



# Housing Institute 201: Coordinating and Leveraging Housing within Systems of Care

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# Learning Objectives for Institute

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- Improve RWHAP Parts A-F recipients' understanding of how unstable housing impacts HIV health outcomes.
- Highlight innovative strategies to integrate and leverage housing services within the service area.
- Highlight ways that RWHAP Parts A-D recipients can create successful collaborations to address the housing needs of people with HIV.



# Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

## Overview

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- Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities
- Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care



# HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) Vision and Mission

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## Vision

Optimal HIV/AIDS care and treatment for all.

## Mission

Provide leadership and resources to assure access to and retention in high quality, integrated care, and treatment services for vulnerable people with HIV/AIDS and their families.



# HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

- Provides comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV
  - More than half of people with diagnosed HIV in the United States – nearly 519,000 people – receive care through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)
  - Funds grants to states, cities/counties, and local community based organizations
    - Recipients determine service delivery and funding priorities based on local needs and planning process
- Payor of last resort statutory provision: RWHAP funds may not be used for services if another state or federal payer is available
- 87.1% of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients were virally suppressed in 2018, exceeding national average of 62.7%



Source: HRSA. Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Annual Client-Level Data Report 2018; CDC. HIV Surveillance Supplemental Report 2018;21(No. 4)



# Housing Institute 101: Coordinating Silos: An Overview of Housing Systems

## Overview of the Housing Institute

- Wendy Cousino, Project Officer and Chair Homeless and Housing Workgroup

## Review of Housing 101 Session

- Wendy Cousino

## Federal Funding for Housing

- Suma Nair and Kellie Gilchrist, HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)
- Martha Egan, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS)
- Myron L. Wooden and Sarabhi Dabir, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)



# Overview of the Institute





# Institute Format

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- Two 90- minute workshops to help recipients maximize federal resources through coordination and community planning
- Bringing together federal partners from:
  - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)
  - U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA)
  - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Highlighting work from RWHAP recipients
  - Funding strategies
  - Program designs



# Homeless and Housing Workgroup

The Institute was designed and will include presenters from the HIV/AIDS Bureau's Homeless and Housing Workgroup:

- April Stubbs-Smith (Senior Sponsor)
- Wendy Cousino (Chair)
- Wendy Briscoe (Co-Chair)
- Amy Griffin
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- Jasmine Agostino
- Joanne Hsu
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# Housing Institute Sessions

- Housing Institute 101: Coordinating Silos: An Overview of Housing Systems for Persons with HIV Experiencing Unstable Housing
  - Overview of two programs dedicated to serving the HIV health and housing needs of persons with HIV
  - Learn about how RWHAP recipients can support housing and about the Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program
- **Housing Institute 201: Coordinating and Leveraging Housing within Systems of Care**
  - **Brings together representatives from three (3) federal agencies**
  - **Learn about the ways in which these federal agencies support housing services**



# Review of Housing 101 Session



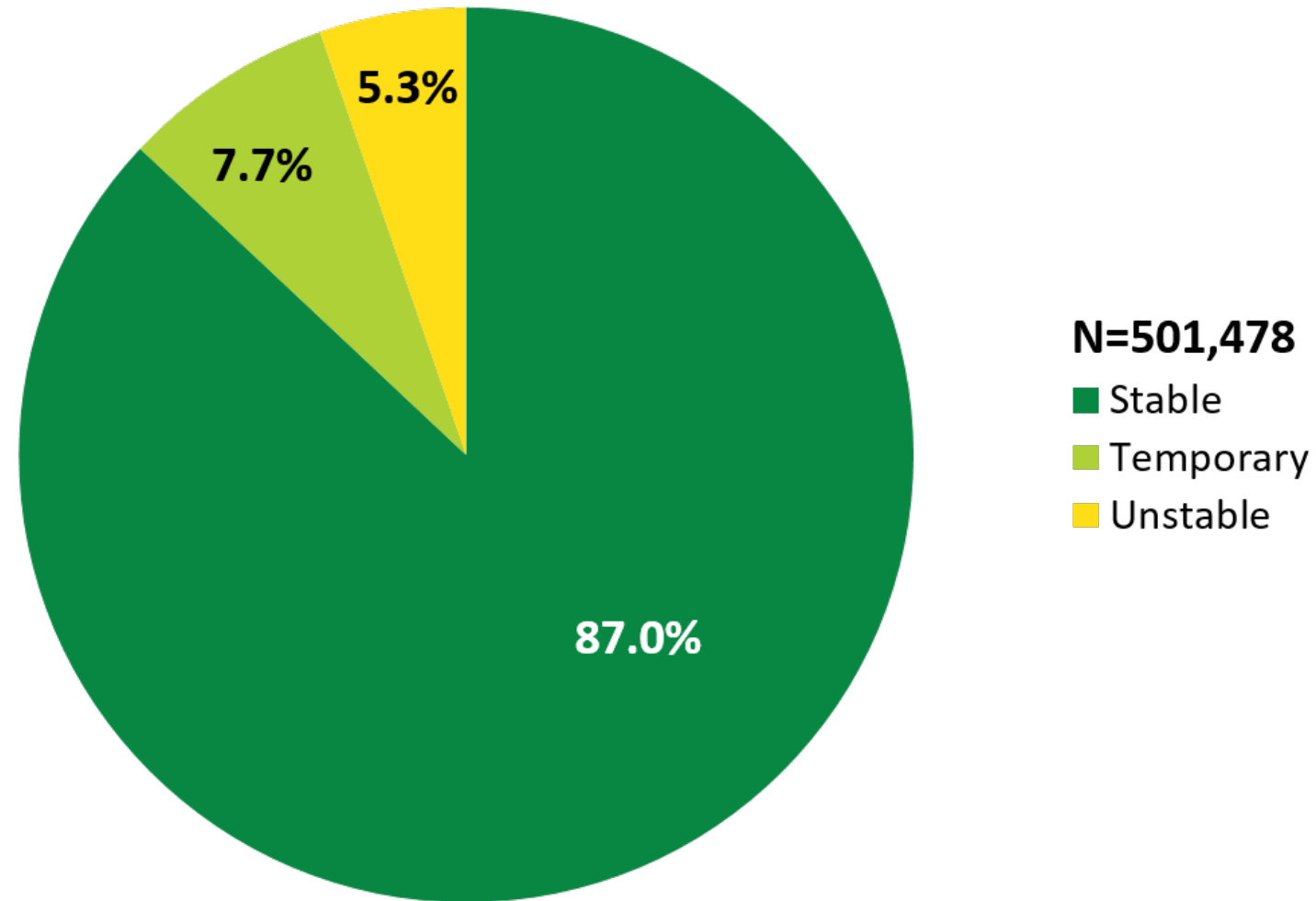
# Why are Housing Concerns Important to the RWHAP?

