

HOUSING

Having a stable living environment improves your chance of successfully fighting HIV complications. A stable, affordable living environment will help you avoid outside stress and get the adequate rest you need. Additionally, it is important for many HIV medications to remain refrigerated or at a constant temperature.

If you find yourself without a place to live, there are many programs to help you find short-term housing while you search for long-term options.

Housing resources in Los Angeles County include programs designed to assist people with HIV as well as programs for anyone in need.

[What Services Are Available?](#)

-Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA):

Provides resources to help you meet your housing needs

-Emergency Housing and Meal Vouchers

-Short-term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program (STRMU): This program exists to prevent you from becoming homeless

-Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency and Transitional Housing: Another service working to prevent homelessness

-Housing Specialists: A housing specialist can help you with maintaining appropriate housing, applying for housing and with moving and its expenses

-Supportive Services in Permanent Housing: This program can help you adjust to a new living arrangement and maintain independent living

-Tenant-based Rental Assistance Program: If you are a person with HIV/AIDS and have a very low income, this program can pay up to 80 percent of your rent

[Am I Eligible?](#)

In order to access the Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) program, you must live in or be moving to LA County and be prepared to provide these documents:

- Utility bill
- Rental, lease or mortgage agreement
- Proof of income (you may not qualify for HOPWA program assistance if you currently lack a means of income)
- A diagnosis from a licensed physician to verify your HIV status
- Proof of California residence
- Picture ID

These documents are acceptable as proof of family relation:

- Domestic partnership certification
- Marriage license
- Child or children's birth certificate(s)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- For the most up-to-date Housing listings visit www.hivla.org or call Residential Services at (213) 201-1421
- Visit the Comprehensive Housing Information & Referrals for People Living with HIV/AIDS at www.chirpla.org or call their hotline, (877) 724-4775
- Call Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, (800) 731-4663

