

HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) Funded Agencies

City of Houston Housing and Community Development (as of 5/31/09)

The City of Houston's HOPWA Program offers several housing options for HIV + persons living on a fixed income, as well as for those with special needs. The agencies listed below receive HOPWA funds to provide the following Housing/Housing-related services:

STRMU: Short Term Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance Program

TBRA: Tenant Based Rental Assistance

SS: Supportive Services

CR: Community Residences

Scan the list of agency's below to find an agency that provides the particular service that you need.

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| A Caring Safe Place, Inc. Shun Johnson 713-225-5441 <i>Services: CR, SS</i> | Houston Area Community Services, Inc. Fred Reninger 713-526-0555 <i>Services: TBRA, SS</i> |
| AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. Vera L. Johnson 713-623-6796 <i>Services: STRMU, TBRA, CR, SS</i> | Houston HELP, Inc. Jeannie Johnson 713-741-4070 <i>Services: SS, CR</i> |
| AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas, Inc. Georgia Nelson 409-763-2437 <i>Services: STRMU</i> | Houston SRO Housing Corporation Everett Hull 713-650-0306 <i>Services: CR</i> |
| Bering Omega Community Services Barbara Page 713-529-6071 <i>Services: STRMU</i> | Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Inc. Jerry Larson 713-228-0735 x 121 <i>Services: SS</i> |
| Brentwood Community Foundation Glenda Hopkins 713-852-1451 <i>Services: STRMU, CR, SS</i> | Marjo House Marilyn Jones 713-694-1168 <i>Services: Transitional Housing</i> |
| Career and Recovery Resources, Inc. Elisa Coleman 713-754-7043 <i>Services: SS</i> | New Hope Counseling Center, Inc. Dr. Samuel Osweke 713-776-8006 <i>Services: STRMU, SS</i> |
| Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Ana Rausch 713-874-6589 <i>Services: STRMU, SS</i> | Santa Maria Hostel, Inc. Barbara Page 281-657-0898 x209 <i>Services: CR, SS</i> |
| Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association Lola Jefferson 713-979-2692 <i>Services: STRMU, TBRA</i> | SEARCH, Inc. Larry Kraus 713-276-3001 <i>Services: SS</i> |
| Goodwill Industries of Houston Terry Seufert 713-699-6320 <i>Services: SS</i> | Stop Turning and Entering Prison, Inc. Rhonda Menard 832-881-3193 <i>Services: CR</i> |
| HEART, Inc. Jane Cummins 713-782-5606 <i>Services: SS</i> | The Alliance for Multicultural Community Services Zed Minale 713-776-4700 <i>Services: STRMU</i> |

The eligibility requirements for HOPWA-funded services are very basic, but there are several housing options for HIV + persons living on a fixed income, as well as for those with special needs. Participants in the HOPWA Program must meet the following requirements to be eligible to receive services:

- Meet the definition of low income- 80% median income;
- Have an HIV positive diagnosis; and
- Live in one of the following ten counties: Waller, Austin, Fort Bend, Brazoria, Galveston, Harris, Chambers, Liberty, San Jacinto or Montgomery.

Please check with the service provider for additional eligibility requirements, restrictions and limitations.

Service Definitions:

| SERVICES | DISCRIPTION |
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| STRMU –Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance Program | STRMU will pay an eligible client’s rent, mortgage and/or utility payments for up to 21 weeks in a 52-week period. These funds are NOT used to support: * Move-in Deposits * Security Checks * Credit Checks * Move-in support (supplies, furnishings, minor repairs etc.) * Emergency shelter vouchers for hotel or motel Rent/utility payments are made to the owner/management of the property. |
| TBRA -Tenant-Based Rental Assistance | TBRA will pay for eligible clients’ rent or utility for 12 to 24 months at a location determined by the client. Locations must: * Meet Housing Quality Standards established by HUD/HCD * Cost of rent must meet fair market rent value. Rent/utility payments are made to the owner/management of the property. |
| SS - Supportive Services | All agencies that receive HOPWA funds offer supportive services to eligible clients in establishing permanent housing. Each agency provides different supportive services. Supportive Services can include case management; housing counseling; professional counseling; nutritional services, etc. |
| CR - Community Residences | Community residences provided through an agency. Contact the agencies providing community residences for information on services. Currently existing residences focus on: * Single men/Substance abuse * Single women/Substance abuse * Women and Children * Recently released men/women |

Other Housing Resources: There are many agencies listed in the Blue Book that provide housing services (see Housing, page 53). A list of the agencies offering Emergency Shelters is on page 54.



Most agencies have limited funding for the services they offer. If you need additional resources, please call the United Way Helpline at 2-1-1, (713) 957-HELP or toll free at 1-800-833-5948. The Hotline is available 24 hours a day and is offered in 6 languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin and French. If you would like to email your inquiry to the helpline, you may do so at help@uwtgc.org.

You can search the United Way Community Resource Database online at: www.rtmdesigns.net/UWTG/. The database gives the option to search by zip code, service category, agency to program name and key word.