

Specific HOPWA Objectives

*Please also refer to the HOPWA Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

- 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;*
 - 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;*
 - 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;*
 - d. That through community-wide strategies Federal, State, local, and other resources are matched with HOPWA funding to create comprehensive housing strategies;*
 - e. That community strategies produce and support actual units of housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and finally,*
 - 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.*

1(a) The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) has implemented a model based on strategic planning studies and the needs of the community. The LAHD continues to strive for improvements in the delivery of the HOPWA Program by consistently convening the monthly Los Angeles Countywide HOPWA Advisory Committee (LACHAC) meetings. LACHAC is the advisory board that assists the HOPWA Program to carry out its goals. LACHAC advises the HOPWA Program on matters related to the planning and policy, administration of the HOPWA grant, coordination with other HIV/AIDS programs, and advocating for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.

The advisory board consists of representatives of Community Based Organizations (CBOs), and members of the general public. The composition of CBO members include; an Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Provider, Mental Health Provider, Children and their Care Takers, Substance Abuse Provider, representatives from three different housing authorities, LA Commission on HIV, five seats are reserved specifically for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS, LA City AIDS Coordinator, Apartment owners and other government agencies.

The LAHD measures the progress of housing and supportive services to HIV/AIDS clients made to the community planning process by collecting and aggregating monthly client demographic reports from all project sponsors. This process is important; the evaluation of the actual amount of clients that have been served versus the goals in the areas of supportive services, tenant based rental assistance,

short term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, provides insight to the needs of HOPWA-eligible clients.

The LAHD has a variety of methods of increasing the supply of affordable housing including funding rental assistance programs such as Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility (STRMU) programs and the capital development of new housing units. Through the two rental assistance programs, individuals and family units are able to maintain their current housing while renting from private market landlords and improve their quality of life.

In terms of capital development, the LAHD has always allocated monies for the development of new housing units or projects for HOPWA-eligible clients. Many projects have been completed using various funds towards the goal of providing affordable housing within Los Angeles County and some of them have used HOPWA funds either towards acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction. Since 1993, a total of 15 affordable housing developments have been financed in part with HOPWA funds, which are now providing PLWH/A's with 390 units dedicated to their use. In the absence of these housing resources, PLWH/A's would see a decline in their quality of life and life expectancy rate.

The affordable housing units developed by HOPWA are critical to PLWH/A's and their families. The objective is to fund the capital expenses incurred in the development of permanent, affordable housing that provides supportive services in the County of Los Angeles. Financing for housing developments in the City of Los Angeles is provided through the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF). HOPWA-supported housing units developed in other jurisdictions within Los Angeles County receive financial assistance from those cities to leverage with HOPWA funding.

1 (b) On June 28, 2006, the LAHD announced at a LACHAC meeting the formation of a subcommittee to examine and assess the current HOPWA services delivery system. The purpose of these LACHAC subcommittee meetings is to provide the HIV/AIDS service providers (HOPWA and non-HOPWA funded), LACHAC members and most importantly, HOPWA clients, a forum to assist the LAHD HOPWA Program to, assess and improve the current HOPWA service delivery model.

Other subcommittee goals and discussion included: assisting AIDS Service Organizations to provide services that empower their clients towards self-sufficiency, clarifying the highest priority client needs for each specific HOPWA-funded program, and identifying the underserved populations and geographic areas for each of the programs. All of the information obtained during these meetings was considered for inclusion in the 2007 HOPWA Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit ideas from community based non-profit organizations to improve the delivery of services to clients.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles approve all requests to issue Requests for Proposal (RFP) and Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA). The purpose of the RFP is to solicit new innovative approaches from community based non-profits to increase the availability of affordable housing for the low-income HIV/AIDS clients of Los Angeles County. The Major Projects Division of the LAHD is responsible for reviewing, scoring and contracting with prospective affordable housing developers through the NOFA process for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The HOPWA Program Unit conducts the RFP process to select supportive service and rental assistance community based non-profit organizations for HOPWA funding. The most

recent contractor recommendations were approved by the Mayor and City Council in January 2007 and implemented in February 2007.

1(c) The LAHD has continued to administer the Housing and Health “Connections” Study, a collaborative grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), for which LAHD successfully applied in 2003, in addition to managing the countywide HOPWA entitlement grant and contracting with non-profit organizations to provide housing and services to those clients living with HIV/AIDS in the City of Los Angeles. For the Connections Study, the LAHD has collaborated with several key stakeholders in the Los Angeles area, including: the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), Research Triangle International (RTI), the Los Angeles HUD office, Tarzana Treatment Centers, and the Los Angeles County Office of AIDS Programs and Policy.

Constant communication is vital to the success of this project study. One of the tools to obtain this objective was the creation of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) that included members from HOPWA-funded Community Based Organizations such as Aid for AIDS (Central Coordinating Agency for the Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utilities Assistance Program), New Image Emergency Shelter (Central Coordinating Agency for the Emergency Housing and Meal Voucher Program) and a representative from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The CAB also included two members from community based non-profits in the field of supportive services. This body meets once a month on every fourth Wednesday and gives oversight and advice on how to better implement the project study.

The premise of the study is that by providing stable housing to homeless individuals with HIV/AIDS, their health outcomes will improve. One hundred and five (105) homeless individuals with HIV/AIDS have been provided tenant based certificates to locate units in the private rental market. This experience has been rewarding in that it is utilizing a model of delivery called “housing first”. By utilizing this model, clients are placed directly into housing from homelessness and provided the services to stabilize in their housing tenancy. As of March 2007, 78 of the 105 have moved into permanent housing from their previous homeless situation, two (2) clients are deceased, 20 clients were or are currently receiving intensive case management from TTC to assess and treat any ongoing mental health and/or substance abuse issues. HACLA staff has been very instrumental in working with landlords, apartment owners and management companies in explaining the rental assistance portion of this program, while working with TTC regarding tenancy and case management issues.

In addition to being awarded this grant, as the formal grantee, the Los Angeles Housing Department has collaborated with additional agencies at the city and county level to implement the study. The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is on contract to complete all eligibility and certificate issuance tasks. The County’s Office of AIDS Policy and Programs has joined the project by committing to allowing their funded agencies to provide additional case management assistance to the Connections clients.

