

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

WHAT IS HOPWA? HOPWA provides states and designated eligible metropolitan areas (EMAs) with resources for meeting the housing needs of persons with HIV (PWH). The HOPWA program is funded through grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) contracts with project sponsors at the local level to administer Florida's State HOPWA Program. HUD also funds city HOPWA programs in six Florida EMAs: Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Tampa and West Palm Beach.

WHAT SERVICES DOES THE STATE HOPWA PROGRAM PROVIDE? By coordinating services through the Ryan White Part B consortia and planning bodies, the State HOPWA Program provides access to a variety of services that contribute to a stable housing situation:

- Short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance
- Long-term rent assistance
- Identification of housing resources
- Temporary and permanent housing placement
- Housing case management
- Other supportive services, including nutritional services, mental health services, drug and alcohol use treatment, and assistance with accessing local, state and federal government benefits and services

WHO QUALIFIES FOR SERVICES? Learn about eligibility requirements for PWH and their families at floridaaids.org (under "Patient Care," "Eligibility Information"). There is also an eligibility screening tool available at housingforbetterhealth.com.

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION? FDOH contracts with project sponsors in 11 Ryan White Part B consortia and planning body areas throughout Florida. Contact the one nearest you for information about delivery of local housing services:

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

You can also learn more about HOPWA services in your area by calling the **Florida HIV/AIDS Hotline at 1-800-FLA-AIDS** or by visiting housingforbetterhealth.com.

