

**People of Color Leadership (POCL) Committee
Incarcerated Work Group**

Housing: What We Know So Far

- Needs assessment ranks housing as a high priority of all groups
 - Overall - #4
 - In Care - #6
 - Out of Care - #2
 - White MSM - #5
 - Men of Color MSM - #6
 - Women of Color - #4
 - IDU - #4
 - MSM/IDU - #4
- Needs assessment also shows that 35.9% of In Care stated there was difficulty in accessing housing services
- Needs assessment also show the problem in general among participants
 - 54% In Care and 60.3% Out of Care where unable to pay mortgage, rent, or utilities in the last 12 months
 - 29.5% of In Care and 44.6% Out of Care were homeless in the past year
 - 31.4% said they needed housing service in the last year
- Information from CAP's housing program for those incarcerated within the last year:
 - 48 participants in CAP's housing programs
 - 23 on waitlists
- HOPWA
 - 78 HOPWA units
 - Units have little turnover
 - Finite 1.4 million dollar budget
 - Each landlord has own written guidelines
 - Applicants must go through CAP to apply
 - Currently there is a waiting list for properties
 - More money being spent on assistance and not building
 - Currently in 30 year contracts which makes it difficult to shift programming significantly

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- Other key issues identified by the group
 - The reluctance to access shelters due to drug treatment programs
 - TB documentation at the shelters
 - Long wait list for housing
 - CBI convictions keep participants out of certain housing programs
 - Wait list cleared out at CAP
 - Ryan White funding runs out quickly

HOPWA Eligibility Requirements:

- household income at or below 80% AMI
- at least one member of household HIV+/AIDS
- absolutely no convictions of:
 - manufacturing methamphetamines
 - arson
 - any sex offense
- household member w/ HIV+/AIDS must be case managed

Tenant based rental assistance (TBRA) - same as above, plus:

- tenant rent portion = the higher of 30% of adjusted income, or 10% of monthly income
- subsidy amount = total rent – (tenant rent portion + utility allowance)
- local occupancy codes apply
- recertification annually
- HQS inspections annually

Project or Facility based rental assistance - same as above, plus:

- tenant rent portion = the higher of 30% of adjusted income, or 10% of monthly income
- subsidy amount = total rent – (tenant rent portion + utility allowance)
- local occupancy codes apply
- recertification annually
- HQS inspections annually
- program participation attached to the property

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HOPWA units (brick & mortar) - same as above, plus:

- tenant rent portion = the higher of 30% of adjusted income, or 10% of monthly income
- local occupancy codes apply
- recertification annually
- HQS inspections annually
- cannot combine these units with Section 8 voucher
- HOPWA TBRA voucher may not be used in conjunction

Short term rent mortgage utility assistance (STRMU) - same as above, plus:

- household must demonstrate need
- only covers eviction/foreclosure prevention (utilities paid w/ Ryan White – Part A)
- limited to 21 weeks of assistance out of 52 week period per household OR
- limited to \$1000 per household per 52 week period
- once 21 weeks OR \$1000 is received, no additional STRMU \$ until next calendar/program year
- cannot be used in same month as move-in/deposit assistance

Supportive Services/Case Management - same as above, plus:

- recertification annually
- create a housing plan
- include a plan for primary care and dental
- adhere to rules of case management

Permanent Housing Placement (move-in/deposit assistance) - same as above, plus:

- cannot exceed 2 months' rent
- cannot be used in the same month as STRMU (eviction prevention)