

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH HIV/AIDS

What are housing opportunities for persons with HIV/AIDS?

The goal of housing opportunities for persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) is to protect clients with HIV or AIDS and their families from becoming homeless.

Assistance could be provided in the form of rent, utility, and mortgage costs.

Who is eligible for services?

In order to qualify for services, a household must have:

- income less than 80% of local Area Median Income, AND
- at least one person with a HIV or AIDS diagnosis and related diseases—this can be a minor living in the household

Assistance can be provided from 21 weeks to one year, depending on the program.

Where can I find it in my community?

In the Western Virginia Continuum of Care (CoC), AIDS Response Effort and Valley AIDS Network can provide HOPWA services. It is very important to note that agencies might not always have funds available, so it is important to pursue multiple resources.

Please contact Centralized Housing Intake for further information (540) 271-1701, not the agencies directly.

How is it funded?

Funds for HOPWA come from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

All assistance is needs-based and will vary on a service provider's assessment of the minimum resources required to sustain housing stability in the short term. Clients may be required to share in the costs of rent or other housing costs with their own funds.

