



WHAT IS HOPWA? The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program is funded through a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide states and designated eligible metropolitan areas with resources and incentives for meeting the housing needs of persons with HIV disease and AIDS. The Department of Health, 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 temporary housing assistance to qualified individuals. The services include:

Short-Term Housing Facilities placement, Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utilities Assistance and Supportive Services (including Case Management).

WHO QUALIFIES FOR SERVICES? Persons and their families with documented HIV disease who meet eligibility requirements and other HOPWA program qualifications. To obtain details of eligibility requirements, please visit FloridaAIDS.org, **Patient Care Services, Community Programs, 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 which contribute to a stable housing situation. Services not approved include but are not limited to:

Payments which exceed actual costs, Payments made directly to clients, Cash payments of any kind (including checks made out to cash), Property taxes that are not included in mortgage payments, Long distance telephones charges, fines and penalties, Down payment or closing costs on a home.

WHO DO I CONTACT? The Department of Health contracts with project sponsors in 10 Ryan White Part B consortium and planning body areas throughout the state. The following agencies receive state HOPWA funds for delivery of housing services, at the local level, and should be contacted for program requirements:

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| Lutheran Services Florida, Inc., Northwest | 850/453-2772 |
| BASIC NWFL, Inc. | 850/785-1088 |
| Big Bend Cares, Inc. | 850/656-2437 |
| WellFlorida Council, Inc. | 352/313-6500 |
| Hillsborough County Health & Social Services | 813/272-6935 |
| United Way of Brevard County, Inc. | 321/631-2740 |
| Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida, Inc. | 239/433-6700 |
| A. H. of Monroe County, Inc. | 305/296-6196 |
| Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc. | 904/723-2162 |
| Treasure Coast Health Council, Inc. | 561/844-4220 |

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