planning to sponsor pilot projects addressing long term housing needs. The trends in the epidemic indicate that over the next 5 -10 years there is an urgent need for more affordable housing on a long term basis, particularly housing in areas that provide a safe, healthy environment for families or women with children.

The project sponsors of the South Carolina HOPWA program are:

- AIDS Upstate
- Catawba Care Coalition
- Cooperative Ministry
- Hope for the Pee Dee
- Lowcountry AIDS Services
- Low Country Care Consortium
- Lower Savannah Care Consortium
- Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services
- Piedmont Care Consortium
- Tri-County Interagency Coalition
- Upper Savannah Care Consortium
- Waccamaw Care Consortium.



State of Tennessee

Tennessee Department of Health

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Tennessee State EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1993 \$ 542,000

FY 1994 \$ 876,000

FY 1995 \$1,024,000

FY 1996 \$1,061,000

FY 1997 \$ 448,000

FY 1998 \$ 476,000

FY 1999 \$ 525,000

Based on the annual reports in the 1997-98 HOPWA grant year, the largest portion of funds expended (29%) were used for housing assistance, serving 373 people and housing information services to 223 people.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The State of Tennessee's HOPWA formula grant, administered by the Tennessee Department of Health, served the entire State from 1993 until 1997 when the Cities of Memphis and Nashville qualified for HOPWA formula allocations. Since then, the State grant has served people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the State outside of the Memphis and Nashville Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

In FY 1995, the State distributed the HOPWA funds through a competitive process so that every county had access to HOPWA services. The State has continued to distribute these funds through the Project Sponsors for a continuation of services in every county.

Program Accomplishments

The following community-based AIDS housing and service organizations sponsor HOPWA activities to assist low-income people living with AIDS and their families throughout the State: Nashville CARES, Project HOPE, Human Beings Care, Upper Cumberland Regional Health Office, Chattanooga CARES, Columbia CARES and AIDS Response Knoxville. These organizations provide eligible recipients emergency rent, mortgage, and utility payments; support services; housing information services and resource identification.

There are currently six community-based organizations across the state funded to address the needs in the areas of housing information services, including counseling information and referral services to assist eligible individuals to locate, acquire, finance and maintain housing; resource identification to establish, coordinate and develop housing assistance resources for eligible persons; short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments to prevent homelessness; and supportive services including health, mental health, assessment, permanent housing placement, drug and alcohol abuse treatment and

counseling, day care and nutritional services.



Based on the annual reports from the funded community-based organizations in the 1998 HOPWA grant year, the largest portion of funds expended (29%) were used for housing assistance, with the second highest expenditure (23%) used for supportive services, followed closely by Housing Information Services (22%). Demographics for the program include 373 participants receiving housing assistance. Of these, 60% were male and 40% female. Nearly half of the participants were between the ages of 31 and 50.

Memphis, TN

Division of Housing and Community
Development

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Memphis became eligible as a formula grantee for HOPWA funds in FY 97. The Memphis Division of Housing and Community Development selected the United Way of the Mid-South as the principal agency to coordinate the program. United Way also administers Ryan White funds in Memphis. The United Way, through a subrecipient agreement with the City, administers the competitive sponsors selection process, contracts with the sponsors and monitors their performance. In support, HCD monitors and works closely with the United Way and provides ongoing technical assistance.

The City uses its funds to serve the Memphis metropolitan area, which includes the following counties: Fayette, Shelby and Tipton Counties in Tennessee; Crittenden County in Arkansas, and Desoto County in Mississippi. All but Shelby County are primarily rural areas where provider agencies for persons with AIDS are scarce, funding for services for persons with AIDS is extremely limited and persons with AIDS are often stigmatized and face discrimination. Shelby County, the urban county in the metropolitan area, has significantly more cases of HIV/AIDS than surrounding counties. For instance, according to the Tennessee Health Department statistics for the period from 1992-1995, Shelby County has 1,645 cumulative AIDS cases while Tipton and Fayette Counties in Tennessee had a total of only 37. Many of the residents of the outlying counties come for Memphis for services.

The number of new AIDS cases in Shelby county has dropped dramatically in one-year reports to 181 in 1998 from the 1993 high of 413. However, rates of HIV infection are not dropping comparably. In 1997, 515 new

Key Facts

Service Area:

Memphis, TN EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1997 \$ 450,000

FY 1998 \$ 485,000

FY 1999 \$ 538,000

*Between July 1997 and June 1998,
HOPWA funds were spent to provide
housing assistance to a total of 375
persons.*

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HIV cases were reported—the third highest number for one year.

In Memphis, three agencies pioneered AIDS supportive services – Midtown Mental Health Center, Friends for Life, and Aloysius Home and Midtown subsequently discontinued its services to homeless mentally ill persons with AIDS. The other, continue to provide such services and their funding sources have included HOPWA as well as other HUD, state and local funds. Friends for Life provides case management, nutrition services and emergency rent utility payments. Their HOME-funded tenant-based rental assistance program serves 15-20 persons a month. Aloysius Home facilities provide 28 units of housing for persons with HIV/AIDS. Additionally, their Shelter Plus Care grant will provide additional units for homeless persons with AIDS beginning in late 1999.

Program Accomplishments

FY 1997 HOPWA funds were awarded to four agencies to provide supportive services and short-term financial assistance for rent and utility payments for persons with AIDS. Three distinct groups of persons living with HIV/AIDS in Memphis were served--the homeless, the independently housed, and the very ill requiring special care. The homeless were served by Midtown Mental Health Center which provided 44 payments for short term financial assistance for rents and utility payments along with case management for persons with AIDS. The independently housed were served by Friends for Life which provided case management and short term financial assistance for rents and utility payments to individuals already housed but in need of temporary assistance. And the very ill were served by Aloysius Home, at a facility that provides permanent housing for persons with AIDS and other support that are often too ill to live on their own. Aloysius Home received HOPWA funding for a day wellness program for their clients. The program provides a full range of supportive services in house to help enrich the lives of clients and improve their life skills.

FY 1997 HOPWA funds were also spent in DeSoto County, Mississippi, by Sacred Heart Southern Missions. Sacred Heart provided case management and short term rent and utility assistance to persons with AIDS living in this rural area.

Between July 1997 and June 1998, HOPWA funds were spent to provide housing assistance to a total of 375 persons. Of these, 163 had HIV/AIDS and 212 were family members of those with AIDS. 57% were male and 43% were female. A total of 83 families were assisted with Housing assistance. A total of 310 persons received supportive services only. Of these 240 persons had HIV/AIDS and 70 were their family members.

The city is discussing two major issues with the AIDS Consortia funded with Ryan White Funds through United Way. First, the city is proposing expansion of the Consortia's formal Needs Assessment to better identify the housing needs of persons living with AIDS. With better information, an AIDS Housing Plan will be developed. Additionally, the city has initiated discussions with the Consortia to coordinate the grant award processes for Ryan White and



HOPWA funds in the spring of 2000. This should lead to better coordination of grant funds and activities serving persons with AIDS.

Nashville, TN

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Nashville, TN EMSA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1997 \$ 397,000
FY 1998 \$ 427,000
FY 1999 \$ 479,000

HOPWA funds are used to support Food Pantry Services that allocates approximately 900 food bags monthly to clients. A single food bag provides six meals for an individual.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Nashville became eligible as a formula grantee in FY 97. The Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) selected Nashville CARES as the primary agency providing HIV/AIDS services and education throughout the thirteen counties of northern middle Tennessee. It currently provides a range of non-medical support services to 1,200 people with HIV/AIDS and their families throughout the region. Services include case management, individual group counseling, food and nutritional support, home-delivered meals, transportation assistance, practical and emotional support by volunteer CARE teams, outpatient alcohol and drug abuse treatment, hospital visitation, treatment education, and social activities.

Housing services have been provided systematically since 1993, when CARES become the recipient of HOPWA funding through the State Department of Health. The agency is currently in its sixth year of administering HOPWA funds, the second year this is a partnership with MDHA.

Due to its role within the HIV/AIDS community, its system of outwardly deployed case managers and its relationships with other agencies serving homeless individuals, CARES is able to reach all communities affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

HOPWA resources are augmented by linkage to other housing services or to other direct assistance provided by CARES or other agencies. Other services (such as hospice care or emergency house) are provided with HOPWA funding through direct or contractual payment to an appropriate agency or vendor.

The HOPWA program is coordinated with other community planning efforts which address housing needs. These include the HUD Supportive Housing Program and the Continuum of Care planning process. Community Solutions Planning for Work and Independence, and Helping



People in Crisis. These efforts are coordinated by United Way of Middle Tennessee and the Ryan White CARE Act Title II Planning Council for the region. HIV/AIDS services are also coordinated by the Ryan White Community AIDS Partnership.

Program Accomplishments

Housing Assistance: The administration of HOPWA funds by Nashville CARES all fall under the category of “emergency short-term payments to prevent homelessness”. These monies are allocated to meet clients needs in the following way:

1. Ten percent of clients at Nashville CARES at any given time are persons who are homeless. Case managers provide on-going professional services to assist clients in the process of securing and maintaining appropriate and affordable housing. This work includes identifying appropriate continuing resources by using subsidized housing, Section 8 housing, Shelter Plus Care housing and other low-income housing programs. HOPWA funds are routinely used to meet the initial client costs of first month’s rent, apartment deposit, and utility deposit, so that the initial financing does not become a barrier to homeless individuals who have no income, fixed income, or work for minimum wages.
2. HOPWA funds are accessed for those individuals who have HIV-related illnesses that have impacted individual/household incomes. Monies are spent to pay current rent, mortgage, gas, water or electric bills. Case management works with clients to identify any additional needs that may exist and alternative resources in the community. As needed, the case manager will assist the client in initiating the SSDI Certification Process.
3. Client qualification under the Social Security Disability Certification Process generally lasts for approximately 6 months or more to complete. During that time an individual is unable to work, resulting in either no income or a significantly reduced household income. HOPWA funds are accessed during the period of pre-SSDI Certification, to allow the individual and/or household to maintain economic stability. Care management works with the client during this time to make sure that the individual meets criteria for SSDI as well as assisting in the certification process.

Supportive Services: Nashville CARES administers and provides HOPWA services within the context of a broader social service agency for individuals infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

1. HOPWA funds are used to support a Food Pantry Service that allocates approximately 900 food bags monthly to clients. These services are accessed by clients who are experiencing the economic circumstances illustrated above to include: Homelessness, limited fixed income, minimum wage income, and/or income impacted by HIV illnesses through either lost wages or attempts to initiate SSDI. A single food bag provides six meals for an individual, providing some of the basic nutritional needs of clients as well as offsetting some cost for food purchase.



2. HOPWA funds are used to purchase Metro Transit Authority Bus passes for individual clients to access care. Quarterly service surveys note that approximately 44% of those receiving this resource are self reported as homeless within the three months prior to the survey. The pass is designed to assist in access to needed services in an effort to support health and maintain stability in current housing. Clients report use of the resources: 75% for transportation to medical/dental appointments, 50% for SSDI, housing or social service appointments, 30% for CARES appointments, 20% for mental health or addiction treatment, 40% for job search or employment.
3. As noted, case management is an essential component of Nashville CARES services and use of HOPWA resources. In this model, case managers are outwardly deployed in the 8 counties by the HOPWA program and help make it more accessible and better able to access clients. Case managers are deployed at the local HIV/AIDS clinic, Campus for Human Development, inner-city and regional health clinics, jails and prisons, as well as with local hospitals and nursing homes. Within this context, work is done on addressing specific issues surrounding housing, and on accessing all other services that may support client health and stability.
4. Nashville CARES provides Therapeutic Support Services that help address chronic homelessness and needs of clients who are mentally ill and those with addictions. The program finds that addressing those issues while assisting with housing or housing stabilization is of paramount importance. These specialized services include individual, couple, family and group counseling for both mental health and addiction issues. CARES provides a Day Treatment Program for homeless individuals with HIV and addictive illnesses. Within the Therapeutic Support Services, CARES also provides a number of support groups to infected and affected individuals.



