

Summary of the 2004 HOPWA Renewal Grant Awards

HUD awarded \$20.2 million in FY 2004 HOPWA renewal grants to 22 projects, consisting of 17 Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS), and five projects that are part of Long-term Comprehensive Strategies in non-formula area. These 22 grant recipients consist of five states (with one state having two projects), four local government agencies, and twelve nonprofit organizations. These projects are expected to provide permanent supportive housing assistance to 1,436 individuals and households over each of three years of funding. The recipients report that they have committed \$6 million in match funds for supportive service activities and have leveraged \$27.5 million from other resource to support the operation of these activities (\$1.66 of other funds for each federal dollar of support). The selected projects are expected to reach 2,097 persons with housing assistance in 1,347 units of housing during the next year of operation. An additional 2,558 persons will receive supportive services in connection with other housing efforts. Recipients will collect data and evaluate program performance in order to share information with other communities that could benefit from lessons learned and accomplishments of these programs.

ALABAMA

AIDS Alabama, Inc. of Birmingham is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$616,405 to continue the Alabama Rural AIDS Project (ARAP). The performance output goal is to provide 100 households with placement in permanent supportive housing in the next year. ARAP will provide (1) outreach to eligible HIV positive, low-income persons; (2) linkages with medical and supportive services; and (3) permanent housing to those HIV-positive, low-income persons who are homeless or marginally housed in the state's 32 most rural counties. AIDS Alabama will partner with AIDS Action Coalition of Huntsville, Montgomery AIDS Outreach, Mobile AIDS Support Services, East Alabama AIDS Outreach of Auburn, and the West Alabama AIDS Outreach of Tuscaloosa. All of these project sponsors are members of the AIDS Service Organization Network of Alabama.

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ARIZONA

The **Pima County, Arizona Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Department**, is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$945,443 to continue support of *Positive Directions*, a collaborative effort of Pima County and two project sponsors, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), and the City of Tucson, to provide permanent supportive housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The city of

Tucson has committed 25 units of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers to the effort. The project is designed to create a continuum of care for people who are low-income and HIV+, and their families, by filling gaps in both housing and services in Tucson and Pima County. Recognizing the importance of stable housing, the two primary goals of the *Positive Directions* project are: (1) to increase independence through subsidized, supportive housing; and (2) to maximize self-sufficiency through intensive, personalized services. The project will also provide support and referral services through individualized comprehensive case management.

For information contact: Pima County, Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Department, 2797 East Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ 85713. Mr. Gary Bachman, Manager; phone: (520) 243-6777; fax: 520-243-6796; and email: gbachman@csd.pima.gov.

CALIFORNIA

The **Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, Housing Services Affiliate**, is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$537,270 to continue the operation of *Positive MATCH*. As one of the initial HOPWA Multiple Diagnosis Initiative (MDI) projects, this effort provides a nationally significant model of providing housing with integrated services and care for homeless multiply diagnosed mothers and children living with HIV. The innovative network of services and housing provides a specialized continuum of care for families that comprehensively addresses the needs of the family prior to and after the death of the diagnosed parent. The project is an innovative collaborative project between a housing developer and four social service agencies skilled at providing social, legal, and mental health services for multiply diagnosed homeless women with HIV and their children.

For information contact: Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, (Housing Services Affiliate), 515 Cortland Ave., San Francisco, CA 94110. Mr. Joseph Smooke, Housing Project Manager; phone: (415) 206-2140; ext: 157; fax: (415) 648-0793; and email: jsmooke@bhnc.org.

COLORADO

The **Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corporation** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$489,036 to the continue operation of Dave's Place, a 14-bed single-room occupancy (SRO) facility located in Denver. This facility targets very-low income persons living with HIV/AIDS who are homeless and who may be double or triple diagnosed with substance abuse and/or mental illness issues. The on-site facility manager is a graduate of the program. Participants receive individually tailored services including group and individual counseling, mental health and substance abuse treatment, transportation assistance, food bank access, HIV education, hot meals daily self-sufficiency training, and other services in cooperation with the Colorado AIDS Project, Project Angel Heart, and the Denver Health HIV Primary Care Clinic. An estimated 27 persons will benefit from the housing and supportive services over three-year period.

