

City of Los Angeles, California

Program Year 2004-2005 (31st Year) CAPER - Other Narrative response:

Los Angeles Housing Department – Housing & Health Study Sustainability Plan

Prior to accepting the Housing and Health Study grant from HUD, the City of Los Angeles City Council made explicit plans to ensure no study participant issued a voucher would be left without an alternate course of action upon the termination of the Housing and Health Study program of eighteen (18) months.

The City of Los Angeles is currently contracted with the HACLA to transition “regular” HOPWA-funded Tenant Based Rental Assistance clients into the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program within 12-months of certificate issuance. This mechanism will also be in place with the study participants in the Participant group after their eighteen (18) months of rental assistance. This opportunity to transition to the Section 8 Choice Voucher Program is contingent on the clients’ ability to continue to meet the eligibility requirements.

In September 2004, The Los Angeles City Council approved a plan that would set aside a reserve fund of \$471,000 shall be set aside for the one year of rental assistance for a minimum of 55 participants in the event these participants are unable to transition into the Section 8 program. A minimum of 50 participants out of the total 105, shall also receive the opportunity transition to the Section 8 program based on a commitment from the County of Los Angeles Housing Authority to reserve 50 Section 8 vouchers. The goal of this action is to keep these study participants stabilized in their current housing scenarios and to sustain the viability of this study.

HOPWA-funded contractors are required to submit monthly client demographic reports along with their invoices for personnel, program, operations and administrative costs. Information captured includes but is not limited to the following; beneficiary information (both clients with HIV/AIDS and other persons in the family unit), gender and age, race/ethnicity, area of the county clients reside, reasons for leaving, mode of transmission, outcomes and narrative. The client reports captured all of the HUD-required information mandated either through the CAPER, Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS) and the Data Verification Form.

LAHD has always maintained a strong relationship with HUD’s Technical Service provider, AIDS Housing of Washington, to understand and implement new requirements as mandated by HUD. During program year 2005-2006, LAHD had already implemented outcome based reporting. As a result of the training provided by AIDS Housing of Washington in late April 2006, new changes were made to the client demographic report form including more information on outcomes and access to care, income at entry and at exit and delineating services in conjunction and not in conjunction with HOPWA-funded housing assistance. LAHD is also making a priority to have all project sponsors report on the amount of funds that were leveraged in addition to the HOPWA Grant; this information will be collected during the 2006-2007 program year.