

# Office of HIV/AIDS Housing Update 2016

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# Program Origin and Purpose

## ORIGIN.....

The Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program was created to address the housing needs of low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Established by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 12901)

## PURPOSE.....

To provide **state and local governments** with resources and incentives for devising **long-term strategies** to develop a range of housing assistance and supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS **and their families** to overcome key barriers to stable housing - affordability and discrimination.

# Program Authorities

- **AIDS Housing Opportunity Act**
- **24 CFR Part 574**
- **Federal Grant Agreements**

# Office of HIV/AIDS Housing Vision 2016

**To elevate housing  
as a structural intervention in ending  
the AIDS Epidemic  
in the United States.**

# HUD Strategic Plan 2014-2018

## Goal 2: Quality Affordable Rental Homes

- End homelessness and substantially reduce severe housing needs

## Goal 3: Housing as a Platform

- Improve health outcomes;
  - Increase economic security & self-sufficiency;
- Improve housing stability through supportive services

# Why HOPWA?

**50% of  
PLWHA will  
have some  
form of a  
housing crisis  
in their  
lifetime.**

**HIV is a public health risk and a highly communicable disease. Housing is a proven, effective tool in preventing the spread of HIV by improving health outcomes and quality of life for PLWHA.**

# Housing's Impact on HIV Health Outcomes

## Housing Instability

- Delayed diagnosis
- Increased risk of acquiring & transmitting
- Delayed entry into care
- Lack of regular care visits
- Delayed use of ART
- Less likely to be virally suppressed

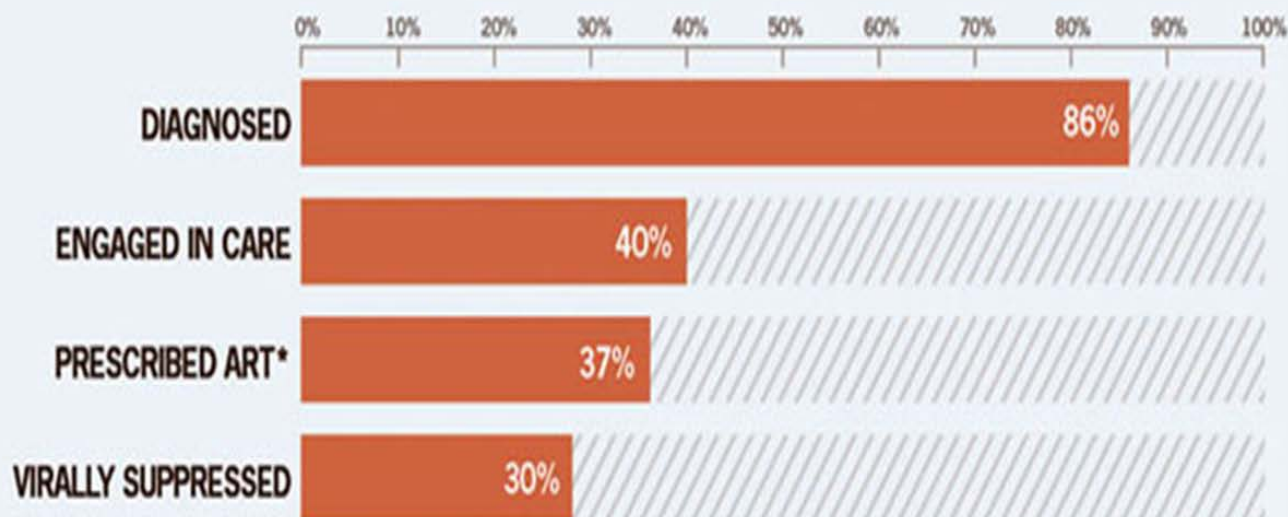
## Housing Stability

- Reduced risky behaviors
- Increased rates of care visits
- More likely to return to care
- More likely to receive ART
- More likely to achieve viral suppression
- Reduced use of ER and public resources

# Housing: Platform to Improve Health

## HIV Care Continuum Shows Where Improvements are Needed

In the US, 1.2 million people are living with HIV. Of those:

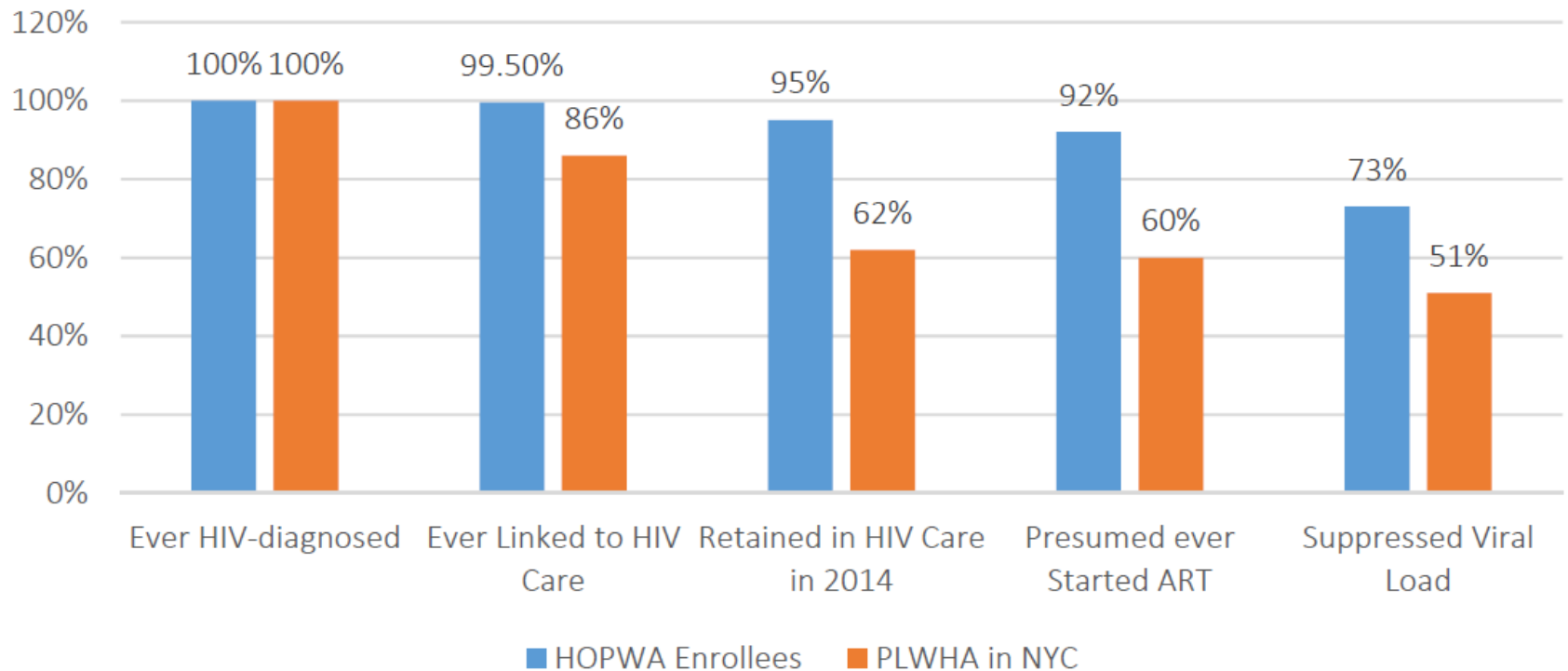


SOURCES: CDC National HIV Surveillance System and Medical Monitoring Project, 2011.

