



HOPWA/COVID-19:
The 5/22/20 Mega-Waiver and Current Questions and
Answers for HOPWA Grantees and Sponsors
Q&A Webinar

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Webinar Objectives

- Review HOPWA provisions in the 5/22/20 Mega-Waiver
- Provide an update of frequently asked questions from HOPWA grantees and sponsors in response to COVID-19-related waivers, the CARES Act, including new guidance items
- Provide some additional guidance on how to operationalize waiver and CARES Act provisions
- Identify where webinar participants can go for additional information and assistance
- Answer questions



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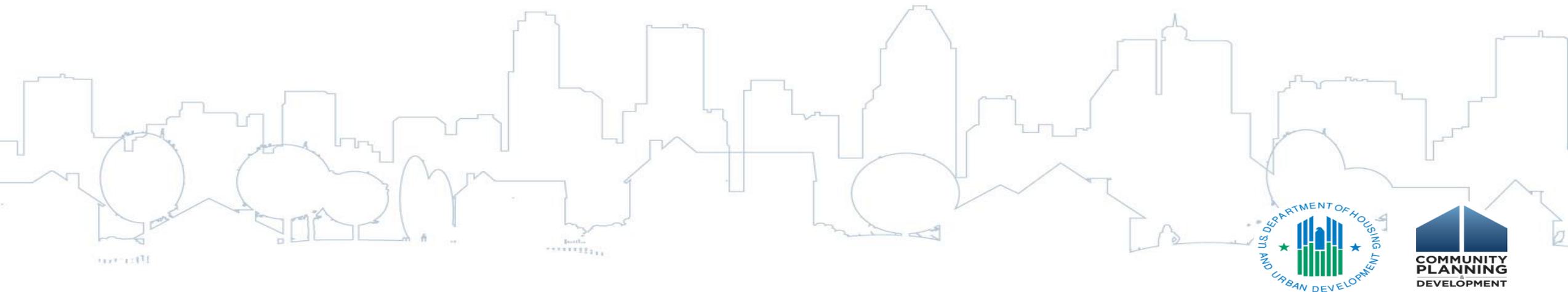
Reminders

- Remember that waivers and program guidance issued for other programs such as CoC and ESG in most cases do not apply to HOPWA. **Make sure you are applying HUD guidance to the proper program(s).**
- As communities are deciding how to respond to the specific COVID19-related needs among PLWHA, **it is important for HOPWA grantees and project sponsors to work closely together to develop a response plan.** Grantees are responsible for waiver notifications and development of new procedures, so project sponsors are reminded to follow plans outlined by their grantees.



HOPWA/COVID19 Webinar Reminders

Guidance related to funding and implementation of COVID-19 activities is evolving as new information and requirements emerge. HOPWA grantees and project sponsors should stay tuned to the [HOPWA Listserv](#) and the HOPWA guidance for COVID-19 page on the HUD Exchange: [HOPWA COVID-19 Guidance](#)



HOPWA Waiver Memo

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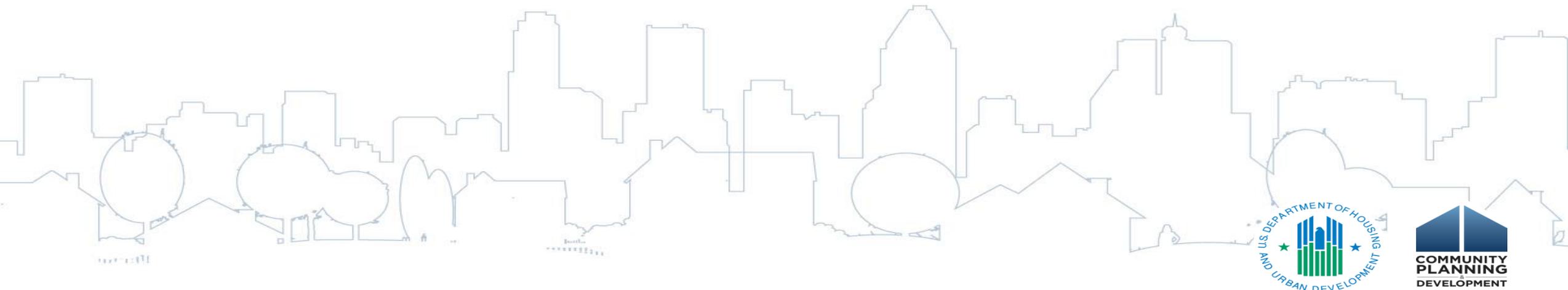
Availability of Additional Waivers for CPD Grant Programs to
Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 and Mitigate Economic Impacts
Caused by COVID-19



