

HOPWA and HOME Funding in 2019



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Today's two resolutions

19-0828

Approves a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the 2019 allocation of \$2,278,782 through the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program to provide housing and supportive services for persons with Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases.

19-0829

Approves a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the 2019 allocation of \$2,935,765 for HOME investment Partnerships (HOME) to provide funding for the city's housing development activities, including for building, buying, and rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership and providing direct rental assistance to low-income residents.



Background: HOPWA

- HOPWA was created in the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990
- Some believe in the U.S. that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is under control, but AIDS is still an active crisis
- The Centers for Disease Control estimates there are an estimated 55,000 new HIV infections each year
- Today there are more than 1.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States
- More than one sixth of those people are unaware that they have the virus
- It is estimated that half of all people living with HIV/AIDS will need housing assistance at some point
- As with other chronic conditions that may make it difficult for an individual to find or maintain gainful employment, HIV/AIDS can be an impoverishing disease, requiring public subsidies for basic needs, including housing

For people living with HIV/AIDS, housing is healthcare.

For people struggling with the disabling and impoverishing effects of HIV/AIDS, housing is an essential cornerstone of health and stability.

Program Year	Authorized Amount
2009	\$1,452,390.00
2010	\$1,572,773.00
2011	\$1,565,263.00
2012	\$1,573,947.00
2013	\$1,481,394.00
2014	\$1,554,187.00
2015	\$1,545,607.00
2016	\$1,562,737.00
2017	\$1,780,690.00
2018	\$2,017,134.00
2019	\$2,278,782.00

Funding Trend: HOPWA

HOPWA funds have increased 28% since 2010.

HOPWA in Denver Today

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

EXAMPLE: Colorado Health Network, Inc. – Jan 2019 - \$1,414,306

1 -- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: Provides housing assistance to eligible households by subsidizing the difference between total rent and the monthly tenant rent.

2 -- Short-Term Rent Mortgage/Utility Assistance: Provides housing assistance to eligible households for up to \$1,200 and/or 21 weeks of assistance in a 52-week period. This program is designed to prevent homelessness by assisting to retain long-term, stable, permanent housing options for households that might otherwise lose their housing (helps prevent eviction/foreclosure).



3 -- Supportive Services: Collaboration with other case management services such as referrals to healthcare, support around adherence to healthcare and treatment, referrals to mental health and substance abuse counseling, referrals to support groups and psycho-educational workshops, housing resources and referrals, and vocational assistance.

4 -- Permanent Housing Placement: Provides deposit/move-in assistance to eligible participants.

Background: HOME

“A housing project involving a mortgage or a lease”

- HOME's flexibility empowers people and communities to design and implement strategies tailored to their own needs and priorities
- HOME's emphasis on consolidated planning expands and strengthens partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector in the development of affordable housing
- HOME's technical assistance activities and set-aside for qualified community-based nonprofit housing groups builds the capacity of these partners
- HOME's requirement that grantees match 25 cents of every dollar in program funds mobilizes community resources in support of affordable housing



Program Year	Authorized Amount
2009	\$4,384,470.00
2010	\$4,365,893.00
2011	\$3,845,109.00
2012	\$2,297,539.00
2013	\$1,913,284.00
2014	\$1,991,195.00
2015	\$2,222,535.00
2016	\$2,363,638.00
2017	\$2,362,617.00
2018	\$3,221,104.00
2019	\$2,935,765.00

Funding Trend: HOME

Denver's HOME funds have decreased 33% since 2009.



HOME in Denver Today

Three recent examples of HOME-funded projects (2017-18):

BUILD: Marycrest/Aria **\$700,000** *65 units for 30-60% AMI*

BUILD: Laradon Homes **\$1,820,000** *90 units for 30-60% AMI*

PROGRAM: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

Target served: most vulnerable, homeless



DISCUSSION