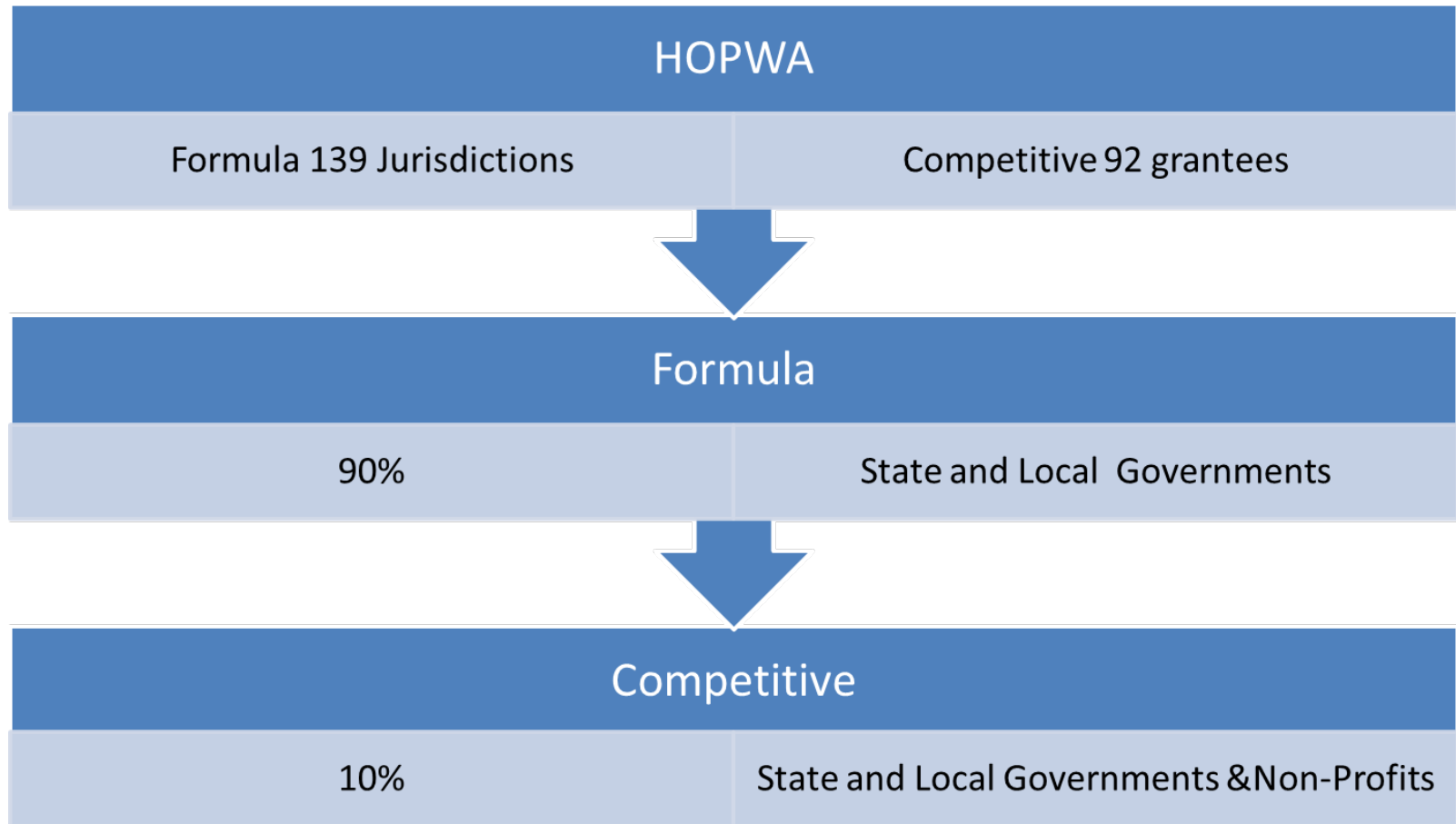
\*Antiretroviral therapy



# NYC PLWHA & HOPWA Care Continuum, 2014