Mega-Waiver 2: 5/22/2020

HOPWA-Related Provisions:

- Time Limits for Short-Term Housing Facilities and STRMU
- Property Standards for HOPWA (all housing)
- FMR Rent Standard (all housing)



Time Limits for Short-Term Housing Facilities and STRMU

Requirement: Time Limits for Short-Term Supported Housing

Citation: 24 CFR 574.330(a)(1), Time Limits

Justification: This waiver is required to prevent homelessness or discharge to unstable housing situations for households residing in short-term housing facilities or units assisted with STRMU if permanent housing cannot be achieved within the time limits specified in the regulation.

Extension of time limits may only be approved on an individual household basis.

Waiver Conditions: The waiver is in effect for one year beginning 5/22/2020 for grantees and sponsors that are able to meet the following criteria:

- **Document** that a good faith effort has been made on an individual household basis to assist the household to achieve permanent housing within the time limits specified in the regulations but that financial needs and/or health and safety concerns prevented that; and
- The grantee/sponsor has **written policies and procedures** outlining efforts to regularly reassess the needs of assisted households and the processes for granting extensions based on documented financial needs and/or health and safety concerns.



Short-Term Supported Housing Facilities

Regulatory limit: A short-term supported housing facility may not provide residence to any individual for more than 60 days during any six-month period.

What the waiver allows: On an individual household basis, grantees/project sponsors may extend the time limits. If the waiver is utilized, a short-term supported housing facility may provide residence to any individual for a period of up to 120 days in a six-month period.

Waiver Conditions: The waiver is in effect for one year beginning 5/22/2020 for grantees and sponsors that are able to meet the specific documentation and policy & procedures requirements outlined in the waiver.



Short-Term Rent Mortgage & Utility Assistance

STRMU

Regulatory limit: STRMU payments to prevent the homelessness of the tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling may not be provided for costs accruing over a period of more than 21 weeks in any 52-week period.

What the waiver allows: On an individual household basis, STRMU payments to prevent the homelessness of the tenant or mortgagor may be provided for costs accruing up to 52 weeks in a 52-week period.

Waiver Conditions: The waiver is in effect for one year beginning 5/22/2020 for grantees and sponsors that are able to meet the specific documentation and policy & procedures requirements outlined in the waiver.



HOPWA Property Standards

Requirement: Property Standards for HOPWA

Citation: 24 CFR 574.310(b), Housing Quality Standards

Justification: This waiver enables grantees to meet the critical housing needs of eligible families that have been affected by COVID-19 while also minimizing the spread of coronavirus.

What the Waiver Allows: Programs may delay in-person, on-site inspection of units for HQS normally required prior to providing rental assistance. In order to utilize the waiver, programs must meet the conditions described below.

Waiver Conditions: The waiver is in effect for one year beginning 5/22/2020, if the following conditions are met:

- a) The grantee or project sponsor is able to visually inspect the unit using technology, such as video streaming, to ensure the unit meets HQS before any assistance is provided; **and**
- a) The grantee or project sponsor has written policies to physically reinspect the unit after health officials determine special measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are no longer necessary.



Property Standards

Mega-Waiver 1 (4-1-2020)

This waiver is in effect for **one year** beginning on the date of the memorandum, and relates to **TBRA only**.

Programs may delay in-person, on-site inspection of units for HQS normally required prior to providing rental assistance. In order to utilize the waiver, programs must meet the following criteria:

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- a) The grantee or project sponsor has written policies to physically reinspect the unit after health officials determine special measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are no longer necessary.

Mega-Waiver 2 (5-22-2020)

This waiver is in effect for **one year** beginning on the date of the memo, and relates to **all housing assisted through HOPWA**.

Programs may delay in-person, on-site inspection of units for HQS normally required prior to providing rental assistance. In order to utilize the waiver, programs must meet the following criteria:

- a) The grantee or project sponsor is able to visually inspect the unit using technology, such as video streaming, to ensure the unit meets HQS before any assistance is provided; and
- a) The grantee or project sponsor has written policies to physically reinspect the unit after health officials determine special measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are no longer necessary.

