

2015 VAWA/HOPWA Competitive Grant Summaries

CALIFORNIA

City of San Jose Department of Housing is awarded two grants under the Violence Against Women Act and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (VAWA/HOPWA) Project Demonstration: (1) a HOPWA award in the amount of \$1,089,000; and (2) a Transitional Housing Assistance Program award in the amount of \$197,520. The City of San Jose, in partnership with The Health Trust, will provide approximately 20 households in Santa Clara County, CA, with tenant-based rental assistance per year. Supportive services will be provided by Next Door Solutions and will include crisis counseling, risk assessment, safety planning, and comprehensive case management. The project will foster a partnership between The Health Trust, an HIV/AIDS service agency, and Next Door Solutions, a domestic violence service agency. The partnership will help integrate domestic violence screening and protocols into The Health Trust's HIV/AIDS programs, and enable Next Door Solutions to better identify and address the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS that are accessing their domestic violence services.

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Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) is awarded two grants under the Violence Against Women Act and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (VAWA/HOPWA) Project Demonstration: (1) a HOPWA award in the amount of \$1,068,681; and (2) a Transitional Housing Assistance Program award in the amount of \$185,259. VOALA, in partnership with Southern California Alcohol and Drug Programs, Inc. and SHAWL House, will provide 79 households with transitional facility-based housing assistance in Los Angeles County per year. Clients will have access to intensive case management and a wide array of supportive services provided by VOALA and community partners, including: substance abuse and mental health services, domestic violence counseling, LGBTQ services, HIV medical care, benefits navigation services, employment services, transportation, childcare, and housing navigation. VOALA will conduct comprehensive community planning with HIV/AIDS providers, domestic violence/sexual assault providers, and providers targeting the LGBTQ community to improve cross-agency coordination, referrals, resource utilization and service coordination.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration (HAHSTA) of the District of Columbia (DC) Department of Health (DOH) is awarded two grants under the Violence Against Women Act and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (VAWA/HOPWA) Project Demonstration: (1) a HOPWA award in the amount of \$1,100,000; and (2) a Transitional Housing Assistance Program award in the amount of \$197,520. HAHSTA will partner with the Greater Washington Urban League and the District Alliance for Safe Housing to provide housing assistance and wrap-around services for 27 households in the Washington, DC, area per year. HAHSTA will collaborate with the DC Office of Victims Services and Justice Grants to convene a Demonstration Coordinating Council (DCC) that will include government and non-profit representatives from the domestic violence and affordable housing sectors and from HIV medical care, trauma services, behavioral healthcare, first response, education, and employment. Over the course of two years, these community partners will identify causes, issues, and barriers for persons living with HIV/AIDS that are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to maintaining healthy relationships, stable housing and overall wellbeing. Lessons learned from the DCC will be used to inform and improve existing programs in both the HIV/AIDS and violence-response systems.

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LOUISIANA

UNITY of Greater New Orleans (Unity GNO) is awarded two grants under the Violence Against Women Act and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (VAWA/HOPWA) Project Demonstration: (1) a HOPWA award in the amount of \$1,100,000; and (2) a Transitional Housing Assistance Program award in the amount of \$197,520. UNITY GNO will partner with CrescentCare to provide tenant-based rental assistance to 25 households and permanent housing placement assistance to 20 households per year in the New Orleans area. Southeast Louisiana Legal Services will provide housing information services and legal services to help clients obtain and maintain needed resources for permanent housing. Through a partnership with the New Orleans Family Justice Center, clients will have access to a range of services, such as comprehensive case management, support groups, child care, educational opportunities, job readiness classes, and financial literacy classes. UNITY GNO will coordinate with the project partners on the development of an assessment and referral system to maximize coordination and reduce duplication of effort in providing services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS that are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

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MISSOURI

The City of Kansas City, MO is awarded two grants under the Violence Against Women Act and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (VAWA/HOPWA) Project Demonstration: (1) a HOPWA award in the amount of \$817,720; and (2) a Transitional Housing Assistance Program award in the amount of \$191,520. The City will partner with Save, Inc. to provide tenant-based rental assistance to 22 households per year, permanent housing placement assistance to 25 households per year, and short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to 35 households per year in the Kansas City area. Through a partnership with Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, clients will have access to comprehensive supportive services including case management, advocacy, group and individual therapy, safety planning, and skills building. The City's comprehensive planning and coordination activities will bring together HIV housing and service providers and domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking providers to improve the system for identifying persons living with HIV/AIDS that are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and linking them to housing, medical care, and other services.

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NEW YORK

Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc. (GMHC) is awarded two grants under the Violence Against Women Act and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (VAWA/HOPWA) Project Demonstration: (1) a HOPWA award in the amount of \$1,085,977; and (2) a Transitional Housing Assistance Program award in the amount of \$197,520 for a Safety In Housing (SIH) Project. GMHC will provide housing placement assistance and short-term rental assistance to 15 households per year and short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to 8 households per year in New York City. Wraparound client support services will be provided by GMHC and The New York City Anti-Violence Project that will focus on improving beneficiary health and safety, increasing access to employment/income, improving HIV treatment adherence, and successful transitions to permanent housing. GMHC will launch a SIH planning workgroup with HIV/AIDS housing and service providers and domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking providers to share resources and best practices, coordinate screening processes and referral systems, identify needs and service gaps, and uncover opportunities for systemic change.

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Unity House of Troy, Inc. is awarded two grants under the Violence Against Women Act and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (VAWA/HOPWA) Project Demonstration: (1) a HOPWA award in the amount of \$869,257; and (2) a Transitional Housing Assistance Program award in the amount of \$197,519. Unity House will provide 15 households per year with tenant-based rental assistance, 5 households per year with short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, and 8 households per year with permanent housing placement assistance in Albany and Rensselaer counties. Clients will have access to a range of supportive services including case management, safety planning, personal and systems advocacy, employment services, transportation, and nutrition services. Unity House will be partnering with the Corporation for AIDS Research, Education, and Services (CARES) on comprehensive coordination activities that will focus on bringing together HIV/AIDS housing and service providers, domestic violence service providers, and homeless shelters throughout the region to develop screening, recordkeeping and referral methods that protect client confidentiality and safety while improving service delivery, housing stability, and health outcomes in the target population.

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OREGON

The City of Portland Oregon is awarded two grants under the Violence Against Women Act and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (VAWA/HOPWA) Project Demonstration: (1) a HOPWA award in the amount of \$602,795; and (2) a Transitional Housing Assistance Program award in the amount of \$125,622 to support the Katie Project. The City of Portland will partner with Cascade AIDS Project to provide permanent housing placement assistance and flexible rental assistance subsidies for 14 households per year. Supportive services will be provided by Bradley Angle and will include safety planning, crisis intervention, financial education and planning, employment services, and physical and mental health engagement and support. Through increased coordination, cross training, and agency and community systems change efforts, the City of Portland, Cascade AIDS Project, and Bradley Angle will work together to increase local competency in serving low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS that are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

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