HOPWA A Community Development Program of MFA Housing opportunities for persons with AIDS



HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) is an MFA program that provides housing assistance and related services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.



What does the HOPWA program offer?

Recipients can receive long-term rental assistance or short-term help with rent, mortgage and utility payments. Individuals without a home can receive the financial support they need to find permanent housing, which may include help paying rental security deposits, first and last months' rent and utility connection fees.

HOPWA housing assistance has three components:

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance: Helps low-income families with their rental payments.
- Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility assistance: Helps individuals and families who are at risk of becoming homeless stay housed by providing rental, mortgage or utility payments and increasing access to supportive services.
- Permanent Housing Placement: Helps unhoused families move into permanent housing by assisting with:
 - » Application and credit check fees
 - » One-time utility connection fees
 - » Rental security deposits
 - » First and last months' rent

How do I find out more?

MFA works with three organizations to provide HOPWA services throughout the state. Contact the service provider in your area to learn how the HOPWA program can help you.

HOPWA Service Areas



Southwest CARE Center

Housing Case Manager - Michael Kargas 505.218.8472

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El Camino Real Housing Authority

HQS Inspection & Section 8 Manager -Geraldine Maldonado 575.835.0196

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Southwestern Regional Housing and Community **Development Corporation**

Program Manager - Aziza Espinoza 575.546.4181 aziza@swnm.org

Do I qualify?

In order to qualify for the program, an individual must have a medical diagnosis of HIV/AIDS. In addition, their household income must be 80 percent or lower of the area median income. To see a complete list of HOPWA income limits by county, go to *housingnm.org*, select the Community Development tab, and click on the HOPWA option on the menu bar.

If you have any other program questions, please contact MFA's HOPWA program manager:
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