FMR Rent Standard

Requirement: Rent Standard for HOPWA Rental Assistance

Citation: 24 CFR 574.320(a)(2), Rent Standard

Justification: The waiver is to expedite identification of suitable housing units for HOPWA-eligible household affected by COVID-19, and provide assistance to household that must rent units at rates that exceed the grantee's normal rent standard as calculated in accordance with 574.320(a)(2)

What the Waiver Allows: HOPWA grantees may establish rent standards, by unit size, that are reasonable, and based upon rents being charged for comparable unassisted units in the area, taking into account the location, size, type, quality, amenities, facilities, management and maintenance of each unit.

Waiver Conditions: The waiver is in effect for one year beginning 5/22/2020. Grantees are still **required to ensure the reasonableness of rent** charged for a unit in accordance with §574.320(a)(3).



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Mega-Waiver 2 (5-22-2020)

This waiver is in effect for **one year** beginning on the date of the memo, and relates to **all HOPWA rental housing**

All provisions on exceeding the normal rent standard described under "Rent Standards for TBRA" in the 4/1/2020 mega-waiver apply to all types of HOPWA rental housing through this waiver as of 5/22/2020.

This waiver of the FMR Rent Standard applies to all HOPWA rental housing units, including TBRA, Master Leasing, project-based and facility-based.

Grantees are still **required to ensure the reasonableness of rent** charged for a unit in accordance with §574.320(a)(3).

FMR-Rent Standard for TBRA

Q: When the FMR-Rent Standard waiver period ends, must all units immediately be returned to the normal rent standard?

A: At the end of the waiver period, programs must cease applying the higher rent standard to newly leased units and return to using the normal local rent standard. Any units for which leases were signed during the waiver period should be returned to the normal rent standard at the time of the HOPWA-eligible household's lease renewal.



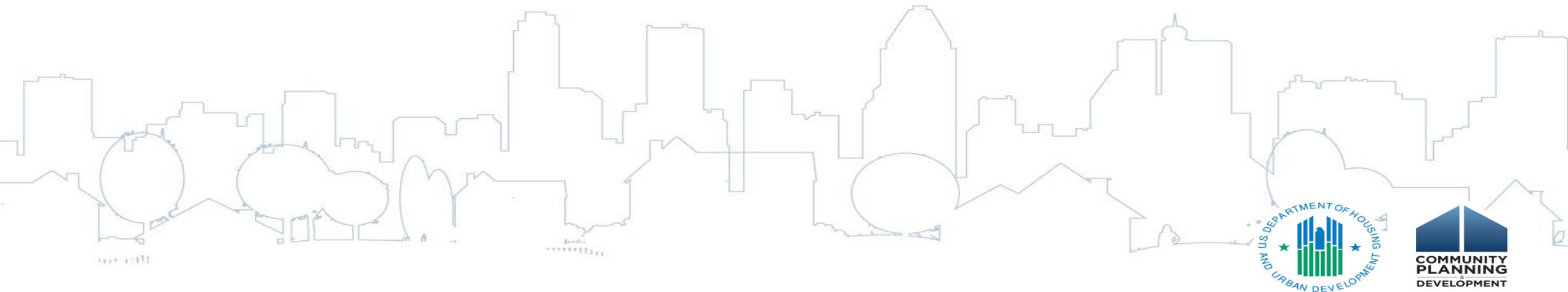
Submitting and Documenting Waivers

- The memo included a simplified **notification** process to expedite the delivery of assistance
- **Grantees** wishing to utilize any of the waivers should notify their local CPD Director, **by email**, of their intent to utilize a specific waiver **two days** before they anticipate using the flexibility
- HUD established email addresses for CPD Field Offices that grantees should use to direct all waiver notifications
- Grantees must update their program records to include written documentation of the specific conditions that justify their use of each waiver



Eviction Moratorium and HOPWA Households

- Overview and Update
- STRMU Household Eligibility



Eviction Moratorium - Update

- The CARES Act contains a moratorium on evictions for assisted households.
- Assisted households cannot be evicted for 120 days from March 27, 2020 (the date the CARES Act was signed into law) through **July 24, 2020 (updated end date)** for **non-payment of rent**.
- Moratorium only applies to HOPWA-assisted households that receive **on-going rental assistance** in Tenant/Project-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA/PBRA), Transitional Housing (TH) and Short-Term Rental Assistance under STRMU (Short-Term Rental, Utility and Mortgage Assistance).
- During the 120-day moratorium, a landlord cannot: require a protected tenant to vacate a unit, issue a notice to vacate to a protected tenant, file to evict a protected tenant (or cause an eviction to be filed) for non-payment of rent or for non-payment of other fees or charges or accrue fees, or other charges on a protected tenant for non-payment of rent.