For information contact: Mr. Marvin Kelly, Executive Director, 2926 Zuni St. #202, Denver, CO 80211; phone: (303) 477-4774; fax: 303-433-0924x11; and email: mkelly@delnortendc.org.

DELAWARE

The **Delaware HIV Consortium** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$734,000 to continue operation of a housing facility in collaboration with Connections Community Support Programs, Inc. The Consortium will continue to operate ten units of permanent housing with a primary focus on the needs of women with HIV/AIDS and co-occurring substance use and/or mental health disorders in the HIV/AIDS high impacted minority neighborhoods in the city of Wilmington and New Castle County. This program also known as “Woman Space”, will provide a safe and comfortable environment where referred participants from both Ryan White and medicaid AIDS case managers will be engaged in a three-tiered program of housing, stabilization, and treatment.

For information contact: Ms. Dianne Casey, 100 West Tenth Street, Suite 415, Wilmington, DE 19801; phone: (302) 654-5471, fax: (302) 654-5472, and email: dcasey@delawarehiv.org.

FLORIDA

The **City of Key West, Florida Community Development Office** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$1,422,000 to continue their housing assistance program for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Monroe County. The City in collaboration with AIDS Help, Inc. will continue providing permanent supportive housing assistance through individualized plans for households in this high cost housing market. These efforts are lined to the area’s Continuum of Care in outreaching to persons who are homeless and clients without housing returning to communities who have been released from the county prison. This HOPWA Special Project of National Significance was modeled after HUD’s Section 8 program with support to provide for independence and self-determination for clients. The city cites that during the past two years, this project has exceeded its goal and been successful in the areas of case managed housing services, supportive services, and in maintaining permanent housing for all of the 81 clients carried into the program, including 57 clients placed in Section 8 housing programs. Additionally, for those disabled persons who experience improved health due to medical treatment advances, support from other sources, includes back to work training in collaboration with the Florida Keys Employment and Training Council.

For information contact: City of Key West Community Development Office, 1403 12th Street, Key West, FL 33040. Ms. Lee-Ann Broadbent, Program Administrator; phone: (305) 292-1221; fax: (305) 292-1162; and email: broadbentl@kwha.org.

GEORGIA

The **City of Savannah, Georgia Community Planning and Development Division**, is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$710,696 to continue operating *Project House Call*. The City partners with Union Mission, Inc., and two project partners, Georgia Legal Services Program and Hospice Savannah, and provides housing assistance activities within the Savannah-Chatham AIDS Continuum of Care. Housing assistance will be based on the use of a 10-unit community residence, short-term housing payments for 150 households each year, and other supported housing. The program has been successful in preventing homelessness for 123 individuals with HIV/AIDS through a variety of home-based services to those who might not otherwise have access to services within the Chatham/Effingham County areas. *Project House Call* is a lifeline for the population it serves, linking

them with primary medical care, legal services, transportation assistance, substance abuse counseling, group therapies, and hospice services.

For information contact: Community Planning and Development Division, Office of the City Manager, P.O. Box 1027, Savannah, GA 31402. Ms. Victoria Bertolozzi, Senior Program Analyst; phone: (912) 651-6520; fax: (912) 651-6525; and email: Victoria_Bertolozzi@SavannahGA.gov.

ILLINOIS

Cornerstone Services, Inc., is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$773,628 to continue to provide scattered site permanent housing with supportive services for 16 households with persons living with HIV/AIDS, who also have mental illness and are experiencing homelessness. The program is located in Will County, Illinois, and Cornerstone will continue its partnerships with Agape Missions (case management, support groups), Stepping Stones (substance abuse treatment center), Metro Infectious Disease Consultants (medical treatment, health care), and is working with a new partner, Regional Care Association, (medical care, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, HIV education and awareness programs). Low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and mental illness will be offered a comprehensive array of services promoting choice, dignity, and the opportunity to live permanent housing and work within their local communities.

For information contact: Cornerstone Services, Inc., 777 Joyce Road, Joliet, IL 60436. Ms. Bette Reed, phone: (815) 741-6743; fax: (815) 723 -1177; and email: breed@cornerstoneservices.org.

