



HOPWA Modernization 101

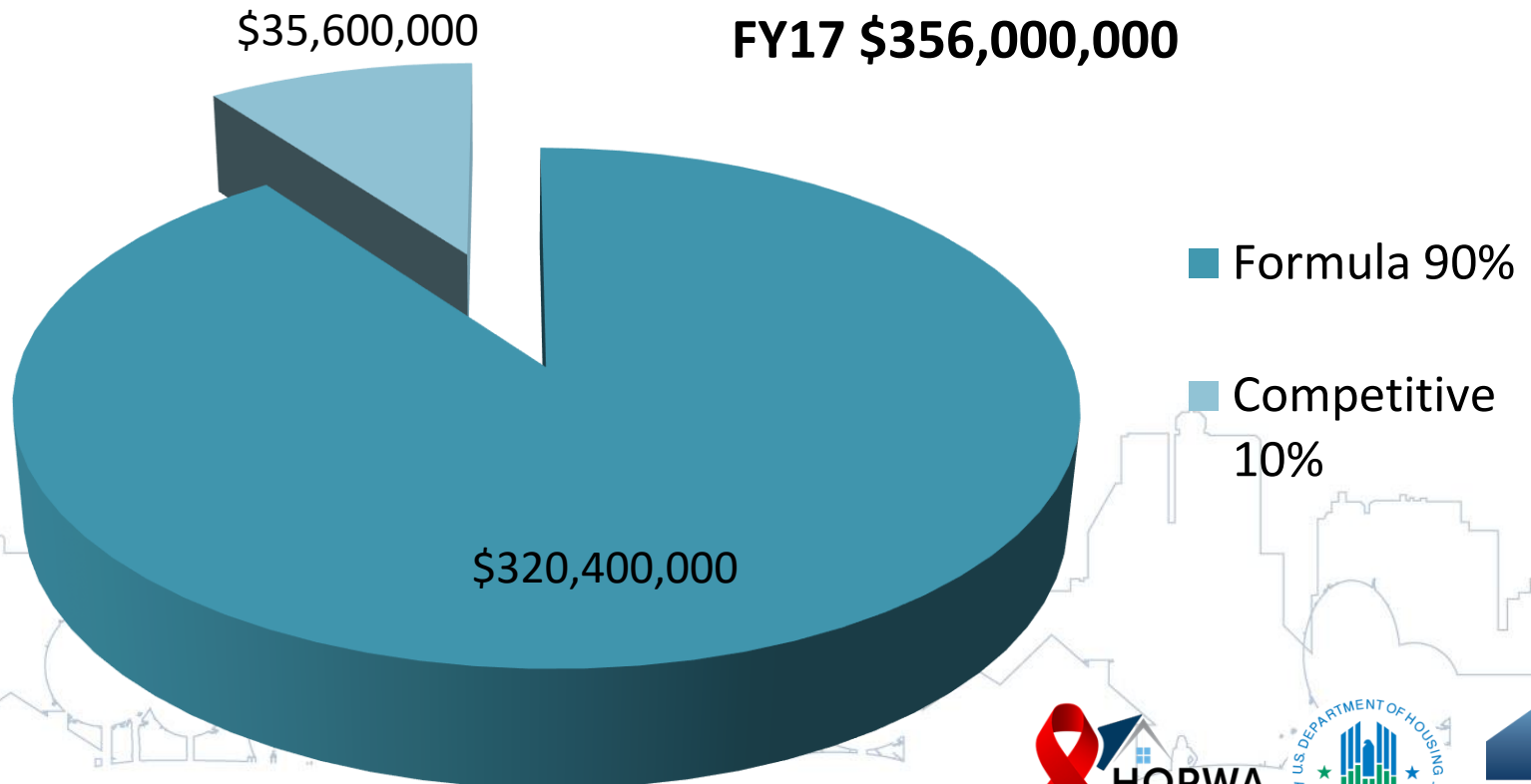


The HOPWA Institute:

“Housing’s Role in Ending the HIV Epidemic”

HOPWA Structure

The vast majority (90%) of HOPWA → funds formula grants



HOTMA

- Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (Public Law 114-201)
- Primary change to base HOPWA formula on "living with HIV" data
- Effective for the 2017 allocation year



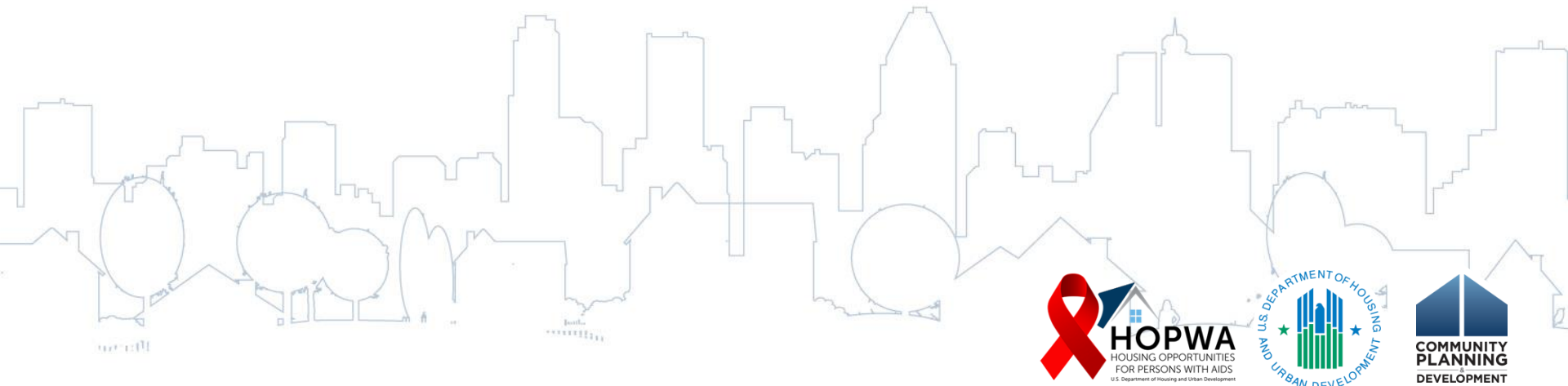
Key Provision of HOTMA

Original formula:

of cumulative AIDS cases

Modernized Formula:

of people living with HIV/AIDS (and other factors)

