



Targeted Discussion: Permanent Housing Placement (PHP)

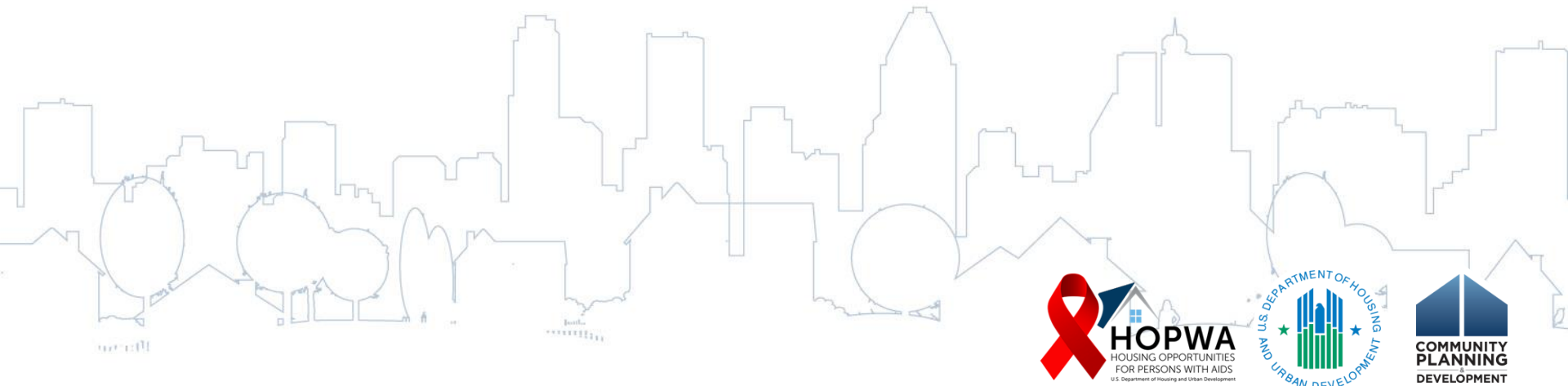


Learning Objectives

- Know what costs can be covered using PHP and what costs cannot be paid for with PHP.
- Know how to use PHP appropriately to ensure client housing stability.
- Know how to report and track the use of PHP funds.

The HOPWA Institute:

“Housing’s Role in Ending the HIV Epidemic”



What is PHP?

PHP = Permanent Housing Placement

- ✓ Eligible under 574.300 as a type of HOPWA Supportive Services.
- ✓ Goal is to help establish permanent residency when continued occupancy is expected.
- ✓ Includes “tenant counseling, assisting individuals and families to understand leases, secure utilities, and mediation services related to neighbor/landlord issues that may rise.” CPD 06-07 Notice
- ✓ What are other PHP service costs?

Let's Break It Down

Can PHP be used to pay for....

Security Deposit?

First Month's Rent?

Last Month's Rent?

Rental Insurance?

Utility Deposits?

Basic household start-up costs (furniture, utensils, etc.)?

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PHP can be used to pay for...

1. Application fees and credit check expenses
2. One-time utility connection fees
3. Rental Security Deposits / First & Last Month's Rent

NOTE: The total of any payments associated with the rental security deposit or first/last month's rent cannot exceed the value of 2 months' rent.

Things to Consider

- ✓ PHP is intended to assist program participants to secure and move into permanent housing
- ✓ Should another program be paying?
- ✓ Use in conjunction with TBRA—this is allowable and works well for some households
- ✓ PHP is used to place individuals into housing not assist individuals *already* in housing

Habitability and PHP

- ✓ Providers should ensure that all housing supported with PHP is safe, decent, and sanitary
- ✓ It is the OHH's policy that if PHP is provided, the unit should meet the basic Habitability Standards found at 24 CFR 574.310 (b) (2).
- ✓ Note if programs are using HQS (which is more stringent), a client should not be denied housing when there are available units that meet HOPWA habitability standards.

PHP Tracking and Reporting

- ✓ Security deposits are program funds that must be returned to the program when the assisted tenant leaves the unit. A good faith effort must be made to recover program funds upon the departure of the beneficiary from the unit.
- ✓ HUD requires that Grantees and Project Sponsors track and report PHP costs separately as a HOPWA housing subsidy assistance expense for activity set-up in IDIS and year-end reporting in the HOPWA APR/CAPER!

QUESTIONS?

[PHP Fact Sheet](#)

Ask-A-Question:

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

