

Are your clients behind in their Rent or Utilities due to a COVID related financial crisis?



Lifelong currently has funding to assist HIV+ clients through the HOPWA CARES Act (STRMU-COVID) funding as well as the City of Seattle Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Each of these programs can be utilized for rent owed from July to current for a financial crisis that has de-stabilized their housing. Referrals must be due to direct COVID related circumstances and clients have the ability to re-stabilize by providing limited short-term financial assistance for rent and/or utility costs.

Basic qualifications for both programs are the following criteria:

- **Must be HIV-positive**
- Must have household income at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI).
- **Must be referred by their HIV Medical Case Manager or other HIV Service Provider.**
- Must be able to provide some sort of documentation supporting the need for assistance (loss of employment, pay stubs, unemployment notifications, shut off notice, bank statements).
- Must create a Housing Service Plan, setting goals to regain stability through a source of income to sustain current housing after financial assistance is provided.

To qualify for STRMU –COVID households must also meet the following criteria:

- Must **not** be receiving any other regular governmental housing subsidy (such as Section 8/Shelter Plus Care)
- Must be able to document legal right to occupy the premises and/or responsibility for the utility payment.

To qualify for CDBG households must also meet the following criteria:

- One time only **RENT** assistance only with a financial cap of \$2250.00 (can be combined with COVID-STRMU)
- **Must reside inside Seattle City Limits.**
- Households **can** be receiving a regular governmental housing subsidy (such as Section 8/Shelter Plus Care).
- Must have a Lease that lists the client by name on that Lease.
- Must have WA State ID/DL
- May be required to provide specific documentation supporting the loss of Income.

In addition to financial assistance, the program provides the following FREE services that support your stability. Services include but are not limited to →

- Housing stabilization support.
- Landlord/Utility company mediation.
- Education on tenant rights and responsibilities.
- Connection to Employment/Debt Management Programs.

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