State of Texas

Texas Department of Health,
Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Texas
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 894,000
FY 1993 \$ 1,827,000
FY 1994 \$ 2,770,000
FY 1995 \$ 1,456,000
FY 1996 \$ 1,431,000
FY 1997 \$ 1,709,000
FY 1998 \$ 1,853,000
FY 1999 \$2,086,000

*During 1997, 1,945 individuals and
429 families received HOPWA
housing assistance through the Texas
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Grantee and Community Profile

The State of Texas HOPWA formula program, first funded in 1992, currently serves all areas outside of the Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Austin and San Antonio metropolitan areas. The state program is administered by the Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention, Texas Department of Health (TDH). The Dallas and Houston metropolitan areas were eligible for HOPWA formula grants in 1992. Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio became eligible for formula funding in 1995.

Program Accomplishments

The State of Texas HOPWA program provides assistance through two programs: (1) Emergency Assistance Program and (2) Rental Assistance Program. The Emergency Assistance Program provides short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments to prevent homelessness of the tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling. It enables low-income individuals at risk of becoming homeless to remain in their current residences for a short period (not to exceed 21 weeks in any 52-week period, as required by statute). The Rental Assistance Program is for tenant-based rental assistance, including assistance for shared housing arrangements. It enables low-income clients to pay their rent and utilities until there is no longer a need, or until they are able to secure other housing.

The HOPWA program covers the State through 26 established HIV Service Delivery Areas (HSDAs). An HIV Consortium is located in each of the 26 HSDAs, of which 25 contract with TDH to provide HOPWA Program Services. Project sponsors are required to provide case management and support services are provided through Ryan White CARE Act funds and State Services funds. Current estimates indicate that one-third to one-half of persons living with AIDS in

the State are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. It is estimated that there are approximately 6,784 to 10,177 people living with AIDS who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. During 1997 1,945 individuals and 429 families received HOPWA housing assistance.



Austin, TX

City of Austin

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The Austin metropolitan area has received HOPWA funding since 1995. The MSA serves Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties. The Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council annually recommends how the HOPWA funding should be used to provide HIV-related services in the MSA, based on its periodically updated Needs Assessment.

Key Facts

Service Area: Austin-San Marcos
MSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$965,000

FY 1996 \$623,000

FY 1997 \$704,000

FY 1998 \$711,000

FY 1999 \$767,000

During FY 98, 446 individuals infected with HIV/AIDS and 220 family members were provided one or more types of housing assistance.

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Program Accomplishments

Housing Assistance: Five (5) subcontractors were competitively selected on the basis of their ability to reach designated target populations, and their demonstrated client case management capabilities. Full or partial monthly payments were made to landlords, mortgage companies, and utility companies on behalf of eligible HIV/AIDS clients depending on their need and financial ability to co-pay. During FY-98, 446 individuals infected with HIV/AIDS and 220 family members were provided one or more types of housing assistance.

Supportive Services: Funding was used to provide 24-hour residential housing services to low and very low-income individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families. Services included: meals, nurse aid care, homemaker services, transportation to/from medical and other social services, and referrals to other agencies providing HIV-related health and social services. During FY-98, 20 individuals with and 6 family members were provided supportive services.

Facility Acquisition: FY 1996, \$250,000 was made available to purchase housing units to increase the availability of cost-effective housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS. A local non-profit agency was selected to locate, purchase, and operate the intended facility. Due to the tight housing market in Austin, the best available housing complex that met the needs and was within the budget for this category was an 8-unit apartment complex at a price of \$198,000. This property was purchased in January 1998. The remaining \$52,000 was redirected to relocation assistance for existing



tenants. During FY 98, six (6) of the eight (8) existing tenants were relocated and apartments were made available for eligible persons and their family members.

Dallas, TX

Dallas County Health and
Human Services Department

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

Dallas has been a HOPWA grantee since 1993. Dallas County Health and Human Services DCHHS is the project sponsor for the HOPWA program and operates the emergency rental and utility assistance program for the Dallas EMSA.

The goals of the HOPWA program for the Dallas EMSA were to increase the number of available services and housing units, provide funds for the repair and operation of existing supportive housing facilities, continue the emergency rent and utility assistance program, administer the tenant based housing assistance, and provide a continuity of supportive services for persons affected by HIV.

DCHHS is also the administrative agency for the Ryan White CARE Act Title I funds for the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and for the State of Texas HIV Health and Social Services grant and the Ryan White CARE Act Title II grants for the Texas Department of Health (TDH). DCHHS serves as the administrative agency/project sponsor for all HIV service funds, allowing HOPWA funds to be easily integrated into the overall continuum of care for the Dallas EMSA. This continuum of care provides a full spectrum of health and social support services for individuals impacted by HIV residing within the Dallas EMSA.

Program Accomplishments

The project sponsor, DCHHS, administers two housing programs. The first is a short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payment assistance program. This program's aim is to assist clients who have a short-term situational need for rent or utility assistance and is designed to ensure that residents become stable in their living environment. The second program is a tenant-based program designed to assist persons who demonstrate a long-term need for rental assistance that can best be served by a long-term financial commitment.

AIDS Resource Center

AIDS Resource Center received funds for supportive service client advocacy and food services. The client advocacy program assesses the client's immediate crisis and refers the individual to agencies that have services to meet the identified need. The programs available for providing stabilization can range from core medical services, counseling support, transportation, emergency financial assistance, to tenant-based housing. Clients have access to the full continuum of care provided by HIV grant funding sources in the Dallas EMSA. The food program also includes a hot meal program that provides a nutritious hot lunch meal. AIDS Resource Center served 100 new clients and provided 197 face-to-face encounters and 332 other encounters through client advocacy, and served 218 new clients and provided 18,793 food pantry visits and 20,498 hot meals.



Key Facts

Service Area: Dallas EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 674,000

FY 1993 \$ 1,767,000

FY 1994 \$ 3,122,000

FY 1995 \$ 2,059,000

FY 1996 \$ 2,038,000

FY 1997 \$ 2,640,000

FY 1998 \$ 2,340,000

FY 1999 \$2,505,000

*The Dallas County Health Division
received \$57,787.37 to serve 123
new clients and provide 372 clinic
visits.*

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The Bethlehem Foundation

The Bethlehem Foundation was funded for the supportive service category of food pantry services and serves the southern sector of Dallas County. The Bethlehem Foundation served 70 new clients and provided 18,459 food pantry visits.

Community Aftercare and Drug Program (CADAP)

CADAP was funded to provide facility-based housing for ambulatory clients who are HIV positive and in need of transitional housing support. Beyond housing support, the facility also helps individuals with substance abuse issues and refers clients for additional needs to other AIDS Service Organizations. CADAP served 8 new clients and provided 656 of days of care.

Dallas County Health Division

The Dallas County Health Division was funded for the supportive service of outpatient medical care. HOPWA funds provided early intervention medical care services to individuals newly diagnosed HIV positive. The Dallas County Health Division served 123 new clients and provided 372 clinic visits.

Open Arms, Inc.

Open Arms, Inc. received funds to provide client advocacy through the supportive service category for individuals who are diagnosed HIV positive. The agency provides housing for children ages birth through 12 years of age who are diagnosed HIV positive in the Dallas EMSA. Open Arms, Inc. served 83 new clients and provided 910 face-to-face encounters and 958 other encounters through the client advocacy service category. Additionally, the agency served 11 new clients and provided 1,315 days of care in the housing service category.

Welcome House, Inc.

Welcome House, Inc. is contracted in the housing service category. The agency provides supportive housing to HIV positive individuals challenged with substance abuse issues. Welcome House, Inc. served 35 new clients and provided 1,528 days of care.



AIDS Arms, Inc.

AIDS Arms, Inc., founded under the project of the Community of Greater Dallas, provides centralized case management. AIDS Arms, Inc. served 166 new clients, and provided 6,469 face-to-face encounters, and 37,263 other encounters.

Home Health Services

Home Health Services of Dallas, Inc. is a full-service community home health services. Patients who for economic or medical reasons cannot travel to medical care facilities can receive medical care from a skilled nurse, home health aide, or physical therapist in their home under the supervision of a physician. The agency provided 1,158 units of skilled nursing and 280 units of home health aide. The agency provided services to 40 new clients.

Johnnie's Manor

Johnnie's Manor, in South Dallas, in a residential area, provides meals, transportation, and manages a 14 bed housing facility. The agency served 89 new clients and provided 6,124 days of care, 10,583 prepared meals, and 3,502 transportation trips.

Healthcor, Inc.

Healthcor, Inc., a home health agency, provides nursing services including professional, paraprofessional, and durable medical equipment to individuals who are HIV positive. Healthcor, Inc. provided 59 professional visits, 119 paraprofessional visits, and 18 specialized visits. The agency provided services to 39 new clients 13 assessments through medical case management.

AIDS Services of Dallas

AIDS Services of Dallas provides low cost supportive housing for indigent and low income PLWAs through its three facilities in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas. The agency provides housing for persons who need assistance with their daily living activities and served 347 new clients, provided 3,557 face-to-face encounters and 1,663 other encounters through case management, and provided 6,338 prepared meals.

AIDS Services of North Texas Inc.

AIDS Services of North Texas, Inc. serves the HIV-impacted communities of rural and outer urban North Texas that is inclusive of Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Hunt, Rockwall, Henderson, Collin, and Denton countries. AIDS Services of North Texas, Inc. provided case management and utilities assistance. The agency served 56 new clients, provided 351 face-to-face encounters, and 360 other encounters through case management.

Visiting Nurse Association

The Visiting Nurse Association of Texas is a comprehensive home care agency that offers a range of services to people living with AIDS. The agency received to provide home health care, home delivered meals, medical case management and hospice services.

Visiting Nurse Association served 122 new clients, provided 424 face-to-face encounters, and 308 other encounters. The agency delivered 6,877 meals provided 61 days of in-home care, 2,196



skilled nursing visits, and 1,453 home health aide visits.

Fort Worth, TX

City of Fort Worth

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Fort Worth TX EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$ 479,000

FY 1996 \$ 537,000

FY 1997 \$ 582,000

FY 1998 \$ 590,000

FY 1999 \$ 655,000

The Fort Worth HOPWA program facility based housing assistance was provided to 80 persons with HIV/AIDS in the past twelve months.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Fort Worth is a HOPWA grantee, a CDBG entitlement city and a HOME Participating Jurisdiction. The following activities are funded under these programs: infill housing (new construction), home improvement, replacement housing, homebuyers assistance, emergency repairs, homeownership counseling, exterior paint, acquisition/rehab/resale, transitional housing programs.

The service area for the HOPWA program includes Tarrant, Parker, Hood and Johnson counties. As of June 1998, the estimated AIDS cases in this area is 2,863 and 4,433 are persons with HIV. The Texas Department of Health records show a total of 2,813 cases reported in Tarrant County where Fort Worth is located.

Planning is based on the Continuum of Care Plan (CCP) for the Homeless, a part of the City's Consolidated Plan. Persons with AIDS/HIV (PWA) are among the identified populations. The CCP is based on recommendations of the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, which is composed of public-private organizations providing services to the homeless, including PWA. Also, each year the Tarrant County HIV Planning Council, also a public/private collaboration, conducts a Needs Assessment of clients of HIV/AIDS service providers.

Program Accomplishments

During this period, facility-based housing assistance was provided to 80 persons with HIV/AIDS. Responding to the changing needs of supportive service for persons/families living with HIV/AIDS in Tarrant, Parker, Hood and Johnson counties, the Life Skills Program Center was opened during this period.

The Center offers SRO residents and support groups, educational programs and recreational activities aimed at increasing self-sufficiency skills. For example, one agency offered a public speaking course designed by Toastmasters International to encourage residents to participate in



their Resident Panels. Their Panels speak before college and high school classes and church youth groups to educate youth about the risks of HIV infection and living with AIDS. Also, during this period, 629 persons were provided supportive services assistance.