Starting in the spring of 2006, the LAHD HOPWA Program has participated on the Los Angeles County HIV Collaborative. This subcommittee formed from the Los Angeles County Special Needs Housing Alliance that set aside funding for capital dollars for housing development for three specific special needs populations including Persons living with HIV/AIDS, Chronically Homeless and Emancipated youth. The County of

Los Angeles government has also set forth a Homeless Prevention Initiative at an anticipated level of \$80 million dollars to increase the fight against homelessness and address the core problems that lead individuals to homelessness.

At this subcommittee, the LAHD has been working with various representatives from the Los Angeles County departments including, but not limited to the following; Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP), Los Angeles County Health Department, Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV to strategize methods and priorities to better collaborate and maximize government grant funding. These organizations utilize various government funding sources including Ryan White Care Act, Emergency Shelter Grant, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

1(d) Through the City of Los Angeles' Affordable Housing Trust Fund, HOPWA funding is leveraged with HOME, CDBG and other state, local and private financing. The federal regulations for the HOME program allow for its usage in the provision of Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). LAHD has arranged with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to provide additional assistance through its housing voucher program to low-income clients with HIV/AIDS and their families using HOME funds to supplement the HOPWA-funded TBRA housing certificate program, for properties in the City. This was in addition to the HOPWA monies awarded for this purpose which are used County-wide. Also, City CDBG funds are used to supplement LAHD's HOPWA grantee administrative costs, since 70% of the HOPWA administrative resources (capped at 10% of the grant total) are distributed to the HOPWA project sponsor agencies for their costs.

HOPWA funds have been utilized in a number of ways to leverage additional outside funding to produce new affordable housing development. In 2002, California voters approved Proposition 46, which earmarked approximately \$2 billion in statewide funding for the production of affordable housing. This source of funding combined with federal housing programs such as HOME, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and the state Emergency Housing Assistance Program have generated the large amounts of capital needed to construct or rehabilitate affordable housing for those living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County. The capital costs for such projects would have been cost prohibitive to pursue with HOPWA funding alone.

1(e) One example of a recent development utilizing layered funding from a number of sources is the Triangle Square Apartments (formerly known as Encore Hall), which was completed in March 2007. This 103-unit building was constructed with \$1.2 million of HOPWA funds as well as funding from the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, Proposition 46-funded California Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) and the Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program (AHP). The \$1.2 million of HOPWA funds only provided enough funding for six units at an average cost of \$200,000 per unit. However through additional leveraging of gap funding from the LAHD, thirty-five (35) of the total 103 units will be set aside for special needs seniors, 18 for seniors living with HIV/AIDS and 17 for very low-income seniors.

1(f) The LAHD has long strived to ensure that Supportive Services are provided in conjunction with housing to improve the quality of life for HOPWA-eligible clients. Supportive Services are widely accepted as integral for PLWH/A to obtain and maintain housing. They can ameliorate poverty, increase employment, facilitate

medical care, provide assistance accessing public benefits and generally improve one's quality of life. HOPWA 2006/2007 Supportive Services include: Emergency Housing and Meal Vouchers, Housing Information Services Clearinghouse, Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing, Housing Case Management, Legal Services, Food Banks and the delivery of prepared meals. Permanent Housing Placement Grants provide an essential support to eligible clients with security and utility deposits, enabling them to move into the affordable housing. These services are provided to persons who are diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Housing Case Management is crucial first link for clients to all HOPWA services. All clients receive an intake assessment of their housing needs and are then evaluated by the housing case managers in regards to which programs are most appropriate to maintain or acquire housing. Housing case managers often assist clients in the completion of lengthy involved forms for TBRA, STRMU, Housing Choice Voucher, Project Based Section 8, Scattered Site Master Leasing or any other supportive service program. Other valuable supportive service programs include Legal Services. Often HOPWA-eligible clients have prior legal and credit/financial issues and barriers that can prevent them from obtaining housing. Clients may also face HIV/AIDS and/or sexual orientation discrimination during their progression along the continuum of housing. Other valuable supportive services include food banks and the delivery of prepared meals to HOPWA clients. Clients living a limited fixed income are able to use their financial resources for rent and utility costs rather than on groceries.

Supportive Services in Permanent Housing is a LAHD HOPWA-funded component that must be provided at a particular housing development or congregate housing facility and is limited to service coordination including but not limited to: mental health, substance abuse and medical services. For persons living with HIV/AIDS and co-occurring disorders, such as mental illness or substance abuse, specialized services that are responsive to the unique needs of these disorders are required to enable them to successfully maintain their housing. These barriers further compromise the ability of persons living with HIV/AIDS to access primary medical care, adhere to medication schedules, and suppress risk behaviors that can exacerbate their weakened immune systems and forestall the onset of AIDS.

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**
- (2) How grant management oversight of project sponsor activities is conducted and how project sponsors are selected**
- (3) A description of the local jurisdiction, its need, and the estimated number of persons living with HIV/AIDS**
- (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**
- (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
(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.

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**
- (2) The number of units of housing which have been created through acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction since 1993 with any HOPWA funds**
- (3) A brief description of any unique supportive service or other service delivery models or efforts**
- (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.**

iii. Barriers or Trends Overview

- (1) Describe any barriers encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement**
- (2) Trends you expect your community to face in meeting the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS, and**
- (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**

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

Description of grantee, area of service and project sponsor names (2) (a)

(i) (1)

The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) administers the formula HOPWA grant for the Los Angeles-Long Beach EMSA. LAHD utilizes HOPWA formula funds to contract with community based non-profit organizations and other government agencies (housing authorities) to provide rental assistance, and a variety of housing and supportive services for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A). Currently, LAHD contracts with thirty-five (35) different agencies to provide HIV/AIDS related services in Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles Housing Department's HOPWA Program consists of a Program Coordinator, a clerical support staff and three program analysts who act as contract monitors for the HOPWA Program.

As formula grantee, LAHD convenes and staffs the Los Angeles Countywide HOPWA Advisory Committee (LACHAC), which is instrumental in the long term planning and

needs assessment. *The HOPWA Unit's planned goal for the 2006-2007 Action Plan period was to serve 15,316 households. Actual accomplishments exceeded the HOPWA Unit goal by serving 16,393 households for all supportive service and rental assistance programs.*

- **Broad overview of types of housing activities**

PLWH/As and their families applied for and received services under multiple supportive services components. The goal is to move clients (PLWH/As) and their families through the housing continuum to decent, safe and affordable housing. The same clients also access different types of services throughout the year to maintain their housing. For example, a homeless individual might first access HOPWA services through the Emergency Housing and Meal Vouchers Program and then move into Transitional Housing to become more stabilized. Upon stabilization, a client who has completed the transitional housing program may progress to independent permanent housing with a Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) certificate and a Move-In Grant to assist with security deposit costs.