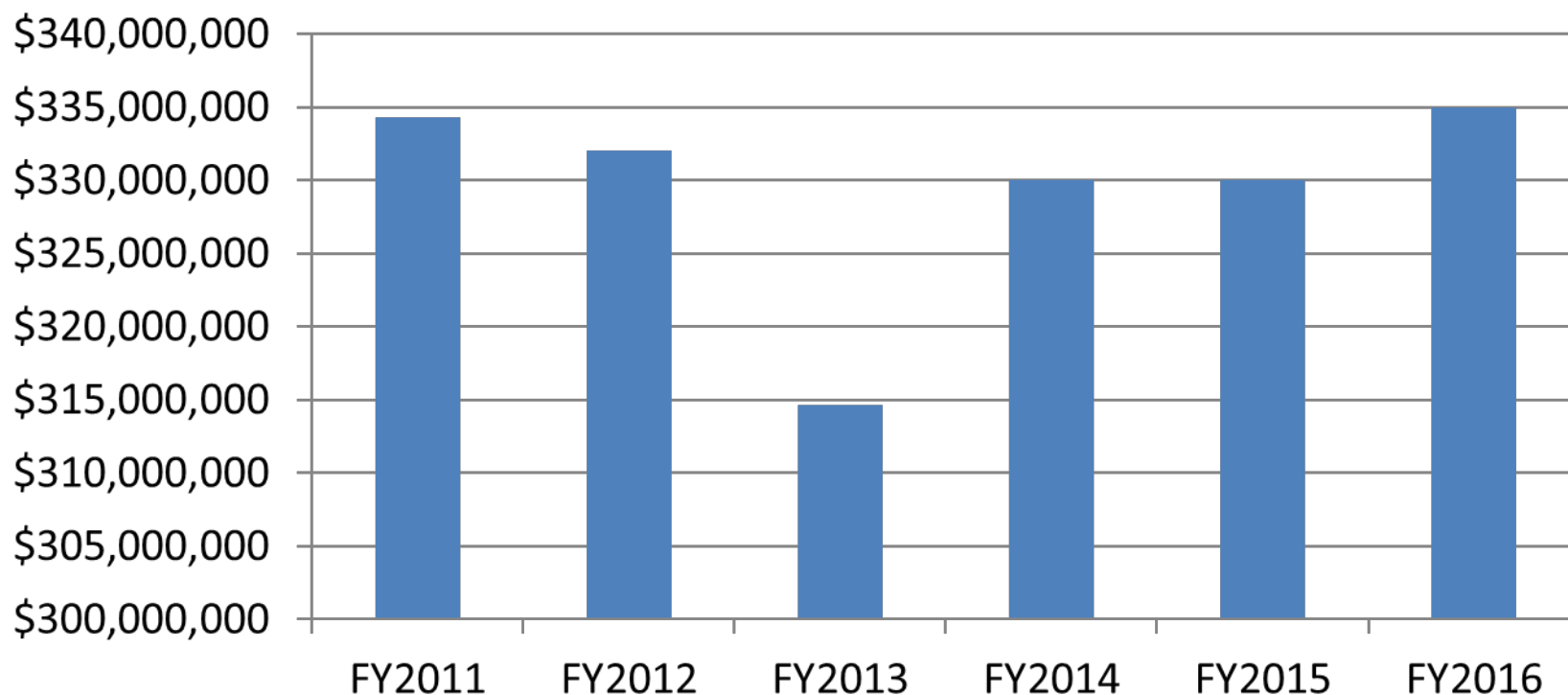


# HOPWA Structure

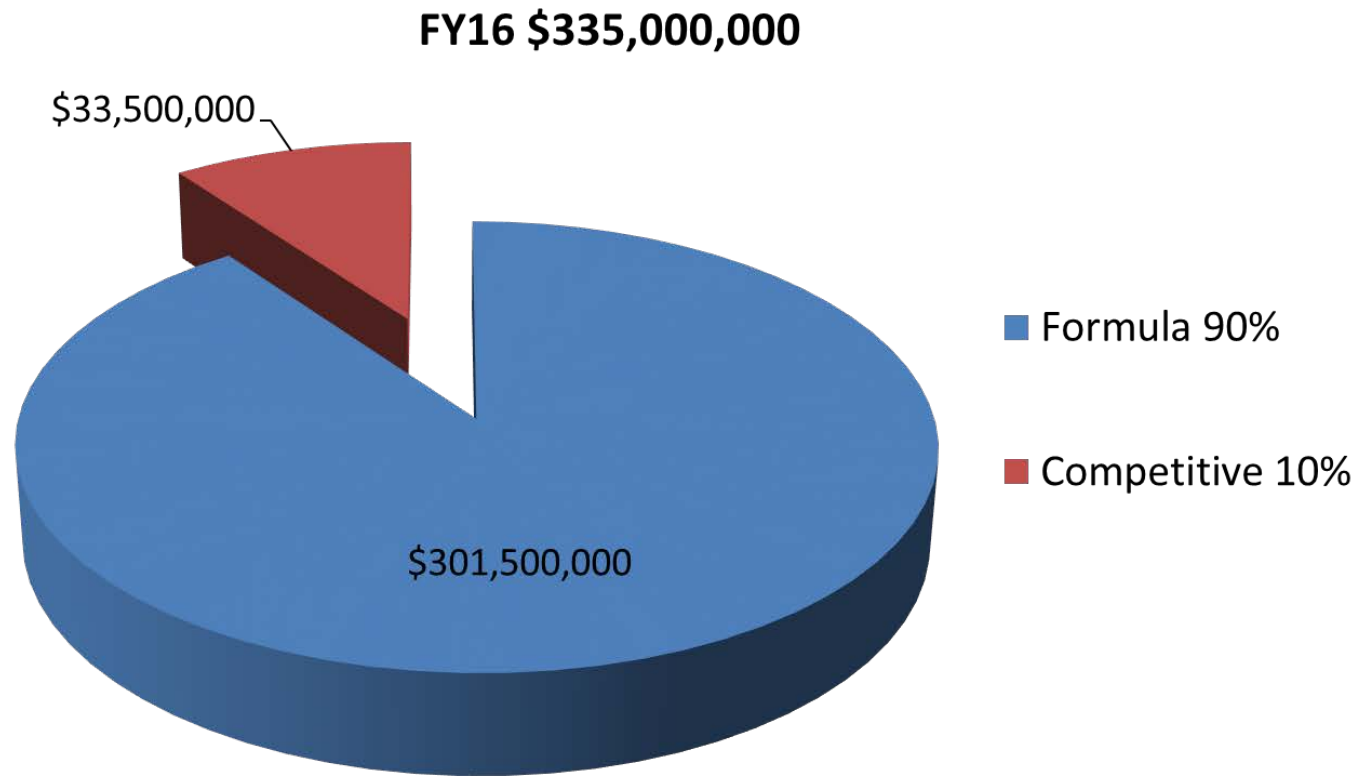