Eviction Moratorium

- The eviction moratorium found in Section 4024(b) of the CARES Act only applies with respect to nonpayment of rent or nonpayment of other charges. Therefore, landlords may still undertake an eviction action against a tenant, based on the terms of the leases, as long as the eviction is unrelated to nonpayment of rent.
- After the 120-day moratorium ends (July 24, 2020), a landlord cannot require a protected tenant to vacate the tenant's unit without providing a notice to vacate at least 30 days in advance.
- **Please Note:** Tenants are still responsible for their portion of rent during the eviction moratorium. For any unpaid rent during the moratorium, the household must repay the landlord or sign a repayment agreement to pay any amount owed after the moratorium has ended. If the amount owed is not repaid, the landlord may terminate the household and proceed with a legal action to evict after the 120-days.
- If a tenant is evicted from their unit for nonpayment of rent the household is **not** terminated from the HOPWA-program. Grantee/Project Sponsor must follow due process in determining the termination of a household from the HOPWA-program.



Eviction Moratorium: STRMU

**Q: How does the eviction moratorium apply to households who receive STRMU?
Does the level or timing of STRMU assistance make a difference in eligibility?**

A: Households must be receiving “ongoing” STRMU assistance to be eligible for the eviction moratorium. This means they must be receiving assistance currently as part of their housing plan. Households that have received prior STRMU assistance but are currently not receiving assistance do not qualify since the assistance has stopped and now the household is not assisted and required to pay their own full rent.



Eviction Moratorium: STRMU

Eligible

Households must be receiving **“ongoing” STRMU** (rental) assistance to be eligible for the eviction moratorium. This means they must be receiving assistance currently as part of their housing plan.

Justification: The landlord is currently being paid HOPWA rental assistance for a tenant, therefore the landlord does not have the right to evict for non-payment of rent.

Not Eligible

Households that have received **prior STRMU** assistance but are currently not receiving assistance or one-time STRMU payments do not qualify.

Justification: The assistance has stopped and now the household is not assisted and required to pay their own full rent.

Note: Households receiving only Utility or Mortgage Assistance under the STRMU Budget Line Item do not qualify. The moratorium relates to rental assistance only.

Eviction Moratorium

Reminders:

- Grantees/Project Sponsors should work with HOPWA-eligible households to develop a housing plan to ensure long-term housing stability.
- Grantee/Project Sponsors should complete a recalculation of income on all HOPWA-eligible households that experience a loss/reduction of income to ensure rental payments are paid in full.

Resources:

HOPWA Fact Sheet

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6036/cares-act-moratorium-on-evictions-and-effect-on-the-hopwa-program/>

Participant Flyer

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Flyer-for-HOPWA-Participants-on-CARES-Act-Eviction-Moratorium.pdf>



Updates and Q & A Review

TOPICS -

- Review of Guidance Sources
- Process to Decline CARES Act Awards
- Requirement for Grantees to Monitor Project Sponsors
- Eviction Moratorium
- STRMU update
- Hotel/motel vouchers quick facts
- Supportive Services:
 - Food/nutrition guidance
 - Transportation/Car repair update
- Questions



HOPWA/COVID-19 Guidance

Mega-Waiver 1: 4/1/2020	HOPWA Notice CPD-20-05 5/8/2020	Mega-Waiver 2: 5/22/2020
<p>Waivers for -</p> <p>Self-Cert of Income & Credible Info on HIV</p> <p>Rent Standard-TBRA</p> <p>Property Standards-TBRA</p> <p>HOPWA Space & Security</p> <p>CPD Con Plan Requirements</p>	<p>CARES Act Provisions for HOPWA Explained:</p> <p>General Info</p> <p>Admin Costs</p> <p>STRMU (24 mos)</p> <p>Hotel/Motel Stays</p> <p>Con Plan Amendments and Grant Execution</p> <p>Technical Assistance</p> <p>Reporting</p>	<p>Waivers for -</p> <p>STRMU (12 mos)</p> <p>Property Standards – All HOPWA Rental Housing</p> <p>Rent Standard – all HOPWA Rental</p>



