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Funding empowers communities to develop and execute new projects, positioning housing as a key strategy to combat the HIV epidemic.

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$26 million in Housing Interventions to End the HIV Epidemic program funding. This funding will go to 11 communities across the nation. Grantees receive a one-time award to fund housing assistance and supportive services for eligible individuals and families, coordination and planning activities, grants management and administration. HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development Marion McFadden made the announcement alongside local leaders from Volunteers of America in Los Angeles, CA.

"HUD is addressing homelessness and housing instability for the populations most impacted by the HIV epidemic," said **HUD Acting Secretary Adrianne Todman**. "This funding will provide grantees and their stakeholders the opportunity to complement local efforts to end the HIV epidemic."

The Housing Interventions (HINT) to End the HIV Epidemic program is part of the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. Unlike the majority of HOPWA funding, which is distributed through <u>annual formula allocations</u>, HINT is a competitive award aimed at promoting best practices in the field.

"Earlier this year, HUD provided \$455 million to 130 grantees through the HOPWA program to connect people with HIV/AIDS to housing and support," said **Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary McFadden**. "The awards announced today allow communities to continue driving forward best practices and sharing successes with the field."

Each awarded project will:

- Use Housing First principles to provide housing and services to low-income people with HIV and their families
- Align with new or existing local initiatives to end the HIV epidemic by promoting housing as a key strategy
- Improve use of available community resources and coordination among local housing and service providers
- Increase the amount of quality data collected and used for decision making with an emphasis on stable housing, positive health outcomes, and equity
- Assess and document replicable practices that ensure equitable access and cultural humility in providing housing and services for populations of people with HIV experiencing service gaps
- Prioritize sustainable, effective, and equitable approaches to providing housing and services to people with HIV and their families that can be continued past the funded project's period of performance

By the end of the grant period, each grantee will create a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Grant Model. This model will showcase effective practices and lessons learned in using housing to combat the HIV epidemic. These models will be shared publicly, and the insights gained will help shape national and community policies and actions.

HUD joins its federal colleagues in efforts to end the HIV epidemic by contributing to action items and efforts in the <u>National HIV/AIDS Strategy</u> and the <u>Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative</u> through these HOPWA HINT SPNS grants.

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Competitive Grant: Housing Interventions (HINT) to End the HIV Epidemic Awardees

State	Applicant	Award Amount
CA	Volunteers of America of Los Angeles	\$2,500,000
CA	WestCare California, Inc.	\$2,500,000
СО	Vivent Health, Inc	\$2,000,329
GA	AID Atlanta Inc	\$2,500,000
GA	Positive Impact Health Centers	\$2,500,000
MA	Justice Resource Institute, Inc.	\$1,803,438
MN	Clare Housing	\$2,500,000
NJ	The Center in Asbury Park	\$2,500,000
OR	Oregon Health Authority	\$2,500,000
ТΧ	AIDS Outreach Center Inc	\$2,500,000
ТΧ	Houston Housing Authority	\$2,500,000
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Housing is a structural intervention in ending the HIV epidemic in the United States. Each year, HOPWA ensures housing stability for more than 100,000 American households that are low-income and living with HIV. Want to know more about HOPWA? Go to

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