

**APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

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Pre-application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier	
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION				
Legal Name: State of Kansas		Organizational Unit: Department: Department of Health and Environment		
Organizational DUNS: 61-714754		Division: Division of Health		
Address: Street: 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 210		Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code) Prefix: Mr. First Name: Phil		
City: Topeka		Middle Name		
County: Shawnee		Last Name Griffin		
State: Kansas	Zip Code 66612-1354	Suffix:		
Country: United States of America		Email:		
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 48-6029925		Phone Number (give area code) (785) 296-5865	Fax Number (give area code) (785) 296-8985	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) See back of form for description of letters. Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (See back of form for Application Types) A. State Other (specify)		
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 14-239 TITLE (Name of Program): Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): State of Kansas		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: Formula Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS		
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: 01/01/2006 Ending Date: 12/31/2006		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant All Kansas Districts b. Project State of Kansas		
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?		
a. Federal	\$ 331,000.00	a. Yes. <input type="checkbox"/>	THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON	
b. Applicant	\$.00		DATE:	
c. State	\$.00	b. No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372	
d. Local	\$.00		OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
e. Other	\$.00	<input type="checkbox"/>		
f. Program Income	\$.00			
g. TOTAL	\$ 331,000.00	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.				
a. Authorized Representative				
Prefix Mr.	First Name Roderick	Middle Name L.		
Last Name Bremby		Suffix		
b. Title Secretary		c. Telephone Number (give area code) (785) 296-0461		
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed October 31, 2005		

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program

Resources Expected

The State of Kansas expects to receive Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) formula funding in the amount of \$331,000. Kansas received \$369,000 in 2003 and \$363,000 in 2004, when Franklin County and Linn County were shifted to the Kansas City, Missouri, metropolitan entitlement area. HOPWA Competitive funds expire in mid 2006, without the possibility of renewal. Effectively this will mean a loss of \$471,000 from the annual statewide budget.

Leveraging of supportive services, such as AIDS Drug Assistance (ADAP), primary care, case management, and other clinical or wraparound services, will remain constant at \$3,545,000. Supportive services will be coordinated across the state through the Ryan White case management sites. Access to HOPWA funds will be through the Ryan White case management sites to a central office at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, Medical Practice Association. By mid 2006 staffing will be reduced from four persons to one person to cover the entire state. In addition the cost of operations and that staff person will shift to the Formula grant for 6 months of 2006 and thereafter.

Proposed Activities

Geographic Areas. The service area for HOPWA formula and competitive funding includes all Kansas counties except Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Miami, Franklin, and Lynn. Kansas counties in the Kansas City metropolitan area receive HOPWA formula funding through the City of Kansas City, Missouri. The Kansas service area is classified as rural. HOPWA formula and competitive funding has provided statewide housing resources for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Kansas, beginning with direct services in the fall of 2003.

Priority Needs. Ongoing analysis of quality of life through surveys and Steering Committee recommendations indicate the highest priority of need based on reduced funding will be for short term rent, mortgage and utility payments. While long-term housing solutions are critical to the stability of HIV clients, regions will have to rely more on Section 8, Shelter-Plus Care and self sufficiency as housing plans for long-term solutions. The following are the recommendations:

- 1) Keep Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utilities (STRMU) - some indicated not offering the emergency piece of this category. In Wichita it was felt there are other resources to get clients in emergency housing. Emergency services would have to remain as a category (but could carry a more restrictive use) because when clients are homeless or living with relatives/friends and do not have a lease, emergency category is the only resource we can use to move them into housing.

Rents through STRMU are only for people currently in housing. Furthermore, in rural areas it may be necessary to house someone in a motel for a few days as some areas have no shelters. A couple of people indicated not offering the full 21 weeks.

RECOMMEND: STRMU to be maintained (up to the 21 weeks) including emergency services with added restrictions. In Wichita, motel stays would only be offered if every other resource for temporary housing is full or unavailable. The full 21 week cycle would remain available.

- 2) Eliminate Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). TBRA will no longer be offered on or near June 1, 2005. The reason is when a client signs up for TBRA, they are approved for 12 months. The Competitive Grant to the State occurs in mid May. While the Formula grant it is awarded at same time, the cycle is on a calendar year. Therefore, if TBRA were approved for a person in August of 2005, the formula program would be required to pay TBRA in June through August of 2006.

RECOMMEND: TBRA stops in or around June 1, 2005 and therefore we would have to stop payments before the end of the approved cycle.

- 3) Keep the qualifying income at current levels.