- For persons who lack a safe, stable place to live, housing assistance is a proven cost-effective health care intervention.
- Stable housing has a direct, independent, and powerful impact on HIV incidence, health outcomes, and health disparities.
- Housing status is a more significant predictor of health care access and HIV outcomes than individual characteristics, behavioral health issues, or access to other services.

Taken from the US. Housing and Urban Development Publication, *HIV CARE CONTINUUM The Connection Between Housing And Improved Outcomes Along The HIV Care Continuum (2013)*. Available for download at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/The-Connection-Between-Housing-and-Improved-Outcomes-Along-the-HIV-Care-Continuum.pdf>



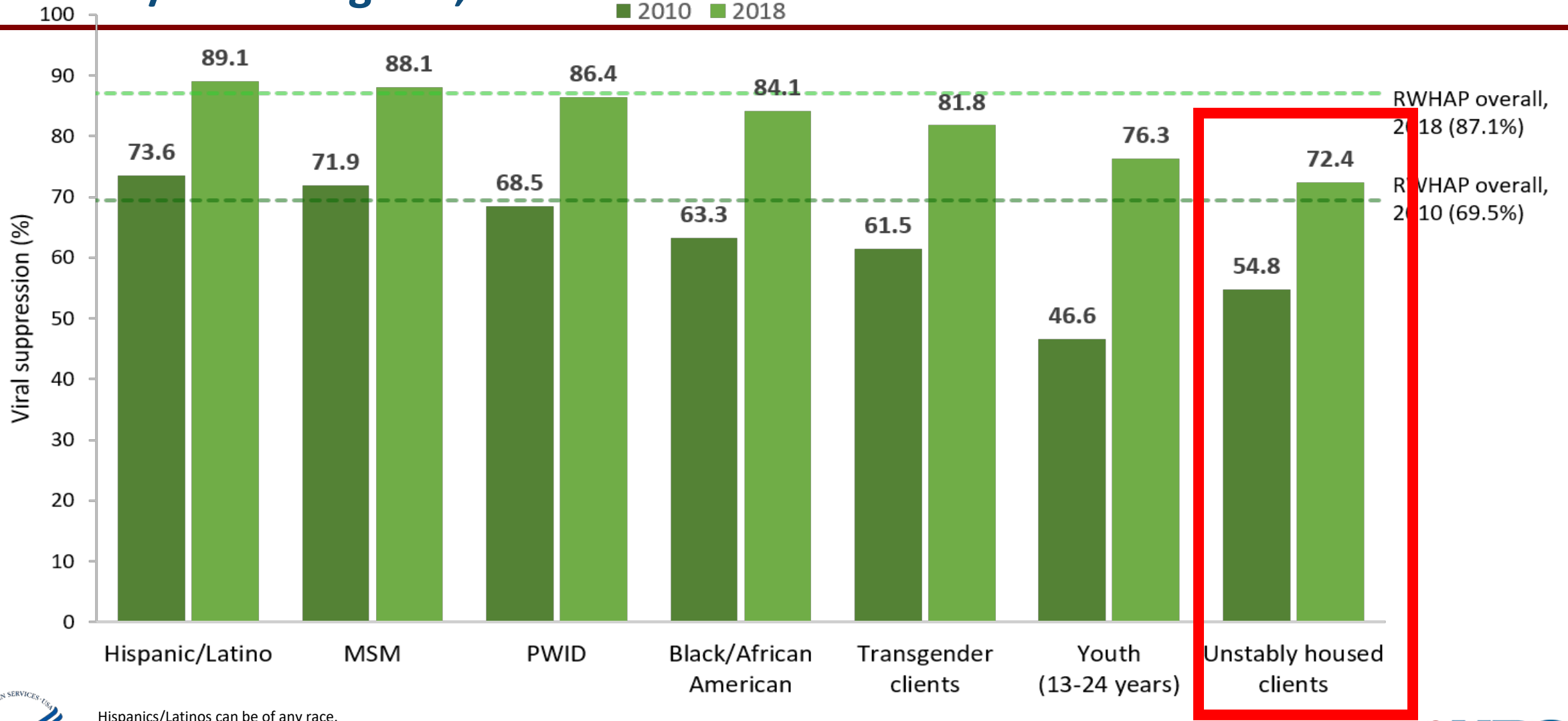
# Clients Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, by Housing Status, 2018—United States and 3 Territories<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



# Viral Suppression among Key Populations Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2010 and 2018—United States and 3 Territories<sup>a</sup>



Hispanics/Latinos can be of any race.

