

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

2019 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

On Thursday, March 28, 2019, an Informational Session was held to review the HOPWA NOFA Application and to answer any questions posed by the attendees. The NOFA was released on March 18, 2019 for services to meet the housing and housing related support needs of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the Orleans Parish Eligible Metropolitan Area. The funding under the NOFA is for the period of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. This document includes answers to questions asked at the meeting.

1. Determining Housing Types within Facility-based housing:
 - The facilities in general should be considered Transitional. If you do have Permanent Housing (PH), those units would need to meet the PH criteria – leases, tenant rights, living space, access to kitchen, etc. HOPWA can fund for as long as needed and the housing plan should be goal directed – there is not a 24-month restriction on housing clients.
 - It is important to keep detailed documentation for clients who exceed the 24-month duration. The documentation should describe specific reasons why the client is not able to leave the facility.
 - TBRA is a voucher assistance program intended to provide long-term housing for clients. TBRA vouchers follow the client, not the unit/house/apartment. Clients are able to take their TBRA voucher to any qualifying unit.
2. Leveraging Summary and what should be included:
 - Leveraging should include entire organization's funding as it relates to the HOPWA program – services that the clients will have access to, other funding coming into the program covering operations.
3. Collaboration & Coordination:
 - MOUs need to be stronger than letters of support – a detailed description of responsibilities and shared resources should be included. The NOFA provides an opportunity to provide a narrative description of these collaborations as well as space to provide a specific list of MOUs and other agreements between your agency and other agencies. Be specific.
 - The narrative description of interagency collaboration may consider how your agency intends to provide clients with a full continuum of services.
4. Needs Assessment:
 - The PLWHA Needs Assessment NOEMA Report that was referenced during this discussion is being placed on the HOPWA Modernization website at: <https://www.nola.gov/community-development/hopwa-modernization-en/>.
 - This report will assist with demographic data for the target population and show gaps in service.
5. Indirect Costs
 - Indirect costs per activity should be captured under Miscellaneous Expenses.