Clients utilizing Housing Case Management services will always receive an individualized needs assessment at the time of entry. Based upon the results, clients may receive referrals to various supportive services including: budget training, life skills training, substance abuse counseling and treatment, housing placement assistance, or move-in assistance. Many other clients who simply need assistance in maintaining their permanent housing in private, non-subsidized apartments are able to access the Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utilities Assistance Program. This program is for clients who are at risk of homelessness and are not receiving any type of federal housing rental assistance.

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In addition to services provided directly to clients, HOPWA contracts with an agency called Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles to provide training and technical assistance to agencies, homeless shelters and shared living facilities in the areas of Tuberculosis and Hepatitis B & C Risk Mitigation.

Organization	Components Funded
Aid for AIDS	Housing Case Management, Short Term Rental, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program, Move in Grants, Other Supportive Services in Permanent Housing
AIDS Project Los Angeles	Centralized Countywide Housing Information Clearinghouse, Other Supportive Services in Permanent Housing, Housing Case Management,
AIDS Service Center	Housing Case Management
Bienestar Human Services	Housing Case Management
Catalyst Foundation	Other Supportive Services in Permanent Housing
Common Ground	Housing Case Management
Covenant House	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing
Foothill AIDS Project	Housing Case Management
Friends Research Institute	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing
Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles	Tuberculosis and Hepatitis B & C Risk Mitigation Program
HIV/AIDS Legal Services Alliance (HALSA)	Other Supportive Services in Permanent Housing
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles	Tenant and Project Based Rental Assistance
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Joint Efforts	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing
JWCH	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing
Long Beach Housing Authority	Rental Assistance
Los Angeles Family Housing	Housing Case Management
LAMP Community	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing, Supportive Services in Permanent Housing
Minority AIDS Project	Housing Case Management
New Image Emergency Shelter	Emergency Housing and Meal Vouchers
Palms Residential Care Facility	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing, Supportive Services in Permanent Housing, Housing Case Management
Pasadena Housing Authority	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
PATH/Foundation House	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing
PAWS/LA	Other Supportive Services in Permanent Housing
Project Angel Food	Other Supportive Services in Permanent Housing
Project New Hope	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing,

Organization	Components Funded
	Supportive Services in Permanent Housing, Scattered Site Master Leasing
Serra Project	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing, Supportive Services in Permanent Housing, Scattered Site Master Leasing
Shelter Partnership, Inc	Technical Assistance
Skid Row Housing Trust	Supportive Services in Permanent Housing, Housing Case Management
Southern California Alcohol and Drug Program	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing
SRO Housing Corporation	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing, Supportive Services in Permanent Housing, Housing Case Management
Substance Abuse Foundation of Long Beach	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing
Tarzana Treatment Center	Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing, Housing Case Management
Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio & Associates (TCBA)	Financial Monitoring Auditing Services
West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation	Supportive Services in Permanent Housing, Housing Case Management

Grant Management Oversight and selection of project sponsors (2)(a)(i)(2)

Successful monitoring of each project is facilitated by selected site monitoring visits, remote monitoring activities, participation of project sponsor staff at the monthly oversight case management oversight and LACHAC meetings and constant communication between Contract and HOPWA staff. In addition to the three contract monitors, the HOPWA Coordinator serves in a supervisory role and serves as the point of contact for the community regarding affordable housing programs serving those living with HIV/AIDS.

The LAHD also conducts **Remote Monitoring** of all HOPWA-funded contracted agencies. Every month, all HOPWA-funded contractors are required to submit monthly client demographic reports along with their invoices for personnel, program, operations and administrative costs. The client demographic reports capture all of the HUD-required information mandated either through the CAPER or the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS) including but not limited to the following; beneficiary information (both clients with HIV/AIDS and other persons in the family unit), gender and age, race/ethnicity, area of the county clients reside, reasons for leaving, mode of transmission, outcomes and narrative.

Another remote monitoring tool used by LAHD is the quarterly assessment, every three (3) months, a letter is sent to all HOPWA contracted agencies assessing their performance in regards to expenditure rate and client service amounts. Budget amounts and client service goals are stipulated in each individual agency's contract and also in the consolidated plan. The minimum threshold for both of the

performance measures is ninety (90) percent and is closely monitored at the conclusion of each twelve (12) month program year. Agencies that do not meet the threshold are required to submit a letter of corrective action to LAHD detailing reasons why they could not meet accomplish their goals and actions to be taken to meet the 90% threshold by the end of the program year.

The LAHD has initiated **On-Site Monitoring** activities at all of the project sponsors that includes a comprehensive assessment of client files to ensure all files have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis form and income verification, ensuring at a minimum that all client income is at or below the 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Agencies are also monitored to ensure that clients do not have to pay for services (except for rent) and funds are not used for health services. A project sponsor's Policy and Procedures are also monitored examining such topics as admissions requirements, waiting list procedures, client confidentiality, termination of service, etc. The LAHD contracts with a technical service provider to provide on-site **financial monitoring** to ensure agencies accounting and invoicing procedures are accurate and in accord with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 and those of the LAHD.

Housing development projects are also monitored during development but in two phases, which is more fully described in the Monitoring Section of the CAPER. The construction phase is monitored by LAHD Construction Specialists. They will perform inspections at each milestone of the process. The City's Building and Safety Department also plays a role in this process, as it will not issue permits unless all requirements have been met. After construction, the Occupancy Monitoring section of LAHD inherits the monitoring responsibility as they will check for the required occupancy ratios and also determine if clients meet income requirements.

Housing and supportive services are provided by project sponsors or agencies under contract with LAHD. These agencies are selected through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process conducted every three years. HOPWA contracts and corresponding program years run from April 1st through March 31st. LAHD received City Council Authorization to extend current 2006-2007 contracts an additional three (3) months for the period April 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007. LAHD also received authorization to release an RFP for HOPWA services to be provided for a nine (9) month period beginning July 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 with an option to renew for two (2) additional periods of up to twelve (12) months each, contingent upon contractor performance and availability of HOPWA funds. The RFP was released on January 29, 2007. Thirty-one (31) organizations submitted proposals which were reviewed for funding recommendations.

