

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

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*Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Identify actions taken to address special needs of persons that are not homeless but require supportive housing, (including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families).

Program Year 4 CAPER Non-homeless Special Needs response:

There have been several actions taken by both RHA and WCHA to address potential residents with special needs requiring supportive housing. RHA is exploring relationships with CSH - Community Supportive Housing and AID - Association for Individual Development to uncover additional housing platforms where supportive services are part of the housing model. In addition to these efforts include the launch of 38 disabled supportive housing units.

WCHA has developed several partnerships for onsite supportive health services. As was previously mentioned, the FSS program has been expanded to include Stephenson and Boone Counties providing increase for family mobility access to social support, education and employment opportunities. While WCHA operates a congregate home for Traumatic Brain Injury victims it also serves as the administrator for a Family Unification Program.

WCHA has disabled set-aside homes at Collier Garden, Champion Park and Johnston Garden apartments. WCHA has disability only Project Based Section 8 units at Johnston Garden. There are wait list preference points provided for disabled families and wait list preference given for victims defined by the Violence Against Women Act and for federally declared disasters.

RHA and WCHA continue to serve and seek opportunities to provide housing and services that support our special needs population.

As a Community Action, the City of Rockford Human Services Department provides Emergency Assistance to those families who may not be homeless but have had a crisis that caused them to need assistance. This department works with a variety of populations, all having special needs. Special needs include those families with disabilities (both mental and/or physical), victims of domestic violence, medical conditions (including but not limited to AIDS/HIV), the elderly, unaccompanied youth, and all are low income.

During the year we provided rental arrears to stop evictions when families have gotten behind on rent. Families have been re-housed after condemnations or emergencies such as fires. Case management has been provided to youth who may not be living with their parents along with linking them to other resources. Small home repairs have been done for elderly home owners who are well enough to stay in their homes but just could not afford the specific work to be done. Finally, referrals are often made on the behalf of clients that need specific, supportive housing. Clients are often assisted with the application process for supportive

housing, including Public Housing. Caseworkers also continue the process by helping them appeal denials or locate assistance with Security Deposits if necessary.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

1. Overall Assessment of Relationship of HOPWA Funds to Goals and Objectives
Grantees should demonstrate through the CAPER and related IDIS reports the progress they are making at accomplishing identified goals and objectives with HOPWA funding. Grantees should demonstrate:
 - a. That progress is being made toward meeting the HOPWA goal for providing affordable housing using HOPWA funds and other resources for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families through a comprehensive community plan;

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- b. That community-wide HIV/AIDS housing strategies are meeting HUD's national goal of increasing the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS;

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- c. That community partnerships between State and local governments and community-based non-profits are creating models and innovative strategies to serve the housing and related supportive service needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families;

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- d. That through community-wide strategies Federal, State, local, and other resources are matched with HOPWA funding to create comprehensive housing strategies;

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- e. That community strategies produce and support actual units of housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and finally,

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- f. That community strategies identify and supply related supportive services in conjunction with housing to ensure the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families are met.

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- 2. This should be accomplished by providing an executive summary (1-5 pages) that includes:
 - a. Grantee Narrative
 - i. Grantee and Community Overview
 - (1) A brief description of your organization, the area of service, the name of each project sponsor and a broad overview of the range/type of housing activities and related services

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- (2) How grant management oversight of project sponsor activities is conducted and how project sponsors are selected

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- (3) A description of the local jurisdiction, its need, and the estimated number of persons living with HIV/AIDS

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- (4) A brief description of the planning and public consultations involved in the use of HOPWA funds including reference to any appropriate planning document or advisory body

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- (5) What other resources were used in conjunction with HOPWA funded activities, including cash resources and in-kind contributions, such as the value of services or materials provided by volunteers or by other individuals or organizations

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- (6) Collaborative efforts with related programs including coordination and planning with clients, advocates, Ryan White CARE Act planning bodies, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, homeless assistance programs, or other efforts that assist persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

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- ii. Project Accomplishment Overview
 - (1) A brief summary of all housing activities broken down by three types: emergency or short-term rent, mortgage or utility payments to prevent homelessness; rental assistance; facility based housing, including development cost, operating cost for those facilities and community residences

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- (2) The number of units of housing which have been created through acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction since 1993 with any HOPWA funds

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- (3) A brief description of any unique supportive service or other service delivery models or efforts

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- (4) Any other accomplishments recognized in your community due to the use of HOPWA funds, including any projects in developmental stages that are not operational.

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iii. Barriers or Trends Overview

- (1) Describe any barriers encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement

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- (2) Trends you expect your community to face in meeting the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS, and

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- (3) Any other information you feel may be important as you look at providing services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the next 5-10 years

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b. Accomplishment Data

- i. Completion of CAPER Performance Chart 1 of Actual Performance in the provision of housing (Table II-1 to be submitted with CAPER).

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- ii. Completion of CAPER Performance Chart 2 of Comparison to Planned Housing Actions (Table II-2 to be submitted with CAPER).

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