Viral suppression:  $\geq 1$  OAHS visit during the calendar year and  $\geq 1$  viral load reported, with the last viral load result  $< 200$  copies/mL.

<sup>a</sup> Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



# The RWHAP Response

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## Policy Support

- Ensure maximum flexibility to support recipients
- Policy Notices and Program Letters: <https://hab.hrsa.gov/program-grants-management/policy-notices-and-program-letters>

## Program Implementation

- Provide tools for recipients to implement support for those experiencing unstable housing
- PCN 16-02: RWHAP Services: Eligible Individuals and Allowable Uses of Funds: [https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/program-grants-management/ServiceCategoryPCN\\_16-02Final.pdf](https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/program-grants-management/ServiceCategoryPCN_16-02Final.pdf)

## Demonstration and Evaluation

- For more information about the SPNS Program: <https://hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hiv-aids-program/part-f-special-projects-national-significance-spns-program>





# Housing Opportunity for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

- Administered by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD), Office of HIV Housing (OHH)
- HOPWA is the only Federal program dedicated to the housing needs of person with HIV
- HOPWA makes grants to eligible cities, states, and nonprofit organizations to provide housing assistance and supportive services to low-income people with HIV and their families
- Eligible Services:
  - Facility-Based and Scattered-Site Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Transitional/Short-Term Facilities
  - Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance
  - Permanent Housing Placement
  - Supportive Services



# Leveraging Non-Traditional Federal Resources



# HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care

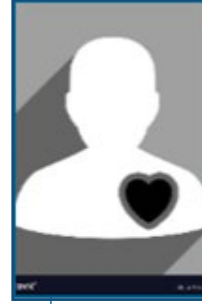


# Health Center Program Fundamentals



## Serve High Need Areas

- Must serve a **high need community or population** (e.g. HPSA, MUA/P)



## Patient Directed

- Private non-profit or public agency that governed by a **patient-majority community board**



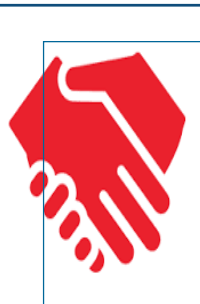
## Comprehensive

- Provide **comprehensive primary care** and enabling services (e.g. education, outreach, and transportation services)



## No One is Turned Away

- Services are **available to all** with fees adjusted based upon ability to pay



## Collaborative

- **Collaborate with other community providers** to maximize resources and efficiencies in service delivery



## Accountable

- Meet **performance and accountability requirements** regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations

# Health Center Program: National Impact



More than 29.8 million people rely on a HRSA-funded health center for care, including:

- 1 in 11 people
- 1 in 8 children
- 1 in 5 rural residents
- 1 in 3 living in poverty
- More than 395K veterans
- More than 880K served at school-based health centers
- More than 1M agricultural workers
- More than 1.4M homeless



Source: Uniform Data System, 2019



# Ending the HIV Epidemic

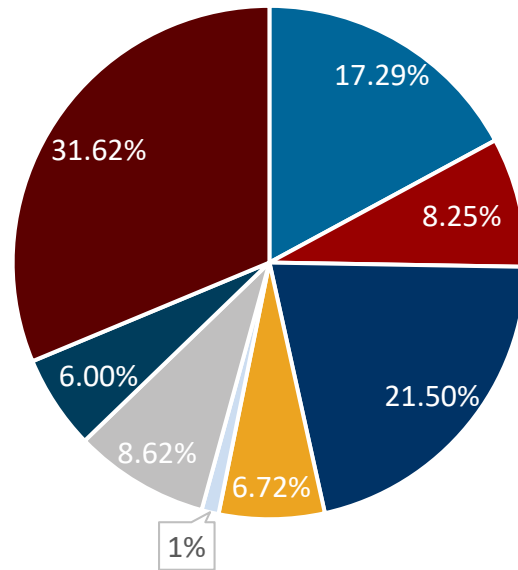
- 2.7 million HIV tests conducted annually
- More than 196,000 patients with HIV receive medical care services at health centers, including many sites co-funded by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
- Nearly 600 health centers purchase Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) through the 340B Program
- FY 2020: \$54 million awarded in February to 195 health centers to support increased outreach, testing, care coordination, and HIV prevention services, including PrEP, in targeted counties/cities and States

	2017	2018	2019	2017 2019 Δ	2017 2019 % Δ
Total Patients	27.2M	28.4M	29.8M	2,662,241	9.80%
Number of HIV Tests	2,085,341	2,427,075	2,713,628	628,287	30.13%
Number of HIV Patients (PLWH)	165,745	191,717	196,218	30,473	18.39%
% Linked to Care within 90 Days	84.52%	85.55%	87.21%	2.69%	3.18%