Contractors that offer in their proposals to provide services to underserved PLWH/A groups such as homeless persons, persons of color, persons with mental illnesses, persons with substance abuse issues, transgender, post-incarcerated and youth receive bonus points.

Proposals were accepted from community based nonprofit and governmental housing agencies within the County of Los Angeles with at least 12 months experience in providing housing and/or services to low-income PLWH/A and their families. Well planned program designs were considered even if the 12 months of experience has not been met at the time of proposal submission. Experience with, and a demonstrated understanding of and sensitivity to, issues of HIV/AIDS and its impact on individuals and family units, racial and ethnic minorities, sexual orientation, and homelessness are of particular importance.

Applicants were encouraged to coordinate and collaborate with other HIV/AIDS housing, social services, and healthcare providers in carrying out programs funded through this RFP. As part of the proposal, a written agreement specifying the role of each organization in the collaborative must be included.

HOPWA Response - Description of local jurisdiction & estimated cases (2)(a)(i)(3)

According to demographic information obtained from the Census Bureau for 2006, the City of Los Angeles has an estimated population of 4,018,080 people within 469 square miles. The median age is 31.6 years, and the median household income is \$36,687. Over 18% of families live below the poverty level. The LAHD uses HOPWA funds to serve the entire County of Los Angeles which has a total population of 9,948,081 within 4,060 square miles. Over 36% of the population is foreign born and 54% of all households speak another language than English at home.

The **greatest need** of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A) is the ability to locate, acquire, finance and maintain housing. This is a major problem in Los Angeles County and within the City of Los Angeles. Over three-quarters of PLWH/A's live in households the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would define as "low-income." Underserved groups include but are not limited to persons of color, persons with mental illnesses, persons with substance addictions, transgender, post-incarcerated and youth.

Various studies regarding HIV/AIDS have supported the need for stable housing. Persons living with HIV/AIDS must self administer multiple medications and adhere to complicated medical regimens. In some cases, the medications must be refrigerated. Clients who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, are less likely to follow their medical regimens. This may lead to hospitalization and/or a return to high-risk behaviors (recidivism).

Currently, it is **estimated** that 21,602 people are diagnosed with AIDS in Los Angeles County according to the HIV Epidemiology Program (issue January 1, 2007). It is estimated that up to another 29,564 individuals may be living with HIV in Los Angeles County and an additional 9,518 are believed to be undiagnosed. Accordingly, the Los Angeles County's total HIV prevalence is estimated to be at 51,780 as reported by the HIV/AIDS Semi-Annual Surveillance Summary.

Local Planning Efforts/Community Involvement

HOPWA Response (2)(a)(i)(4) Planning and Public Consultations

The Strategic Plan for Providing HIV/AIDS Housing with Supportive Services in Los Angeles County, released in the fall of 2003 under the guidance of the Los Angeles Countywide HOPWA Advisory Committee (LACHAC) Strategic Planning Task Force, represents the culmination of a two-year community planning process to better inform the distribution of housing, supportive services, and funding resources for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County. Prior to its development, Los Angeles County, where PLWH/As represent approximately 5% of AIDS cases in the United States, had not undertaken efforts to comprehensively address the housing and supportive service needs of this population.

Currently, the Strategic Plan has been used most readily in three ways: 1) it provides the community with the most recent assessment of the housing and

supportive service needs of the HIV/AIDS community in Los Angeles; 2) it was referenced in establishing priorities for the 2007 HOPWA RFP released in January 2007; 3) local coordination among the HOPWA and Ryan White CARE Act systems continues to be enhanced through greater collaborations, as illustrated through the partnership of LAHD and The County of Los Angeles Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) to implement *Connections*, a national three-year study to research the impact that stable housing assumes in the progression and management of HIV.

Summary of Strategic Plan Findings

- Among all of the county's ethnic populations, the percentage of new AIDS diagnoses among Hispanics increased the most, over 13% between 1995 and 2002.
- The percentage of males and females living with AIDS in the county has remained stable in the last decade, at 90% and 10% respectively.
- The percentage of PLWH/A ages 40-49 increased dramatically by 11% from 1995 to 2002.
- The majority of PLWH/A in the county have an annual household income of under \$10,000, as compared to only 10.5% of households in the general population.
- There have been increasing AIDS diagnoses in SPA 8 – Long Beach and the South Bay of LA County. SPA 4 – Metro LA, Downtown, Hollywood and West Hollywood continues to have the greatest amount of AIDS cases in LA County.
- The Strategic Plan outlines primary goals for the next five years, and has been recommended by a concerted effort of the HIV/AIDS community, providers and advocates, and local policy makers.

LAHD is careful not to fund programs that are currently funded by either Ryan White Care Act funds for core medical services and related supportive services administered by the County of Los Angeles or programs funded by the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's office, which supports HIV/AIDS prevention, education and testing efforts.

Moreover, the Plan responds to relatively static annual appropriations for the HOPWA program and increasing demands on the Ryan White CARE Act system as the epidemic increases its impact on persons of color and low-income communities in Service Planning Areas 6 and 8. These factors provide a context for the Plan's concurrent emphasis on improving local planning and coordination among program administrators of targeted and mainstream housing and service programs.

Citizen Participation in the HOPWA Development Process

HOPWA Response (2)(a)(i)(4) Advisory Board

LACHAC serves as the advisory body to the City of Los Angeles regarding the HOPWA Program. The Committee assists the City to carry out its goals, reviews and advises the City on matters related to the planning and administration of the HOPWA grant, provides comment on the goals and objectives, identifies ways in which the HOPWA Program can be coordinated with HIV/AIDS Programs, advocates for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, develops and promotes the extent and the quality of participation of PLWH/A's and determines LACHAC rules and procedures subject to Mayor and City Council approval.

The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and the City Council approve all requests to issue Requests for Proposal (RFP) and Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA). They also approve the selection of all developers selected for funding based upon the recommendations of the HOPWA Program.

Every other month, LACHAC holds public meetings to discuss issues related to HOPWA. Over 400 Notices regarding the meeting are mailed out and also sent via e-mail, the notices are posted in public areas and on the LAHD website. Each of the Notices includes a statement asking the recipient to post the notice in a public location, and to share it with individuals who might be interested. The meetings provide an established public forum to discuss HOPWA related issues.