Historically the need has been high for housing-related assistance. Based on the progressive nature of AIDS and its debilitating effects on the individual's financial stability, the need for housing assistance is not expected to decrease.

As PWA's are living longer, many will be able to return to work but will continue to require short-term assistance to continue employment to take care of crises medical bills, car repair, temporary absence from work. More persons are seen with histories of homelessness predating their HIV/AIDS diagnosis, often coupled with substance abuse, and mental illness issues. As the Fort Worth economy further improves, rents are increasing which means fewer clients can be served with given resources.

Houston, TX

Department of Housing and
Community Development

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

Houston is the largest recipient of HOPWA funds in Texas. HOPWA grant management involved several sections of The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). HOPWA program staff work with sponsor agencies with technical assistance to solicit proposals and to

contract for activities. DHCD'S Monitoring Section performs field audits, and reviews independent audits in conjunction with the DHCD HOPWA program staff to ascertain that HOPWA funds are being managed appropriately and in accordance with the regulations. Monthly reports provided to DHCD by each agency while under contract provide program activity information which is reviewed at a detailed level and then summarized for presentation as a part of DHCD 's monthly Housing and Homeless Programs Report to the Mayor and City Council.

The Request for Proposal application responses are used to select the sponsor agencies for this reporting period. DHCD initiated a new ongoing, open-ended Request for Proposals process in April 1998. This program improvement is providing the selection basis for new HOPWA projects. Among the selected projects, some required technical assistance in the form of predevelopment costs, such as, environmental assessments, architectural designs and real estate appraisals. By funding these costs, the DHCD was instrumental in eliminating some project delays and limited the potential of excessive cost overruns.

There is an extensive network of public and private organizations and resource providers that are used by HOPWA funded sponsor agencies. A resource book has been compiled by the Harris County Health Department - HIV Services and the Ryan White Planning Council to access this resource. The "Blue Book" Resource Guide lists over on hundred fifty organizations and services that include medical, dental, housing, child care, nutritional/food pantry services, financial assistance, case management services and other services for person living with



HIV/AIDS and their families. The "Blue Book" Resource Guide lists resources for persons living in the cities of Baytown, Houston and Pasadena and the counties of Harris, Chambers, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller.

Key Facts

Service Area: Houston TX EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$ 1,512,000

FY 1993 \$ 3,016,000

FY 1994 \$ 4,612,000

FY 1995 \$ 4,301,000

FY 1996 \$ 3,014,000

FY 1997 \$ 3,316,000

FY 1998 \$ 5,107,000

FY 1999 \$ 6,466,000

HOME funds, in the amount of \$505,690, were committed to the construction of a 50 unit HOPWA community residence for women and children with HIV/AIDS. In addition, \$500,000 in City Bond funds were committed to HOPWA projects.

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Program Accomplishments

HOPWA funds were expended during the program year to the various categories identified in the Consolidated Plan and coordinated with other programs. HOME funds, in the amount of \$505,690, were committed to the construction of a fifty unit HOPWA community residence for women and children with HIV/AIDS. In addition, \$500,000 in City bond funds were committed to HOPWA projects.

Activities carried out included new construction, rehabilitation, short-term rent, mortgage, utility assistance and supportive services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their family members. Supportive services, consisted of mental health services, nutritional services, adult day care, alcohol and drug abuse services, employment assistance, budget counseling, transportation to financial assistance and nutritional service appointments.

Another program improvement during the period included a shift in the strategy employed to serve persons with HIV/AIDS who are in danger of becoming homeless. Counseling services were funded at two of the agencies providing short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance and rental assistance to promote independence and address their long-term needs.

Funding was provided to fourteen (14) sponsor agencies for activities that included, new construction, rehabilitation, pre-development expenses, short-term rent, mortgage, utility assistance and supportive services to clients. During this period, construction on a 31-unit community residence for women and children was completed, rehabilitation on a dental clinic for clients commenced with 25% completion and minor repairs were completed on a 24-unit community residence and a one unit, 8 bed transitional facility. Housing assistance was provided to 1,206 clients and their family and an additional 316 persons received supportive services only. Additional pre-development costs were funded for construction of a sixteen-unit community residence and another fifty-unit



community residence for low-income women and children. These projects will increase DHCD's capacity to assist this undeserved population.

Sponsor agencies have utilized several resources in conjunction with their HOPWA funded programs. In some instances, private foundations and individuals have donated land or funds to purchase land for their new construction projects. Volunteers, cash and in-kind contributions from individuals, organizations and corporations have been used to assist in providing services to the agencies' clients. During the reporting period, the City spent 5.8 million for HIV prevention, surveillance and seroprevalence, and education through non-HOPWA funded grant programs administered by the City's Department of Health and Human Services. Also, land was given to two agencies from private sources for construction of a new HOPWA facility.

San Antonio, TX

City of San Antonio Community
Initiatives, Community Action Division

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: San Antonio TX

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$ 637,000

FY 1996 \$ 605,000

FY 1997 \$ 709,000

FY 1998 \$ 741,000

FY 1999 \$ 805,000

*The City serves clients in Bexar,
Comal, Guadalupe and Wilson
Counties.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

HOPWA funds have been used to benefit San Antonio residents since the beginning of the program in FY92 under the State program. The metropolitan area became eligible for an allocation in 1995 and the City receives formula funds to serve clients in Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe and Wilson Counties. The program is administered by the City of San Antonio's Community Initiatives, Community Action Division.

The HOPWA program is integrated with other PWA/AIDS services provided by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

The project sponsors include:

- The Alamo Area Resource Center (transportation)
- Community Clinic (HIV testing);
- Hispanic AIDS Committee (emergency shelter and detoxification);
- House of Hope (facility based housing);
- Mujeres Project (tenant-based rental assistance, short-term rent and utility payments); and
- San Antonio AIDS Foundation (operations for hospice).

Through the San Antonio HOPWA program, 1,025 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their family



members received housing assistance in 1998. The San Antonio program provides housing through a short-term facility consisting of 25 beds, as well as one 2-bedroom community residence and a Special Care Facility. Housing assistance payments in the form of tenant-based rental assistance were provided for 356 units of housing. Short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments were provided for 98 units of housing.

Harris County Community Development Agency

Competitive Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Metropolitan Houston
Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:
1998: \$ 901,109

The project will serve 36 youths with housing assistance and 36 family members (namely the infants) and an additional 290 youths will be provided outreach social services.

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In the metropolitan Houston area, a 1998 Special Project of National Significance Award for \$901,109 will support Project Open Doors. This grant to the Harris County Community Development Agency will allow the county to undertake a project that focuses on housing for pregnant young women with HIV and AIDS who are in unstable housing or homeless.

Project Open Doors will provide outreach, centralized information and housing to allow for a step by step transition to less intensive support and family unification. The project will serve 36 youths with housing assistance and 36 family members, specifically infants and an additional 290 youths will be provided outreach social services.

The program has five basic components. First, a centralized hot-line and outreach center for HIV/AIDS housing programs will be provided. This outreach will be in the form of billboards, public service announcements, and brochures provided to various street outreach groups listing a single point of contact. Second, services will be integrated with a number of AIDS, youth, and homeless related agencies. The third component is a comprehensive and cultural/gender sensitive housing plan with social and medical services for pregnant youth with HIV. Each program participant will be enrolled for 26-36 months, receiving pre-and post-natal care as well transitional housing, foster care, family reunification and on-site therapy services. Services to be provided include access to a Registered Nurse, life

skill straining, remedial education, job training, psycho-social and substance abuse counseling. Clients will also be monitored and assessed for up to eighteen months after leaving the group home. Project Open Doors will also develop data sets and handbooks of the program for distribution.



The project sponsors include Amigo Volunteers in Education Services (AVES), People with AIDS Coalition of Houston, and the Brentwood Community Foundation. Additional project collaborators include University of Texas at Austin Health Center, American Red Cross, MLK Jr. Community Center, Houston Healthcare Solutions, and Baylor College of Medicine.

Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group

Competitive MDI Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Houston, TX
Grant: Competitive MDI

Grant Award:
1996: \$1,250,000

This collaboration will provide crisis housing, assistance to assist 500 persons who are homeless and who are living with HIV/AIDS and co-occurring chronic substance abuse and/or mental illness.

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In 1996, a HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative Project grant for \$ 1,270,000 supports the Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group and four sponsors: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston - Houston Recovery Campus; Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc.; The Shoulder, Inc.; and Bering Community Service Foundation, in operating the "MDI Housing Project."

This collaboration provides crisis housing, assistance in obtaining permanent housing and new services to assist 500 persons who are homeless and who are living with HIV/AIDS and co-occurring chronic substance abuse and/or mental illness and 125 family members in the metropolitan Houston area. An additional 500 clients are expected to receive housing referrals from this program.

The project coordinates outreach and activities with providers addressing homelessness, HIV, mental health and substance abuse issues, planning bodies, housing agencies, and client organizations to ensure that clients' needs are addressed through long range housing plans.

Three new services help fill gaps in a continuum of care for clients:

- (1) housing coordination is undertaken to provides clients with information on housing availability through a centralized database and make services referrals, periodic assessments of local housing needs, and to coordinate activities of area organizations; for example, Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc., provides after-hours housing referrals to help clients access housing;
- (2) short-term crisis housing is provided by The Shoulder, Inc., a detox center, for 40 individuals a year at an intermediate care facility in coordination with the Ben Taub Hospital Psychiatric



Clinic and drug/alcohol treatment programs; over 300 individuals will receive drug/alcohol treatment through the Houston Recovery Campus during the one year period of this grant;

- (3) a deposit pool allows nine organizations to access funds from the Bering Community Service Foundation for utilities and rental deposits for 214 individuals who will be exiting transitional drug treatment programs. Over \$2 million of additional funds for supportive services were leveraged for this project. The Resource Group is participating with the HIV Housing Task Force on the development of Houston's Consolidated Plan and the 1995-8 Strategic HIV Comprehensive Plan and other HIV-related needs assessments.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resources Group, Inc.
Houston, Texas

1,000,000

The Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, Inc., and their project sponsor, the Trinity Life Center, Inc. operated programs under a 1994 competitive

grant.

1993-1994 SPNS Competitive Grantee

City of San Antonio Department of Community Initiatives
San Antonio, Texas

\$1,000,000

Funds awarded in the 1994 competition were used by the City of San Antonio in a project that provided short- and long-term housing, substance detoxification and rehabilitation/treatment to homeless or low-income persons who are HIV-positive and have a history of substance abuse.

1992 Competitive SPNS Grantee

Dallas Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services
Dallas, Texas

\$474,166

In 1992, the City of Dallas, Texas, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services was awarded a HOPWA grant in conjunction with its project sponsor, AIDS Services of Dallas.

1992 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

El Paso Department of Community and Human Development
El Paso, Texas

\$500,000

In Texas, the City of El Paso, Department of Community and Human Development was awarded a 1992 HOPWA grant in conjunction with its project sponsor, Southwest AIDS Committee, Inc.



State of Utah

Department of Community
and Economic Development,
Division of Community Development

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The State of Utah is receiving a HOPWA formula grant for the first time in FY 1999 and the grant amount \$368,000, will be used Statewide. The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Division of Community Development will manage the HOPWA grant.

DCED in cooperation and coordination with the State HIV/AIDS Housing Steering Committee is in the process of developing a Request For Proposal (RFP). The RFP are announced on April 16, 1999, with a targeted starting date of July 1, 1999.

The RFP funded a combination of all or some of the following activities: housing incentives for new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, etc.; rental subsidies, programs for the homeless; short term subsidy/homelessness prevention/emergency assistance; a statewide housing coordinator; and others.

