

Eligibility Requirements for HOPWA Programs

General HOPWA Guidelines

- HOPWA funds are used to prevent homelessness for individuals living with HIV/AIDS
- HOPWA cannot be used for clients in public housing or with a section 8 voucher or Project Transitions.
- HOPWA funds cannot be used to pay for deposits; rental or utility.
- HOPWA is not an entitlement program. Individuals with HIV must meet eligibility requirements. No one is automatically qualified for HOPWA assistance by being HIV positive.
- HOPWA assistance is for clients at risk of homelessness or who have barriers to obtaining affordable housing. It is not intended to offset other expenses such as Christmas gifts or ongoing credit debt.
- HOPWA funds are available based on agency guidelines and availability of funds. Availability of funds is monitored regularly.

STSH (Short Term Supportive Housing) Eligibility:

- income less than or equal to 30% area median income limit
- intended to provide temporary transitional housing through rental assistance for persons who are homeless
- Funds can be provided only two times per grant year
- Assistance can only be up to fair market rent
- Person must receive comprehensive HIV case management (not just housing CM)
- Person must have a monitored housing stabilization plan
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PHPS (Permanent Housing Placement Services) Eligibility:

- Income less than or equal to 30% area median income limit
- Intended to provide first month, rental assistance to establish a permanent residence where continued occupancy is expected (not temporary). A lease must be provided.
- Persons can be homeless if assistance is for 1st month if continued occupancy is expected
- Assistance can be provided only one time per grant year
- Assistance can only be up to fair market rent
- Person must receive comprehensive HIV case management
- Person must have a monitored housing stabilization plan

