WHAT IS HOPWA? The Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It provides states and designated eligible metropolitan areas with resources and incentives for meeting the housing needs of persons with HIV disease and AIDS. The Florida Department of Health (FDOH), which contracts with project sponsors (agencies and organizations) at the local level, administers Florida's HOPWA Program.

WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED? The State HOPWA Program provides the following services to qualified individuals:

- Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility assistance (STRMU).
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).
- Resource identification services.
- Permanent Housing Placement (PHP).
- Housing case management.
- Other supportive services including, but not limited to, nutritional services, mental health, drug and alcohol treatment, and assistance in gaining access to local, state, and federal government benefits and services.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR SERVICES? Persons and their families with documented HIV disease who meet eligibility requirements and other State HOPWA Program qualifications can qualify for services. To obtain details of eligibility requirements, please visit www.floridaaids.org **(under "Patient Care," "Eligibility Information").** By coordinating HOPWA services through the Ryan White Part B consortia and planning bodies, HOPWA participants have access to a variety of support services that contribute to a stable housing situation.

WHO DO I CONTACT? FDOH contracts with project sponsors in 11 Ryan White Part B consortium and planning body areas throughout Florida. The following agencies receive State HOPWA Program funds for delivery of housing services at the local level, and should be contacted for program requirements:

A.H. of Monroe County, Inc.	**305-296-6196**
BASIC NWFL, Inc.	**850-785-1088**
Big Bend Cares, Inc.	**850-354-8765**
FDOH-Hillsborough County	**813-307-8015**
FDOH-Polk County	**863-578-2209**
FDOH-St. Lucie County	**772-462-3819**
FDOH-Volusia County	**386-274-0634**
Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida, Inc.	**239-433-6700**
Lutheran Services of Florida, Inc.	**850-497-7157**
United Way of Brevard County, Inc.	**321-631-2740**
WellFlorida Council, Inc.	**352-313-6500**

Information about accessing HOPWA services in your area can be obtained by calling the Florida HIV/AIDS Hotline at 1-800-FLA-AIDS, or by visiting the website www.floridahopwa.org.