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Public Hearing for the HOPWA Program Consolidated Plan PY2024

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Development
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Agenda



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Introduction to HOPWA



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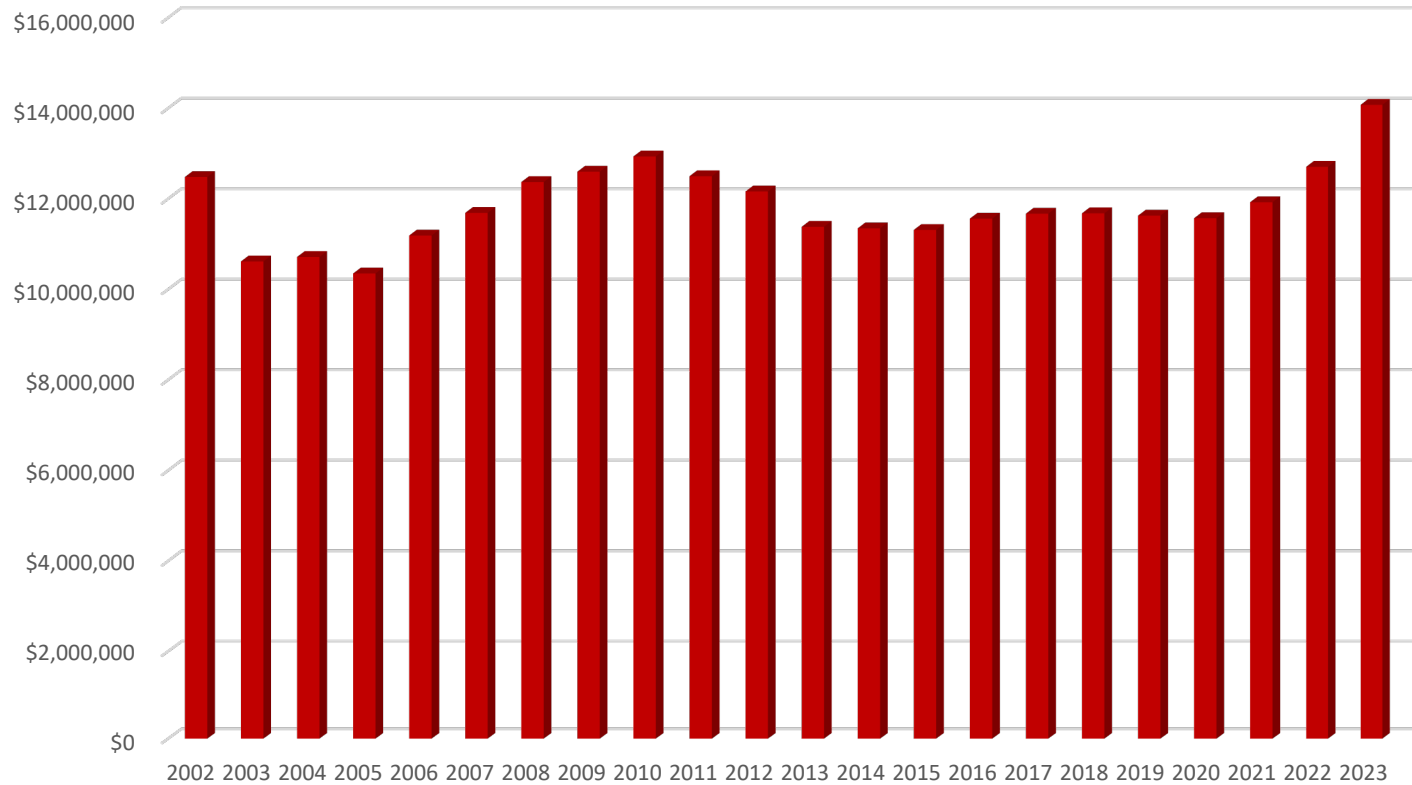
- Enacted through the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act of 1992
- The HOPWA program is a HUD-funded program and administered through the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing.
- Why does the City of Miami manage this countywide program?
 - As the largest metropolitan city in Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami is given the responsibility to administer the HOPWA program.



Funding Trend



HOPWA



FY2024 Funding: \$14,272,865



- ***Reduce Viral Loads of the affected population by having a “Housing First” approach.***

It is a proven fact that people with HIV/AIDS who have stable housing are more likely to take better care of their medical needs and reduce their viral loads to a level that is no longer detectable or transmittable.

- ***Reduce the Risk of Homelessness and move participants into Self-Sufficiency***



Available Programs



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- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Short-Term Rental Mortgage and Utility Assistance (STRMU)
- Project Based Housing Operational Support
- Permanent Housing Placement (PHP)



Tenant Based Rental Assistance



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- Provides long-term subsidy assistance to low-income households with an AIDS diagnosis.
- The goal of the TBRA program is to assist participants in achieving and maintaining housing stability so as to avoid homelessness and improve their access to, and engagement in AIDS treatment and care.



TBRA - Eligibility



An applicant must meet the following criteria in order to receive TBRA assistance:

1. A household must have at least 1 person with an AIDS diagnosis.
2. Total household income must be at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI).
3. Must be a full-time resident of Miami-Dade County or will be taking full-time residence in Miami-Dade County.



TBRA – Project Sponsors



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The following agencies provide TBRA Housing Specialist and HQS inspection services on behalf of the City:

1. Empower “U”, Inc.
2. Center of Information and Orientation, Inc.
3. Care Resource
4. Spanish American Basic Education and Rehabilitation, Inc. (SABER)
5. Sunshine for All, Inc.



TBRA – Waiting List



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The TBRA program’s waiting list application period was opened from February 10, 2020 to February 21, 2020.

- A total of 223 eligible applications were received
- A random lottery was performed on May, 19, 2020, witnessed by BSR staff
- HCD has started calling applicants from this waitlist – currently at #130
- Waitlist information can be found at:
www.miamigov.com/communitydevelopment.



Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance



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Provides short-term subsidy assistance to low-income households with an HIV/AIDS diagnosis.

The goal of STRMU assistance is to provide short-term, stabilizing interventions to HOPWA eligible households experiencing a financial crisis as a result of their HIV/AIDS health condition or a change in their economic circumstances. STRMU assistance is preventive housing intervention intended to reduce the risk of homelessness, and when utilized together with other efforts, stabilize assisted households.



STRMU



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- Assistance is limited to no more than 21 weeks in any 52-week period.
- Can only be provided if the applicant shows enough evidence that after the assistance, he/she could achieve self-sufficiency.
- There are no caps on the payments, but the maximum amount of monthly rent is limited to \$3,000/month.
- Must be a full-time resident of Miami-Dade County.



Project Based Housing



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- The City provides HOPWA funding to cover for the cost of operating a housing facility while receiving a set number of units to be rented at a reduced cost to HOPWA eligible households.
- The assistance is attached to the housing unit, not to the client; therefore, in the event that the client later vacates the unit, s/he will no longer be supported by the HOPWA program.
- Currently, the City supports 3 Project Based Housing facilities for a total of 26 units.



Permanent Hsg Placement



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PHP may be used to help HOPWA-eligible persons establish a new residence where on-going occupancy is expected to continue.

Eligible costs under PHP include:

- Application Fees
- Related Credit Check Fees,
- Utility Hook Up Fees,
- Security Deposit (must not exceed 2 months or rent)
- First and last month

[To Apply:](#)

Care Resources: 305-576-1234



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Thank you