RECOMMEND: There will not be a change in qualifying income (remains at 50% of median).

- 4) The response was mixed on offering services to only those with an AIDS diagnosis.

RECOMMEND: An AIDS diagnosis is not necessarily an indicator of someone who is in need, or even that they are too sick to work. The State will not change to offer services based on a diagnosis, but will continue to use the medical opinion on income and work that is given by providers to help with the case plans and helping clients make decisions about working or applying for SSI and SSDI.

- 5) Come up with some kind of qualifying questionnaire. The State has already done this with 2nd cycle STRMU requests. It is possible to do this with first time and even look at the questionnaire to add some more qualifiers.

RECOMMEND: Develop an added screening tool.

- 6) Based on available funding, the steering committee realized that logically there should only be one staff member. However, all agreed that a second person should be maintained if at all possible.

RECOMMEND: Continue to research and secure other funding sources that would support a second staff person to help process client services and offer support to case managers. If no additional funding is found, then reduce to one person staff on or about July 1, 2006. It will be necessary to have this in place and decided on by fall of 2005 in order to include staff funding in the state Consolidated Plan since this funding will be switched over to the Formula grant.

The State of Kansas primary housing activities under HOPWA in 2006 will be:

- Tenant-based rental assistance – only in the completion of 1 year assistances that began in 2005, but not past June 1, 2005.
- Short-term rent, mortgage and utilities assistance
- Transitional/emergency housing
- Housing coordination.

Supportive services will be phased out by July 1, 2006, with all available funding shifting to short term rent, mortgage and utility payments, emergency housing and operations. Housing information services will also be drastically reduced or eliminated as those have been primarily made available through the competitive grant funds.

The supportive services that will be available in 2006 include:

- Nutritional supplements
- Mental health, drug/alcohol counseling and treatment
- Transportation.

Other resources will likely be unable to fill these gaps and Kansas residents living with HIV and AIDS will face increased barriers to care and quality of life with this reduction in services. A limited amount of money may be available through Ryan White Title II depending on the funding levels and reauthorization scheduled for the fall of 2005. Other potential but limited resources to fill in this gap will be localized through individual case management site activities and volunteer resources as well as The Sweet Emergency Fund.

Specific Objectives. With the past availability of Competitive funds, the HOPWA program has carryover funds available from the Formula grant to continue services at a greater level. HOPWA will re-institute tenant based rental assistance, increase STRMU assistance and meet the need for the year for nutrition, counseling and transportation. In addition HOPWA will be able to retain two employees laying off two in order to ensure that the maximum dollars go to client services yet maintain a reasonable staff to administer the program.

The State of Kansas will assure the availability of affordable housing, and prevent homelessness, for HIV positive individuals and their families. For HOPWA funding in 2006 (Formula and Competitive combined), the State will serve the following clients:

- 180 - short-term rent, mortgage and/or utility payments and deposit clients
- 60 - transitional client housing assists
- 40 - Tenant Based Rental Assistance clients
- 2,000 - cases of supplement = 300 clients served
- 3 - grocery centers supported with 90 clients served
- 30 - drug/alcohol or mental health services
- 180 Clients - transportation bus passes, taxi rides, or other services for medical appointments and housing appointments.

Distribution of Funds

The HOPWA funding will be distributed to landlords, mortgagors, utility providers and individual clients through the Ryan White CARE case management system. This system consists of 10 case management sites funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Ryan White CARE Act, Title II.

The University of Kansas, School of Medicine-Wichita, Medical Practice Association (UKSM-W MPA), is the program sponsor for the Kansas HOPWA Program. In 1993, the UKSM-W MPA received federal funding to administer a statewide Ryan White, Title III, CARE Act program under the medical direction of Dr. Donna E. Sweet. The UKSM-W MPA HIV program provides primary care for 60 percent of the clients in the Kansas Ryan White Title II program and over 80 percent of clients in Western, South Central, and Southeast Kansas. The UKSM-W MPA HIV program will administer the payment of HOPWA housing assistance and other requests for assistance submitted through the Ryan White case management system.

2006 HOPWA Funding

Eligible Activity	Formula
Supportive Services	85,000
Housing Information/TA	108,206
Rental Assistance	130,000
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, & Utility	201,897
Subtotal of Activity Costs	\$525,103
Grantee’s Administrative Costs	15,753
Project Sponsor’s Administrative Costs	34,352
Collect Data on Project Outcomes	
Total	\$575,208

See the 2006 HOPWA Performance Measures on pages 42 and 46.