The State HIV/AIDS Housing Steering Committee (SHAHSC) was formed in January 1997. It is a Statewide body of housing advocates, providers, and consumers who have adopted the following mission statement: "To facilitate the creation and maintenance of affordable quality housing opportunities for people living with HIV/AIDS." The committee has also been adopted by DCED as a subcommittee of the Olene Walker Housing Trust Fund Board.

SHAHSC completed a statewide survey of needs and services culminating in a HIV/AIDS Housing Plan for the state. A community-based planning effort incorporated the input of interested community

members including HIV/AIDS service providers, housing providers, housing developers, local government agencies, people living with HIV/AIDS, and the general public. Public meeting, key informant interviews, consumer surveys, consumer focus groups, and a review of several consolidated plans, annual reports, and other resource documents were used to develop the plan.

Currently, the housing needs in the State are being addressed by:

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Utah
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1999 \$368,000

*The State of Utah is receiving a
HOPWA formula grant for the first
time in FY 1999 and the grant amount
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- (1) the existence of two beds in the medical section of Traveler's Aid Society's Homeless Shelter where people with HIV/AIDS have priority;
- (2) one duplex owned and managed by a private individual;
- (3) one single family residence that currently houses mother with HIV and her children;
- (4) a few units in a multi-family project;
- (5) a four-plex renovated with Low Income Housing Tax Credits and HOME with Shelter Plus Care rental subsidies awarded the State and administered by the Housing Authority of Salt Lake City;
- (6) a four-plex in Ogden receiving Shelter Plus Care rental subsidies awarded the State and administered by Catholic Community Services
- (7) the 1994 HOPWA project awarded to the State, administered by Salt Lake City Capital Planning in partnership with CW Development and the Utah AIDS Foundation, which put four more units on line in December 1995; and
- (8) a tenant-based rental assistance program, in partnership with Salt Lake Community Action Program, which began in November 1998.



Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Competitive Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Vermont
Grant: Competitive Long-Term

Grant Award:
1998: \$1,080,000

The program will now expand and offer additional services as well as affordable housing to very low-income persons living with HIV and AIDS and their families throughout the state of Vermont based on an assessment and consumer input.

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Under a 1998 grant for a Long-Term Comprehensive Strategy in a Non-Formula Area for \$1,106,362, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board will continue a highly successful 1995 HOPWA long-term project with these HOPWA funds.

The 1995 program established an eleven-bed independent living facility in Burlington. The program will now expand and offer additional services as well as affordable housing to very low-income persons living with HIV and AIDS and their families throughout the State of Vermont based on an assessment and consumer input. This HOPWA project supports long-term rental assistance, short-term emergency assistance in order to alleviate financial crises related to housing and utilities, service coordination and access to other facilities. Approximately 175 persons with HIV/AIDS will be served as well as 100 of their family members. An additional 50 participants will receive outreach social services.

As one sponsor, the Vermont State Housing Authority will operate a rental assistance program for 45 households. Emergency assistance in the forms of payments of utility bills, rental deposits, and rent supplements will be provided as well. The program also calls for intensive case management in the under-served and rural areas of Vermont. Case managers will develop, record and implement a personalized plan of care for each client, conduct on-going progress reviews and assist with housing referrals and placement. Comprehensive surveys

will also be distributed and State-wide standards used to provide for quality assurance. Other services provided are systems advocacy, skills development, psycho-educational support, isolation reduction and social integration.

With over 15 sponsors, the Vermont project brings together various social service agencies, the State Health Departments, community and county Land Trusts, as well as Vermont Hospitals. All work together under the Vermont HIV/AIDS Care Continuum.



Burlington Housing Authority

Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Vermont
Grant: Competitive Long-Term

Grant Award:
1996: \$ 496,472

The grantee has implemented the Dalton Drive Project, which provides supportive housing for people with HIV/AIDS in Chittenden County, Vermont and which is the first project-based supportive AIDS housing project in the State.

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In 1996, an award of \$1,035,374 for a Long Term Comprehensive Strategy was awarded in Vermont to the Burlington Housing Authority.

The grantee implemented the Dalton Drive Project, which provides supportive housing for people with HIV/AIDS in Chittenden County, Vermont and which is the first project-based supportive AIDS housing project in the State. BHA provided rehabilitation funds to the Burlington Community Land Trust, who developed the project, consisting of eleven apartment units congregated with common areas to provide a supportive community environment and allow for cost effective care, including daily living assistance and home health care.

BHA uses HOPWA funds to provide ongoing rental assistance for eight residents. Under a contract with BHA, Vermont CARES, a community-based AIDS service organization, coordinated outreach, recruitment, case management and supportive services to residents and provides supportive services to people with HIV/AIDS not residing at Dalton Drive. Through December 1997, services were provided to 22 individuals. The BHA will work with the Burlington Community Land Trust and Vermont CARES to enable persons with HIV/AIDS to maintain stable housing as a central focus of the area continuum of care and to maximize independent living. The project will combine funding from a variety of sources, including historic tax credits, and has leveraged over \$800,000 in volunteer and in-kind contributions. Predevelopment activities for this project were undertaken by the Burlington Community Land Trust

under a 1995 HOPWA grant in connection with the CARE Consortium's 1994 State-wide HIV/AIDS Housing Needs Assessment Survey. The activities are consistent with the State's Consolidated Plan.



1992-1995
Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

State of Vermont, Housing and Community

Development Agency

State-wide, Vermont

\$ 719,950

A 1995 long-term grant helped the Vermont Housing
and Community Development Agency implement the

Vermont Statewide HIV/AIDS Housing and Supportive Services Program.



Commonwealth of Virginia

Virginia Department of Housing and
Community Development, Housing Division

Key Facts

Service Area:
Commonwealth of Virginia
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992 \$	299,000
FY 1993 \$	630,000
FY 1994 \$	972,000
FY 1995 \$	1,056,000
FY 1996 \$	679,000
FY 1997 \$	0
FY 1998 \$	413,000
FY 1999 \$	463,000

*Virginia's HOPWA program
encompasses over 31,000 square miles
with activities are in ninety-two (92)
cities, towns and counties.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Commonwealth of Virginia's formula grant is administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Division. Eligible activities are undertaken in ninety-two (92) cities, towns and counties located outside of the three HOPWA entitlements of Washington DC, Norfolk-Newport News-Virginia Beach, and Richmond-Petersburg Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). Richmond and Virginia Beach first began receiving grants in 1997.

The Virginia program allocates funds to nonprofit organizations on a regional basis to provide statewide coverage with the HOPWA program. Coordinated application submissions are encouraged in which a coalition of non-profit organizations, often AIDS service organizations, applies to serve designated regions of the state with one organization acting as the Lead Agency. This Lead Agency serves as the primary administrative and fiscal contact for the region.

Program Accomplishments

The Commonwealth of Virginia did not receive FY 1997 HOPWA formula funding and during the period, remaining FY 1996 funding was utilized to prevent a disruption in rental assistance subsidies.

Ten HOPWA grantees currently provide emergency rent, mortgage and utility assistance to households to prevent homelessness; administer tenant-based rental assistance programs; offer critical supportive services and lease and operate a short-term facility in Danville serving as a shelter to consumers who experience homelessness.

Due to limited HOPWA funding, new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation projects are not possible. A strong emphasis is placed on coordination of supportive services, offered by Client Services Coordinators and case managers, which has proven to stabilize consumer households and



frequently offset homeless occurrences. Direct supports such as transportation, food and nutritional supplements are also commonly provided.

Virginia's HOPWA program encompasses over 31,000 square miles and is predominantly rural with barriers of isolation, discrimination, limited affordable housing alternatives and poor access to transportation and medical care facing individuals with HIV/AIDS. A Statewide HIV/AIDS Housing Needs Assessment is being conducted with funds set-aside from the FY 1998 formula allocation to determine the scope and significance of housing needs confronting the population.

Richmond, VA

Department of Community Development

Formula Grantee

the Richmond metropolitan area.

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Richmond continues to provide and support safe and affordable housing opportunities and required support services to our HIV/AIDS clients and special needs population, including the elderly, persons with disabilities and the homeless throughout

A range of housing assistance and supportive services, including facilities and community residences, rental assistance, short-term payments to prevent homelessness, technical assistance, supportive services and other activities that benefit persons with AIDS were carried out by these service providers.

Program Accomplishments

To ensure that the services are provided, the City in collaboration with the AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) developed a comprehensive and coordinated regional housing and service delivery system called a Continuum of Care for Persons with HIV/AIDS. The fundamental components of the Continuum of Care are: HIV/AIDS prevention education programs, outreach and assessment, emergency financial assistance, short-term rental assistance, long-term rental housing assistance and case management and support services.

To address the needs of special populations, the City, allocated 1998 HOPWA funds to 5 AIDS Service Organizations to serve persons with HIV/AIDS throughout the Richmond-Petersburg MSA. The Department of Community Development, in conjunction with the Regional Homeless Task Force, coordinated the Continuum of Care Super NOFA process for the region. To further address the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS the City provided \$458,000 in HOPWA funds to 9 AIDS service programs to provide short-term and long term housing and support services to persons with AIDS throughout the Richmond-Petersburg area. To assess needs, establish services, and ensure coordination of services the City convened monthly meetings with all AIDS providers.

The City of Richmond identified the needs of special populations, including persons living with HIV/AIDS, as one of its top priorities. To that end, the City approved the allocation of \$429,000



HOPWA Programs in Virginia

in HOPWA funds to seven agencies located throughout the Richmond-Petersburg EMSA to provide a range of housing assistance and supportive services, including facilities and community residences, rental assistance, short-term payments to prevent homelessness, technical assistance, supportive services and other activities that benefit persons with AIDS.

Key Facts

Service Area: Richmond, VA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1997 \$ 429,000

FY 1998 \$ 448,000

FY 1999 \$ 492,000

The City in collaboration with the AIDS Service Organizations developed a comprehensive and coordinated regional housing and service delivery system called a "Continuum of Care for Persons with HIV/AIDS."

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The following agencies received HOPWA funds to implement the Continuum of Care program:

Richmond AIDS Ministry (RAM): Originally \$310,000 was allocated to RAM to provide

- emergency financial assistance to 200 clients; long-term housing assistance to 16 clients; case management services to 60 individuals; and housing information to 150 clients. However, RAM closed its 16-unit AIDS Guest Houses in November 1997 due to financial difficulties. Subsequently, on March 23, 1998 the City amended the HOPWA budget to transfer \$76,000 to SRO Housing of Richmond to continue operating the 16-unit AIDS Houses. RAM's revised budget for FY 98 was \$159,000. The remaining balance of RAM's original budget was re-programmed to other ASOs, and \$13,000 was set aside for additional projects.
- Rainbow Kids: Originally \$42,000 was allocated for long-term rental housing assistance (tenant based rental assistance) and case management to 60 families. This project was amended in February 1998 to reflect a new budget of \$54,000.
- Chesterfield Alternatives: Originally \$24,000 was allocated for long-term rental housing assistance (tenant based rental assistance) to 10 individuals and/or families. This project was amended in March 1998 to reflect a new budget of \$44,000.
- Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc.: Originally \$30,000 was allocated to HOME to provide short-term assistance (up to 6 months) to 10 individuals and/or families. This project was amended in March 1998 to reflect a new budget of \$60,000.
- City of Richmond Dept. of Finance: \$2,000 to provide accounting and financial technical assistance, including financial monitoring to HOPWA funded agencies.



HOPWA Programs in Virginia

- City of Richmond Dept. of Community Development: \$9,000 to provide for program administration of the HOPWA grant.
- VCU Survey Research Lab: \$12,000 to conduct a comprehensive regional housing and support service needs analysis of persons with AIDS, and to provide client data analysis.

HOPWA funds were also used for the following activities:

- **Emergency Financial Assistance:** for clients who need immediate assistance in order to help them through a housing crisis, limited to \$450 for each household. This assistance allows families to pay utility costs in order to avoid discontinuation of services or to re-establish service that had been turned off. ASO, Richmond AIDS Ministry, was funded to provide this service:
- **Short-Term Housing Assistance:** for clients who need temporary housing assistance while waiting for disability determination. The client pays no more than 30% of his/her adjusted income for housing. The ASO pays the difference between this amount and the fair market rent for the client, using HOPWA funds, for up to 5 months. This assistance provides the client stable housing while awaiting disability or other assistance. A client who constantly needs emergency financial assistance, or a client who is waiting for disability assistance are candidates for this assistance.
- **Long-Term Housing Assistance:** for clients who because of their illness are at-risk of homelessness or who reside in substandard housing. The client pays no more than 30% of his/her adjusted income for housing. The ASO pays the difference between this amount and the fair market rent for the client, using HOPWA funds, for up to one year. This assistance allows the individual to focus on his or her medical needs as opposed to housing. A client who constantly needs short-term assistance is a candidate for long-term housing.
- **Services:** All clients received housing information, referral and case management services. These services ensured that clients would have the necessary information to make decisions about their housing, and to gain access to services. Other services may have included transportation, child-care, counseling, budgeting, support groups, and referral to medical and dental care. The following ASOs were funded to provide this service:

Due to limited HOPWA funds, this city is experiencing large gaps that limit its service delivery systems in accommodating the enormous demand currently encountered throughout the EMSA. Additionally, the area lacks qualified ASOs with capacity to provide housing services to persons with AIDS. The regular use of HOPWA funds by clients to resolve continuing housing problems has overtaxed our limited resources by the agencies that administer the HOPWA program.



Virginia Beach, VA

City of Virginia Beach, Department of
Housing and Neighborhood Preservation

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: Norfolk-Virginia
Beach-Newport News VA/NC MSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996 \$416,000

FY 1997 \$556,000

FY 1998 \$621,000

FY 1999 \$702,000

*The region experiences the highest
incidence of HIV infection and AIDS
cases in the state with an estimated
7,300 persons living with HIV/AIDS.*

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News VA NC Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) encompasses a fifteen city and county region of more than 2,300 square miles, including the geographic regions of the lower Middle Peninsula, Virginia Peninsula, South Hampton Roads and Currituck County, North Carolina. The entitlement region is predominantly urban in nature, including more sparsely populated counties to the north and southwest. The region experiences the highest incidence of HIV infection and AIDS cases in the state with an estimated 7,300 persons living with HIV/AIDS and has recently become eligible for Ryan White Title I funding determined by AIDS incidence.

The grant is administered by the City of Virginia Beach Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation and its contractor, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, which administers the Commonwealth of Virginia HOPWA formula grant for the "balance of state."

Program Accomplishments

Prospective project sponsors are encouraged to coordinate applications for funding through a Lead Agency designate. This designation fosters collaboration among funded organizations, reduces duplication and assists in the implementation of a communication system which tracks requests for HOPWA financial assistance in a confidential manner.

HOPWA project sponsors offer short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, tenant-based rental assistance, housing information and referral and a variety of supportive services, including case management, transportation and nutritional services. All project sponsors actively participate in the multiple

Continuum of Care planning processes underway in the region so as to advocate for resources to assist homeless individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. However there are insufficient emergency shelters, or detoxification programs for PWA's.



State of Washington

Seattle Department of Housing
and Human Services

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

State of Washington EMSA

Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1996 \$ 439,000

FY 1997 \$ 434,000

FY 1998 \$ 446,000

FY 1999 \$ 487,000

Facility based housing is provided in three of the regions using the funds administered by the state. These are adult family homes, which may house up to six persons living with AIDS at any one time.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Housing Division provides funding for affordable housing projects throughout the State of Washington. Through State capital funds, the Housing Division assists non-profit agencies, local governments and housing authorities to develop affordable housing for low-income families and individuals in all counties. The Housing Division also administers federal funds for non-entitlement areas of the State for a variety of programs, such as HOPWA, HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Emergency Shelter Grants Program, and the Supportive Housing Program.

HOPWA funds are distributed and used in accordance with the Washington State HIV/AIDS Housing Plan, which was published in August 1996. The local plans are prepared and carried out through community efforts that are organized around the Department of Health's AIDSNET Regions. HOPWA funds for each region are administered by a community selected lead agency, and funds are allocated according to the number of surviving AIDS cases in each county.

Program Accomplishments

Housing Assistance: Emergency short-term assistance to prevent homelessness is provided in most areas of the State. Rental assistance on a longer-term basis is provided in several regions as noted above, and makes a major difference in achieving housing stability and avoiding homelessness or institutionalized care for many eligible clients. Facility-based housing is provided in three of the regions in the form of costs for adult family homes, which may house up to six persons living with AIDS at any one time. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services has recently increased the daily reimbursement rate for these homes, making their

long-term financial survival and ability to serve this population more probable.



Supportive Services: This area of funding is not widely used, as the community planners, for the most part, use HOPWA funds primarily for housing assistance and use Ryan White funds to provide the necessary services to persons living with AIDS.

The lead agencies for the Washington HOPWA program are:

- **Spokane Housing Authority** for Region 1, serving 12 counties in the easternmost portion of Washington State. Supportive services and both long-term and short-term rental assistance are provided to eligible clients in this region.
- **Yakima County Coalition for the Homeless** for Region 2, serving eight counties in the central region of Washington state. Short term rental assistance is provided to eligible clients in this region.
- **Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authorities** for Region 3, serving four counties in the northwestern portion of Washington State and the northernmost portion of the Puget Sound area. Adult family home operating costs and rental assistance are provided to eligible clients in this region.
- **Pierce County AIDS Foundation** for Region 5, serving two counties in the central Puget Sound area, providing adult family home operating cost, rental assistance, supportive services, short-term rental assistance to eligible clients in the region and technical assistance to service providers in the region.
- **Southwest Washington Health District** for Region 6, serving 10 counties along the west coast of the State, including the Olympic Peninsula, and most of the Columbia River gorge area, except for Clark County, which is part of the Portland, Oregon EMSA. Short-term rental assistance is provided for eligible clients in this region.

Seattle, WA

Seattle Department of Housing
and Human Services

Formula Grantee

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Seattle's HOPWA program serves people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the Seattle-Bellevue-Everett metropolitan area. This area includes Island County, King County and Snohomish County. The majority of the HIV/AIDS population lives in King County (92%). Of these known cases, 65-70% reside within the Seattle city limits. Unfortunately, our cumulative cases of diagnosed AIDS in the EMA now totals approximately 6,000 individuals. The EMA's HOPWA program activities are administered by the Seattle Department of Housing and Human Services. The HOPWA policy development is driven by the AIDS Housing Plans, which was most recently updated in 1997. The AIDS Housing Plan covers the area of King County and Snohomish County.

The HOPWA funding is allocated through a competitive process which prioritizes funding to those projects which are consistent with the AIDS Housing Plan for King County. The AIDS Housing Plan indicates the need for the development of an additional 20 units of transitional



housing and 153 units of permanent independent housing for PWA's in King County. No new units were recommended for development in Snohomish County; however the current plan for that county recommends maintaining the existing mix of transitional and independent housing units throughout the county.

Key Facts

Service Area: Seattle, WA
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1992	\$ 372,000
FY 1993	\$ 825,000
FY 1994	\$1,044,000
FY 1995	\$1,434,000
FY 1996	\$1,188,000
FY 1997	\$1,317,000
FY 1998	\$1,324,000
FY 1999	\$1,401,000

The Seattle HOPWA program provided 248 individuals with client-based housing assistance in 1997.

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Program Accomplishments

The HOPWA funds are allocated according to the AIDS Housing Plan and the proposed allocations, categories, and funding amounts are based upon the recommendations of the planning body. These plans support the ongoing Seattle EMA HOPWA policy, which prioritizes services to AIDS-disabled individuals with incomes at or below 50% of the HUD defined median to the extent funds are made available. Currently, annual allocations typically permit no more than 20% of total HOPWA funds for services. The city is compelled by limited resources to prioritize the scope services that can be provided. These funds are tied directly to the specific housing units supplied to each client accordingly (e.g. assisted living).

Nonetheless, our HOPWA program addresses the urgent housing needs of persons with AIDS through expansion of existing housing programs. The city also creates limited numbers of new housing units combined with supportive services to address the needs of clients. This includes a rental assistance and housing search and housing referrals, plus short-term housing assistance to eligible low-income individuals and families with AIDS in Snohomish County.

HOPWA funds are committed to address the needs of homeless persons and persons who require supportive housing. HOPWA funding was used to support housing search and referral services for 215 persons with AIDS and assist their access to affordable,

independent housing within the community. During the program year, HOPWA funding was used to provide supportive services to 36 PWA's living in Rosehedge. Rosehedge is an assisted living and skilled nursing facility for PWA's. Additional funding was allocated for supportive services to persons who are able to reside in independent housing units. We were able to serve 280 individuals in that year. Additionally, HOPWA funding was used to support short term rent, mortgage and utility assistance to prevent homelessness for 89 PWA's in Snohomish County.



HOPWA Programs in Washington

The Seattle EMA has been able to attract other non-HOPWA resources for supportive services to our HIV/AIDS population through several non-HUD agencies including; Medicaid, State DSHS Adult Family Home and Skilled Nursing reimbursement, Private fundraising, Resident participation, Federal DSHS/HRSA Title I and II (Ryan White Care Act), City of Seattle Human Services Program

In addition to these other funding sources, our HOPWA program is complimented by several HUD programs. By incorporating the various other HUD programs, we have successfully delivered a Consortium of Care concept to eligible clients. Currently we utilize Section 8 set-asides, CDBG funds, the McKinney Homeless programs and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds to address the needs of the HIV population throughout the EMA.

In the program year, HOPWA funding provided for the acquisition of 14 units of scattered-site independent housing in King County. An additional 8 scattered-site units were funded through HUD' Section 811 program. The availability of these units has unfortunately decreased by an estimated 16%, while our need has increased proportionately. Our EMA provided an additional 248 individuals with client-based housing assistance, plus 76 individuals were provided with transitional housing in Snohomish County.

Spokane County Community Services Department

Competitive Grantee

In 1998, a Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,150,000 was made to the Spokane County Community Services Department. SCCSD will implement a program designed to deliver services to persons living with HIV/AIDS who reside within twenty eastern Washington state counties.

This project, Washington Regionally Assisted Collaborative Housing, or REACH, is a comprehensive and collaborative effort aimed at expanding on their previous HOPWA award to meet the housing and related supportive service needs of low-income persons who are living with HIV/AIDS. REACH will serve approximately 350 persons with HIV/AIDS with housing assistance and social services, as well as 133 family members. An additional 25 persons will receive outreach social services.

The REACH program will place client advocates in four "epicenters" throughout the region, located in Spokane, Walla Walla, Wenatchee and Yakima. REACH seeks to develop a seamless, comprehensive continuum of services that will focus on independent living, quality of life, and self-determination for participants.

A key component of the program will be the outreach of bilingual client advocates to the Hispanic migrant and seasonal farm workers who reside in the rural communities.



Key Facts

Service Area:

20 eastern Washington state counties

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,150,000

The REACH program will place client advocates in four "epicenters" located in Spokane, Walla Walla, Wenatchee and Yakima.

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Services to be provided by REACH and its sponsors include emergency, short and long-term rental assistance, supported housing facilities, transportation, child care, dental and counseling services, HIV counseling, HIV testing, client assistance, emergency financial assistance, food bank/meal delivery, and nutritional counseling.

REACH calls for integration and collaboration among all public health agencies, housing authorities, and community based organizations. Over 1.2 million dollars is being leveraged with this project. The SCCSD is teaming up with seven project sponsors to expand the HOPWA program initiated in 1994. Project REACH sponsors include Spokane County Community Services Department, Spokane Regional Health District, Spokane Housing Authority, Chealn County and City of Wenatchee Housing Authority, Yakima County Coalition for the Homeless, Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs, and the Coalition of the Responsible Disabled

AIDS Housing of Washington

Technical Assistance Grantee

This 1997 competitive grant allow AIDS Housing of Washington (AHW) to continue and to expand its National HOPWA Technical Assistance Program to provide support for the development, operation and management of AIDS housing programs throughout the nation.