General comments have been voiced at the LACHAC meetings, in regards to improving and urging better cooperation between city agencies, and ideas to improve the delivery of services to clients. Every LACHAC meeting has a segment for all attendees to voice their comments, opinions and questions regarding HOPWA services. Any matter or topic discussed during the course of a LACHAC meeting may be commented on by any member of the audience.

Agencies are encouraged each month to present at the LACHAC meetings and to bring clients to speak about HOPWA services. This was instituted during the spring of 2004 as a method to encourage and engage more participation from actual HOPWA clients.

Several LACHAC meetings included presentations and public comment about the need for more affordable housing dedicated to PLWH/As and their families. In response to the concerns raised at these meetings, the City continues to budget HOME funds for the coverage of rental assistance for HOPWA specific housing, which is administered through the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). In addition to the LACHAC meetings, individuals and groups also have made presentations before the City Council and Council committees.

Leveraging of HOPWA Funds

HOPWA Response (2)(a)(i)(5) Other Resources Used

With support from HOPWA funds, non-profit community based organizations often leverage funds from other government sources such as the Los Angeles County Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) for medical case management and AIDS Drugs Assistance Program (ADAP) for Persons living with AIDS. Other non-HIV/AIDS Specific supportive service grant sources that may be leveraged include the LA County's Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Social Services and the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) that are often used in conjunction with HOPWA funds to Persons living with HIV/AIDS that may also fit these profiles. Many agencies also obtain private support from foundations and from local governments to provide additional financial assistance and/or services programs.

The LAHD continues to leverage HOPWA funding with HOME funds for Tenant Based Rental Assistance. LAHD was able to work with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to provide additional assistance through its housing voucher program to low income clients with HIV/AIDS and their families. This allows HOPWA funds to be used to support other housing rental assistance and supportive service programs that might not otherwise be funded due to scarce resources.

In-kind contributions include the work of volunteers that has made a critical impact in the quality and quantity of services offered under this Program.

All prospective HOPWA contractors were asked to submit as a part of their Request for Proposal (RFP) responses a written portion stating how they propose to leverage HOPWA funds to maximize services to PLWH/A's and their families. As a part of the new CAPER reporting requirements, the HOPWA has taken the initiative to require all HOPWA-funded contractors as of program year starting April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 to report on the in-cash funds leveraged to administer their HOPWA programs.

Opportunities for Collaboration

HOPWA Response (2)(a)(i)(6) Collaboration

LAHD continues to look for ways in which clients, providers of AIDS services, and local government agencies can work together to integrate specialized knowledge and resources and avoid fragmentation in seeking solutions to the affordable housing shortage and its impact on PLWH/A's.

Since March 2006, the LAHD Program has been participating on the Los Angeles County HIV Collaborative. This subcommittee formed from the Los Angeles County Special Needs Housing Alliance that set aside funds for housing development for three specific special needs populations including Persons living with HIV/AIDS, Chronically Homeless and Emancipated youth. At this subcommittee, the LAHD has been working with various representatives from the Los Angeles County departments including, but not limited to the following; Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP), Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV to strategize methods and priorities to better collaborate and maximize government grant funding.

Another excellent opportunity for collaboration is the STRMU Oversight meeting that is held at the beginning of each month. The meeting is an excellent opportunity for service providers (especially Housing Case Managers) to communicate and network regarding vacancies and the availability of emergency shelters, transitional and permanent beds and service coordination.

HOPWA Contractors must provide linkages to appropriate organizations and resources for services not provided on-site which include but are not limited to: out-placement of residents that require alternate housing; acute mental illness referrals; intensive HIV case management; supportive services; HIV health services; mental health services; and drug and alcohol treatment. Linkages must ensure on-going care to clients once they leave the HOPWA funded agencies through comprehensive, coordinated and unduplicated service delivery systems.

On June 28, 2006, the LAHD announced at a LACHAC meeting the formation of a subcommittee to examine and assess the current HOPWA delivery system. The purpose of these LACHAC Subcommittee meetings is to allow the HIV/AIDS Service providers (HOPWA and non-HOPWA funded), LACHAC members and most importantly, HOPWA clients; a forum to assist the LAHD HOPWA Program discuss, assess and make recommendations on how to better implement the current HOPWA service delivery model. Other subcommittee goals and discussion included; assisting AIDS Service Organizations to provide services that empower their clients towards self-sufficiency, establishing the greatest needs of clients for each specific HOPWA-

funded program, and identifying the underserved populations and geographic areas for each of the programs.

With the end of the current three year contract cycle quickly approaching, a comprehensive assessment was necessary of all the HOPWA-funded programs. A total of six (6) meetings were held throughout the City of Los Angeles in an effort to make the meetings more assessable to the public. HOPWA-funded agencies were strongly encouraged to invite their HIV/AIDS clients. Over 200 flyers inviting participants were mailed via the U.S. Postal Service along with weekly emails to distribution lists of over 100 recipients, including over thirty (30) HIV/AIDS service organizations. The subcommittee's recommendations were presented at the October 25, 2006 LACHAC meeting. The recommendations were incorporated in the LAHD HOPWA RFP that was released January 2007 as prospective contractors responded with approaches to assist HOPWA-eligible clients.

Project Accomplishment Overview

HOPWA Response (2)(a)(ii)(1)

Planned Goal – 2,278 households

Actual Accomplishments – 1,370 households (60%)

A brief description of all housing activities broken down by the four main housing types is provided below (STRMU, Scattered-Site Master Leasing, TBRA and PBRA) that served the households mentioned above:

Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program (STRMU):

- **STRMU:** The LAHD in conjunction with our contracted Central Coordinating Agency (CCA) has taken steps to be in full compliance with Notice: CPD (Community Development & Planning) 06-07, Standards for HOPWA Short-term Rent Mortgage, & Utility Payments and Connection to Permanent Housing. The CCA or Project Sponsor is Aid for AIDS for the entire County of Los Angeles. The objective of the STRMU is to provide short-term rent, mortgage, and utility (STRMU) assistance to persons (and their families) who are HIV symptomatic, diagnosed with AIDS, or infected with HIV and have an unrelated disability, in order to prevent homelessness. Asides from the STRMU Grant, the other grant is known as the Move-In grant. Move-in Grants can be used for costs including but not limited to security deposit, first month's rent and utility switch-on. STRMU Grants can be used for the payment of rent/mortgage and utilities. Prior to the receipt of a STRMU grant, the individual or family will receive a housing needs assessment to determine if the level of assistance to be provided will be adequate to allow the individual or family to remain in their own dwelling or maintain a new dwelling.