HOPWA/COVID-19 Guidance

HUD/HOPWA Program Guidance and Flexibilities

The HOPWA program office (OHH) continues to issue additional program guidance in areas that are not governed by the regulations, such as:

- Annual re-inspections (delayed or remote)
- Increased nights for hotel/motel stays (above 60)
- Use of gas and grocery cards to expedite assistance
- Car repairs
- Hotel/motel damages guidance



Process to Decline CARES Act Award

The CARES Act provided that allocations would be made to all HOPWA formula jurisdictions and all active HOPWA competitive renewal grantees to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

If any grantee has determined that adequate resources are already in place within the community to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 for HOPWA-eligible households, **grantees may elect to decline the HOPWA CARES Act award. To decline, the authorized representative for the grantee should send a statement declining the award to HOPWA@HUD.gov.**



Monitoring of Project Sponsors

Q: Are grantees required to conduct on-site monitoring of Project Sponsors?

A: On-site monitoring is not specified in the HOPWA regulations, so grantees may amend their current policies & procedures to accommodate the use of remote methods for monitoring and oversight.

Grantees should follow their policies/procedures on monitoring and oversight when determining the methods and frequency of monitoring CARES Act funding and all other HOPWA awards. If onsite monitoring cannot be conducted safely, remote monitoring should be implemented consistent with statutes and regulations and should also be conducted in a manner that protects client confidentiality. See the HOPWA Confidentiality User Guide at:

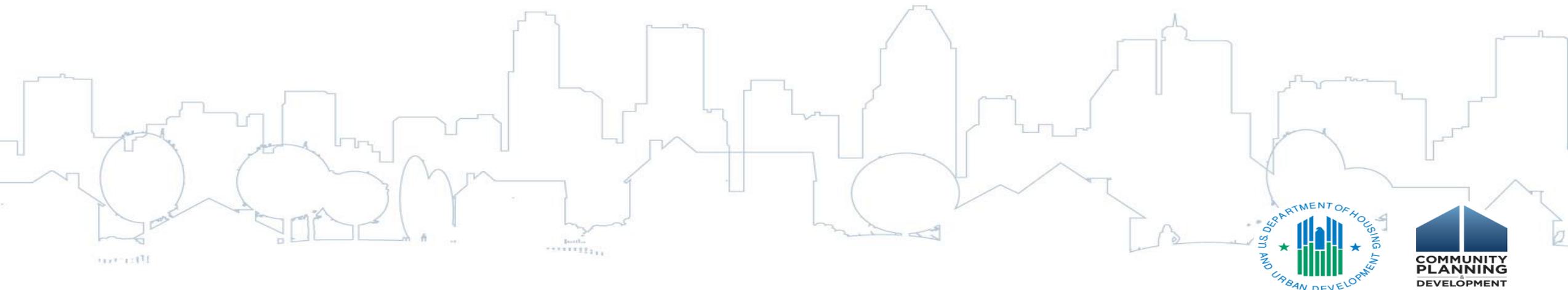
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HOPWA-Confidentiality-User-Guide.pdf>



STRMU Guidance Review

Review of STRMU rules as outlined in:

1. Regular HOPWA program operations/allocations
2. The 5/22/2020 Waiver Option on STRMU
3. CARES Act (and FY20 COVID-19 designated) allocations



STRMU Comparisons

STRMU funded by : Regular HOPWA Allocations	STRMU funded by: Regular HOPWA Allocations –Using the 5/22/20 Waiver option	STRMU funded by: CARES Act and by FY20 \$ designated for COVID-19
Eligible Households may receive: Up to 21 weeks of assistance in a 52-week period	Eligible Households may receive: Up to 12 months of assistance in a 12-month period as decided on an individual household basis	Eligible Households may receive: Up to 24 months of assistance



Regular STRMU + Waiver Option

STRMU funded by : Regular HOPWA Allocations	STRMU funded by: Regular HOPWA Allocations –Using the 5/22/20 Waiver option
Eligible Households may receive: Up to 21 weeks of assistance in a 52-week period	Eligible Households may receive: Up to 12 mos of assistance in a 12-month period as decided on an individual household basis

- Follows HOPWA STRMU program rules – up to 21 weeks in a 52-week period – or as defined locally, HOPWA eligibility, legal residency, need-based, can apply caps as local policy;
- Client households that hit the 21-week (or other local) cap may be reviewed/approved on a household basis to receive up to 12 mos of STRMU under the Waiver, based on assessed need
- Client households receiving STRMU through the “regular” HOPWA program may be moved to CARES Act STRMU (up to 24-mos) at any time based on assessed need. It is not required for households to have completed 21 weeks of regular STRMU assistance.



