

# Ryan White Part A COVID-19 Relief Planning

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# Goals and Objectives

- Go over additional funding streams for COVID-19 relief work
  - CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Recovery and Economic Stimulus) Act Stimulus
  - Re-allocation of ADAP and EIS Funds
- Discuss largest/most pressing need in Ryan White Part A (RWPA) programs arising from COVID-19
  - Short Term Rental Assistance
  - Emergency Financial Assistance
  - Food and Nutrition Services
  - Short-term Housing
- Identify ways to allocate funding to meet identified need among RWPA participants in the NY EMA.

# Additional Funding for COVID-19 Relief

Additional Funding Stream	Amount
EIS (Contract given back; can be reallocated now)	\$177,480
RWPA Carryover (available Oct/Nov, 2020)	\$400,000 (estimate)
CARES ACT	\$900,000 (10% Admin for total of \$1,000,000)
ADAP	\$1,499,825
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,977,305 (approximate; carryover is estimated)</b>

# CARES ACT FUNDING

- Funding allocated to EMA using data driven methodology based on:
  - 2018 Ryan White HIV/AIDS reports;
  - RSR data; and
  - clients served by each jurisdiction as reported to HRSA HAB.
- Preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19 for PLWH;
- Funding may support a wide range of in-scope (allowable RWPA) activities/programs;
  - Must address areas under COVID-19 prevent, prepare, and respond.

# CARES Act Funding Focus Areas

- **Prevent-** it is to promote practices to prevent risk and transmission of the virus. include performing outreach and providing Ryan White clients with information on hand hygiene, cough etiquette and COVID-19 transmission, deliver culturally appropriate training and education on COVID-19 preventive practices, infection control, behavioral health strategies and purchasing cleaning supplies.
- **Prepare-** aimed at enhancing the ability of the grant recipients to respond to COVID-19. enhance your readiness, training, services to respond to COVID-19 activities can include review update or implement emergency operation plans, provide training for all staff on infection control procedures, train staff, establish work flow and designate separate spaces for client visits. Provide clinical consultation on the management of occupational exposure to COVID-19.
- **Respond-** bolstering the capacity of recipients to test and treat, to limit the spread of the virus. testing, diagnosing, treating, limiting the spread of COVID-19, you can use funds, for instance, to increase capacity for RW client CR, testing, enhanced telehealth infrastructure, purchase of vehicles to transfer RW clients or recipients, personnel, purchase supplies, purchase personal protective equipment, provide home-delivered meals and medications, of course, where appropriate. Make minor alterations and renovations such as social barriers to support social distancing for RW clients. You can see there are many activities to consider when using COVID-19 funds to address the healthcare needs of people with HIV.

These three focus areas provide the framework for reporting on the activities supported by the CARES Act funding.

# CARES Act Funding RWPA NY EMA

- \$1,000,000 received on 4/15/20 (\$900,000 for programs; \$100,000 for admin) for NY EMA;
- Funding available now;
  - 30 days to generate spending plan for HRSA approval;
  - Can be backdated to 1/20/20.

# Where should this funding be allocated?



# RWPA Programs with increased need due to COVID19

- Short Term Rental Assistance;
- Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA);
- Food and Nutrition Services (FNS); and
- Short Term Housing

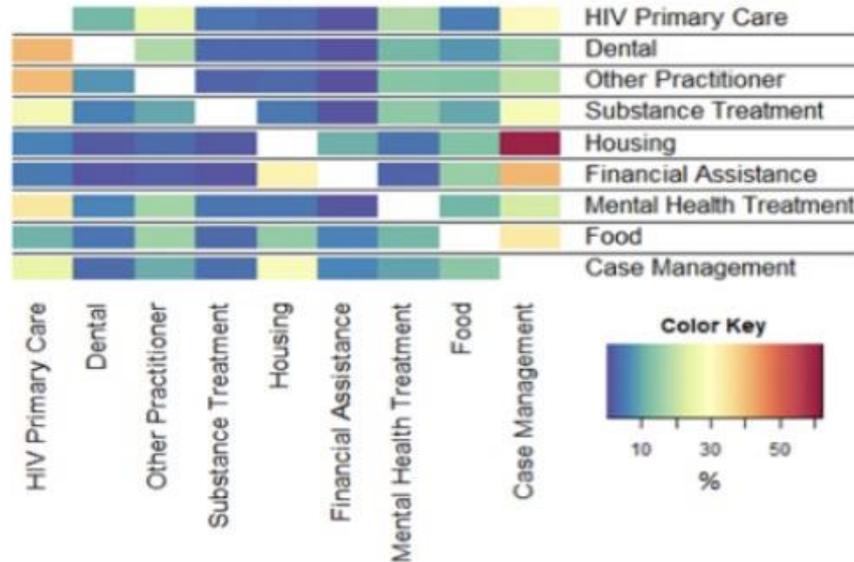


# Short Term Rental Assistance

- **Current allocation: \$4,199,873.26**
  - Serves roughly 250 undocumented clients;
    - Many of these clients work in gig economy;
    - Majority have no source of income due to COVID-19 layoffs.
  - Because of immigration status, undocumented clients are not eligible for HASA subsidies;
  - Clients are unable to contribute to monthly rental payments;
  - Programs are CURRENTLY covering 100% of client rent;
  - Will run out of funding without enhancement;
    - could destabilize housing for undocumented program participants.
- **Recommended additional funding: \$1,900,000 (\$900,000 from CARES ACT Funding; \$1,000,000 from ADAP)**

# Emergency Financial Assistance- Demonstrated Need

Figure 2. Proportion of service linkages by service type (100% by row)<sup>1</sup>



- Proportion of linkages between various types of services in NY EMA;
- Prior to COVID-19, most common/sought out linkages were housing and financial assistance;
- Each row in Figure 1 adds up to 100%.