Rental Assistance

- **Scattered Site Master Leasing:** The Project Sponsors are Project New Hope (PNH) and The Serra Project. Both of these project sponsors administer the rental assistance under master leasing. Scattered-site housing refers to permanent housing that is made available and affordable by a non-profit organization to PLWH/A's and their families. PLWH/A's and their families (subtenants) rent the units from PNH (master tenant) that has master leases over the scattered-site properties with landlords. Rent for master leased

units must not exceed 130 percent of the HUD Fair Market Rent (FMR). Rent for master leased units also must be reasonable to other unassisted units in the neighborhood and reasonable to those being charged by the owner for comparable unassisted units. The Project Sponsors are responsible for determining appropriate subtenant rent amounts, associated rental subsidy levels, and ensuring Housing Quality Standards (HQS) for master leased units. The total goal for 2006-2007 was 27 clients to be served. The agencies served a total of 35 clients, or 129% of their goal.

- **Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA):** The Four (4) Project Sponsors are the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, the Pasadena Community Development Commission and the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach. HOPWA funds provide up to twelve (12) months of tenant based rental assistance to very-low income households of persons with HIV/AIDS or related diseases. The Program operates in the same way as the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program but also provides access to supportive services to Program participants. Eligible families seek housing in the private sector. The unit they select must pass an inspection to ensure that the unit is decent, safe, and sanitary (HQS). Just like Section 8 assistance, the client's portion of the rent is generally based on 30 percent of the adjusted monthly income of the entire household. At the end of the HOPWA funded period, the Project Sponsor provides continued assistance to Program participants under their Section 8 Housing Program if the household continues to meet the eligibility requirements for on-going rental assistance (roll-over).
- **Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA):** The Project Sponsor is the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). Two Projects are eligible for rental subsidies under the Project Based Rental Assistance Program: Harper Community Apartments and Argyle Court. HACLA acts as a pass through agency for two Project Operators, Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) and West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (WHCHC). Project Operators are responsible for providing or insuring the provision of supportive services on-site or off-site to Program participants. The rental assistance is tied to the actual apartment building or apartment unit rather than the tenant, that can rent anywhere in the fair market.

The Project Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the Projects for adherence to Housing Quality Standards (HQS), contracting for specific rental units with Project Operators, verifying initial tenant eligibility, re-certifying annual eligibility of tenants, inspecting units annually, disbursing rental assistance checks and providing ongoing administration of the rental subsidy program.

Assistance is available for very low-income households of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Generally, tenants pay no more than 30 percent of their household income towards rent. Unlike Tenant Based Rental Assistance that moves with the tenant, Project Based Rental Assistance certificates remain with the properties.

- **Development Costs:** Currently, the LAHD continues to allocate monies for Development Costs with the purpose of increasing the stock of available housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The LAHD has initiated the Permanent Supportive Housing Program to increase the City of Los Angeles' affordable housing stock in collaboration with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) and the Department of Water and Power. These funds will be used to create affordable housing incentives for developers to increase the amount of affordable housing in the city. This amount provides a tremendous opportunity for the LAHD to leverage HOPWA funds to create and increase the amount of affordable housing for low-income individuals and their families for future years.
- **Operating Costs for facilities and residences:** The LAHD uses HOPWA funds for the lease, operating, and supportive services costs of emergency shelter and transitional housing programs. Operating costs include building maintenance, security, operation, insurance, utilities, furnishings, equipment, supplies, and other incidental costs.

Emergency shelter and transitional housing programs must provide free or affordable (less than or equal to 30% of household income) short-term housing to homeless PLWH/A and their families. Transitional housing programs are expected to work individually with clients in their transition to permanent, affordable housing through needs assessments, counseling, case management, budget training, life skills training, substance abuse counseling and treatment, housing placement assistance, supportive service referrals, and moving assistance.

Non-profit providers in particular usually target homeless PLWH/A that are dual diagnosed with mental illness and substance abuse issues.

HOPWA Development since 1993

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Many projects have been completed using various funds towards the goal of providing affordable housing within Los Angeles County and some of them have used HOPWA funds either towards acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction. Since 1993, a total of 15 HOPWA Projects have been funded with HOPWA funds. The fifteen (15) projects are now providing PLWH/A's with 390 units dedicated to their use. In addition to project funded by HOPWA, another 100 units have been developed with set-asides for persons living with HIV/AIDS by leveraging funding from additional affordable housing programs. In the absence of these projects PLWH/A's would see a decline in their quality of life and life expectancy rate.

The program goal is the development of permanent, affordable housing with supportive services for PLWH/A's and their families. Funds are available for acquisition, predevelopment, construction and permanent financing. Despite a large number of units under construction and completed during the 32nd Program year, there is one newly completed project where HOPWA funds were utilized in the capital financing. This project, the Triangle Square Apartments (formerly known as Encore Hall), has approximately \$1.2 million of HOPWA funding.

The Triangle Square Apartments is a 103 unit building for seniors with special needs. Eighteen (18) of the total units will be set aside for seniors living with HIV/AIDS,

which will be scattered throughout the development. An additional seventeen (17) units will be set aside for seniors at-risk of homeless with an income below thirty percent (30%) of Area Median Income. Each of the units will be fully furnished, having a full kitchen, living room and bedroom. HOPWA funds covered \$1.2 million of the total \$18 million development costs.

Through a competitive 2007 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process, the LAHD has allocated previously unspent HOPWA capital development funds for the development of the James M. Wood Apartments. HOPWA funds are currently allocated to development and construction of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing facility, under the Permanent Supportive Housing Program. The proposed project will be built on a vacant lot in the Central City East downtown area also known as Skid Row. The contractor, SRO Housing Corporation, has secured funding and financing and expects to start construction development phase very soon.