CARES Act STRMU + FY20 Designated \$

STRMU funded by:
CARES Act and by
FY20 \$ designated for COVID-19

Eligible Households may receive:

Up to 24 months of assistance

- HOPWA STRMU program rules on eligibility, residency, needs, provision of support services apply
- Client households may receive up to 24 months of STRMU based on assessed needs
- The 52-week period established for the “regular” HOPWA program has no impact on CARES STRMU. Even if a household received 21 weeks of regular STRMU, they could receive a full 24 months of CARES STRMU if needed based on their assessment
- If a household receives 24 months (or less) of CARES STRMU, that does not preclude them from receiving “regular” STRMU in the future. Eligibility of this household would be based on the timing of “regular” STRMU received in the past.



STRMU Clarifications

Q: Can we can begin extending our STRMU assistance beyond 21 weeks in a 52 week period using our formula funds, or should we wait until we get funds through the CARES Act?

A: Yes, you may extend the assistance now. There are two options for this:

- (1) Programs may extend STRMU assistance beyond 21 weeks up to 24 months now, using formula funds, with a plan to reconcile funding once the CARES Act funding is received. The supplemental funds may be used to cover or reimburse allowable CARES Act costs as of the date a grantee or project sponsor began preparing for coronavirus, which HUD shall presume to be no earlier than January 21, 2020
- (2) Using the 5/22/20 waiver flexibility, programs may extend STRMU assistance on an individual basis from 21 weeks up to 52 weeks per year. This flexibility may be used for any HOPWA award with a STRMU BLI



STRMU Clarifications

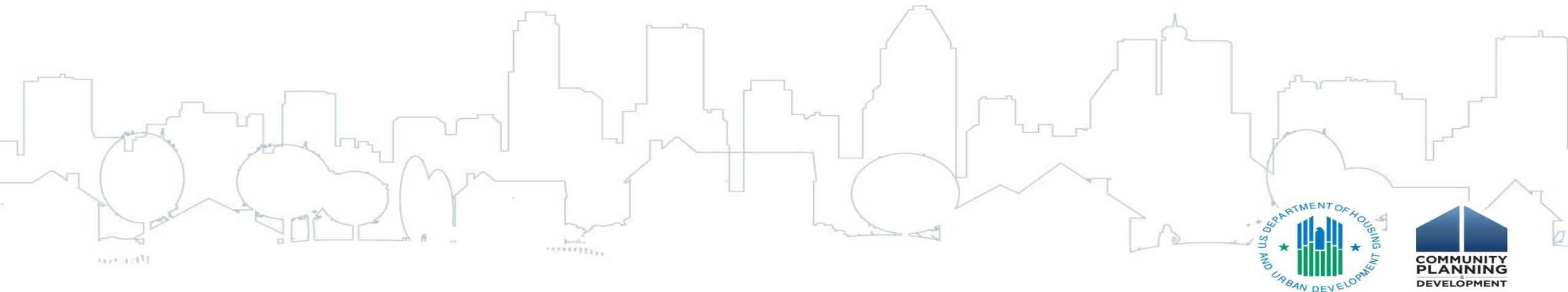
Reminders on STRMU Limitations:

- STRMU (funded either through regular HOPWA allocations and through CARES Act funds) **may not** be used to assist households receiving HOPWA TBRA, Section 8/HCV or any other long-term rental assistance during the same time period. This includes scenarios in which the household fell behind on their rent portion or utility payments. Other, non-HOPWA funds would be needed to assist with those arrearages
- NOTE: Only one “overlap” of funding is allowed: TBRA or STRMU recipients can receive hotel/motel vouchers to allow for isolation of one or more members while they are actively receiving TBRA or STRMU rental assistance.



