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33 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

FAHASS Rural Housing of Persons with AIDS



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Applicant details

Agency | Fredericksburg Area Health and Support Services

Agency Type | Non-Profit

EIN/TIN | 541644116

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Application details

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HOPWA Budget

1	TBRA	54,000
2	STRMU	16,200
3	SS	57,000
4	PHP	3,000
5	HIS	
6	Admin	9,800

Budget Narrative

Provide details for each line item requested.

The CoC requests HOPWA funds for FAHASS to provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU), Permanent Housing Placement (PHP), and Housing Case Management (HCM). The request includes \$9,800 for the administration fee for the grant.

I. TBRA funds (\$54000) will assist 6 participants to obtain/maintain quality permanent housing. Assistance will include long-term rent and utility subsidies to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness as a result of their disease. This will be a rental subsidy program to help participants obtain permanent housing in the private rental housing market that meets housing quality standards and is rent reasonable

II. STRMU funding (\$16200) will provide time-limited housing assistance to prevent homelessness and increase housing stability for 10 participants with an emergency need. Assistance will help clients remain in their current place of residence and avoid homelessness.

III. PHP funding (\$3,000) will be used for transitional housing requiring help with the first month's rent or a mortgage payment.

FAHASS seeks case management and permanent housing placement under Supportive Services activity (\$57000 + \$3000) will be used to help five eligible persons establish a new residence where ongoing occupancy is expected to continue.

HOPWA Project Scope.

List the proposed projects for HOPWA funding.

TBRA, PHP, STRMU, Case Management, Admin

HOPWA Entry Process. Describe in detail the process of how households access services (phone, walk-in, etc.), and how referrals are made.

Clients may self-refer, or be referred from other housing agencies (including the CoC itself), or internally referred via their Medical or Non-Medical Case Manager. Referrals may be made by phone, email, Zoom, or in-person (appointments preferred).

HOPWA Prioritization. Describe HOPWA's prioritization process for assistance and permanent housing placement. How were these prioritization criteria developed?

HOPWA case managers perform an evaluation for need as well as eligibility based on income and medical proof of HIV/AIDS status. All eligible clients are assisted as funds remain available or until their assistance cap has been reached.

HOPWA Length of Assistance.

How is the length of financial and/or supportive service provision for households in the project determined? How was this process determined?

HOPWA provides guidelines for each service category - TBRA is semi-permanent, STRMU is occasional with an annual CAP of \$4500/client, PHP is one time assistance annually, housing case management is ongoing for most clients regardless of CAP.

HOPWA Service Availability. Are services available to the entire community? Include how the project ensures services for: 1. Households located in all areas of the CoC service area; 2. Singles/families, men/women, and the following harder to serve populations: sex offenders, large families, medically fragile, LGBTQ+, unaccompanied youth; 3. Households with accessibility concerns including language and mobility; 4. Households with limited or no personal phone or internet access.

This question does not apply to HOPWA funding as all clients must be HIV positive to receive assistance - we DO cover all of the areas of this CoC and we assist all ages, genders/non-genders, singles, families (with at least 1 HIV+ member). ALL of our clients are medically fragile and a fair number are LGBTQ+, have mobility issues and language concerns.

HOPWA Barriers to Services. Are there any existing barriers in the community that would prevent a household from accessing services or permanent housing? What is the HOPWA provider doing to address these barriers?

The number of units in the service area is consistently the only barrier to housing HOPWA clients. We will be working with other CoC members to case conference when we confront these barriers.

HOPWA Racial Disparities. Has your project examined its programs and systems for racial disparities? What was the result of this examination and what is the project doing with this information? Have any actions been taken to address the disparities (if applicable)?

Our organization receives regular trainings from the Virginia Department of Health including cultural competency, ending racism, trauma informed care, and similar issues to combat racial disparities in regards to healthcare and housing needs.

HOPWA Housing First.

Describe in detail how your organization implements a Housing First approach. Include specific examples such as organizational or programmatic policies, procedures, guidelines, etc.

Our agency implements a housing first approach with the understanding that housing is a major component in promoting and maintaining good health practices, medication regimens, and sustainable quality of life.

HOPWA Requirements.

Does either the organization as a whole or this project have any rules or requirements for assistance that could act as a barrier to services (i.e. birth certificate or photo ID, residency requirement, service participation requirement, etc.)? Please list each requirement, describe the purpose of the requirement(s), and describe the efforts the organization makes to assist households in need of services that do not or cannot meet the requirement(s).

HOPWA does require proof of ID, proof of income, and proof of medical status (HIV/AIDS positive). Our agency assists clients in obtaining all eligibility documentation.

HOPWA Organizational Capacity. Does your agency have the capacity to administer the requested funding? Will project activities be ready to begin on July 1? If any portion of the funding request is to pay for a new staff position, how will the agency ensure position is filled in a timely manner?

We are a 3 member team supplying housing case management, with a combined total of 18 years experience. No new position is required at this time to fully administer the requested funding.

HOPWA Staff Capacity. Discuss the capacity of your organization to implement HOPWA-funded activities. Include a list of the applicable certificates of training for direct program staff.

All staff members have completed numerous case management trainings and have been performing these HOPWA funded activities for a number of years. Each of us has undergone extensive fiscal and Case Management HUD trainings. Other trainings include: HIPPA for Health Care Workers, Engaging People with a History of Criminal Justice Involvement, Joint HIV Prevention and Care, Telehealth and COVID-19, SAMHSA'S FINDING HOUSING, Basic Counseling Skills for Non-professional Counselors,

Client Safeguards. What safeguards and provisions are in place to protect clients' HIV/AIDS statuses from landlords and other third parties?

FAHASS has now changed it name to Fredericksburg Area Health and Supportive Services, removing HIV/AIDS from it's name, effectively removing stigma and particular HIPAA concerns. Prior to that, all assistance checks were issued under our department name of Fredericksburg Area Housing Assistance Program.

Other Funding Sources. Detail the other funding sources the agency has access to for housing individuals with HIV/AIDS and which community services are leveraged for HOPWA project participants.

HOPWA NVRC - provides assistance which covers Stafford, Fredericksburg, Fauquier, Culpeper, Spotsylvania and the City of Fredericksburg.

CDBG - small grant which assists clients in the 22401 zip code only.

RWB I-HAP - Innovative housing program which covers the entire service area and is available to Ryan White eligible clients for short term rental based assistance.

HOPWA DHCD - provides assistance covering King George, Westmoreland, Essex, Richmond (Co.), Northumberland, King and Queen, Madison, Rappahannock, Orange and Caroline.

RWB VDH -EFA - emergency financial assistance-1 time / year for RW eligible clients.

CoC - Attachments

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