AIDS Housing of Washington is based in Seattle, Washington and received funds for nationwide activities that total \$1,030,000 over three years.

The program includes outreach and follow-up in four primary program areas:

- (1) Consultations with HIV/AIDS residences, rental assistance program, support service providers and low-income housing developers on issues such as program planning, organizational capacity-building, forging partnerships, housing development, financing building operations, support service delivery and evaluation;
- (2) Community-based needs assessments and multi-year AIDS housing plans for impacted cities, states and regions;



- (3) HIV/AIDS housing publications, database research, public education and information dissemination, including a world wide web site;
- (4) Provider conferences and workshops, including the Third and Fourth National HIV/AIDS Housing Conferences and two national training workshops for HOPWA formula grantees. Plans have been initiated for the September 26-29, 1999 national conference in Baltimore.

Key Facts

Service Area: National
Grant: Technical Assistance

Grant Award:
1997: \$ 1,030,000

Priority areas include HOPWA formula jurisdictions, states without comprehensive AIDS housing plans that are outside major metropolitan areas, and smaller EMAs without adequate AIDS housing plans.

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When assisting an organization, AHW accounts for the group's capacity, ability, staffing, and services as well as local changes in Medicaid provision, disease parameters, government programs, and regional/state plans. Long-term goals of the National Technical Assistance Program are to increase organizational capacity, long-term viability, and development.

Priority areas include HOPWA formula jurisdictions, states without comprehensive AIDS housing plans that are outside major metropolitan areas, and smaller EMAs without adequate AIDS housing plans. Through these activities it is expected that more than 3,000 people with HIV/AIDS will be assisted. In its prior award, AHW met or exceeded all goals, including providing comprehensive HIV/AIDS housing needs assessment and planning for states/EMAs, publishing, and conferences.

Bailey-Boushay House

Competitive SPNS Grantee

In Seattle, a 1996 Special Project of National Significance grant was awarded for \$ 750,000 to Bailey-Boushay House. Funds are used to support service expansion for its Adult Day Health Program (ADH) and Residential Care Program (RCP), to better serve individuals living with AIDS who are homeless or at risk for homelessness due to mental illness and/or chemical dependency. ADH is supportive service to community housing and offers nursing, psycho-social, chemical dependency, rehabilitation, recreation, nutrition and personal support



services. RCP is a 35-bed residential skilled nursing program which offers intensive, round-the-clock- nursing care and supportive services.

Key Facts

Service Area: Seattle, WA
Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:
1996: \$1,140,000

Funds will be used to support service expansion for its Adult Day Health Program (ADH) and Residential Care Program (RCP), to better serve individuals living with AIDS who are homeless or at risk for homelessness due to mental illness and/or chemical dependency.

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The service expansion and program goals are twofold: (1) to maximize the independence of clients, including the ability to acquire and maintain housing in the community; and, (2) to provide care in a medically supervised, cost-effective residential setting when independent housing is no longer feasible. Approximately 380 individuals will benefit from Bailey-Boushay House services annually.

HOPWA funds will be used to:

- (1) Maintain critical chemical dependency counseling and psychiatric consult services;
- (2) Develop the capacity to increase medical adherence among the hardest-to-serve residents and clients;
- (3) Develop and offer flexible program rates to accommodate variable nursing/medical needs which may be secondary to the need for supervised mental health and/or chemical dependency stabilization;
- (4) Develop the capacity for admissions to RCP as an alternative to emergency psychiatric stabilization and/or detox hospitalization
- (5) Develop network adequacy and funding streams among existing mental health systems, substance abuse systems and health plans serving chronically ill individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

1992-1995 Competitive Awards

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1995 Competitive SPNS Grantee

AIDS Housing of Washington

(2 projects)

National & Seattle area projects

\$1,042,770

In 1995, AIDS Housing of Washington received two grants. One, for a national technical assistance program and another to provide supportive services in connection with the renovation of the Lyon Building, a historic downtown Seattle office building.

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development



Bellingham

\$1,000,000

The Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development received a 1994 competitive grant to assist people living with AIDS with housing and appropriate services.

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Spokane County Community Services Department

Spokane, Washington

695,250

In the State of Washington, Spokane County Community Services provided persons with HIV/AIDS with rental assistance under a 1994 competitive award.



**State of West Virginia,
Governor's Office of
Economic Opportunity**

Competitive Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

West Virginia

Grant: Competitive Long-Term

Grant Award:

1998: \$ 863,273

This program is designed to build on the programs established in the 1994 HOPWA grant, serving approximately 250 persons with AIDS and 300 family members through housing and social services.

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In 1998, a grant for a Long-Term Comprehensive Strategy in a Non-Formula Area was awarded to the State of West Virginia, through the Governor's office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). The award of \$863,273 renews a three-year HOPWA coalition program.

The West Virginia Housing and Advocacy Coalition, Inc. is comprised of the Covenant House, Caritas House and Community Network Programs. This grant will assist the coalition in creating a statewide continuum of care collective for persons with AIDS, initiating and developing a long-term strategy plan for West Virginia housing and social service needs for the low-income HIV/AIDS population in the state, as well as developing additional outreach and delivery services to rural communities. Special emphasis will be given to women with HIV and their families, migrant workers and veterans. The Huntington VA Medical Center will provide medical care for veterans with AIDS in conjunction with HOPWA-funded housing and services.

This program is designed to build on the programs established in the 1994 HOPWA grant, offering social services to persons with HIV/AIDS and the opportunity to live in their own private homes or sponsored housing. The grant will serve approximately 250 persons with AIDS and 300 family members through housing and social services. Another 400 persons with AIDS will receive outreach social services.

The coalition, through five sites based in Charleston, Martinsburg, and Faith Haven, will provide housing contacts and assistance, transportation, HIV/AIDS education, hospice care, technical networking services, substance abuse/mental health treatment, bi-lingual and specialized staff as well as employment assistance. Computers will also be provided at the social service sites for residents to track treatment and to assist in the development of the state-wide plan to address service gaps. Additional sponsors include Community Housing Inc., West Virginia Department of Veteran Affairs, Health Right, State of West Virginia, Office of Health and Human Resources, United Way, Faith in Action, and Prevention Strategies.



**1992-1995
Competitive Awards**

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

State of West Virginia Governor's Cabinet on Children
and Families

Charleston

\$ 657,183

This 1994 competitive grant provided three-years of
funding to the West Virginia Governor's Cabinet on
Children and Families Office of Economic Opportunity to support a collaborative effort with
Covenant House, Community Networks, Inc., and Caritas House Inc.



State of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Division of Housing

Formula Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Wisconsin
Grant: Formula

Allocations:

FY 1995 \$ 598,000
FY 1996 \$ 585,000
FY 1997 \$ 668,000
FY 1998 \$ 300,000
FY 1999 \$325,000

The DOH works in collaboration with the Department of Health and Family Services, Communicable Disease Section and the AIDS service providers across the state to develop the Wisconsin Coordinated Statement of Need.

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Grantee and Community Profile

The Wisconsin Division of Housing (DOH) is the grant administrator for the HOPWA program. Currently DOH administers over \$71.5 million for a wide variety of housing grant programs ranging from federal homeless assistance programs to affordable transitional and permanent housing programs for low and very low income people. Services are provided Statewide in response to the requirements of each individual program and according to each program's requirements. In 1998, Milwaukee qualified to receive a direct formula allocation for its metropolitan area and the State's HOPWA service area was reduced.

Program Accomplishments

Wisconsin has one of the lowest AIDS incidence rates in the United States. Nonetheless, by the end of December 1995, there were 8,163 persons with the HIV infection, including 3,067 persons who met the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) criteria for AIDS and 5,096 persons who have HIV infection but are not currently classified as having AIDS. At least 1,835 persons reported with HIV infection in Wisconsin have died. The DOH works in collaboration with the Department of Health and Family Services, Communicable Disease Section and the AIDS service providers across the state to develop the Wisconsin Coordinated Statement of Need.

The following Program sponsors worked with the Wisconsin Department Health to implement the state's HOPWA program:

- **The AIDS Network:** subcontracts with Community Action Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties to provide housing counseling, emergency housing, security deposits, rent assistance and eviction prevention to persons affected by HIV/AIDS in Rock County.
- **The AIDS Resource Center:** through the Center Project in Green Bay for the ECHO Project, Winnebago County, the ARCW Northeast Region will provide rental, utility, and security deposit assistance and supportive services to approximately 75 clients.



- **The AIDS Resource Center:** through the Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project, for the Northern AIDS Network and Marathon County, Northern Region ARCW will provide rental, utility and security deposit assistance and supportive services to approximately 31 clients.
- **The AIDS Resource Center:** through the Milwaukee AIDS Project, for the St. Camillus and the Southeast Milwaukee Metro and Wisconsin AIDS Project in Kenosha, ARCW will provide Southeast Region housing counseling, rental, utility and security deposit assistance and supportive services to approximately 1300 clients
- **The AIDS Resource Center:** through the Northern Wisconsin AIDS Project, for the LaCrosse County Health Department, Western Region ARCW will provide rental, utility, and security deposit assistance for approximately 48 clients
- **Healthcare for the Homeless(HCHM):** provides supportive services for persons living in HOPWA funded projects, provide case management and protective payee and AODA services, and operating funds for HCHM HOPWA facility for approximately 20 clients.
- **Rodney Scheel House Foundation:** funds for a Resident Services Coordinator, Contracted AODA services, Phone and Lifeline and Community room furnishings. The Rodney Scheel House will serve 35 residents during the grant period.

Milwaukee, WI

City of Milwaukee and the AIDS Resource
Center of Wisconsin

Formula Grantee

formula allocations to the State.

Grantee and Community Profile

The City of Milwaukee is receiving HOPWA entitlement funds \$363,000 for the first time in 1998, due to the increase of reported AIDS cases in the four county Milwaukee Metropolitan area which includes: Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington counties. Prior to this year, the area was covered under

While these funds are new to Milwaukee this year, State HOPWA grants, have been administered through subcontracts with area provider agencies since 1995. The primary sponsor is the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), which subcontracts with local agencies to provide services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the Milwaukee metro area. Their approach is comprehensive and provides direct financial assistance to prevent homelessness and help clients obtain and maintain safe, affordable housing. Related supportive services, case management and referrals are also provided through collaborations with several other agencies.

The City of Milwaukee has recently met with a consortium of service providers who were funded earlier this year by the State of Wisconsin. The consortium has recommended that the projects previously funded under the State of Wisconsin grant should continued through Dec. 31, 1998.



The City concurred and is contracting with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin through this period. The 1998 HOPWA allocation of \$363,000, less administrative costs, and projected funding for 1999 and 2000, will be averaged over 28 months to provide an adequate level of funding to HIV/AIDS service providers. ARCW, will in turn, subcontract with four local providers to support the continued operations of the programs previously funded by the State of Wisconsin.

Key Facts

Service Area: City of Milwaukee
Grant: Formula

Allocations:
FY 1998 \$ 363,000
FY 1999 \$ 393,000

In 1999, approximately 500 persons will receive direct rental assistance and 1,100 households case management and other supportive services in the Milwaukee program.

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Program Accomplishments

The services provided are: Short-term shallow rent assistance, security deposits, utility assistance and emergency eviction prevention assistance to approximately 275 clients; long-term supportive housing in SRO facilities to approximately 60 clients; supportive services in the form of housing counseling, alcohol and other drug abuse counseling, and housing case management services to approximately 300 clients; and representative payee services to selected intensive) need clients.

It is expected that these activities will continue into 1999 providing approximately 500 persons with direct rental assistance and 1,100 households with case management and other supportive services.

