

Fiscal Year 2000 HOPWA Competitive Awards by State

ALASKA

The **Alaska Housing Finance Corporation** will receive \$572,600 to continue to provide housing services for persons with HIV/AIDS in cooperation with its sponsor, the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's). The grant builds on prior HOPWA grants in 1994 and 1997 that were used to initiate the State's AIDS housing programs in this non-formula area. Housing and support services will be made available to 100 households in Anchorage and in the southcentral, southwestern and western regions of the State. A comprehensive range of services will also be provided by Four A's, including case management, employment services, treatment and transportation, especially in addressing health care access needs in rural areas. Through a network of state agencies and community based organizations that have committed over \$2 million in resources, persons with HIV/AIDS will receive personalized support services that will allow them to reside in their home communities. For information contact: Kris Duncan, PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK 99510; (907) 330-8276 or by email: kduncan@ahfc.state.ak.us.

CALIFORNIA

The **Salvation Army, Southern California Division**, will receive a grant of \$927,888 to support operating costs and supportive services at a 45-unit transitional and permanent housing program for families affected by HIV/AIDS. The Alegria housing project is being developed in the Silverlake district of Los Angeles and will serve clients in Los Angeles County. Alegria will support a range of housing options for clients with graduated services, including transitional support with intensive services, family services in independent living arrangements and care in a licensed residential facility. The project will adjust to changes in service needs and help families remain in their home residence as their needs change. More than \$9 million in other funds and in-kind services have been leveraged to develop this facility and operate the planned programs. For information contact: Lt. Colonel Alfred R. Van Cleef, Divisional Commander, 900 W. James M. Wood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015, (213) 553-3253; or Jerry Hill by email: JerryAHill@aol.com.

The **County of Sacramento, Department of Human Assistance** will receive a grant of \$1,300,142 for the Breaking Barriers Housing Project, a collaborative of human service agencies from both the Homeless Continuum of Care and the HIV Services Continuum in Sacramento. The primary partners in this collaborative are the AIDS Housing Alliance, and Volunteers of America. In addition, the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES), the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, and Breaking Barriers (a program of River City Metropolitan Community Church) will act as in-kind partners. This project will complete the continuum of care in this region by addressing an underserved population of persons who are homeless and avoid traditional shelter programs. The city will establish a 12-bed, 30-day emergency shelter to address this local gap in the continuum of housing and supportive services. The City is committing 120 tenant-based Section 8 assistance slots to provide permanent housing for clients who successfully complete transitional programs. For information contact: Cheryl Davis, Director, 2433 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821, (916) 985-3611.

The **San Francisco Redevelopment Agency** will receive \$1,370,000 under the Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) initiative to improve the current housing conditions for underserved homeless persons who are living with HIV/AIDS in the City and County of San Francisco. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco will serve as the project sponsor for the Second Start Program that will assist homeless HIV/AIDS persons with support in seeking employment or returning back to work through vocational training and independent living. The project will address re-entry issues such as discrimination, lack of recent work experience, and client uncertainty about the effects of income gains on disability and medical benefits. In addition, many clients may need support to address homelessness, mental health and substance use issues. The program will combine the use of partial rent subsidies for 125 households with access to 10 units of service-enriched SRO housing, as needed. The City and Catholic Charities are collaborating with the Public Health Institute and the Positive Resource Center and tested the program in an initial pilot effort. For information contact: James Morales, Executive Director, 770 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102: (415) 749-2479 or Olson Lee, Housing Manager, by email: Olson_Lee@ci.sf.ca.us.

