

**FLORIDA STATE HOPWA PROGRAM
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

The HOPWA Program was authorized by the National Affordable Housing Act (Public Law #101-625) on November 28, 1990, to provide states and designated eligible metropolitan statistical areas (EMSAs) with the resources and incentives to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with HIV disease and AIDS.

The purpose of the HOPWA grant in Florida is to provide assistance with short-term rent, mortgage, and utilities (STRMU); transitional housing; and permanent housing placement (PHP). As a short-term intervention tool, STRMU assistance is not intended to provide continuous or perpetual assistance.

The objective of the HOPWA program is to address the housing needs of eligible persons associated with the challenges of living with HIV/AIDS. HOPWA is a "needs-based" program; therefore, clients must demonstrate the level of benefits needed through verifiable documentation.

Verifiable documentation of client expenses to be covered by program assistance is as follows:

- Monthly mortgage statements or lease/rental agreements.
- Default/late payment notice for rent, mortgage or deed of trust, or certified letters from landlords.
- Original copy of utility bill, or default/late/overdue payment notice for utilities showing period of service rendered.

Guidelines from HUD strongly encourage the HOPWA funding be administered in coordination with Ryan White programs. Funding received from this grant may not be used to replace other state, federal, or local funding.

HOPWA is a federal funding source from HUD, and should be accessed **AS A LAST RESORT**.

HUD guidelines also require the client to secure and maintain housing stability and enhance financial management. The strategies to accomplish this will include a comprehensive, goal-oriented, individualized plan of care.

The following application and plan of care information must be completed and signed by the client and Housing Coordinator to process your application.

Client Signature

Date

Housing Coordinator Signature

Date