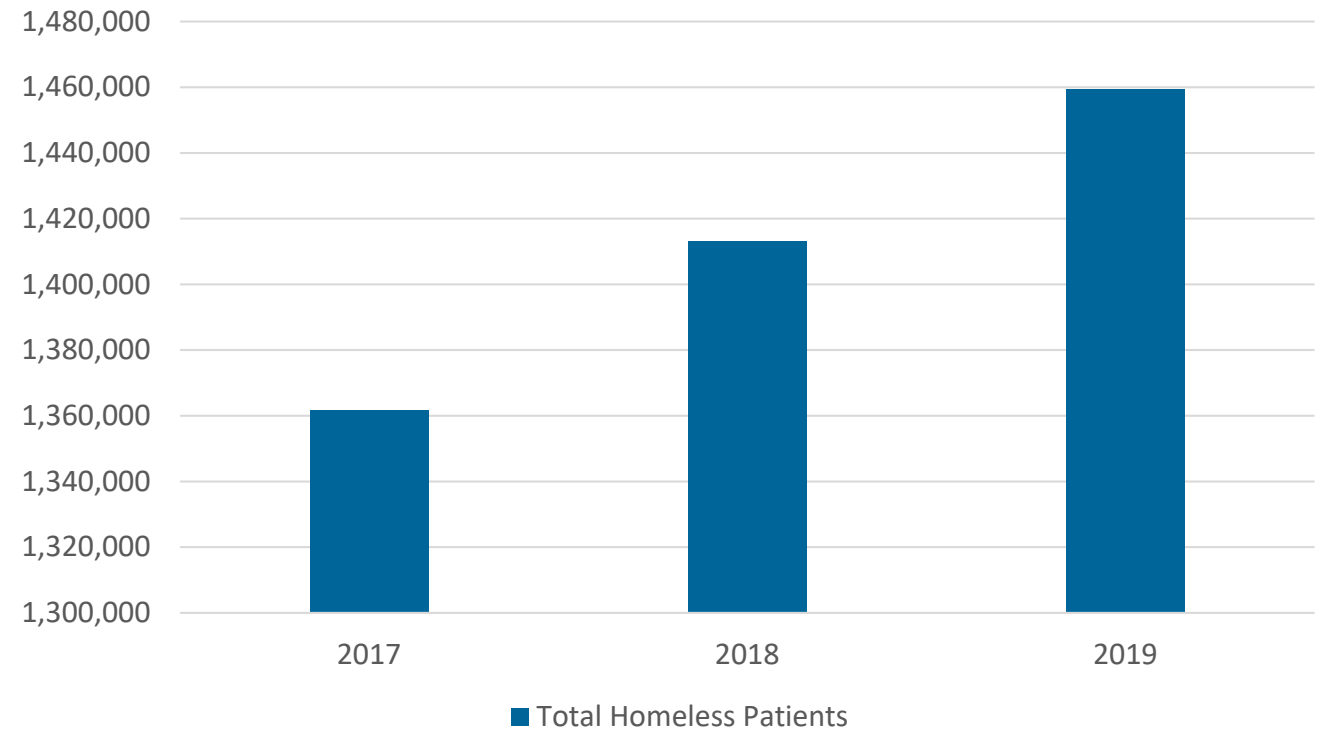


# Health Care for the Homeless Program Highlights

- Homeless Shelter (330h awardees only)
- Transitional (330h awardees only)
- Doubling Up (330h awardees only)
- Street (330h awardees only)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (330h awardees only)
- Other (330h awardees only)
- Unknown (330h awardees only)
- Homeless (non330h awardees)



## Total Homeless Patients



- 297 health centers receive section 330h funding (21% of all health centers)
- 5% of all health center patients are homeless (unchanged 2017-2019)

Source: Uniform Data System, 2016-2018



# Health Center COVID-19 Weekly Survey Data\*

## Patient Testing, Operations, & Staff

Indicators	Health Centers (330h) n=216	All Health Centers n=1,011
Patients tested for COVID-19 (virus and antibody detection)	66,151	243,458
Racial and/or ethnic minority patients tested for COVID-19	52%	49%
Patients tested positive for COVID-19	5,488	23,267
Racial and/or ethnic minority patients tested positive for COVID-19	76%	64%
Health center sites temporarily closed	300	1,069
Staff tested positive for COVID-19	185	909



\*Data from the past week as of July 10, 2020







# Health Center Programs and Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH)

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**Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)**

**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**



# HCH Health Center Background

- **Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program**
  - Consolidated under the health center program in 1996
  - Section 330 (h) of the Public Health Service Act