COLORADO

The **Colorado Division of Housing** will receive \$1,370,000 to provide rental assistance and short-term rent payments and related services in the areas of the State outside of the Denver metropolitan area. Under the Colorado Housing Assistance Made Possible (CHAMP) program, the State will partner with the Colorado AIDS Project, The Boulder County AIDS Project, Western Colorado AIDS Project, South Colorado AIDS Project, and the North Colorado AIDS Project to operate the program in each region. To prevent homelessness, the nonprofits will offer more than 50 units of tenant-based rental assistance and assist 487 households with short-term rent payments. In addition, AIDS Housing of Washington will assist in developing a state-wide needs assessment and plan. The State agency will provide overall administrative oversight of the sponsors and will evaluate outcomes. The agency will also conduct housing inspections directly or through affiliated local housing authorities. This is the first time that HOPWA funds are being awarded to establish AIDS housing programs in these areas which do not receive HOPWA formula grants. CHAMP builds on a long history of statewide collaboration and coordination of AIDS-related services and will incorporate \$7,948,231 in leverage funds. Some 537 individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families will receive some form of housing assistance. For information contact: Tom Hart, Division Director, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 518, Denver, CO 80203; (303) 866-4123 or Patrick Coyle by email: pat.coyle@state.co.us.

GEORGIA

The **City of Savannah, Bureau of Public Development** will receive a \$1,197,572 grant to expand on its collaboration with Union Mission, Inc. and six other project sponsors with the Savannah-Chatham AIDS Continuum of Care. Under the AIDS Neighborhood Association of Savannah project, the City will acquire and renovate ten units of housing located across the street from Phoenix Place, a one-stop service and medical center for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The program will serve an underserved neighborhood with a high concentration of African-Americans. The project will expand the existing AIDS Continuum of Care to serve 50 percent more people, streamline the intake process for housing services and expand substance abuse treatment. Housing placements will be coordinated by the Project House Call program and 120 persons are expected to receive housing assistance through the project. For information contact: Israel Small, Assistant City Manager, 6 East Bay Street, PO Box 1027, Savannah, GA; (912) 651-6520 or by email: Ismall@ci.savannah.ga.us.

HAWAII

In Honolulu, **Gregory House Programs** will receive \$1,030,000 to continue the supportive housing programs operating under their 1997 Special Projects of National Significance award and allow for a continuum of services for persons with multiple diagnoses. The project will serve persons with HIV/AIDS who are living in the Honolulu metropolitan area under two components: 40 units of tenant-based rental assistance and operational costs for a 11-bed transitional housing facility. The transitional support will involve assessment and treatment services, case management, psychiatric services and physical health care as well as life skills, money management and other programs that promote independent living skills. For information contact: Michael Burnett, Executive Director, 770 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 503, Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 592-9022 or by email: Michael_Burnett@gregoryhouse.org.

ILLINOIS

The **AIDS Foundation of Chicago** will receive \$1,362,846 under the Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) initiative to assist underserved racial and ethnic minority communities that have been impacted by AIDS and poverty. The Foundation will help build a Renaissance Care Network that assists persons living with HIV/AIDS, with a special focus on serving an underserved population of African-Americans who reside in the Greater Roseland area of Chicago, Illinois. The HOPWA funds will be used to lease 21 scattered site apartments and an array of supportive services relating to HIV counseling, testing, outreach, medical care, parenting, child care, substance abuse and mental health. The project will also foster collaboration with the community project sponsors: the Christian Community Health Center, the Clinic in Altgeld, Community Supportive Living Services, South Side Help Center and Universal Family Connection.

The project will provide housing assistance to 150 people living with HIV/AIDS. For information contact: Mark Ishaug, Executive Director, 411 South Wells, Street, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60607; (312) 922-2322 or Shelly Ebbert by email: sebbert@aidschicago.org.

KENTUCKY

The Commonwealth's **Kentucky Housing Corporation** will receive \$1,320,000 to support the Statewide HIV/AIDS Integrated Substance Abuse and Housing Initiative. The project will serve more than 490 persons by establishing a substance abuse treatment network that covers all 120 Kentucky counties. Activities will be undertaken in collaboration with four non-profit project sponsors: AIDS Volunteers in Lexington; Heartland CARES, Inc. in Paducah; Transitions, Inc., in Covington; and Volunteers of America of Kentucky, Inc., in Louisville. The project is an expansion and renewal of a FY 1997 HOPWA competitive grant. Short-term housing assistance and substance abuse treatment services will reach 231 homeless or low-income persons with chemical dependencies and serve as a gateway to other continuum of care assistance. For information contact: F. Lynn Luallen, CEO, or Kimberly Burris, 1231 Louisville Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601; (502) 564-7630 x414.

