



Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Competitive Grant: Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS Awardees

California

Volunteers of America of Los Angeles is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$2,250,000 for a multi-pronged approach in using stable housing as an intervention to fight HIV/AIDS. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) and Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility (STRMU) assistance will be provided to HOPWA eligible people experiencing or at-risk for homelessness, providing them with a safe, stable place to live to support their improved health, paired with comprehensive, trauma-informed case management, linkages to healthcare and supportive services to assist them in remaining stably housed. TBRA will be provided to 10 households, PHP to 10 households and STRMU to 30 households annually.

Foothill AIDS Project, a nonprofit based in Claremont, CA, is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$2,250,000 to implement a new initiative designed to elevate housing as an effective structural intervention within the Riverside- San Bernardino Metropolitan Statistical Area. Foothill AIDS project will work in collaboration with regional service partners and strategic initiatives to deliver a coordinated continuum of housing-related services, HIV primary care, and wrap-around supportive services to facilitate stable permanent housing for a total of 125 people living with HIV/AIDS over the 36- month grant period.

Colorado

Vivent Health, a nonprofit, AIDS service organization, is awarded \$1,660,899 to implement the Vivent Health Denver HOPWA Program. Vivent Health will implement an integrated program to provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for people living with HIV (PLWH) in the Denver area. The innovative model of care will be provided through its comprehensive medical home offering a wide array of medical and social services to PLWH. TBRA will be provided to 30 HOPWA eligible households annually.

Florida

Community Rightful Center, Inc., a Florida-based non-profit organization serving Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, is awarded \$2,208,000 to provide transitional housing to people living with HIV (PLWH) in South Florida. The goal of the program is to provide housing assistance and supportive services to improve housing stability for PLWH by increasing their capacity to obtain and retain employment. The program will serve up to 105 PLWH over the three-year project period.

Broward House is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$2,164,296 to expand transitional housing services for people living with HIV (PLWH) with substance use disorders and/or co-occurring disorders. The program will provide community housing complemented with onsite substance abuse treatment with a focus on expanding access to safe, affordable housing opportunities for PLWH and increasing retention in care and viral load suppression. The program will serve up to 73 households over the three year project period.

City of Tampa is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$2,250,000 to provide transitional housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), intensive case management and wrap-around supportive services to people living with HIV in Hillsborough County, Florida. The program will provide housing and supportive services to over 74 households annually.

Hawaii

Gregory House Programs is awarded \$2,194,347 to implement the E Ola Project that will serve 500 HOPWA eligible people living with HIV (PLWH) and their families over three years. E Ola will expand housing services for PLWH in Hawaii and provide new housing interventions including Housing Information Services, Tenant Based Rental Assistance and Short-Term, Rental, Mortgage and Utility Assistance and Supportive Services.

Illinois

AIDS Foundation of Chicago is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$2,250,000 for Keep Empowering Young Adults to Succeed (KEYS), a collaboration among AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Center for Housing and Health, La Casa Norte, and Chicago House. The KEYS program will provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance for 40 Chicagoans ages 18–30 living with HIV/AIDS and experiencing homelessness. KEYS aims to demonstrate that expediting access to stable housing with wrap-around supportive services is an effective intervention to improve HIV care outcomes for those 18-30 years old, which represented the city's highest percentage of newly diagnosed HIV cases in 2020.

Chicago House and Social Service Agency is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$1,463,558 for the TransLife Care Program. The Program will combine housing assistance with the innovative trans-specific services available at Chicago House. Through housing assistance, supportive services, access to medical care, and pharmacy services, HIV-positive transwomen of color will be able to improve their health and reduce their viral loads. The Program will use an innovative rapid re-housing approach designed to quickly house HIV-positive transgender Black and Latinx women experiencing homelessness. Housing subsidy, search, and placement assistance will be provided through Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Housing Information Services, and Permanent Housing Placement. Over 110 households will be served over the three year project period.

Indiana

The Damien Center Inc., a nonprofit based in Indianapolis, is awarded \$2,074,526 to serve low-income people living with HIV with a specific focus on individuals aged 55 and over, through the Elder Housing Assistance Program (EHAP). EHAP takes an innovative approach by combining the philosophies of the Housing as Healthcare and Food as Medicine movement. Food as Medicine proposes that many health-related ailments can be dramatically reduced or averted altogether when one's diet is healthy. With a housing first approach paired with generational competence, harm reduction, and holistic care approaches, this elder community will see not only an improvement in health outcomes, but also in health equity and a reduction of common barriers to housing and healthcare. The EHAP program will provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility assistance, and related supportive services to 212 households annually.

Massachusetts

Fenway Community Health Center located in Boston, is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$1,261,004 to create a continuum of care and services for those with a high level of need around care, treatment, and social determinate of health supports, with a focus on housing stability for people living with HIV (PLWH). The project will demonstrate improved health outcomes and housing stability for the PLWH served and will establish a sustainable, replicable system for assessing client need, linking individuals to care and services, and providing ongoing support for retention in care, treatment, and services. 216 households will receive rental assistance and supportive services.

Missouri

Doorways, a nonprofit located in St. Louis, is awarded \$2,250,000 for the DOORWAYS 2.0 program. DOORWAYS 2.0, will be a comprehensive, service enriched housing model from which people living with HIV (PLWH) may start their journeys to a better quality of life through stable housing, improved physical and mental health, social connections, a sense of community, and opportunities for employment support. This program will address the social determinants of health that create disparities and prevent equity and access, by weaving together stable housing with onsite wrap-around supportive services. The program will provide housing, case management, behavioral health, substance use support groups, employment services, nutritional support, and transportation assistance for 50 households annually.

Kansas City, Missouri Health Department is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$2,279,282 to continue the development and implementation of a housing services continuum to meet the dynamic housing assistance and supportive service needs of low-income people living with HIV and their families, with a focus on increasing stable housing, positive health outcomes, and racial equity across the continuum. Funding will support employment services for 50 households, Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility assistance for 150, Permanent Housing Placement assistance for 60 and Transitional Housing assistance for 15 and Tenant Based Rental Assistance for 50 households annually.

New York

African Services Committee, a nonprofit located in New York City, is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$2,250,000. African Services Committee's (ASC) model will focus on housing placement assistance for immigrant people living with HIV (PLWH), with the goal of stabilizing eligible households to assist them in achieving long-term, permanent housing. The program will focus on marginalized people of color (primarily African and Caribbean) populations. Annually, funds will provide 25 households with Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance, 50 households with Permanent Housing Placement services and utilities assistance for 25 households.

Oklahoma

Tulsa CARES is awarded \$541,546 to support Achieving Housing Stability, an innovative housing project that will use Critical Time Intervention (CTI) and Master Leasing, two complementary strategies that are new to the agency. Pairing the CTI model with Master Leasing rental assistance will promote cross-agency coordination, community resource utilization, and a data-driven approach to providing stable housing for people living with HIV and reducing HIV-related disparities. The program's goals address housing stability and homelessness, access to health care and supportive services, and health outcomes. The program will serve 45 HOPWA-eligible households with housing assistance and supportive services.

South Carolina

Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services, a nonprofit organization located in Columbia, SC, is awarded \$2,248,042 to expand housing services available in the area by adding Tenant-Based Rental Assistance and increasing the number of HOPWA eligible households served through Supportive Services, Housing Information, and Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage and Utility assistance. The program will provide people living with HIV housing assistance, linkage to care and essential support services, delivered in a culturally competent manner. The innovative program approach will provide a full range of services under one roof with a focus on housing stability to improve outcomes along the HIV Care Continuum. By the end of the grant period, PALSS will serve 135 eligible households.

Tennessee

Hope House Day Care Center is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$2,134,046 to provide housing support to people living with HIV and their families in Memphis, TN, and surrounding areas. An overarching goal of the program is to ensure all assisted households are placed in long-term, stable housing and achieve viral suppression. Hope House will provide intensive case management, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility assistance, and Permanent Housing Placement assistance to 70 households annually.

Texas

AIDS Foundation Houston is awarded a HOPWA Housing as an Intervention to Fight AIDS competitive grant of \$2,250,000 to implement HOME BASE (*Housing Options Mean Empowerment – A Bridge to Access, Services, and Equity*), an innovative supportive housing program that will serve 30 people living with HIV (PLWH) over 36 months. HOME BASE will provide stable supportive housing, case management, financial management and employment training and placement, life skills coaching, navigation into culturally humble health care, food and transportation assistance, mental health and substance use disorder counseling, housing information services, and robust permanent housing placement to PLWH who are most vulnerable to being out of care.

Abounding Prosperity Incorporated is awarded \$2,250,000 to provide housing to LGBTQ+ HIV-positive youth of color (ages 16 – 29) experiencing homelessness in Dallas County, TX. This project will increase housing stability for 68 LGBTQ+ youth of color living with HIV per year through Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage and Utility assistance, Permanent Housing Placement assistance, and supportive services.

Washington

City of Seattle is awarded \$2,250,000 for a highly collaborative, innovative project designed to end racial disparities in the region's continuum of care for people living with HIV. The City of Seattle, the People of Color Against AIDS Network, Center for Multicultural Health, Entre Hermanos, and the Housing Connector—the project team— will more cohesively meet the needs of people of color (POC) living with HIV by providing low barrier, stable housing, culturally relevant supportive services, and capacity expansion for POC-led community-based service organizations to administer housing assistance programs. The program will provide housing services for 84 households.