# HOPWA Funding

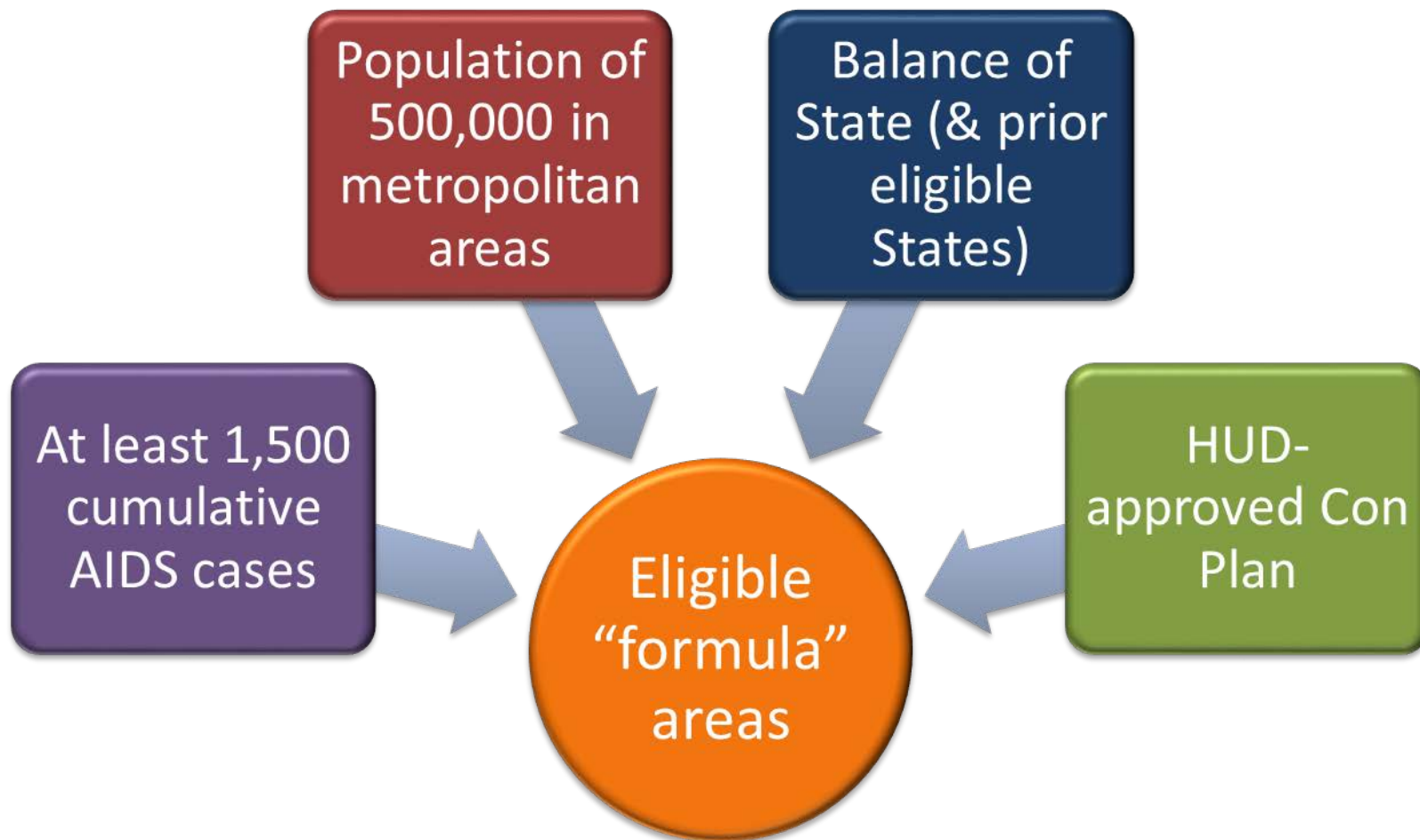
**HOPWA Appropriations for Fiscal Years 2011-2016**