# NTTAP Program

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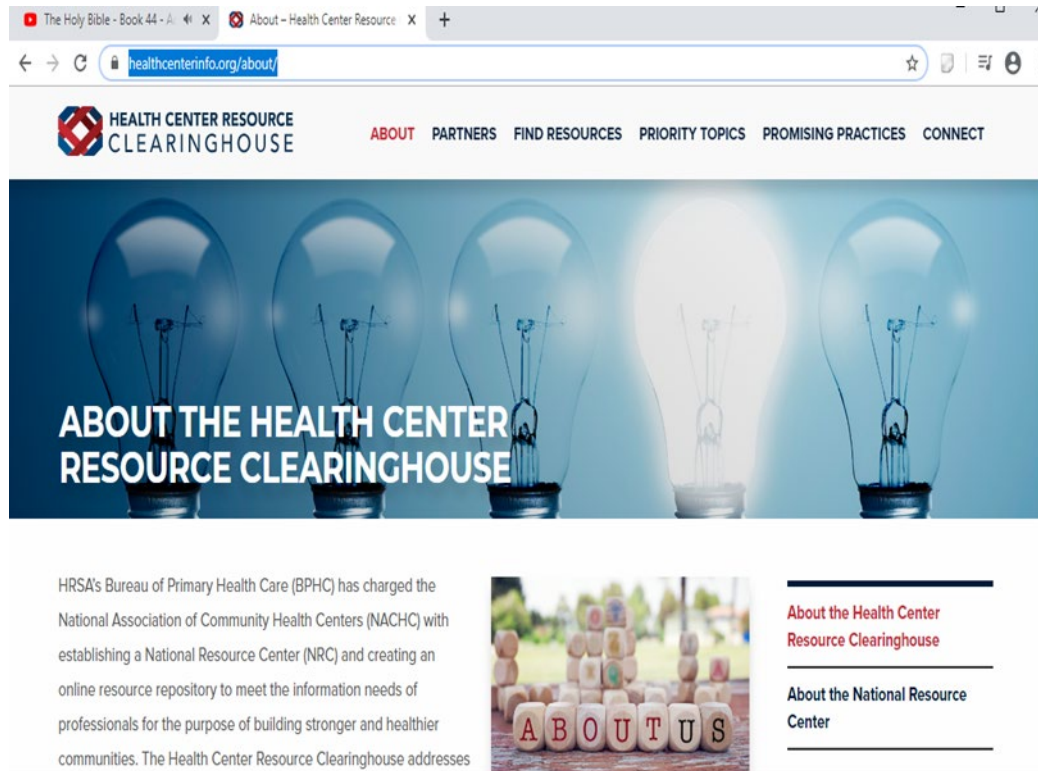
- **National Training and Technical Assistance Partners (NTTAP) Program**
  - 21 cooperative agreements provide free training and technical assistance to health centers and health center look-alikes

## *NTTAP HIV & Housing Connectors:*

- **National T/TA Center-** (NACHC, National Association for Community Health Centers)
- Two Homeless NTTAPs:
  - **CSH-** Corporation for Supportive Housing
  - **NHCHC-** National Health Care for the Homeless Council
- **Fenway-** National LGBT Health Education Center
- **HITEQ-** Health Information Technology, Evaluation, and Quality Center



# NACHC, National T/TA Center



## RESOURCES

- Health Center Resource Clearinghouse:  
<https://www.healthcenterinfo.org/about/>
- NACHC PRAPARE Assessment Tool:  
<http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/prapare/>
- My NACHC Learning Center:  
<https://mylearning.nachc.com/diweb/signin>
- NACHC committees on HIV, Homeless, LGBTQ:  
<http://www.nachc.org/become-a-member/get-involved/>

Website: <http://www.nachc.org/>



# Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)



## RESOURCES

- **HRSA TA Resources:**  
<https://www.csh.org/hrsata/>
  - **CSH Supportive Housing Toolkit:**  
<https://cshorg.wpengine.com/qualitytoolkit/>
  - **CSH Supportive Housing 101:**  
<https://www.csh.org/supportive-housing-101/>
- CSH Training Center:**  
[https://csh.csod.com/LMS/catalog/Welcome.aspx?tab\\_page\\_id=-67&tab\\_id=221000354](https://csh.csod.com/LMS/catalog/Welcome.aspx?tab_page_id=-67&tab_id=221000354)