<sup>1</sup> The most common service linkages are represented by warmer colors; absent or less frequent connections are cooler colors. For example, examining Housing, the most common service linkage is with Case Management (red, warmest color), and the least common service linkages are with Dental Services and Substance Treatment (dark blue, coolest colors).

# Emergency Financial Assistance

- HRSA Definition: Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) for essential services including utilities, housing, food (including groceries, food vouchers, and food stamps), or medications, provided to clients with limited frequency and for limited periods of time, through either: Short-term payments to agencies or Establishment of voucher programs  
Note: Direct cash payments to clients are not permitted
- March 22, nearly 144,000 unemployment claims were made in New York City.
  - a 2,637 percent increase from last year
  - We expect that PWH will need short term financial assistance to pay for utilities, housing, food, medications and other essential needs

# Emergency Financial Assistance

Active RWHAP clients in the NY EMA, GY18 (N=15,017)		
<i>c1.</i> PLWH in the NY EMA living at or below 138% of 2019 FPL	12,659	89.2%
<i>c2.</i> PLWH in the NY EMA living above 138% and at or below 400% of 2019 FPL	1,479	10.4%
<i>c3.</i> PLWH in the NY EMA living above 400% and at or below 435% of 2019 FPL*	72	0.2%

# Emergency Financial Assistance

- **Current allocation: \$250,000 (service provider located in Tri-County)**
  - 1 Program Hub serves 80-100 clients with current funding (depending on size of request);
  - 162 unique events in 2019;
    - Provide(s) short-term, limited assistance with utilities, housing, food (including groceries and food vouchers), or medications.
    - May receive up to \$2000 per household over a 12 month period.
  - Clients mostly reside in Tri-County (1 client from Bronx, 1 client from GMHC);
    - With enhancement, services can be extended to the entire NY EMA.
  - Most money spent for housing, food, transportation, con-ed, and clothing;
  - With increased funding, program would need 1-2 more staff member(s);
    - Funding will be used to build capacity and provide EFA to clients throughout NY EMA.
- **Recommended additional funding: \$499,825 (ADAP)**

# Food and Nutrition Services

- **Many additional services to provide food to those in need throughout the NY EMA have been created to respond to COVID19 burden**
  - ***Access to Food***
    - All New Yorkers can access the food they need. Go to [nyc.gov/GetFood](https://nyc.gov/GetFood) for resources; Map of every grab-and-go site; Map of every food pantry; Sign up for SNAP benefits; Sign up for food delivery assistance.
  - ***Meal Hubs***
    - All New Yorkers may pick up 3 [free meals](#) a day at more than 400 Meal Hubs open Monday through Friday across all of NYC.
  - **COVID-19 Food Assistance Resources (<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/contact/services/COVID-19FoodAssistance.shtml>)**
    - Food Help- Map of free food resources;
    - Access HRA- Sign up for SNAP benefits or cash assistance from home;
    - HelpNowNYC- donate food, cash, supplies to those in need;
    - NYC Food Delivery Assistance- if eligible, any New Yorker can sign up for home delivered meals.

# Food and Nutrition Services

- **Current allocation: \$9,926,341**
  - As a result of COVID-19, food and nutrition services have largely shifted to home delivery in March and April, 2020
    - Congregate meal provision has transitioned to pantry bags or vouchers (can't serve large group meals);
    - Pantry bags being provided more frequently (\$35 more expensive than Congregate Meals)
    - Home Delivered Meals provided ~4 times more frequently by programs providing service (\$45 more expensive than Congregate Meals).
  - Home delivery has been necessary for 100% of FNS program participants;
  - Programs have hired community members to help with home delivery throughout the NY EMA;
- **Recommended additional funding: \$177,480 (EIS carryover)**

# Short Term Housing

- **Current MRA: \$6,158,657.75**
  - Programs have purchased a larger quantity of cleaning supplies to address COVID-19;
  - Remote working has led to additional programmatic costs;
  - Clients have needed to be re-housed due to housing violations relating to COVID-19;
  - Many clients have lost employment post COVID-19;
    - Unable to contribute typical 30% of household income to rental payment;
    - Housing providers have been burdened as a result.
      - Paying 100% of rent, instead of typical 70%.
- **Recommended additional funding: \$400,000 (Carryover)**

# Summary of Recommendations

Program	Recommended additional funding	Funding Source
Short Term Rental Assistance	\$1,900,000	CARES ACT (\$900,000) and ADAP (\$1,000,000)
Emergency Financial Assistance	\$499,825	ADAP
Food and Nutrition Services	\$177,480	EIS
Short Term Housing	\$400,000	Carryover

**Thank You!**