# Division of Funding

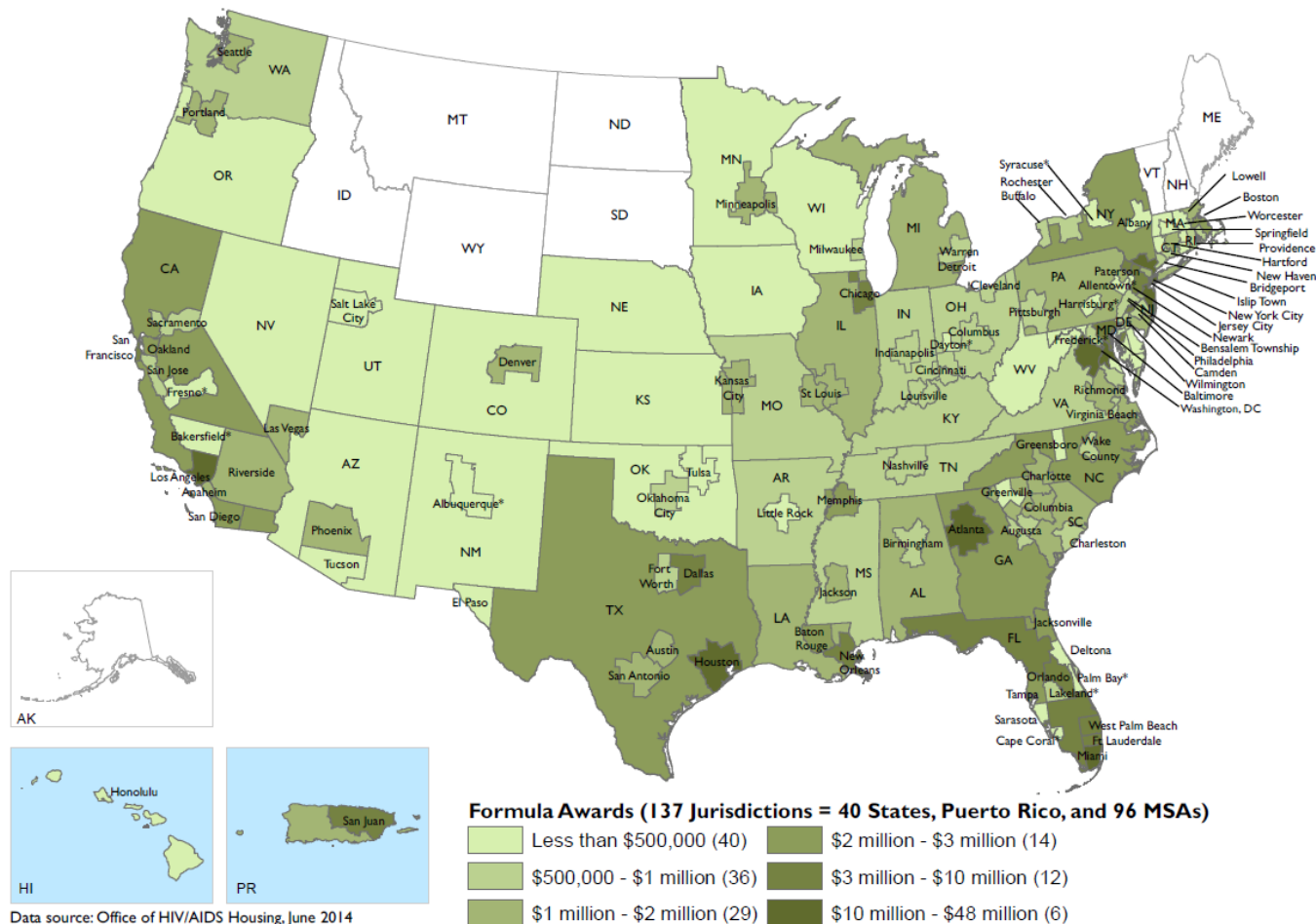


# Current Formula Program





# 2014 HOPWA Formula Jurisdictions



Data source: Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, June 2014

\*Jurisdiction with arrangement for state administration of funds.

States in white are not currently eligible for formula funding, but HOPWA competitive grants operate in these areas.