Website: <https://www.csh.org/>



# National Health Care For The Homeless Council (NHCHC)



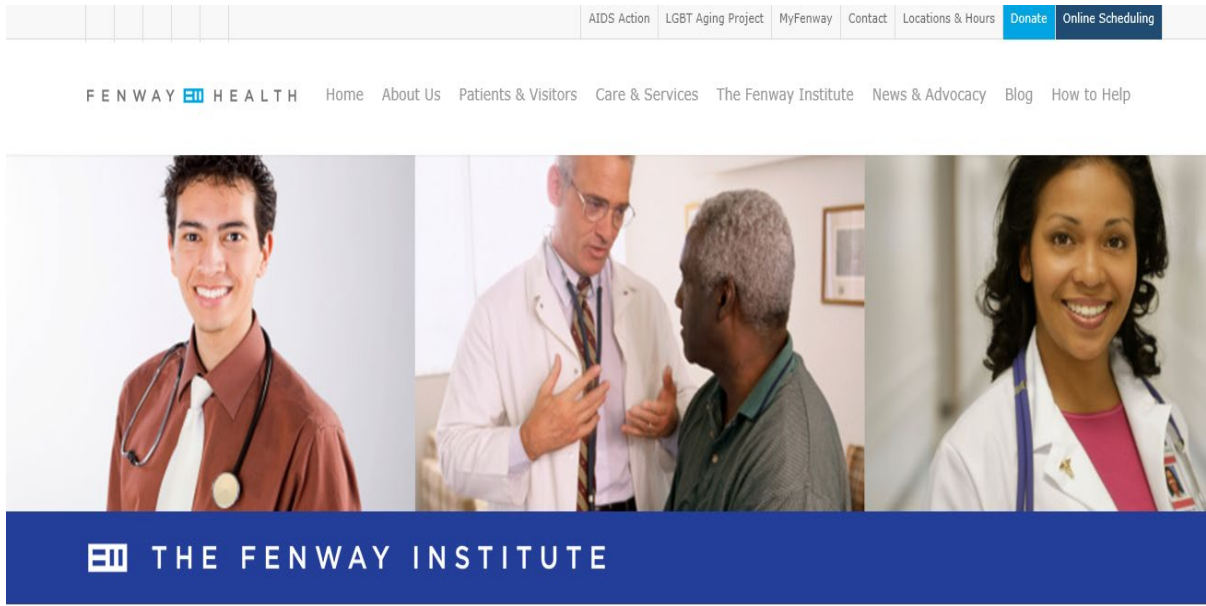
## RESOURCES

- NHCHC webinars:  
<https://nhchc.org/webinars/>
- NHCHC publication:  
<https://nhchc.org/research/publications/>
- NHCHC Resource List:  
<https://nhchc.org/understanding-homelessness/homelessness-resources/>
- NHCHC Virtual Trainings:  
<https://nhchc.org/trainings/regional/>



Website: <https://nhchc.org/>

# Fenway- National LGBTQIA+ Health Education Center



The National LGBT Health Education Center

Questions?

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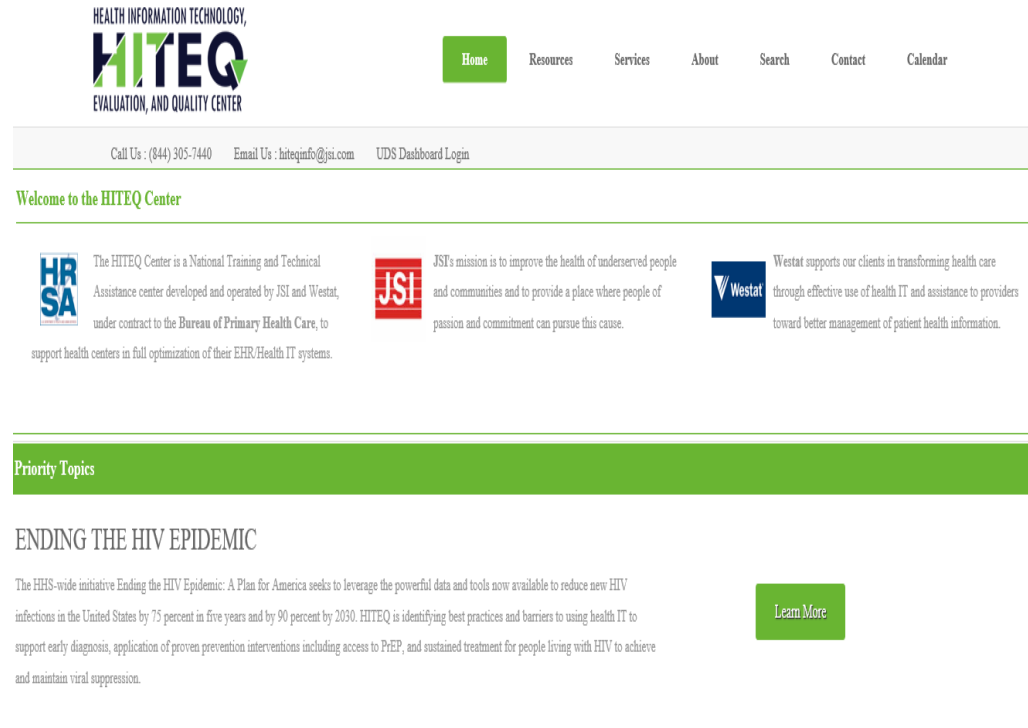
Website: <https://www.lgbthealtheducation.org/>

## RESOURCES

- Fenway AIDS Action  
<https://aac.org/>
- Fenway Webinars  
<https://www.lgbthealtheducation.org/resources/type/webinar/>
- Fenway Publications  
<https://www.lgbthealtheducation.org/resources/type/publication/>
- Fenway Learning Modules  
<https://www.lgbthealtheducation.org/resources/type/learning-module/>



# Health Information Technology, Evaluation and Quality Center (HITEQ)



The screenshot shows the HITEQ website homepage. At the top left is the HITEQ logo: "HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, EVALUATION, AND QUALITY CENTER". To the right is a navigation menu with "Home" highlighted in green, followed by "Resources", "Services", "About", "Search", "Contact", and "Calendar". Below the navigation is a contact bar with "Call Us : (844) 305-7440", "Email Us : hiteqinfo@jsi.com", and "UDS Dashboard Login". A green banner below the contact bar says "Welcome to the HITEQ Center". The main content area features three columns of partner information: HRSA (The HITEQ Center is a National Training and Technical Assistance center developed and operated by JSI and Westat, under contract to the Bureau of Primary Health Care, to support health centers in full optimization of their EHR/Health IT systems.), JSI (JSI's mission is to improve the health of underserved people and communities and to provide a place where people of passion and commitment can pursue this cause.), and Westat (Westat supports our clients in transforming health care through effective use of health IT and assistance to providers toward better management of patient health information.). Below this is a green "Priority Topics" section with the heading "ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC" and a "Learn More" button. The text under the heading describes the HHS-wide initiative "Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America" which seeks to leverage data and tools to reduce new HIV infections by 75% in five years and 90% by 2030.