HOPWA Response (2)(a)(ii)(2) HOPWA Housing Projects Underway or Completed, 2006-2007

Project Name	Address	Unit	Funding	Status
James M. Wood Apartments	508 East 5 th Street and 506 S. San Julian Street Los Angeles, CA 90013	52	HOPWA \$1.6 million	Underway

HOPWA Projects Completed Since 1993:

Project Name	Address	Unit	Funding	Status
Harold Way Apartments	1540 N. Western Ave.	51	HOME \$1,326,000 CDBG \$122,040.14 Sec. 108 (Loan Guarantee) \$91,834.86	Completed
Innes Heights Apts.	1243-1251 Innes Ave.	19	HOME \$15,000.00	Completed
Angeleno Court	1934 Allesandro St.	18	HOME \$290,900.00	Completed
Main Place Apts.	5511 S. Main Street	25	HOPWA \$450,000.00	Completed
Eugene Hotel	560 S. Stanford Ave.	44	HOME \$525,000.00	Completed
Hoover Apts.	962 S. Hoover	22	HOPWA \$1,119,809.00	Completed
Waterloo Heights Apts.	1005-1011 Waterloo St.	18	HOPWA \$400,000.00	Completed
Alegria	2737 Sunset Blvd.	44	LAHD \$2,743,000 HOPWA Loan \$159,429	Completed
Argyle Court	1938 N. Argyle Court	24	CDBG \$1,200,000 HOME \$218,979 HOPWA \$218,500	Completed
Safe House	5903 Cahuenga Blvd.	16	CDBG \$1,500,000 HOPWA \$1,163,910	Completed
San Pedro House	647 S. San Pedro Street	19	HOPWA \$950,000 SHP \$400,000	Completed
Santa Monica Courtyard Apartments	1637 Appian Way	25	HOPWA \$611,936	Completed
Silverlake Courtyard Apartments	2307 Brier Avenue	14 units	HUD 811 \$1,701,400 LAHD \$661,246	Completed
St. Andrews Bungalow Court	1514-44 North St. Andrews Place	16	HOPWA \$111,577	Completed
Triangle Sq. Apartment (aka Encore Hall)	1602 Ivar Ave.	35	HOPWA \$1,200,000	Completed

(2)(a)(ii)(3) Supportive Services

Planned vs. Actual Goal Achievement – HOPWA Supportive Services

Planned Goal: 13,038 households provided supportive services

Actual Accomplishments: 15,023 households provided supportive services (124%)

Supportive Services are widely accepted as integral for PLWH/A to obtain and maintain housing. They can ameliorate poverty, increase employment, facilitate medical care, provide assistance accessing public benefits and generally improve one's quality of life. HOPWA 2006/2007 Supportive Services include: Emergency Housing and Meal Vouchers, Housing Information Services Clearinghouse, Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency and Transitional Housing, Housing Case Management, Supportive Services in Permanent Housing, Other Supportive Services, Move-In Grant Assistance Program and Tuberculosis and Hepatitis B & C Risk Mitigation Program. These services are provided to persons who are diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Supportive services address the PLWH/As' physical, mental, and emotional needs. They assist clients to become self-sufficient and locate, acquire, finance, and maintain permanent housing. The Supportive Services help to stabilize PLWH/As and establish their immediate and long-term needs. For example, Housing Case Managers assist clients throughout the housing continuum by conducting individual housing assessments, creating short-term and long-term housing plans and working with clients to obtain their housing goals. A total of \$4,403,513 in HOPWA funds was allocated for Supportive Services in the 2006-2007 Action Plan. This represents approximately 38.78% of all HOPWA funds allocated.

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Projects in developmental stages that are not yet operational

The James M. Wood Apartments mentioned above is a HOPWA-funded affordable housing development that is not yet operational. The housing development will require that residents have a primary diagnosable mental illness as a condition of residence and program participation, but will also accept persons with substance addiction, HIV/AIDS and/or physical disabilities. The Contractor, SRO Housing Corporation, will partner with Downtown Mental Health Center (DMHC) to conduct outreach activities for potential residents and DMHC will conduct initial evaluations of all prospective residents before a referral is provided. These supportive services include case management, medical assistance, benefits counseling and advocacy, nutritional information, transportation assistance, socialization and recreational activities, peer support and self-help groups, referrals for medical and legal assistance, life-skills training, money management, employment and housing assistance, and other services for substance abuse disorders.

Additionally, SRO Housing Corp. works with numerous other social service providers in the downtown neighborhood that will provide a range of supportive services. Volunteers of America is located nearby for detoxification and along with DMHC, The Salvation Army and the Mary Lind Foundation, they will provide recovery services. In addition to DMHC's recreation activities, the Lamp Community will also provide opportunities for socialization. The Los Angeles County and USC Medical Center, JWCH Institute, White Memorial Hospital, Alta Med Health Services Corporation, the Los Angeles Community Clinic and the VA Ambulatory Care Center are all available in the area for medical assistance. The Inner City Law Center will provide legal services. Chrysalis Enterprises, Goodwill Industries, and the Employee development Department were located in the neighborhood and can provide employment services. The Los Angeles Mission, Union Rescue and Chrysalis are available for clothing. The site is also near several sources of public benefits.

The following table shows actual clients/agencies served by type of services rendered. Contractors with an asterisk (*) shown next to their entry indicates that the most recent monthly reports have not yet been submitted.

HOPWA Actual Clients/Agencies Served, 2006-2007

Supportive Services

Emergency Housing and Meal Vouchers:

Organization Name	Clients to be served	Actual	% Served
New Image Emergency Shelter -	1,080	1,032	95.6%

Information Services Clearinghouse - Housing Information & Referral Services

Organization Name	Clients to be served	Actual	% Served
AIDS Project Los Angeles	2,640	1,946	73.7%

Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency and Transitional Housing - Free and/or affordable short-term emergency and/or transitional housing

Organization Name	Clients to be served	Actual	% Served
Covenant House California	52	27	51.9%
Friends Research Institute / Safe House	56	57	101.8%
Joint Efforts	27	23	85.2%
JWCH	62	80	129.0%
LAMP, Inc.	35	26	74.3%
P.A.T.H./Foundation House	90	109	121.1%
Palms Residential Care Facility	23	27	117.4%
Project New Hope	51	74	145.1%
SERRA Project	52	45	86.5%
SRO Housing Corporation	128	235	183.6%
So. Cal. Alcohol and Drug Programs	40	39	97.5%
Substance Abuse Foundation Of Long Beach	25	30	120.0%
Tarzana Treatment Center	42	41	97.6%
SUBTOTAL	683	813	119.0%

Supportive Services in Permanent Housing - Assistance to adjust to new living arrangements, successfully maintain independent living and coordination of overall housing and service needs.