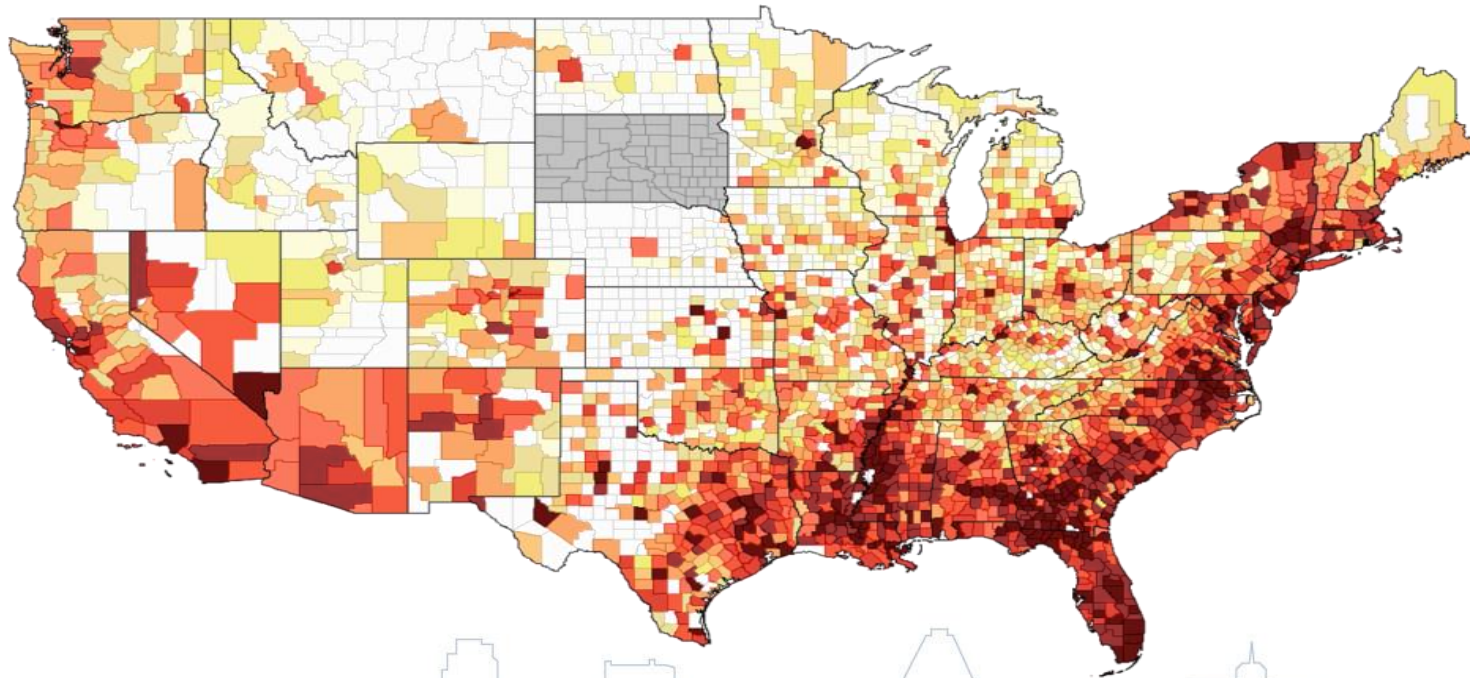


Why Modernization?

- Provide resources to communities most impacted by current epidemic
- Recognize shift in geography of the epidemic
- Under the modernized formula, funds will shift according to the highest incidences of people actually living with HIV from year to year



Today's HIV Epidemic



Rates of Persons Living with Diagnosed HIV, 2014



Data not shown *

Data not released to AidsVu **

Rates displayed are the number of cases per 100,000 people.

*Data not shown to protect privacy because of a small number of cases and/or a small population.

**State health department, per its HIV data re-release agreement with CDC, requested not to release data to AIDSvu.

NOTE: There are no county-level maps for Alaska, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico because there are no counties in these states.



Specific Changes in the Law

- All current formula grantees remain eligible but baseline for newly eligible areas increased to 2,000 living HIV/AIDS cases
- Removed requirement that 25% of funds be distributed to cities based on AIDS incidence
- Added requirement that 25% of funds be distributed based on local FMRs and poverty rates
- Modernization effective starting in FY 2017 and phased in over 5 years
 - Jurisdiction cannot lose more than 5% or gain more than 10% of their share of the previous year's total available formula funds

