

HIV HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL OF NEW YORK
Housing Services Program Directive (Approved by the HIV Planning Council on June 28, 2012)

Service Category	2012-2015 Strategic Plan Goals/Objectives	Program Directive & Service Model	Client and Agency Eligibility
<p>SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE Goals:</p> <p>1) Reduce the risk of HIV transmission associated with homelessness and unstable housing by helping homeless and unstably housed persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) to obtain/maintain stable housing.</p> <p>2) Increase the number of persons living with HIV/AIDS who enter into and stay in comprehensive HIV/AIDS care by providing HIV infected homeless or unstably housed persons with stable housing.</p> <p>3) Decrease homelessness and unstable housing among the homeless HIV infected.</p>	<p>Comp Plan Goals:</p> <p>Objectives 2, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4a 4b, 4c, 4d</p>	<p>Include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Provide short-term rental assistance to secure or maintain stable housing (i.e., rent payments directly to landlords, including brokers fees); → Provide referrals to permanent housing, if applicable; → Client contributes 30% of household income toward monthly rent; → Certify need for housing for purposes of accessing and maintaining HIV-related medical care and treatment; → Assess need for case management at intake and routinely (i.e., every six months at minimum) reassess a household's eligibility for housing entitlements, non-RW rental assistance, and support services and provide referrals as necessary; → Coordinate with HOPWA-funded rental assistance program(s) to ensure duplication of services does not occur; → Develop housing plan for long-term housing needs; → Payments directly to landlord; no cash payments to clients. → Services will be available to clients in all five boroughs of New York City 	<p>Client Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Non-HASA eligible PLWHA and their families who are homeless** or at risk of homelessness and meet the medical and financial criteria for HASA eligibility. <p>Agency Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Non-profit organizations with experience with HIV-positive homeless and unstably housed individuals and families and with experience with client financial services.

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**Homeless is defined as an individual or family that: lacks a regular and/or adequate nighttime residence; has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living accommodations, including emergency Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels; lives in an institution that provides temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or lives in a public or private place not intended or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (e.g., street, subway, automobile), according to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's RFP for transitional care coordination for homeless individuals.

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<p>SHORT-TERM HOUSING SERVICES Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Reduce the risk of HIV transmission associated with homelessness and unstable housing by helping homeless and unstably housed persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) to obtain/maintain stable housing. 2) Increase the number of persons living with HIV/AIDS who enter into and stay in comprehensive HIV/AIDS care by providing HIV infected homeless or unstably housed persons with stable housing. 3) Decrease homelessness and unstable housing among the homeless HIV infected. 	<p>Comp Plan Goals:</p> <p>Objectives 2, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d</p>	<p>Include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Provide low-threshold, safe and appropriate short-term (including emergency and transitional) housing and services, help clients transition into more stable housing, and assist clients to locate and secure safe, affordable and appropriate permanent housing; → Provide assessment for, connection to, and support for maintenance in the spectrum of health and supportive services, including but not limited to: financial entitlements (coordinated with HASA when appropriate), HIV primary health care, mental health care by licensed professionals, substance abuse treatment services, and food and nutrition services; → Provide services that promote engagement and maintenance in care, retention in permanent housing, adherence to primary medical care, and modes of healthy living; → Programs will operate on a congregate or scattered site housing model; → Housing units must be leased or agency-owned; → Certify need for housing for purposes of accessing and maintaining HIV-related medical care and treatment; → Develop housing plan for long-term housing needs; → Maximum of 15% of housing units may be occupied by PLWHA other than target population(s) selected by agency, if applicable, to maximize occupancy (only applies to programs that select target populations). → Services will be available to clients in all five boroughs of New York City 	<p>Client Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Chronically homeless*, homeless**, and unstably housed PLWHA and their families. Targeted but not restricted to PLWHA with mental illness, non-HASA eligible, youth, transgender populations, recent releasees, substance using populations, women, individuals aged 50 and older, immigrants, families with children ages 18 and younger. <p>Agency Eligibility Criteria:</p> <p>Non-profit organizations with experience with HIV-positive homeless and unstably housed individuals and families and with experience with short-term housing.</p>

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<p>HOUSING PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Reduce the risk of HIV transmission associated with homelessness and unstable housing by helping homeless and unstably housed persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) to obtain/maintain stable housing. 2) Increase the number of persons living with HIV/AIDS who enter into and stay in comprehensive HIV/AIDS care by providing HIV infected homeless or unstably housed persons with stable housing. 3) Decrease homelessness and unstable housing among the homeless HIV infected. 	<p>Comp Plan Goals:</p> <p>Objectives 2, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d</p>	<p>Include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Intake, assessment and placement of PLWHA who are homeless, unstably housed, and those at high risk of homelessness into appropriate transitional and permanent housing. → Provide services that promote and support retention in permanent housing, adherence to HIV primary medical care and modes of healthy living. → Certify need for housing for purposes of accessing and maintaining HIV-related medical care and treatment. → Develop housing plan for long-term housing needs. → Provide services including post-placement verification up to 6 months and referral services as appropriate. → Services will be available to clients in all five boroughs of New York City 	<p>Client Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → PLWHA and their families who are chronically homeless*, homeless**, unstably housed, or at risk for becoming homeless, with particular focus on: → Formerly incarcerated, mentally ill, substance users, MICA, youth, and emergency SRO residents. <p>Agency Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Non-profit organizations with experience with HIV-positive homeless and unstably housed individuals and families and with experience with housing placement assistance.

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