Organization Name	Clients to be served	Actual	% Served
LAMP, Inc.	15	15	100.0%
Palms Residential Care Facility	44	50	113.6%
Project New Hope	283	322	113.8%
SERRA Project	100	87	87.0%
Skid Row Housing Trust	40	32	80.0%
SRO Housing Corporation	70	109	155.7%
West Hollywood Comm. Housing	100	96	96.0%
SUBTOTAL	652	711	109.0%
Other Supportive Services – Food Deliver programs, Legal services & companion animal			
AID for AIDS (AFA)	150	203	135.3%
AIDS Project Los Angeles	2,160	2,336	108.1%
The Catalyst Foundation	75	88	117.3%

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HIV/AIDS Legal Services Alliance	380	223	58.7%
Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS), L.A.	860	871	101.3%
Project Angel Food	175	216	123.4%
SUBTOTAL	3,800	3,937	103.6%

Housing Case Management - Assistance in locating, acquiring and financing and maintaining appropriate housing

Organization Name	Clients to be served	Actual	% Served
AIDS Project Los Angeles	1,043	3,670	351.9%
AIDS Service Center	600	575	95.8%
Bienestar	347	279	80.4%
Common Ground	41	58	141.5%
Foothill AIDS Project	45	45	100.0%
Aid for AIDS (AFA)	457	369	80.7%
Los Angeles Family Housing	120	151	125.8%
Minority AIDS Project	82	114	139.0%
Skid Row Housing Trust	180	138	76.7%
Palms Residential Care Facility	52	90	173.1%
SRO Housing Corporation	240	396	165.0%
Tarzana Treatment Center	75	84	112.0%
Long Beach Health Department	300	131	43.7%
SUBTOTAL	3,582	6,100	170.3%

Total For Clients served with Supportive Services	12,437	14,539	116.9%
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Tuberculosis and Hepatitis B & C Risk Mitigation Program

Organization Name	Agencies to be served	Actual	% Served
Homeless Health Care L. A.	45	54	120%

Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program (STRMU)			
Organization Name	Clients to be served	Actual	% Served
Aid for AIDS	1,500	1,062	70.8%
Move In Grants (Permanent Housing Placement Services)			
Organization Name	Clients to be served	Actual	% Served
Aid for AIDS	526	484	92.0%

If the assessment determines that a greater level of housing assistance is needed, the individual or family must be redirected to a long-term housing subsidy program such as HOPWA tenant-based rental assistance. The CCA processes STRMU grant assistance applications from participating referral agencies, whose clients are eligible for and in need of STRMU grant assistance.

2(a) (iii) Barriers/Trends Overview

1. The number one barrier for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families in Los Angeles County is the lack of affordable housing. Per the 2000 U.S. Census, there are 1,634,030 multi-family rental units in Los Angeles County. The U.S. Census Bureau population estimate for Los Angeles County as of July 1, 2002 is 9,806,577. Based upon water usage figures from the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, an average of 4% of units are vacant. The low vacancy factor is directly related to the large number of people residing in the County versus the small amount of available housing.

As stated in the City's Consolidated Plan, "The supply, distribution and cost of housing in Los Angeles is affected by local, state and federal land use regulations and environmental laws established over the years as a result of public and private pressure. The current shortage of affordable housing inventory is exacerbated by high land and construction costs arising, in part, from these governmental regulations. Los Angeles is now nearly built-out and there is a shortage of appropriately zoned and suitably sized vacant land for affordable multi-family development."

Competition for housing in Los Angeles County has led to increasing rental amounts. The HOPWA Program provides services to low and very-low income individuals and their families. These individuals often earn less than the average rental amounts in the County. Because of the increasing rents, PLWH/A's and their families may lose their housing or their disposable income is not sufficient to pay for necessities.

Los Angeles and the other 87 cities in the County continue to develop new housing for low and very-low income individuals. But, they can't keep pace with the need. While government subsidies assist clients with moderately priced housing options, they are not able to keep pace with the rising rental market. Far more residents are eligible for assistance than can be served with existing resources available from the Federal Government.

Los Angeles, along with other cities, is facing a housing crisis as landlords who have previously participated in Section 8 and tenant based programs opt out of their housing commitments in favor of earning higher rents at the market rate.

In addition, Los Angeles County's moderate climate and groundbreaking research into HIV/AIDS have led to an increased migration of individuals from other parts of the Country. In response to this crisis, the City has chosen to expend HOME funds to develop HOPWA specific affordable housing. However, the need continues to be greater than the available resources. Numerous LACHAC meetings have focused on the need for additional funding to develop new affordable housing and the expansion of existing tenant based rental assistance programs.

HOPWA Response 2(b), Accomplishment Data

Please see attached HOPWA Performance Charts in the appendices (Measuring Performance Outcomes).

HACLA's Role in Administration of HOPWA Sub-Programs

The City and County of Los Angeles have a network of partners, programs, and service providers to address the housing and other needs of those with HIV/AIDS in the region. This strategy allows States and metropolitan areas with a high incidence of AIDS cases to design long-term comprehensive strategies to meet the housing needs of persons with AIDS.

As part of this collaborative effort, HACLA provides the following HOPWA sub-programs:

- **TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA): 460 Units**

The HOPWA Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program, modeled on the Section 8 Voucher Program, provides long-term affordable housing choices for individuals and families living with HIV and AIDS. The Housing Authority contracts with seven AIDS service agencies and other nonprofit organizations to refer eligible HOPWA applicants for tenant-based rental assistance, and provide participants with necessary supportive services. There is a "Fast Track" component that accepts applications directly from eligible households, and then refers the applicants to the agencies for any immediate assistance of long-term service needs.

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HOPWA funds provide up to twelve (12) months of tenant-based rental assistance to very-low income households of persons with HIV/AIDS or related diseases. The Program operates in the same way as the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program but also provides access to supportive services to Program participants.

Eligible families seek housing in the private sector. The unit selected must pass an inspection to ensure that it is decent, safe, and sanitary (HUD Housing Quality Standards.) Just like Section 8 assistance, the client's portion of the rent is generally based on 30 percent of the adjusted monthly income of the entire household.

At the end of the HOPWA funded period, the Project Sponsor provides continued assistance to Program participants under the Section 8 Housing Program if the household continues to meet the eligibility requirements for on-going rental assistance (defined as a roll-over.)

- **PROJECT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (PBRA): 32 Units**

The Project Sponsor is the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). Two Projects are eligible for rental subsidies under the Project Based Rental Assistance Program: Harper Community Apartments and Argyle Court.

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HACLA acts as a pass through agency for two Project Operators, Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) and West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (WHCHC). Project Operators are responsible for providing or insuring the provision of supportive services on-site or off-site to Program participants.