



Other Program Offers

Short-term Assistance Program**

The HOPWA Short-term Assistance Program offers two types of financial assistance:

STRMU: Short-term Rent, Mortgage and Utility **

This assistance helps those who are at risk of homelessness because of nonpayment of rent, mortgage, or the termination of utilities due to unexpected expenses related to their HIV/AIDS. It is a needs-based program that provides up to 21 weeks of assistance in a 52-week period.

PHP: Permanent Housing Placement

This assistance helps individuals move into safe, decent and affordable housing that is appropriate for the individual's needs. It also helps pay for a one-time security deposit to ensure housing stability.

***Eligibility: Client must have a verifiable diagnosis of HIV/AIDS-related illness.*

We are committed to providing excellent customer service as we administer the HOPWA Program to provide affordable, safe, decent, and sanitary housing to all low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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HOPWA Program

The HOPWA Program is a federally funded program dedicated to addressing the housing needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. The program enables families to obtain decent, safe, and sanitary housing by subsidizing a portion of the tenant's monthly rent, based on family income.



Under the HOPWA Program, HUD makes grants to local communities, states, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

RUPCO administers the Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA) grant for Ulster and Dutchess Counties.

Who is Eligible?

Anyone who has an HIV/AIDS diagnosis and needs assistance maintaining affordable housing may be eligible. Eligibility for the HOPWA Program is determined by your total annual gross household income and family size. Your family's income may not exceed 80% of the median income for the county.



Is There a Waiting List?

Applications are accepted in the order they are received. However, our program allows for us to give preference to those who are experiencing homelessness. Once you are selected off the wait list, you will receive a letter from our office. Sometimes the demand for housing exceeds the funding that is available, so wait periods are common. Please contact our office or ask your HOPWA Case Manager to assist you.

“Don't give up! Be proud of who you are and never feel sorry for yourself.”

-Ryan White

Issuance of Assistance

After meeting with a RUPCO Case Manager, your family's information will be verified and eligibility determined. Once eligibility has been verified, your family may begin searching for an affordable unit within the allotted time. Once the landlord and you have submitted the required documentation for the unit, a Housing Quality Standard Inspection* will be conducted. If the unit is approved and has passed inspection, subsidy will be provided to the landlord on behalf of the family. As the tenant, you will pay 30% of your total gross household income as your portion of the total rent.

** The unit is also required to be inspected annually. For a list of HQS requirements, please contact our office.*

Case Management

Participants of the HOPWA Program are offered the support of a case manager. The case manager can assist with obtaining a variety of services such as: medical coverage (ADAP, Medicaid), entitlements (SSI, Temporary Assistance), and SNAP. The case manager can also help negotiate leases and assist with locating suitable units. The case manager supports you by obtaining the services that you and your family need to maintain your health and housing.