

FY2016 HOPWA Funding Request:

National AIDS Housing Coalition (NAHC) Recommends \$364 million.

This amount will prevent loss of housing for those currently assisted and permit assistance for 5% of those HUD identifies with unmet need, though meeting only 1/3 of actual need.¹

CURRENT HIV/AIDS HOUSING NEED

Number of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in U.S.	1.1 million
Number of PLWHA needing housing assistance in U.S.	145,366
Housing choice voucher cost (CBO estimate)	\$7,700
Total FY2016 Actual Need	\$1.12 billion
NAHC 2016 HOPWA Budget Request of \$364 million would meet only a third of the real need. ²	

POLICY ASKS

- 1. EXPAND THE HOPWA COMPETITIVE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE \$8M IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NEW SPNS GRANTS**
- 2. CREATE A SEPARATE BUDGET LINE FOR HOPWA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDED AT A MINIMUM OF \$3.5M.**

In 1992, the National AIDS Commission reported that housing serves as a base from which to receive care. The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program was created to address these realities.

- According to the CDC, more than 56,000 people become infected with HIV in the United States each year. National research has shown that housing is the greatest unmet service need for people living with the disease.
- In 2013, \$283.1 million in HOPWA formula funds were awarded to 138 grantees within 138 eligible areas. These grantees represent 94 eligible metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) and 41 eligible states and Puerto Rico. An additional \$31.1 million in competitive HOPWA funds were renewed for 29 grantees.

¹ 77,323 households are identified in HUD's HOPWA Performance Profile—National Program 2013-2014 as having unmet need. https://www.hudexchange.info/reports/HOPWA_Perf_NatlComb_2013.pdf

² According to the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, every \$1 million in HOPWA funds would assist 192 additional households.

HIV/AIDS Housing Need

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AIDS housing need continues at crisis levels throughout the country. Homeless or unstably housed people and those multiply diagnosed with mental health, substance abuse and other health challenges are waiting. A sample of NAHC members reveals the high unmet need in rural and urban areas, big cities and small:

DALLAS, TX: Dallas counts over 4,500 households with unmet HIV housing need. At the end of August 2014, 749 households were on the wait list for tenant-based rental assistance or facility-based housing.

CHICAGO, IL: AIDS Foundation of Chicago has calculated a gap of 11,321 between needed units of housing assistance/subsidies and available units of housing assistance/subsidies.

ALABAMA: More than 80% of AIDS Alabama's clients indicate in the annual tenant survey that they would be homeless without housing assistance; the statewide HIV needs assessment registers affordable housing as the biggest unmet need.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN: Eighty percent of the client population of Clare Housing in Minneapolis comes from a background of poverty and 64% have experienced homelessness. In a 2013 survey of Minnesota recipients of Ryan White services – a reasonable proxy for those in need of housing assistance – 342 individuals report living in a non-permanent housing arrangement and an additional 145 report being unstably housed.

PROVIDENCE, RI: In a small state like RI, 581 people benefit from HOPWA housing but an additional 175 are on the waiting list. NAHC member AIDS Care Ocean State sees HI-positive youth ages 18-24 as an emerging population in need of housing assistance.

NEW YORK, NY: 4,769 households have unmet need (calculated from the number of PLWHA spending time in a HIV/AIDS Services Administration SRO or transitional shelter).

SEATTLE, WA: 190 individuals and families are on a centralized wait list for HIV dedicated housing; some have been waiting since 2010; 110 of those waiting require supportive housing.

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HOPWA Funding FY 2011-2015 (in millions)

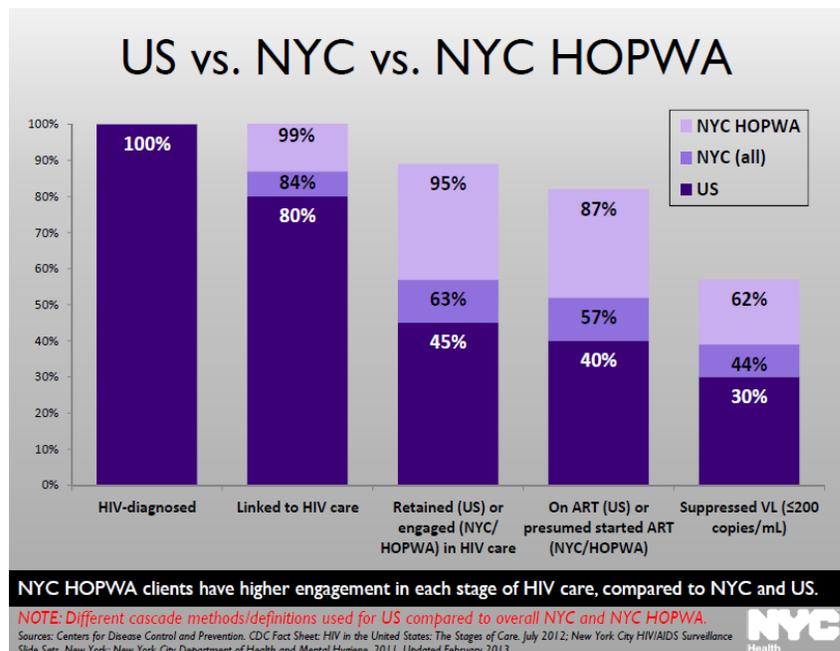
Fiscal Year	Formula Allocations	Competitive Grants	Technical Assistance	Total Funding
2011	\$297.9	\$32.9	\$3.5	\$334.3
2012	\$298	\$33.2	--*	\$332
2013	\$283.1	\$31.1	--*	\$315
2014	\$297	\$33	--*	\$330
2015	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD**

*Through HUD Transformation Initiative.

**House passed \$305/9m.; Senate Appropriations Committee recommended \$330m.

In the ground breaking Chicago Housing for Health Partnership study: The CHHP Study data suggests that for every 100 chronically homeless persons living with HIV who were housed with intensive case management services, there was a savings of almost \$1 million annually in public funds. Additionally, for every 100 homeless individuals living with HIV housed with intensive case management services, there was a savings of at least \$660,000 annually in public funds

(AIDS Foundation Chicago summary).



The NYC HOPWA Cascade demonstrates that NYC HOPWA clients have a high level of engagement and linkage to care, with 62% achieving viral suppression compared to only 30% for the United States overall.