MAINE

The AIDS Project (TAP) of Portland will receive \$1,333,286 to continue its SPNS program in Southern Maine and expand services to underserved persons in rural areas where no HOPWA funds have previously been available. TAP operates in conjunction with three sponsors in the Portland area, Peabody House, AIDS Lodging House and Shalom House and collaborates with other providers. The project creates a range of housing options, including 63 units of tenant-based rental assistance, 39 units of emergency shelter, 42 units of short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, 192 security deposits to secure housing, 6,000 hours of volunteer support for clients and additional supportive services. The Housing Assistance and Volunteer Enlistment Network (HAVEN) is the first and only collaborative effort in Maine dedicated to comprehensively addressing the complex housing and supportive service needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. For information contact: George Friou, MPH, Executive Director, The AIDS Project, P. O. Box 5304 Portland, Maine 04101 (207)774-6877 or by email: gfriou@aidsproject.org.

MARYLAND

The **Health Care for Homeless, Inc.**, will receive \$1,301,703 to create Project Connect to assist an underserved population of HIV-positive homeless persons in Baltimore. HCH is collaborating with Project PLASE (People Lacking Ample Shelter and Employment) to build on findings from the City's multiple diagnoses initiative efforts in reducing barriers for clients with significant challenges. The Project will connect housing support for 180 clients with intensive case management and comprehensive services to address the needs of homeless people with HIV. Clients will access services through the City's new Maryland Community Resource Center, a drop-in center for persons with HIV/AIDS and site for service programs. The project uses a 12-bed transitional facility near the center that is operated by Project PLASE with a commitment for placement in a variety of permanent supportive housing options. Services will include personal care, chore services as well as a range of treatment programs to help clients maintain compliance with medical regime and enhance behavioral skills. For information contact: Jeff Singer, President and CEO, 111 Park Ave. Baltimore, MD 21201; (410) 837-5533 ext. 301 or Laura Gillis ext. 313.

MASSACHUSETTS

In suburban areas around Boston, **Cambridge Cares About AIDS (CCAA)** will receive \$1,326,917 for a collaboration with the Quincy Interfaith Shelter Coalition (QISC) and North Shore Community Action Program. The effort will support the Bay State Supportive Housing Alliance program (BSSHA) by providing 24 units of transitional housing up to 24 months to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS across Eastern Massachusetts; an estimated 82 persons will be assisted. Each provider will lease eight units of transitional housing for clients. BSSHA will be the only program in the state that provides scattered site rental subsidies and support services while utilizing the harm reduction model for persons with HIV/AIDS and substance use histories. Services will include health promotion through preventive case management; substance use adherence and nutrition counseling; housing advocacy, including search and placement in permanent housing; and financial advocacy, mental health counseling and aftercare stabilization. By leveraging other housing programs and existing support services within eastern Massachusetts, BSSHA will be able to ensure that support will continue after the participants complete the program and graduate into independent housing. Contact: Dan Curley, Executive Director, CCAA, 678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 402, Cambridge, MA 02139, Telephone (617) 661-3040.

MISSISSIPPI

The **South Mississippi AIDS Task Force** will receive \$935,500 to construct and operate Client House, a project to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing for low income and homeless people living with AIDS and their families. The planned facility will house 12 individuals and 2 families in Biloxi and will serve the southern six counties of the State. Consolidating support services at one central location should improve access for clients residing in rural areas. The project is being coordinated with the Mississippi Department of Health and 25 organizations that provide related supportive services for clients, including addressing transportation needs in rural areas, treatment, independent living skills training, personal money management education and case management services. The preliminary construction design plan is for eight bedrooms with a shared kitchen, living room, meeting rooms, library, and office space on the first floor for delivery of service programs. In addition, the project will access the State's short-term payment program to assist clients in remaining in their current homes. For information contact: Yancy Pogue, Executive Director, PO Box 8009, Biloxi, MS 39535-8009; (228) 385-1214.

NEW JERSEY

Catholic Community Services (CCS) will receive a grant of \$1,191,285 for operating costs for the St. Martin DePorres Residence, an eight unit supportive housing facility that will house multiply diagnosed people in the terminal stages of AIDS in Jersey City. St. Martin DePorres Residence will provide housing and 24-hour supportive services and palliative care to an estimated 32 multiply diagnosed homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS over the proposed 36-month project period. Through this project persons who would normally be homeless and not have access to end of life care will receive less costly non-institutional care. To support this project, Catholic Community Services has leveraged more than \$1.2 million in private and federal funding and will contribute leasehold interest in the building to house the St. Martin DePorres Project. For information contact: Rev. Msgr. Dennis Mahon, PhD, Executive Director, Hudson County Division, 494 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102, (201) 798-9923 or Elizabeth Patterson on email: elizpatt@excite.com.

NEW YORK

The **Church Avenue Merchants Block Association, Inc. (CAMBA)** will receive \$1,080,000 to renew its HIV multiple diagnoses initiative program, Housing Start. The project provides scattered site apartments in Brooklyn for 40 low income persons living with HIV, who are homeless and have mental illness or chemical additions or both. Housing support is combined with innovative treatments and comprehensive, culturally-sensitive services. The funding allows for two innovations: treatment education and intensive independent living skills training through Project Rise Reaching Independence and Self Empowerment. The project will link housing assistance with HIV and substance abuse treatment education, health care, mental health services, independent living skills training and other supportive services to maximize independent living. Housing Start will also provide acupuncture as a therapy for alcohol and drug addiction, harm reduction counseling, housekeeping, case management, entitlement advocacy, home care as needed, educational/vocational training and recreational activities. Most services will be on site and administered as in-kind contributions from CAMBA's other HIV/AIDS programs. For information contact: Joanne M. Oplustil, 1720 Church Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226; (718) 287-2600 or by email: oplustil@worldnet.att.net.

Housing Works, Inc. of Brooklyn will receive \$703,177 to establish a transitional housing program to address the specialized needs of women who are living with HIV/AIDS and coming out of the criminal justice system. The program will provide 12 units of transitional housing and a range of supportive services to reinforce behavioral changes as clients begin to reintegrate into the community. The program will link a minimum of 75 women pending release or recently released from incarceration into the continuum of AIDS services, including housing and medical services. Housing Works will provide transitional housing to a minimum of 20 of these women and additional support, such as security deposits and moving expenses, to assist their eventual shift to permanent housing. A full range of medical, clinical, psycho-social, case management services will be provided to a minimum of 18 clients. Contact: Keith Cylar, Executive Director, 594 Broadway, Suite 700, New York, NY 10012; (212) 966-0466 x275.

The Fortune Society will receive \$1,274,875 to develop the Coming Home Program designed to meet the needs of HIV positive homeless persons who are released from jails and prisons. The target

group is an underserved, largely African American and Latino population that is characterized by extensive substance abuse and faces significant barriers to needed services. The program will assist 125 clients to obtain permanent housing after a transition through a continuum of housing modalities --emergency, transitional, supported permanent and independent permanent housing. The program will construct 12-bed facility for emergency and transitional housing in West Harlem that will continue as a permanent resource for the target population.. A revolving loan fund will be established for clients who have been approved for entitlements but who are struggling with delays in receipt of checks. Housing services will be coupled with a broad range of supportive services needed to stabilize clients and provide them with the skills and resources needed to maintain independent housing. The program, sponsored by the Fortune Society is a collaborative network of referral agencies, emergency and transitional housing providers, government agencies, carefully selected realtors and a broad array of social service organizations used to provide supportive services. Contact: JoAnne Page, Executive Director, 53 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010; (212) 891-7554 or Brian Robinson by email: brian@fortunesociety.org.

