

# HOPWA

## NEED PAPER FY24

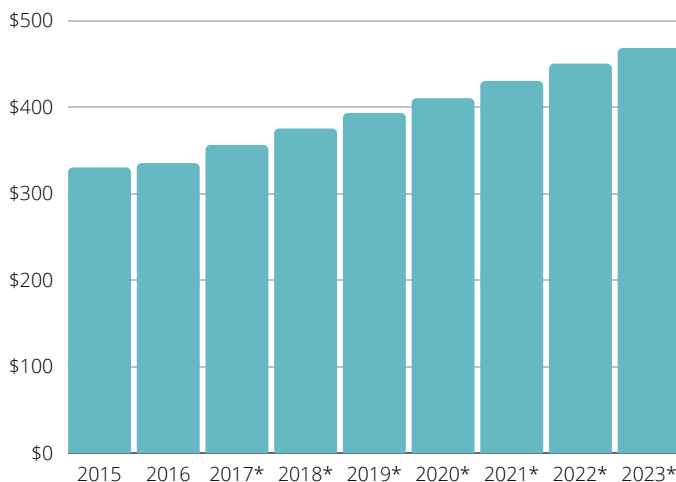


## NHAHC advocates for \$600 Million for HOPWA

### What is HOPWA?

In response to the unique and varied housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program was created in 1992. The program, housed in the Office of Community Planning and Development in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), directly addresses the housing and service needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. Research has shown that housing is the greatest unmet need for people living with the disease.

### HOPWA Funding History in Millions



### The HOPWA Formula Update (Modernization)

Prior to the HOPWA formula update, program funds were based on the number of cumulative AIDS cases since the epidemic began, including those who have died. Public Law 1114-201, the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOMTA), signed into law in 2016, included the long-sought switch to count those living with HIV in a given jurisdiction rather than cumulative AIDS. Such distribution better reflects the nature of the HIV epidemic that has evolved over the years through advances in HIV care and surveillance and the increasingly disproportionate impact of HIV in communities of poverty. The update, which includes a housing cost factor and poverty factor, began phasing the full implementation of the formula change over the course of five years in FY17 with FY22 reflecting the full implementation of the HOPWA formula update.

### Policy Priorities

- Fund HOPWA at \$600 million
- Prioritize Housing as part of Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan
- PLWHA become priority population for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

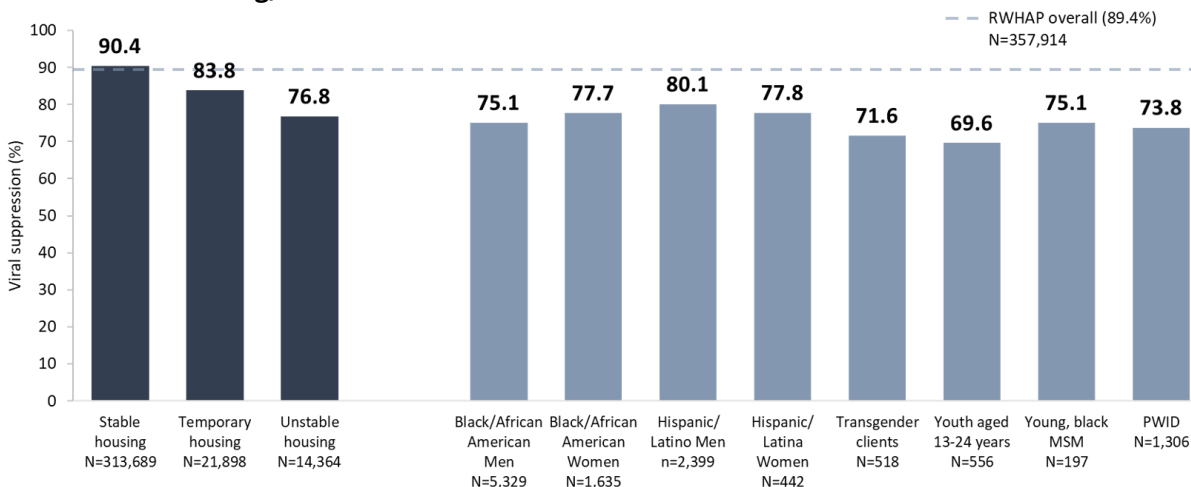
# SNAPSHOTS FROM ACROSS THE U.S.

**FY 2024 ASK: \$600 Million**

In a paper co-authored by the CDC and NHAHC in the *AIDS Journal*, we find that **1 in 4 people living with HIV/AIDS have unmet housing needs. As it is funded, HOPWA can only provide 1.24 months per person per year.**

State	Total Housing Need among All Diagnosed with HIV	Met Need through Assistance (i.e. HOPWA/HUD programs)	Unmet Need (Needs Housing help right now)
Georgia	20.9%	37.7%	62.3%
Florida	27.2%	43.1%	56.9%
Mississippi	20.9%	44.9%	55.1%
Texas	25.4%	45.4%	54.6%
Illinois	28.5%	52.7%	47.3%
California	24.5%	62.3%	33.7%
New York	40.8%	78.7%	21.3%

**Viral Suppression among RWHAP Clients, by Housing Status and among Key Populations with Unstable Housing, 2020—United States and 3 Territories**



Viral suppression among priority populations with unstable housing

PWID, people who inject drugs (i.e., HIV attributed to injection drug use).

N represents the total number of clients in the specific population.

Viral suppression:  $\geq 1$  OAH visit during the calendar year and  $\geq 1$  viral load reported, with the last viral load result  $< 200$  copies/mL.

<sup>a</sup> Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.