

HOPWA

**A HUD financed program that began in 1992
and supports households with HIV/AIDS find and keep their housing.**

These funds can be used for the following:

- Housing information services
- Resource identification
- **Acquisition, rehabilitation and conversion**
- **New construction**
 - **single room occupancy**
 - **“community residences” (can be a rental unit with off-site support provided)**
- Rental assistance
- Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments (to prevent homelessness of the tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling)
- Supportive services
- Operating costs
- Technical assistance in operating a community residence
- Administrative expenses (7% cap)

Other relevant information about HOPWA:

- Households need to have service provider relationships in place. Service agency needs to be connected to project to provide support as needed. This connection can be of varying intensity; AHC would help identify an AIDS service partner in your area.
- Units should be handicapped accessible or adaptable as a practice in designing for persons with HIV and AIDS, though there are no HOPWA regulations above and beyond general compliance with state and federal accessibility codes on rehab.
- HOPWA for acquisition or substantial rehab requires that units are set-aside for HOPWA eligible persons for 10 years, certified annually; 3 years for moderate rehab.
- *No match grants required.*
- Rent calculated to 30% of eligible income, same as Housing Choice Vouchers, McKinney-Vento programs, etc.

Who is HOPWA eligible?

- Person in family is HIV+ or has an AIDS diagnosis
- Annual income under 80% of Median
- *Not required:* prior homelessness, Social Security number, income, US citizenship or legal immigration status. Also, no built in criminal history exclusions.

City of Boston HOPWA funding:

- The City of Boston would determine exactly what the terms of the funding would be within the parameters outlined by HUD, as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations Volume 24 §574. (*See <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/lawsregs/index.cfm>*)
- The City of Boston HOPWA service area includes Suffolk, Norfolk and Plymouth Counties.

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