Website: <https://hiteqcenter.org>

## RESOURCES

- HITEQ EHE Resources  
<https://hiteqcenter.org/Resources/Priority-Topics/Ending-the-HIV-Epidemic>
- HITEQ Resource Domains  
<http://hiteqcenter.org/Resources>
- HITEQ Webinars  
<https://hiteqcenter.org/Services/HITEQ-Webinars>
- HITEQ TelePrep Article  
<https://hiteqcenter.org/Resources/Telehealth-Telemedicine/teleprep>





# Covid-19 Resources

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- National T/TA Center- <http://www.nachc.org/coronavirus/>
- CSH- <https://www.csh.org/resources-search/?c=COVID19>
- NHCHC- <https://nhchc.org/clinical-practice/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/>
- Fenway- <https://fenwayhealth.org/care/medical/covid-19-information/>
- HITEQ- <https://hiteqcenter.org/Resources/Telehealth-Telemedicine>



# Thank You!

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# **Innovative Strategies to Provide Housing-Related Services and Supports for Individuals with SUD under Medicaid**

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*Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
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# Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act)

- **Section 1017:** Report to Congress on Innovative State Initiatives and Strategies to Provide Housing-related Services and Supports to Individuals with SUD under Medicaid
- **Section 1018:** Technical Assistance and Support for Innovative State Strategies to Provide Housing-related Supports under Medicaid

<https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2019-12/rtc072319-1018.pdf>

# Thank you

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# Rural Housing Service

Committed to the Future of Rural Communities



# Rural Development Single Family Housing Programs

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# Rural Development (RD) – Single Family Housing (Locations)

## **National Office**

Headquarters located in Washington DC | Community Programs Deputy Administrator and staff

## **State Offices**

Located in 47 states | RD State Director and staff

## **Area Offices**

Numbers vary by state | RD Area Director and staff





# Rural Development (RD) – Single Family Housing Products

## Single Family Housing Products

Section 502 Direct Loan Program

Section 502 Guaranteed Loan Program

Section 504 Repair Loans and Grants





# Continued Rural Development (RD) – Single Family Housing Products

## Single Family Housing Products

- Purchase products serve rural residents with incomes ranging from very-low to moderate.
- Repair Loans and Grants serve rural residents with very-low income. Grants are restricted by age and repayment ability.



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# Questions

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# Community Facilities Programs

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# USDA Rural Development

**USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through our programs, we help rural Americans in many ways.**





## Community Facilities

- Hospitals, health clinics
- Transitional housing facilities
- Mental and behavioral health clinics
- Shelters for homeless persons and others
- First responder vehicles and equipment
- Community centers and more.