Hotel/Motel Guidance Review

1. Hotel/Motel Quick Facts
2. New Hotel/Motel Updates
3. Hotel/Motel Activity Set-up in IDIS



Hotel/Motel Vouchers: Quick Facts

What Hotel/Motel activities are allowed under the CARES Act?

- CARES Act funding may be used to pay for relocation services including lodging at hotels, motels, or other locations for eligible PLWHA as well as household members who are not living with HIV/AIDS.
- The funding may also be used to lodge one or more household members who may need to temporarily isolate from other members of the household.
- Members of households that currently reside in HOPWA-subsidized units are not precluded from receiving additional assistance for hotel/motel stays if isolation is needed.



Hotel/Motel Vouchers: Quick Facts

What are the time limits for hotel/motel vouchers?

- HOPWA program guidance recommends limiting hotel/motel stays to no more than 60 days in a six-month period. However, **assistance may be provided for a period exceeding this limit if there are COVID-19 related health and safety concerns for household members.**
- Extensions for hotel/motel stays should be based on:
 - Documented client/household need for extended temporary housing;
 - Grantee/sponsor policies on extensions, applied fairly to all households in need;



Hotel/Motel Vouchers: Quick Facts

Can we use HOPWA funds cover damages to hotel/motel rooms?

Yes, Grantees that designate a portion of their **CARES Act award (and/or portion of the FY20 formula award designated for COVID-19 response)** to leasing may use the funds for hotel/motel costs as required to help families isolate when needed, to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19. Any **damages incurred may be covered by the same budget line item**, as it can be considered a cost of the leasing activity. Grantees should have policies and procedures in place to support the use of leasing funds for damages. Grantees are encouraged to consider how much or how frequently damages can be paid to assist a household in line with their overall CARES Act budget, and also consider how these policies might impact agreements with host hotels.

Note: Damages to hotel/motel room can only be covered when funded through CARES Act and FY20 allocation COVID-19 set-aside funds. When hotel/motel vouchers are funded through regular HOPWA allocations, programs must cover damages using other, non-HOPWA funding sources.



Hotel/Motel Vouchers: Quick Facts

How are hotel/motel rooms funded through HOPWA?

- Hotel/motel vouchers or stays are only eligible through the Project-Based/Leased Unit line item and **cannot** be paid for through other activities such as STRMU or PHP. This type of short-term housing assistance is classified and reported as transitional facility-based housing costs for leasing the hotel/motel unit.
- To use this temporary housing option, you must include it in the Consolidated/Action Plan for your community as a planned HOPWA service. If your Plan does not currently include the provision of hotel/motel vouchers, you must amend the Plan prior to implementing this as a new HOPWA activity.



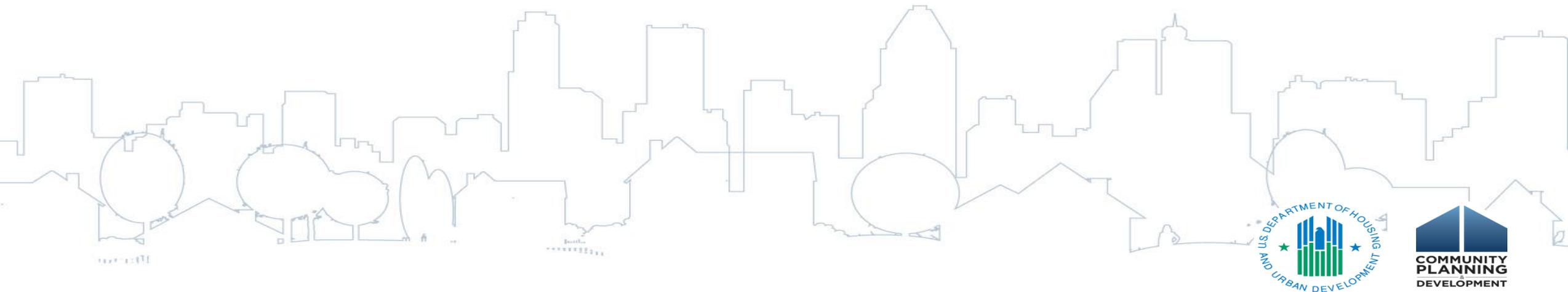
Hotel / Motel Activities in IDIS

Adjustments have been made to the activity set up for hotel/motel vouchers in IDIS, as outlined in the HOPWA IDIS instructions at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6050/hopwa-idis-setup-and-draw-instructions-for-cares-act-grants/>