KENTUCKY

The **Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Division of Community Development** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$1,426,690 to continue the AIDS Volunteers, Inc. (AVOL) AIDS Housing program. This program provides housing, related case management, education and referrals, as well as transitional and permanent supportive housing services, for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Central and Eastern Kentucky. Activities are based at two housing facilities, Rainbow Apartments and Solomon House. Rainbow Apartments is a 4 apartment transitional housing program designed to respond to needs of persons with HIV/AIDS who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by linking residents with other permanent housing. Solomon House is a 30-person community residence for individuals who require personal care, supervision and supportive services following an acute medical episode or who are in the advanced stages of their illness. Over the three-year grant period, this program will serve 75 persons with HIV/AIDS through the housing facilities and an additional 300 individuals will receive housing information services, including permanent housing placement.

For information contact: Division of Community Development, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, 200 East Main Street Lexington, KY 40507. Ms. Irene Gooding, Grants Manager; phone: (859) 258-3070; fax: (859) 258-3081; and email: ireneg@lfucg.com.

LOUISIANA

UNITY for the Homeless of New Orleans is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$540,139 to continue its homeless continuum of care system of providing an integrated range of recovery readiness services for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Unity has partnered with the New Orleans AIDS Task Force (NO/AIDS), Belle Reve, and United Services for AIDS Foundation, to provide assistance inclusive of case management, outreach services, specialized employment services for persons able to return to work, and residential substance abuse treatment for 35 individuals and families. Services also include active participation with clients in developing and implementing service plans focused on securing and maintaining housing, gaining access to financial resources and benefits, obtaining and complying with medical treatment, and accessing substance abuse, mental health and employment services. Direct housing assistance will provide short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance for 165 persons, and emergency shelter for 30 persons living with HIV/AIDS.

For information contact: UNITY for the Homeless 2475 Canal Street, Suite 300 New Orleans, LA 70119. Ms. Martha Kegel, Executive Director; phone: (504) 821-4496 ext. 107; fax: (504) 821-4709; and email: mkegel@unityforthehomeless.org.

MASSACHUSETTS

The **Justice Resource Institute** (JRI) is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$1,137,716 to continue its TBRA Plus, a tenant-based rental assistance program for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The program will enable 26 clients in communities throughout Plymouth, Bristol, and Northern Essex counties to use scattered-site rental subsidies to access housing. The project parallels the TBRA program that is currently funded through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development with Section 8 funds, and operated by JRI Health for the State of Massachusetts, with funding from the Department of Public Health HIV/AIDS Bureau. Regional services are established through five (5) project sponsors: North Shore Community Action Program, Brockton Area Multi-Services, Center for Health and Human Services, Community Teamwork, Inc., and South Shore Housing Development Corporation. Collaborations are established in the region to provide supportive services, including leveraged case management and permanent housing search efforts. JRI will help 95 persons and their families with housing assistance during the three-year grant period.

For information contact: Ms. Laurie Bloom, 130 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116; phone (617) 457-8150; ext. 352; fax: 617-457-8133; and email: lbloom@jri.org.

MINNESOTA

The **Salvation Army** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$368,731 to continue providing 14 permanent supportive housing units for individuals and families with HIV/AIDS and other diagnoses with the potential of serving 54 persons each year. The program known as, The Harbor Light Center's AIDS Supportive Housing Project, encompasses two facilities with dedicated units in a 96 unit SRO building, and 8 units of three bedroom family apartments for individuals living with HIV/AIDS who also have substance abuse or mental health issues. With the assistance of the Minnesota AIDS Project, supportive services 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. Potential clients are identified through an HIV prevention street outreach program operated by "Women With A Point." Residents benefit from a "flexible leasing" approach that enables 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.

For contact information: The Salvation Army's Hope Harbor/Harvest Hills, 2445 Prior Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113. Mr. Terry Hildebrandt, Twin Cities Director of Social Services; phone: (651) 746-3541; fax: (651) 746-3546; and email: Terry_Hilderbrandt@usc.salvationarmy.org.

