

PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENT SERVICES

PURPOSE

Permanent Housing Placement is an eligible supportive service activity under the HOPWA program, the goal of which is to help establish permanent residence when continued occupancy is expected.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Eligible Expenses

Costs associated with locating housing:

- Housing referral
- Tenant counseling, e.g.:
 - Understanding a residential lease and its obligations
 - Mediation of disputes

Costs associated with placement in housing:

- Application fees and credit check expenses
- First month's rent and security deposit (not to exceed two months rent)
- One-time utility connection fees and processing costs

Ineligible Expenses

- Moving costs
- Standard furnishings
- Housekeeping/household supplies

Recovery of Deposits

- Security deposits are program funds that must be returned to the program when the assisted tenant leaves the unit.
- Programs must maintain a record of all security deposits.
- Good faith effort must be made to recover program funds upon the departure of the beneficiary from the unit.

FACT SHEET

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on how permanent housing placement can be used in coordination with other HOPWA-eligible activities to help households achieve more stable housing arrangements, see the following resources:

- CPD Notice 06-07 Standards for STRMU Payments:
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/lawsregs/notices/2006/06-07.pdf>
- Frequently Asked Questions on HOPWA STRMU:
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/strmu.pdf>

Note on Confidentiality: HOPWA projects make use of information on the HIV/AIDS status of individuals in determining eligibility. This information must only be accessible by qualified individuals who operate or oversee HOPWA program activities. Grantees must have related written procedures and conduct training efforts to ensure confidentiality of client HIV/AIDS status. Precautions would involve actions such as maintaining paper files in locked cabinets accessible only by designated individuals, installing security software for electronic files, along with periodic monitoring reviews on the adequacy of these procedures and training efforts.

For more information on the HOPWA program, visit the HUD website at
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/index.cfm>

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HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS