Idaho Housing and Finance Association, a financial services and housing business organization, provides funding for affordable housing in communities where it is most needed and when economically feasible. IHFA is a self-supporting corporation that must generate all revenue necessary to cover the cost of its operations. It does this by earning fees for work performed and does not use any state-appropriated funds for its operations.
What is the HOPWA Program?

Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) is the direct recipient of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program called Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA). These funds are used to help low-income persons with AIDS/HIV gain access to housing and services, with the primary goal of meeting basic needs.

HOPWA Housing

One of the main components of the HOPWA program is the tenant-based rental assistance program. Qualified persons or families may request a housing voucher anywhere in the state of Idaho through IHFA. Once an application has been approved, the applicant is allowed to find housing that is suitable for their needs, and a voucher is issued according to the federally approved standards and guidelines. This makes it possible for individuals or families to live in suitable housing and close to community resources and amenities.

How Much Assistance Can I Receive?

As long as an individual or family meets the eligibility criteria, they can live in housing provided by a voucher for an indefinite amount of time. Short-term assistance is available to eligible persons not living in voucher-assisted housing for a maximum of 21 weeks. Supportive services are available on an ongoing basis as needed. All services are based on availability of funding to IHFA.

Program Eligibility

Persons with AIDS/HIV and whose income is 80 percent or less of area median income are eligible to receive HOPWA program services. Family members with at least one person in the household with HIV/AIDS are eligible for services also.

HOPWA Services Currently Authorized Under HUD Grant

Services available under the HOPWA program include:

- Rental Assistance
- Supportive Services
  - Case Management
  - Psychiatric Services
  - Medical Expenses
  - Housing Counseling
- Short-Term Assistance
  - Rental Assistance
  - Utility Assistance

How do I Enroll for Housing or Services?

IHFA contracts with different service providers throughout the state to provide services. Please contact the organization nearest you:

- Housing Information and Resource Center, statewide
  1-877-438-4472
- North Idaho AIDS Coalition, Coeur d’Alene
  (208) 665-1448, 1-866-609-1774
- Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority, Boise
  (208) 345-4907
- Family Medicine Residency, Boise (208) 367-6079
- South Central District Health, Twin Falls (208) 734-5900
- South Eastern District Health, Pocatello (208) 239-5230
- Eastern Idaho Public Health District, Idaho Falls
  (208) 522-0310