In an effort to reach a consensus on the current needs of the HIV/AIDS population, the City has recently initiated a cooperative planning effort among service providers in the four county area. A needs assessment analysis identifying the needs, existing community resources, gaps in the current system and priorities has been started by the planning consortium and will be submitted to the City's Community Development Policy Committee in early 1999. This body, which establishes policies and approves Federal and State

funding administered through the City of Milwaukee, will evaluate the needs assessment findings prior to submitting the one year Action Plan to HUD in 1999. The Action Plan will also include our outreach and citizen participation components which must also be provided to and approved by HUD in 1999 prior to the award of 1999 funding cycle.



AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin

Competitive Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area:

Wisconsin

Grant: Competitive SPNS

Grant Award:

1998: \$1,070,524

The ARCW will serve 152 Wisconsin residents living with HIV and AIDS who have severe, chronic, alcohol or drug addiction and/or mental health diagnosis which lead to problems with maintaining permanent, stable housing.

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The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) received a HOPWA award to provide intensive housing case management under a 1998 Special Project of National Significance Award for \$1,070,524.

The ARCW will serve 152 Wisconsin residents living with HIV and AIDS who have severe, chronic, alcohol or drug addiction and/or mental health diagnosis which lead to problems with maintaining permanent, stable housing. This project is designed to fill high priority gaps in local and state Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Plans.

The ARCW will hire four Housing Case Managers, experienced as drug counselors or mental health professionals. These counselors will be located in Milwaukee, Green Bay, Madison and Eau Claire and will serve their geographic regions. Various services will be provided including transportation, job skills training, food and nutrition assistance, legal aid, early intervention health care, benefits counseling, practical assistance and support groups.

Housing Case Management will be offered in the program, in two degrees. Intensive Housing Case Management will be offered for the first year, which will include counseling, payee services, rent assistance, alcohol and drug addiction assistance and supportive services. After one year, participants will be moved to Intermediate Housing Case Management where personalized housing counseling, client contact, and mental health and alcohol and drug addiction assistance will continue but at a lower level of intensity.

ARCW will collaborate with city and county human service departments, housing authorities, AIDS service providers, AODA treatment centers, social service agencies, food pantries, and transitional housing providers to develop personalized responses to client needs.



**1992-1995
Competitive Awards**

SPNS and Long-Term Grants

1993-1994 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

City of Madison Department of Planning and
Development

Madison, Wisconsin

\$ 999,000

In Wisconsin, funds were awarded for a collaborative effort developing programs and services provided at the

Rodney Scheel House (a 22-unit HUD 811 project). Case management, services and volunteer support to maintain current residences, and prevent evictions were made available to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their family members.

1992 Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Milwaukee Department of City Development

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

\$ 500,000

In 1992, the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Department of City Development was awarded a HOPWA competitive grant in conjunction with its project sponsors, Health Care for the Homeless of Milwaukee, Inc. Funds for rehab and operating costs for a short-term facility.



Wyoming Department of Health

Competitive Long-Term Grantee

Key Facts

Service Area: State of Wyoming
Grant: Competitive Long-Term

Allocations:
1997: \$ 288,640

The TREE House is the first and only facility of its kind in the state of Wyoming, and offers a full spectrum of housing and supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

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HOPWA competitive funds were awarded in 1997 in Wyoming to support the State's first Long-Term Comprehensive Strategy for HIV/AIDS housing.

This grant for \$288,640 in a Non-Formula Area allows the Casper Housing Authority's Life Steps Campus in Casper, Wyoming to expand with the addition of the TREE (Temporary Residence to Encourage and Educate) House.

The TREE House is the first and only facility of its kind in the state of Wyoming, and offers a full spectrum of housing and supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Due to its location on the Life Steps Campus, clients of the TREE House have access to all other services offered on campus, including Central Wyoming Counseling Center, the Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic, Interfaith, and Education center, a Children's center, a gymnasium and fully-staffed cafeteria. The TREE House provides emergency, temporary and transitional housing, as well as supportive services such as intensive case management (including Ryan White case management), support groups and volunteer services for its clients.

It also serves as an education resource center for the state of Wyoming, through its prevention education programs and a statewide toll-free AIDS hotline which is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The hotline provides prevention education and information, as well as referrals to counseling and testing sites, medical care, financial assistance, counseling, legal advice and

other needed services.

The TREE House is funded through the Wyoming Department of Health and is operated by two sponsors: the Wyoming AIDS Project and the Casper Housing Authority. The program hopes to provide housing assistance services for over 192 individuals and 162 family members as well as services for an additional 861 persons living not only throughout Wyoming, but also in border towns of neighboring states, such as Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Idaho and Montana. Service are to be expanded to provide some emergency, short-term and shallow subsidy rental assistance to those living with HIV/AIDS in their own homes throughout the geographical areas mentioned above.

HOPWA Formula & Competitive Awards 1995-1999

Grants. The following chart lists by State the grants awarded under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program for fiscal years 1995-1999. Cities and States that receive formula allocations and government agencies and non-profit organizations that were awarded grants by competitive selection are listed and competitive grants are denoted by (*).

Under the statute, ninety percent (90%) of the appropriation is distributed by formula allocations to Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Areas (EMSAs) and to eligible States for areas outside of EMSAs. Eligible areas have at least 1,500 cumulative cases of AIDS and metropolitan areas are greater than 500,000 populations. The EMSA grant is administered by the largest city in the metropolitan area. Since 1995, HOPWA formula allocations have been included in the Department's Consolidated Planning initiative involving communities in assessing area needs through citizen consultations, creating a comprehensive strategy and determining the use of Federal and other resources. Related information technology is used to help implement this initiative (IDIS, C2020). The FY 1999 allocations were announced on December 1, 1998 to 63 cities on behalf of their EMSAs and to 34 States. These 97 jurisdictions received a total of \$200,475,000 in formula funds. Grant funds are available to the city or State upon approval of its consolidated plan submission during 1999; submission dates are based on the jurisdiction's established operating year and plans will be submitted during January-August, 1999.

The remaining ten percent (10%) of the appropriations is awarded by national competition and the selected grants from the 1995-1998 competitions are included in this chart and denoted by (*). Competitive grants are Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) or as indicated a project that is part of a Long-Term (LT) Comprehensive Strategy in an area that did not receive a formula allocation. In 1996 and 1997, HUD coordinated the selection of SPNS grants with HHS under the HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative (MDI) to target assistance to homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS who also have issues with chronic drug and/or alcohol abuse issues and/or serious mental illness. MDI projects are participating in a special evaluation under Columbia University's School of Public Health, Evaluation Technical Assistance Center.

In 1999, the HUD appropriation act provides for \$22.275 million to be awarded by competitive grant and an additional \$2.25 million to be used for technical assistance activities. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) which establishes the selection criteria and competition procedures to be used in awarding these funds will be announced in the Federal Register in early 1999.

HOPWA Grantees and Grant Amounts

TYPE:	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
FORMULA GRANT SUBTOTALS	\$ 153,900,000 66 grantees: 43 EMSAs and 23 Sts; on 1/25/95; revised due to rescission of 8.1% on 7/27/95	\$ 153,900,000 76 grantees: 49 EMSAs and 27 Sts; amount under the Cont. Resolution 2/8/96 (for 44.4%); final amount 5/6/96	\$ 176,400,000 80 grantees: 53 EMSAs and 27 Sts final allocation 12/6/96	\$ 183,600,000 88 grantees: 59 EMSAs and 29 Sts; on 12/19/97	\$ 200,475,000 97 grantees: 63 EMSAs and 34 Sts; on 12/1/98 Con Plan submissions due Jan-Aug, 1999
COMPETITIVE GRANT SUBTOTALS	\$ 17,673,957 21 grantees: 16 SPNS; 5 LT award 6/26/95; revised due to a rescission on 7/27/95	\$ 17,100,000 19 grantees: 9 SPNS; 8 MDI; and 2 LT awarded on 8/22/96	\$ 19,600,000 27 grantees: 7 SPNS; 7 MDI; 5 LT; 1 Natl TA and 7 supp. MDI- 96; awarded 11/3/97	\$ 20,150,000 20 grantees: 16 SPNS; 4 LT; awarded 12/1/98; & 1 noncompetitive award of \$250,000	\$ 22,275,000 and \$2,250,000 for TA; NOFA to be announced in 1999

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Formula & Competitive (*) Grantees	TYPE	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY1999
AK * Alaska Housing Finance Corp.	LT	716,166		572,800		
AL St. of Alabama	F	825,000	825,000	986,000	1,042,000	796,000
AL Birmingham	F	st	st	st	st	365,000
AL * AIDS Task Force of Alabama,	MDI	756,992		1,270,000	1,118,150	
AR St. of Arkansas	F	0	434,000	489,000	506,000	552,000
AZ St. of Arizona	F	0	0	0	0	366,000
AZ Phoenix	F	760,000	727,000	851,000	865,000	923,000
AZ * Pima Ccunty Community Servic	LT		538,902	639,196		
CA St. of California	F	1,980,000	1,933,000	2,229,000	2,288,000	2,427,000
CA * Housing Auth. of Santa Cruz	MDI		750,000	50,000		
CA Los Angeles	F	8,943,000	7,979,000	10,102,000	10,144,000	8,769,000
CA * West Hollywood Comm. Housing Corp			1,076,200			
CA Oakland	F	1,438,000	1,611,000	1,584,000	1,591,000	1,670,000
CA * Alameda Co. Plannind Dept	SPNS		1,093,125			
CA Riverside	F	1,020,000	1,078,000	1,230,000	1,276,000	1,372,000
CA Sacramento	F	538,000	548,000	613,000	613,000	656,000
CA San Diego	F	1,912,000	1,721,000	2,101,000	2,092,000	2,168,000
CA *San Diego Co. Dept Ho. & Comm Dvp	SPNS			1,053,800		
CA San Francisco	F	11,360,000	8,828,000	9,412,000	8,528,000	8,510,000
CA * Marin Co Community Develop	SPNS	1,100,000				
CA * Lutheran Social Services of N. CA	MDI		1,200,000			
CA * Bernal Heights Housing Corp.	MDI		845,541	50,000		
CA San Jose	F	553,000	547,000	616,000	620,000	649,000
CA Santa Ana (for Orange County	F	1,005,000	960,000	1,082,000	1,086,000	1,143,000
CO Denver	F	1,055,000	1,009,000	1,126,000	1,117,000	1,164,000
CT St. of Connecticut	F	1,068,000	620,000	792,000	834,000	920,000
CT New Haven	F	st	403,000	969,000	724,000	1,214,000
CT Hartford	F	592,000	535,000	1,020,000	743,000	1,413,000
CT CT Dept of Social Services	SPNS	998,648				
CT * Bridgeport	MDI			1,270,000		
DC District of Columbia	F	4,283,000	5,026,000	4,383,000	5,747,000	6,475,000
DC ** Food & Friends, Inc.	NC				250,000	
DC * Whitman Walker Clinic, Inc.	SPNS				1,080,000	
DE Wilmington	F	0	0	st	st	485,000
DE St. of Delaware	F	0	0	410,000	434,000	113,000
FL St. of Florida	F	2,368,000	2,397,000	2,808,000	2,920,000	3,164,000
FL * City of Key West Comm. Dvmt Ofc	SPNS				1,150,000	
FL Fort Lauderdale	F	2,912,000	4,036,000	3,979,000	4,327,000	4,186,000
FL Jacksonville	F	732,000	797,000	949,000	839,000	983,000
FL Miami	F	7,268,000	8,359,000	8,832,000	7,732,000	8,418,000
FL * Housing & Services, Inc.	MDI		1,090,000	50,000		
FL Orlando	F	811,000	1,043,000	1,352,000	1,058,000	1,753,000
FL * Local Health Council of E Ctrl FL Inc	MDI			1,205,903		
FL Tampa	F	1,539,000	1,314,000	1,493,000	1,541,000	1,661,000
FL West Palm Beach	F	1,427,000	2,080,000	2,622,000	2,490,000	2,635,000
GA St. of Georgia	F	899,000	931,000	1,106,000	1,194,000	1,297,000
GA Atlanta	F	2,418,000	2,817,000	4,090,000	3,889,000	3,407,000
GA * Savannah Bureau of Public Dvp	SPNS		750,000		1,087,000	