MONTANA (NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA)

The **State of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services**, in conjunction with the states of North Dakota and South Dakota, is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$1,450,800 to continue operating the *TRI-STATE HELP, Housing Environments for Living Positively* (TS HELP). This program is a continuum of housing and related supportive services opportunities for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families serving these three states that do not qualify for direct HOPWA formula funding. TS HELP is a partnership between Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, and four private agencies in the North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana, including the Sioux Falls Housing and Redevelopment Commission in South Dakota, Missoula AIDS Council in Montana, Yellowstone AIDS Project in Montana, Community Action Program, and Region VII in North Dakota. TS HELP assists persons living with HIV/AIDS by strengthening and expanding housing and related supportive services. Over the three-year grant period, they will provide 100 tenant-based rental assistance subsidies, 55 short-term rent subsidies, and housing coordination services to an estimated 155 individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

For information contact: State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services, 1400 Carter Drive, Helena, MT. 59620. Mr. Jim Nolan, Project Coordinator; phone: (406) 447-4260; fax: 442-4287; and email: jnolan@state.mt.us.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Harbor Homes, Inc. of Nashua, New Hampshire is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$525,457 to continue providing housing assistance program to persons living with HIV/AIDS in Hillsborough County, with the exception of the city of Manchester. The Southern New Hampshire HIV/AIDS Task Force will provide clients with case management and counseling support and auxiliary services. Preference will be given to those who are homeless, in imminent danger of homelessness, and/or those with dual or multiple diagnoses. It is anticipated that the program will serve 50 households and 55 individuals per year, over the next three-year period.

For information contact: Harbor Homes, Inc., 12 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH, 03064. Mr. Peter Kelleher, Executive Director, phone (603) 882-3616; fax (603) 595-7414; and email: p.kelleher@harborhomes.org.

NEW MEXICO

The **Santa Fe Community Housing Trust** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$1,215,680 to continue its *Reentry Housing and Homeownership Program* in New Mexico. The purpose of the reentry program is to strategize a permanent solution to housing and income stabilization by assisting 75 households to design their own reentry plans by providing job training, one-on-one financial and credit counseling, and credit repair support. The reentry program makes homeownership possible and affordable through a mutual self-help savings effort for down payments and through flexible community mortgage assistance. Homeownership has been shown to be a significant incentive for clients in encouraging them to adhere to their difficult medical regimen, to pursue employment opportunities, and to transition into mainstream living. The program will provide homeownership support for 13 households each year.

For information contact: Santa Fe Community Housing Trust, P.O. Box 713, Santa Fe, NM 87504-0713. Ms. Sharron F. Welsh, Executive Director; phone: (505) 989-3960; fax: (505) 982-3690; and email: sfcht@qwest.net.

NEW YORK

The **Church Avenue Merchants Block Association, Inc. (CAMBA)** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$822,154 to continue its HIV multiple diagnoses initiative program *Housing Start*. This program provides scattered site apartments in Brooklyn for forty (40) low-income homeless 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 (Project Rise Reaching Independence and Self Empowerment). The project will link HIV, substance abuse, mental health services, treatment education, health care intensive independent living skills training and other supportive services with housing assistance to maximize independent living and self-determination.

For information contact: Church Avenue Merchants Block Association, Inc., 1720 Church Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226. Ms. Joanne Oplustil, Executive Director; phone: (718) 287-2600; fax: (718) 856-4647; and email: oplustil@worldnet.att.net.

OREGON

The **State of Oregon Health Division of the State of Oregon** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$1,455,000 to continue its *Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership* (OHOP) program that provides tenant-based rental assistance to 125 persons living with HIV/AIDS. The program also provides housing information services and housing coordination services to approximately 350 people. OHOP will serve all 31 Oregon counties that are outside of the Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which receives HOPWA formula funding. OHOP is a partnership between two states Oregon and Washington and four private agencies. The State of Oregon Health Division will serve as the grantee and will work in partnership with the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, the HIV Alliance, the Access Inc. Community Action Agency, Eastern Oregon Centers for Independent Living and the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency. The program demonstrates innovation by targeting the HOPWA resources for direct housing assistance while

leveraging outside resources for a multitude of supportive services that compliment this permanent supportive housing program.