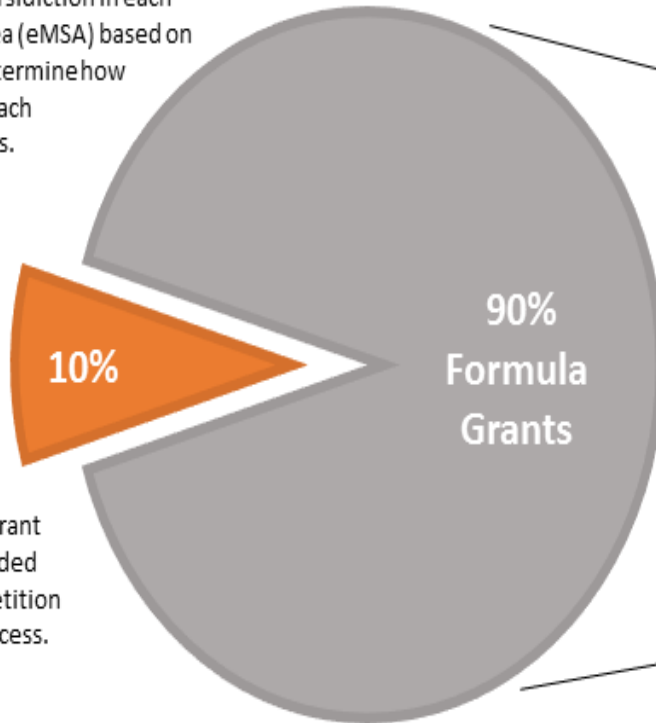


HOPWA FORMULA MODERNIZATION

■ Competitive Awards
 ■ Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)
 ■ Poverty Rate weighted PLWHA
 ■ FMR Rate weighted PLWHA

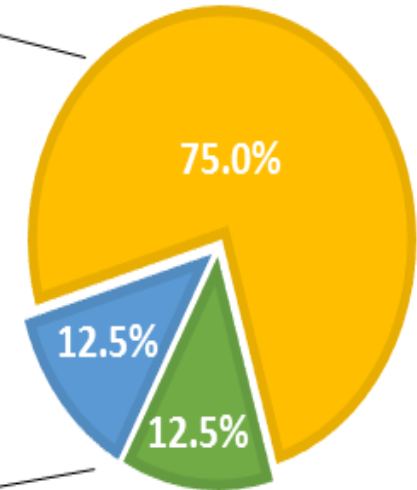
Formula Grants: 90% of the total HOPWA grant funds are allocated to the largest jurisdiction in each eligible MSA area (eMSA) based on a formula to determine how much funding each grantee receives.

Competitive Grants: 10% of the total HOPWA grant funds are awarded through competition or renewal process.



Living HIV Cases: 75% of the formula grant funds are allocated based on the living HIV cases released annually from CDC.

$$\left(\frac{\text{\# PLWHA in eMSA or eligible state}}{\text{Total \# PLWHA in all eMSA areas and eligible states}} \right) * .75(\text{Total formula pot})$$



Poverty: 12.5% of the formula grant funds are allocated based on the weighted poverty rate using the most recent census data.

$$\left(\frac{\text{\# PLWHA * Poverty Rate in eMSA or eligible state}}{\text{Sum of all above for all eMSA areas and eligible states}} \right) * .125(\text{Total formula pot})$$

Fair Market Rent (FMR): 12.5% of the formula grant funds are allocated based on local housing costs (FMR for 2BR) released annually from HUD.

$$\left(\frac{\text{\# PLWHA * FMR in eMSA or eligible state}}{\text{Sum of above for all eMSA areas and eligible states}} \right) * .125(\text{Total formula pot})$$

Note: This formula is for full implementation. A stop-loss provision for the 5-year period, FY17-FY21, is being used to transition grantees to full HOPWA Modernization implementation.

HUD Values for Modernization

- No person should become homeless as the result of HOPWA Modernization;
- All funds should be used to meet the needs of eligible households, with no funds recaptured from grants; and
- Grantees should ensure their project designs meet the changing needs of the modern HIV epidemic, with the goal of positive health outcomes and reduced viral loads for HOPWA-assisted households.



How Can Communities Prepare for Modernization?

- Review the allocation projections for your community when you receive them
- Assess current HOPWA spending patterns and program design to determine where changes might be made to better reflect the projections and current need
- Determine what your community needs to do to address losses/what your community needs to do to effectively spend increased HOPWA funding
- Actively participate in the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan process and other community planning processes.



Technical Assistance

- Technical Assistance for Highly Impacted Communities
- HOPWA Modernization Toolkit
- HOPWA Formula Modernization Page:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hopwa/formula-modernization/>

- HOPWA AAQ:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>



Questions?