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HI	St. of Hawaii	F	0	419,000	474,000	477,000	132,000
HI	Honolulu	F	0	st	st	st	364,000
HI	* Ho'omana'olana	SPNS			1,028,797		
IL	St. of Illinois	F	0	391,000	467,000	489,000	534,000
IL	Chicago	F	3,288,000	3,394,000	3,805,000	3,900,000	4,219,000
IL	* Travelers & Immigrants Aid	SPNS	1,030,000				
IL	* Cornerstone Services, Inc.	SPNS	465,991			615,967	
IN	St. of Indiana	F	947,000	452,000	535,000	577,000	636,000
IN	Indianapolis	F	st	432,000	524,000	537,000	579,000
KY	Commonwealth of Kentucky	F	0	413,000	494,000	485,000	561,000
KY	* Lexington-Fayette Urban Co Govt.	SPNS				1,144,060	
KY	* Kentucky Housing Corporation	SPNS			901,323		
LA	St. of Louisiana	F	739,000	748,000	883,000	950,000	1,063,000
LA	New Orleans	F	1,179,000	1,295,000	1,737,000	1,888,000	2,031,000
LA	* UNITY for the Homeless	SPNS	1,099,230			1,132,412	
MA	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	F	896,000	898,000	1,052,000	1,055,000	1,111,000
MA	Boston	F	1,709,000	1,613,000	1,803,000	1,814,000	1,890,000
MA	* AIDS Housing Corporation	SPNS	990,534		749,689	1,143,261	
MD	Baltimore	F	2,454,000	4,582,000	3,596,000	4,414,000	4,689,000
MD	* MD Dept of Health & Mental Health	LT	1,000,000	976,800		1,100,000	
MD	* Baltimore Dept Ho & Comm Dvp	MDI	1,000,000	1,200,000	50,000	1,150,000	
ME	* The AIDS Project	SPNS			1,064,149		
MI	St. of Michigan	F	523,000	506,000	603,000	618,000	677,000
MI	Detroit	F	1,207,000	1,180,000	1,374,000	1,409,000	1,526,000
MI	* Hospice of SE Michigan	SPNS	572,932				
MN	St. of Minnesota	F	0	0	0	0	92,000
MN	Minneapolis	F	569,000	558,000	636,000	640,000	670,000
MN	* The Salvation Army, Harbor Light Ctr	MDI			1,200,000		
MO	St. of Missouri	F	0	0	0	368,000	396,000
MO	St. Louis	F	792,000	737,000	843,000	888,000	944,000
MO	Kansas City	F	757,000	700,000	781,000	778,000	813,000
MO	* MO Dept of Health	LT	888,065				
MS	St. of Mississippi	F	542,000	544,000	641,000	692,000	769,000
NC	St. of North Carolina	F	1,465,000	1,467,000	1,707,000	1,092,000	1,212,000
NC	Raleigh	F	st	st	st	360,000	386,000
NC	Charlotte	F	st	st	st	361,000	397,000
NC	* NC Dept of Env. Health & Natl Res	SPNS			785,714		
NH	* NH Dept of Health & Human Services	LT				875,000	
NH	* Harbor Homes, Inc.	SPNS				347,548	
NJ	St. of New Jersey	F	1,080,000	617,000	729,000	765,000	1,430,000
NJ	Dover (for Monmouth)	F	st	473,000	554,000	565,000	595,000
NJ	Jersey City	F	1,885,000	2,378,000	2,644,000	2,464,000	2,271,000
NJ	Newark	F	4,798,000	4,718,000	5,597,000	5,604,000	5,777,000
NJ	* Catholic Community Services	MDI		755,692	1,236,922		
NJ	* Catholic Community Services	MDI			& 49,936		
NJ	Paterson (for Bergen-Passaic)	F	1,166,000	1,044,000	1,218,000	1,210,000	1,160,000
NJ	Woodbridge (for Middlesex)	F	552,000	556,000	617,000	632,000	671,000
NM	St. of New Mexico	F	0	0	0	0	391,000
NM	* Santa Fe Community Housing	SPNS		1,030,000		1,080,000	
NM	* NM Mortgage Finance Authority	LT			1,100,000		
NV	St. of Nevada	F	592,000	0	0	0	190,000
NV	Las Vegas	F	st	468,000	554,000	598,000	1,308,000

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NY	St. of New York	F	2,083,000	1,979,000	2,301,000	2,102,000	2,218,000
NY	Buffalo	F	st	st	st	st	352,000
NY	Islip (for Nassau-Suffolk)	F	1,123,000	1,045,000	1,205,000	1,245,000	1,362,000
NY	New York City	F	38,336,000	35,840,000	41,829,000	44,493,000	48,668,000
NY	* United Bronx Parents, Inc.	MDI		1,130,000	50,000		
NY	* The Actor's Fund of America	SPNS		750,000			
NY	* Southside Community Mission	SPNS	975,572				
NY	* Hudson Planning Group	SPNS			334,750		
NY	* Greyston Foundation, Inc.	SPNS	1,100,000				
NY	* Episcopal Social Services of NY	SPNS	1,099,999				
NY	* Community Counseling & Mediation	SPNS	66,950				
NY	* Church Ave. Merchants Block Assoc.	MDI			1,199,901		
NY	* Center for Children & Families	MDI			1,221,450		
NY	* Bailey House, Inc.	Natl		717,268		979,834	
NY	Rochester	F	st	st	st	398,000	542,000
OH	St. of Ohio	F	1,287,000	1,262,000	1,027,000	760,000	822,000
OH	Columbus	F	st	st	429,000	438,000	458,000
OH	Cleveland	F	499,000	532,000	592,000	618,000	670,000
OH	Cincinnati	F	st	st	st	360,000	395,000
OK	St. of Oklahoma	F	623,000	583,000	650,000	666,000	723,000
OR	Portland	F	665,000	667,000	758,000	766,000	803,000
PA	Pittsburgh	F	st	400,000	459,000	463,000	491,000
PA	Philadelphia	F	2,966,000	2,682,000	3,118,000	3,256,000	3,428,000
PA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	F	1,175,000	793,000	948,000	1,020,000	1,135,000
PA	* Calcutta House	SPNS				1,055,500	
PA	* Asociacion de Puertorriquenos en Ma	SPNS	1,030,000	750,000			
PR	San Juan	F	3,701,000	3,754,000	4,559,000	4,917,000	5,891,000
PR	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	F	1,440,000	1,382,000	1,619,000	1,686,000	1,841,000
RI	Providence	F	0	0	0	393,000	424,000
RI	* RI Ho. & Mortgage Finance Corp.	LT	943,440		1,097,030		
SC	St. of South Carolina	F	1,147,000	1,224,000	1,453,000	1,504,000	1,657,000
TN	St. of Tennessee	F	1,024,000	1,061,000	448,000	476,000	525,000
TN	Nashville	F	st	st	397,000	427,000	479,000
TN	Memphis	F	st	st	450,000	485,000	538,000
TX	St. of Texas	F	1,456,000	1,431,000	1,709,000	1,853,000	2,086,000
TX	Austin	F	965,000	623,000	704,000	711,000	767,000
TX	Dallas	F	2,059,000	2,038,000	2,640,000	2,340,000	2,505,000
TX	Fort Worth	F	479,000	537,000	582,000	590,000	655,000
TX	Houston	F	4,301,000	3,014,000	3,316,000	5,107,000	6,466,000
TX	* Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Res Gro	MDI		1,200,000	50,000		
TX	* Harris Co. Comm Devt Agency	SPNS				901,109	
TX	San Antonio	F	637,000	605,000	709,000	741,000	805,000
UT	St. of Utah	F	0	0	0	0	368,000
VA	Virginia Beach (for Norfolk)	F	st	416,000	556,000	621,000	702,000
VA	Richmond	F	st	st	429,000	448,000	492,000
VA	Commonwealth	F	1,056,000	679,000	0	413,000	463,000
VT	* Vermont Housing & Conservation Bd	LT				1,106,362	
VT	* VT Ho. & Comm. Dvp. Agency	LT	719,950				
VT	* Burlington Housing Authority	LT		496,472			
WA	St. of Washington	F	0	439,000	434,000	446,000	487,000
WA	Seattle	F	1,434,000	1,188,000	1,317,000	1,324,000	1,401,000
WA	* Spokane Co. Comm. Servs Dept.	SPNS				1,150,000	

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WA * Bailey-Boushay House	SPNS	750,000				
WA * AIDS Housing of Washington	SPNS	229,070				
WI State	F	598,000	585,000	668,000	300,000	325,000
WI Milwaukee	F	st	st	st	363,000	393,000
WI * AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	SPNS				1,070,524	
WV * West Virginia Office of Econ. Opp.	LT				863,273	
WY * WY Dept of Health	LT			288,640		
Natl * AIDS Housing of Washington	TA	813,700		1,030,000		

NOTES:

An asterisk (*) denotes competitively selected award which are Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) unless denoted as Projects that are part of Long-term (LT) Comprehensive Strategies in non-formula areas; in 1996 & 1997, awards were made for Projects under the HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative (MDI) in connection with a national HUD-HHS evaluation component.

Symbols:

- * = competitive grant award for specific projects
- LT * = Long term grants in nonformula areas
- MDI * = multiple diagnoses initiative grants
- all other * are Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) grants
- F = formula grant for a city to serve its metro area or a State for areas outside of named metro areas
- st = area was covered in the State grant during in that allocation year (funds are available for 3 years)
- 0 = zero, no funds were allocated by formula in that area during that year
- TA = technical assistance grant
- NC = non-competitive award under special authority in the FY98 appropriation act

Information from fiscal years 1992-1994 are contained in other documents. The amount awarded in the fiscal year 1995 competition contains residual amounts from fiscal year 1994 competitive funds.

The FY99 appropriation act authorizes the Secretary to use up to one percent of program funds for technical assistance activities.

Service Areas for formula allocations. The name of the formula grantee is provided. A city grantee receives funds for the eligible metropolitan service area which is the MSA or PMSA. A State receives an allocation for areas that are outside of any EMSAs that include areas that are in that State, however, the service area for a State grantee may differ by year, due to the qualification of a new EMSA. If the space shows "st", that area did not directly receive a formula allocation in that fiscal year, but would be included in the State's formula allocation, if the State qualified in that fiscal year. If the space shows "0", that area did not receive formula funds in that year. Funds awarded remain available for up to three years from the date of the grant agreement. In FY99, nine jurisdictions newly qualified for formula allocations (4 cities: Birmingham AL; Buffalo NY; Honolulu HI; and Wilmington DE; and 5 States: Arizona, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah). The qualification of new metropolitan areas also reduces the service areas of State grantees (Alabama, Delaware, Hawaii, and New York). The qualification of a new metropolitan area for a formula allocation may affect the eligibility of an existing State grantee in reducing the service area for a State grant and that area may have less than the 1,500 case threshold for eligibility. A provision of the appropriation act qualified prior State grantees to receive formula allocations (Delaware, Hawaii, Minnesota, Nevada and Wisconsin).

A provision of the FY98 supplemental appropriation act authorized the State of New Jersey to administer formula funds that are allocated on behalf of the four counties in the state that are in the Philadelphia PA-NJ EMSA for FY98 and FY99 allocations and allocations to the city and State were adjusted accordingly. The FY98 act authorized the Secretary to designate awards, on a non-competitive basis, of up to \$250,000 to a program that provides home-delivered meals and one grant was made to Food & Friends, Inc. in DC in August, 1998.