For information contact: Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Division, 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 1105, Portland, OR 97232-2162. Ms. Veda Latin, HIV Client Services Manager; phone: (503) 731-4029; fax: (503) 731-4608; and e-mail: veda.latin@state.or.us.

RHODE ISLAND

The **Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$1,265,606 to continue its *Sunrise Project*. The grant sponsors, House of Compassion (HOC), located in northern Rhode Island, and AIDS Care Ocean State (ACOS), located in Providence, will maintain a continuum of care for single adults and families affected by HIV/AIDS. The program provides supportive services, housing, and housing information services. The program is operated through two group homes and 12 scattered site apartments, and offers supportive services for all clients. The prior HOPWA grant has enabled the development of a seamless delivery of services ranging from housing referral to independent living and then supportive housing and related services.

For information contact: Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation; 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903. Ms. Susan Bodington, Director of Housing Policy; phone: (401) 457-1286; fax: (401) 457-1140; and email: sbodington@rihousing.com.

The **Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$766,355 to continue providing housing assistance in cooperation with the treatment and care programs provided through AIDS Care Ocean State. These resources will continue to support the operation of Sober House, a sheltered transitional subsidies abuse treatment facility. The facility provides intensive supportive services that address the challenges of relapse, including support following detox treatment while in the treatment facility thereby enabling persons to retain their permanent housing. Nine additional rental units will be made available under a scattered-site master leasing agreement to expand prior HOPWA funded housing programs. This new transition program will serve an estimated 150 persons throughout the state over the next three-year grant period.

For information contact: Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation; 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903. Ms. Susan Bodington, Director of Housing Policy; phone: (401) 457-1286; fax: (401) 457-1140; and email: sbodington@rihousing.com.

WEST VIRGINIA

The **State of West Virginia Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO)** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$1,001,581 to continue its operation of providing statewide direct housing assistance for persons living with HIV/AIDS. OEO is collaborating with the West Virginia Coalition for People with HIV/AIDS, and Covenant House, Inc., in Charleston; Caritas House, Inc. in Morgantown; and Community Networks, Inc. in Martinsburg. These efforts provide a statewide comprehensive delivery of services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. The program anticipates providing for persons and their family members, 95 persons received housing information, and 270 persons received other services each year, over the next three-year period.

For information contact West Virginia Office of Economic Opportunity; 950 Kanawha Blvd. E. 3rd Floor Charleston, WV 25301. Mr. Essa R. Howard, Director; phone: (304) 558-8860; fax: (304) 558-4210; and email: ehoward@oeo.state.wv.us.

WISCONSIN

The **AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW)** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$1,364,000 to continue providing statewide assistance in providing (ARCW) intensive housing case management, rental assistance and supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS, and those who are also diagnosed with chronic drug abuse or mental illness issues. The program has achieved results in reducing homelessness, increasing adherence to medical, mental health and substance abuse treatment, reducing criminal behavior, and improving client access to other HIV/AIDS services. This support improves a client's quality of life, increased independence, and reduced utilization of emergency medical care. The program will serve 215 people living with HIV/AIDS throughout the state.

For information contact: AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin; P.O. 510498 Milwaukee, WI 53203-0092. Mr. Doug Nelson, Executive Director; phone: (414) 273-1991; fax: (414) 273-2357; and email: doug.nelson@arcw.org

WYOMING

The State of **Wyoming Department of Health** is awarded a HOPWA renewal grant of \$607,088 to continue its statewide efforts of providing housing assistance to persons living with HIV/AIDS. These efforts will continue to meet the supportive service needs and short-term housing needs of 180 low-income people living with HIV/AIDS. Housing information referrals will be provided to 600 Wyoming residents over three years, and over 15,000 hours of volunteer support will be used to help persons maintain independent living.

For information contact: Wyoming Department of Health; 2300 Capitol Avenue; 4th Floor, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Ms. Sharon Renter, Program Manager; phone: (307) 777-5932; fax: (307) 777-7382; and email: SRENTE@State.WY.US