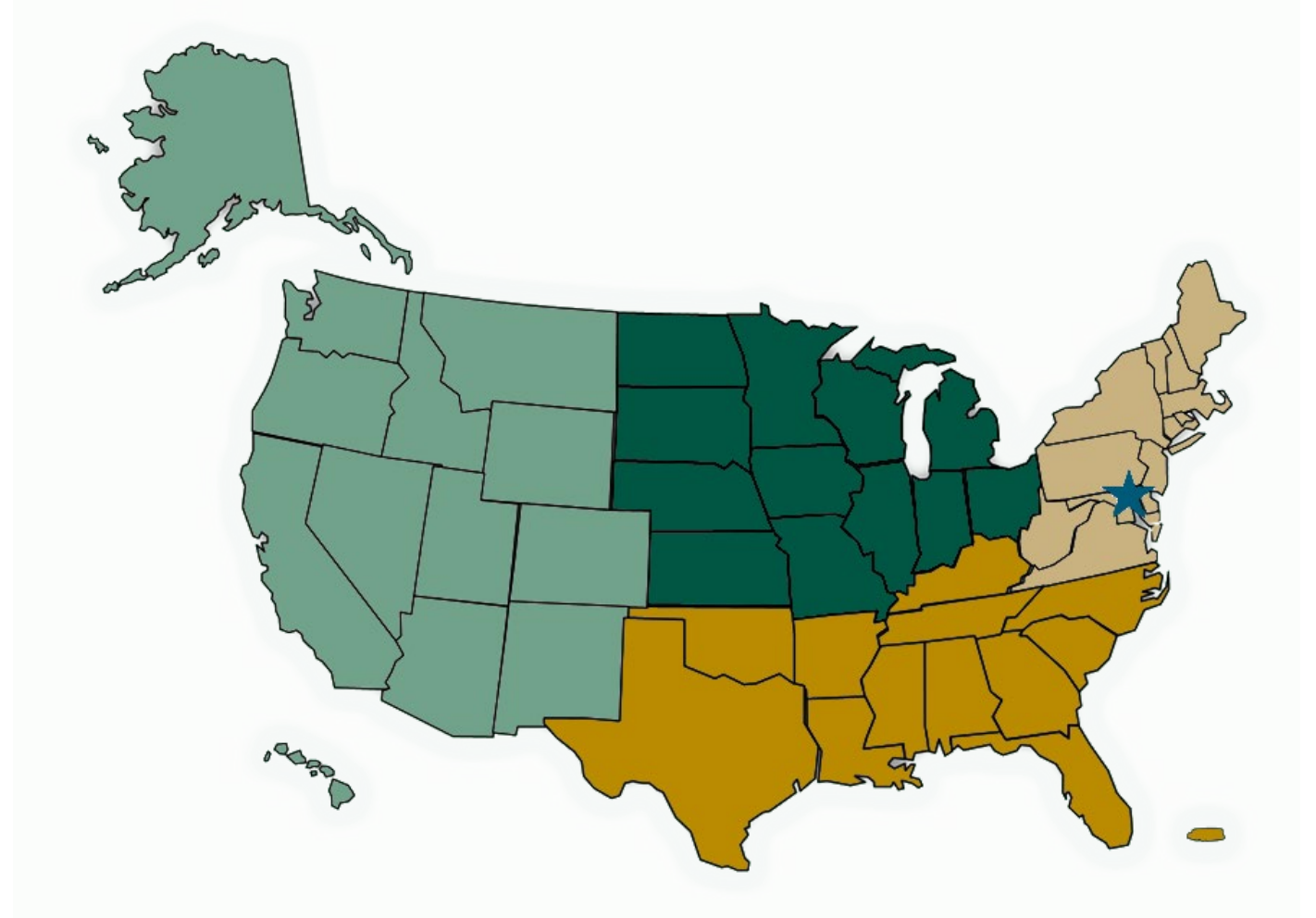
# Rural Development Offices

4 Regions

47 State Offices

400 Area Offices

1 National Office in DC





# Community Facilities Programs Overview

- Direct loans, loan guarantees and grants to develop or improve essential public services and facilities
- Eligible Applicants: Public Bodies, Non Profits, Indian Tribes
- Eligible Purposes:
  - Construct, expand, renovate, or improve facilities
  - Purchase vehicles and major equipment
  - Associated project expenses
  - (eligible professional fees)



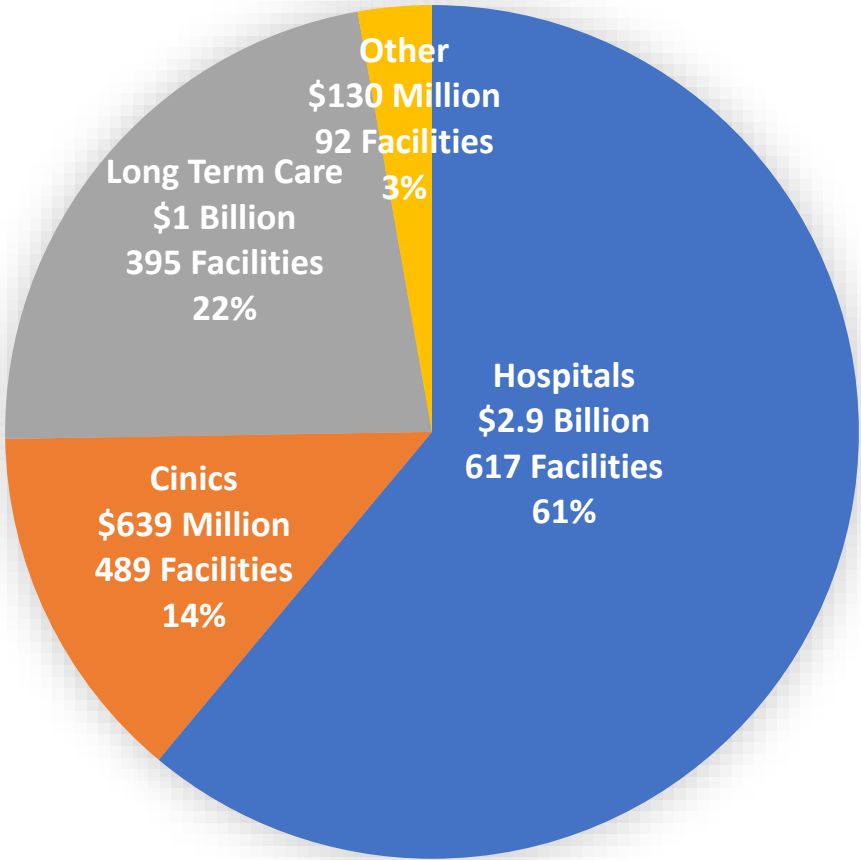
# Community Facilities Program Healthcare Investments

## CF Health Care Portfolio

Direct Loan Only

Total \$4.7 Billion

1,593 Facilities



As of June 1, 2020

# Community Facilities Program FY 20 Appropriations

- Community Facilities Direct Loans:
  - \$2.8 Billion
  
- Community Facility Guaranteed Loans:
  - \$500 Million (\$175 Million can fund projects exceeding 20,000 population NTE 50,000)
  
- Community Facility Regular Grants:
  - \$30 Million

USDA is a strong partner to communities in addressing the opioid epidemic

“As we focus on solutions to build prosperity in rural America, the devastating impact that the opioid epidemic has had on many small towns and rural places cannot be overlooked.”

**- *Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture***



# Community Facilities Direct Loan Program Guidance Book for Applicants

Community Facilities Direct Loan Program Guidance Book for Applicants is a step by step guide to help applicants apply for a Community Facilities Direct loan.

This guide book outlines the application process, financial feasibility requirements, construction and closing of an essential community facility for small towns and rural areas.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/community-facilities-programs>



Community Facilities  
Direct Loan Program  
Guidance Book  
for Applicants

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# COVID-19 Global Pandemic – Response



## COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide



Rural Development

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