



Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

HOPWA

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Provide housing stability amongst persons living with HIV/AIDS to access medical care
- Provide safety to persons living with HIV/AIDS struggling with stigma and health challenges
- Improve housing affordability for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families

WHO QUALIFIES?

- Low-income persons (or families) living with HIV/AIDS
- Income up to 80% Area Median Income (AMI)
- Do not have access to safe and stable housing

Program Overview

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) is a federally funded US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program that offers a variety of housing solutions and support services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS. HOPWA is an ongoing initiative to grant states and localities resources and incentives to develop long-term comprehensive housing. These areas coordinate the use of HOPWA funds with their respective Consolidated Plans which establishes a unified vision for community development actions. Funding is determined annually by a formula that is largely based on the number of persons living with HIV/AIDS in any given jurisdiction. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) HOPWA program covers the largest geographical area: The Balance of State (125 counties). The other two jurisdictions in the State of Georgia include the City of Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA) (29 counties) and the Augusta-Richmond jurisdiction (5 counties).