- **Ensure Hotel/Motel is in the activity name:**
Ex: CV-COVID-19 2020 – 2023 Leasing Hotel/Motel MDH20FHW001 (Balt)
- **Use the correct IDIS Activity Category:** Facility-Based Housing Subsidy Assistance
- **Select correct Environmental Review Status:** Exempt
- **Activity Setup Detail – Performance Objective:** Prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus
- **Activity Setup Detail – Facility Type:** COVID-19 Response Hotel/Motel
- **Activity Setup Detail – Housing Type:** Short-term shelter or transitional supportive housing facility/unit

Supportive Services Guidance Updates

1. Nutrition/Meals/Groceries
2. Transportation
3. Car Repair



Nutrition Services

Q: What types of nutrition services are allowed under CARES Act funding? Can we provide clients with grocery cards? What about meal delivery?

A: Grantees have a great deal of flexibility in the provision of nutrition services for eligible households. Food can be provided in forms such as food banks, groceries, food boxes, and meal or grocery deliveries. Methods used to provide needed food and groceries to households may include the use of grocery-store cards, food delivery by staff or contracting with food delivery services for meals or groceries, food/grocery pick-up sites for clients or other similar methods based on resources and local needs.

Reminders/Cautions: When providing grocery store or other cards to clients for food purchases, put in place methods to restrict purchases to food items or other similar controls whenever possible. Use careful tracking methods for food purchases and think through any policies needed on waste, fraud and abuse.



Transportation Services

Q: What types of transportation services are allowed through CARES Act funding? Can we provide gas cards or similar payment methods for client-owned vehicles?

A: Yes, you may provide transportation services for eligible households, including costs for privately-owned vehicle transportation when needed, to access medical care, supplies, and food or to commute to places of employment. This assistance can take the form of gas cards or similar pre-paid debit cards.

Reminders/Cautions: When providing gas station or other cards to clients for gasoline purchases, put in place methods to restrict purchases to gas or other similar controls whenever possible. Use careful tracking methods for gas purchases and think through any policies needed on waste, fraud and abuse.



Transportation Services – Car Repair

Q: Can we assist HOPWA households with car repair costs?

A: Grantees may designate a portion of their **CARES Act award (and/or FY20 Formula award portion designated for COVID-19 response)** to supportive services, to include transportation.

- “Transportation” may also cover assisted household **car repairs when deemed necessary**. Grantees should have policies and procedures in place related to the use of HOPWA for this purpose, and documentation regarding the required repair of a personal vehicle to ensure safe transportation as a response to COVID-19.
- Alternately, if an assisted household has paid for necessary car repairs and is therefore unable to afford rent, mortgage, or utilities, STRMU could be considered as part of a housing stability plan.

Stay Informed

- All guidance for HOPWA grantees and project sponsors related to infectious disease preparedness and response and COVID-19 will be sent to the HOPWA Mailing List:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist/subscribe/>
- To subscribe, enter the requested contact information, select “HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS” then select Subscribe.
- Updates on HOPWA Guidance for COVID-19 is also available on the HUD Exchange:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hopwa/covid-19/#resources-and-guidance>



Resources

[HOPWA Guidance for COVID- 19 Webpage on the HUD Exchange](#)

[Mega Waiver 1 \(April 2020\) and Mega Waiver 2 \(May 2020\)](#)

Available waiver flexibilities

[CPD Director Contact Information For Waiver Notification](#)

Email addresses that must be utilized by grantees to notify CPD Directors of intent to utilize available waivers

[CPD Program Formula Allocations and CARES Act Supplemental Funding for FY2020](#)

[HOPWA Notice CPD-20-05](#)

[HOPWA IDIS Set-Up and Draw Instructions for CARES Act Grants](#)



AAQ and TA Requests

GET ANSWERS!

GET ASSISTANCE!

Answers:

Grantee and Sponsors may ask program, policy and COVID-related questions through the HOPWA AAQ:
HOPWA Ask A Question (AAQ) Portal

Technical Assistance:

HUD is making additional technical assistance (TA) available to grantees to support HOPWA/COVID-19 planning, program development, problem-solving. Those needing TA assistance in managing COVID-19-related program issues may submit an online request through the HUD Exchange at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/technical-assistance/>



Questions?