The **Center for Children and Families** will receive \$1,278,906 to continue New York City's first system-wide housing assistance program for homeless HIV and multiple-diagnosed minority youth from 18-24 years old. Initiated under their 1997 Special Projects for National Significance award, the Center's objective is to reach out to HIV and multiple-diagnosed homeless youth in the Times Square area. An estimated 270 youth will receive overnight shelter and other support. This program involves the operation of a number of specialized facilities, such as SafeSpace, a 24 hour drop-in center, and two mobile home units which canvass homeless youth on the streets. Services include client-managed conflict resolution, day treatment programs, and overnight housing. The program operates at four sites: SafeSpace will administer day treatment programs; SafeHaven will provide shelter for homeless youth aged 16-24 years; Ali Forney House will serve as a transitional housing program for homeless gay and transgender males, and SafeHome will serve as a transitional living residence for homeless youth with multiple diagnoses. For information contact: Beverly Brooks, Executive Director, 295 Lafayette Street, Suite 920, Beverly Brooks, Executive Director, 295 Lafayette Street, Suite 920, New York, NY 10012; (212) 226-3536 or by email: bbrooks@kidsuccess.org

PENNSYLVANIA

Family Health Council of Central PA, Inc., in Camp Hill will receive a grant for \$367,040 to establish a program that links health care and housing services for underserved rural clients in a 14 county region of south and central Pennsylvania. The program will rely on eight area sponsors: the AIDS Community Alliance; the AIDS Community Resource Program; the AIDS Intervention Project; Betty Finney House/Wellspring Corporation; HOPE House; Keystone Health Center; Ordinary People, Extraordinary Needs; and York Health Corporation. These providers will deliver rental assistance support to an estimated 150 clients, especially women with HIV/AIDS in rural areas, and operate under the State's standards of care for a planned one year of operations. For more information: Cindy Groff, President & CEO, Suite 200, 3461 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011-4441; (717) 761-7380 or Susan Goldy by email: goldy@fhccp.org.

TEXAS

Bexar County Department of Housing and Human Services will receive \$1,320,000 to target assistance to an underserved population of women with HIV/AIDS with children. Working with its sponsor, the San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation and a number of partners for services, the County will assist 28 families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Funds will be used to acquire and rehabilitate a building into an 8-unit transitional housing facility to be coordinated with treatment and family services. This initiative will help stabilize women in housing, help address health concerns, and assist eligible clients connect to permanent housing solutions, such as in housing operated by the House of Hope. For information contact: Jose E. Castillo, Executive Director, 233 North Pecos, Suite 590, San Antonio, Texas 78207; (210) 335-3666 or by email: jcastillo@co.bexar.tx.us.

VERMONT

The **Burlington Housing Authority** will receive \$471,392 to continue a program offering rental assistance and support services for residents of an 11-unit supportive housing project initially developed through a HOPWA 1996 competitive grant in a non-formula area. Vermont Cares serves as the project sponsor for the range of supportive services made available to residents. Funds will be used in combination with other public and private funding. The new component will increase housing options by providing rental assistance and support services for ten households of individuals and families living with HIV in Chittenden County. For information contact: Paul Dettman, Executive Director, 230 St. Paul Street, Burlington, VT 05401; (802) 64-0538 or by email bha@together.net.

WYOMING

The **Wyoming Department of Health** will receive \$588,191 to expand on its previous statewide HOPWA Grant in a non-formula area. The State's 1997 program shifted its focus from housing in a transitional facility to a short-term rent payments program in response to client requests. Funds will allow the State and its sponsors, the Wyoming AIDS Project and Casper Housing Authority to continue to meet supportive service needs and address short-term housing needs of 175 low-income people living with HIV/AIDS throughout Wyoming. Housing information referrals and more than 15,000 hours of volunteer support will be used to help people maintain independent living. For information contact: Karl Musgrave, D.V.M., M.P.H., Administrator, Hathaway Building, 4th Floor, Cheyenne, WY 82002; (307) 777-7958 or by email: TFoley@State.WY.US

A total of \$23.6 million is being awarded.