HOPWA grantee and project sponsor locator can be found at [www.onecpd.info/grantees/](http://www.onecpd.info/grantees/)

# FY2016 HOPWA Formula Allocations

- FY2016 Appropriation: \$335million
- \$301.5 million to 139 eligible areas (98 Cities and 1 County on behalf of their EMSA and 40 states including P.R.)
- 12 of the EMSAs will release the administration of their grant to the state
- 1 new Formula grantee in 2016: Santa Rosa, CA EMSA

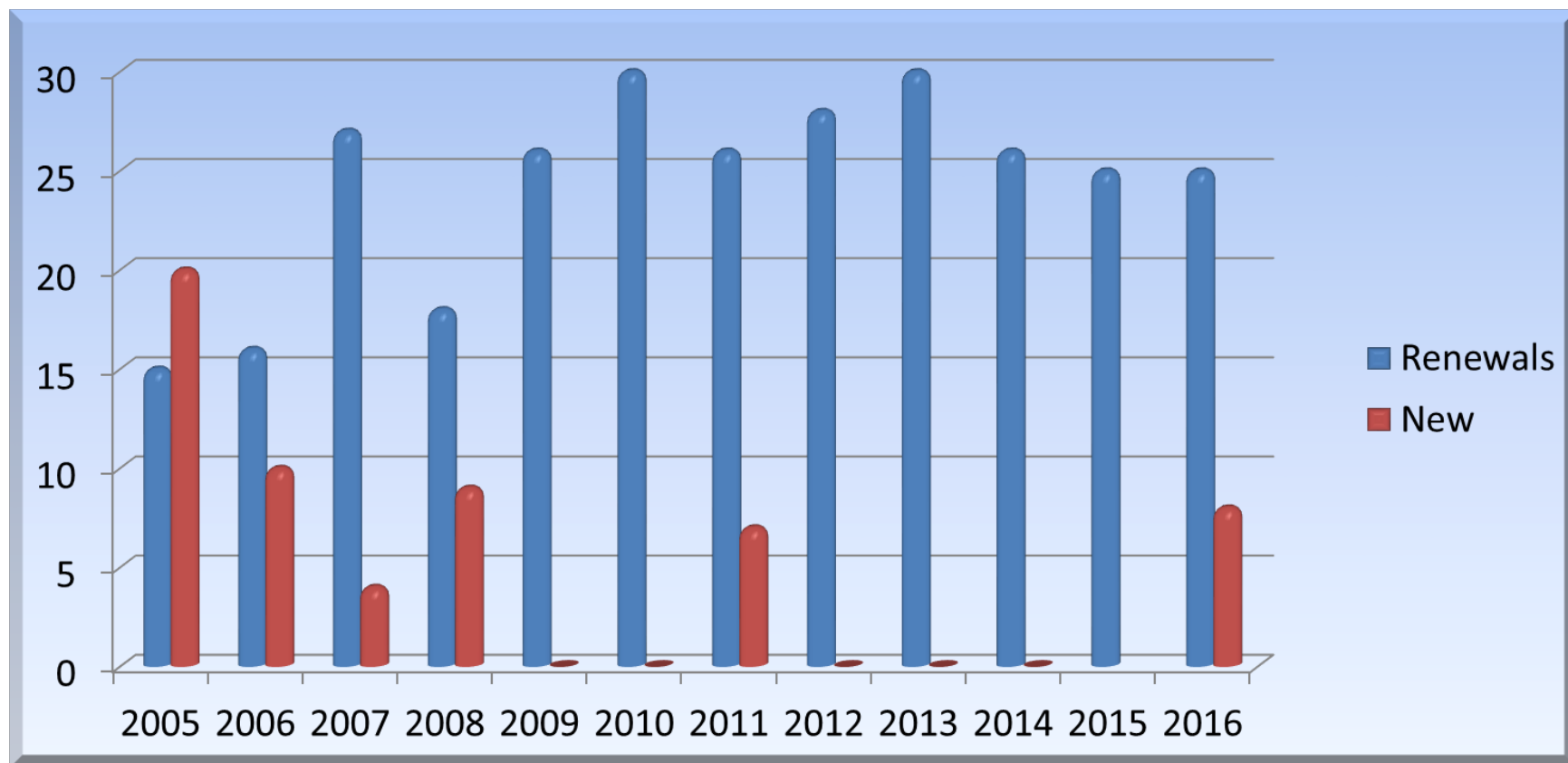


# HOPWA Competitive Grants

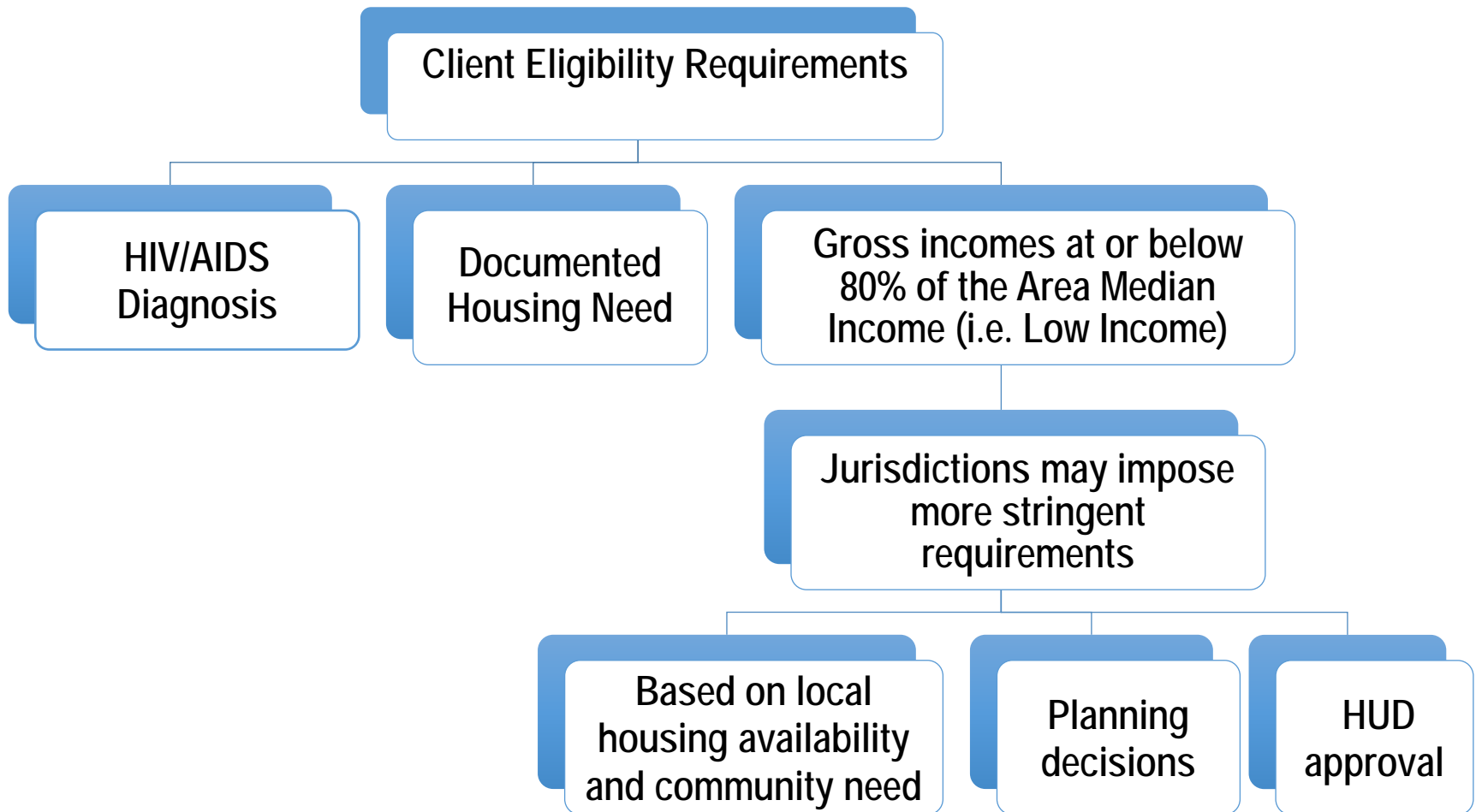
There are 2 types of competitive grants available to communities:

- **“Long-term Comprehensive Strategies”** Funding for states and localities that are not eligible for formula grants. The Pacific Insular Territories are the only U.S. funded location without HOPWA funding.
- **“Special Projects of National Significance” (SPNS)** Housing and supportive services projects which are unique or innovative and likely to serve as effective models in addressing the housing and related needs of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS

# Priority Funding of Renewals



# HOPWA Client Eligibility



# HOPWA Eligible Activities

Acquisition

New Construction

Rehab/ Conversion/  
Repair

Operating Costs for  
Facilities

Leasing & Master  
Leasing

Tenant Based Rental  
Assistance (TBRA)

Short-term Rent  
Mortgage & Utility  
Assistance  
(STRMU)

Permanent Housing  
Placement

Housing  
Information

# HOPWA Eligible Activities

Supportive  
Services

Resource  
Identification

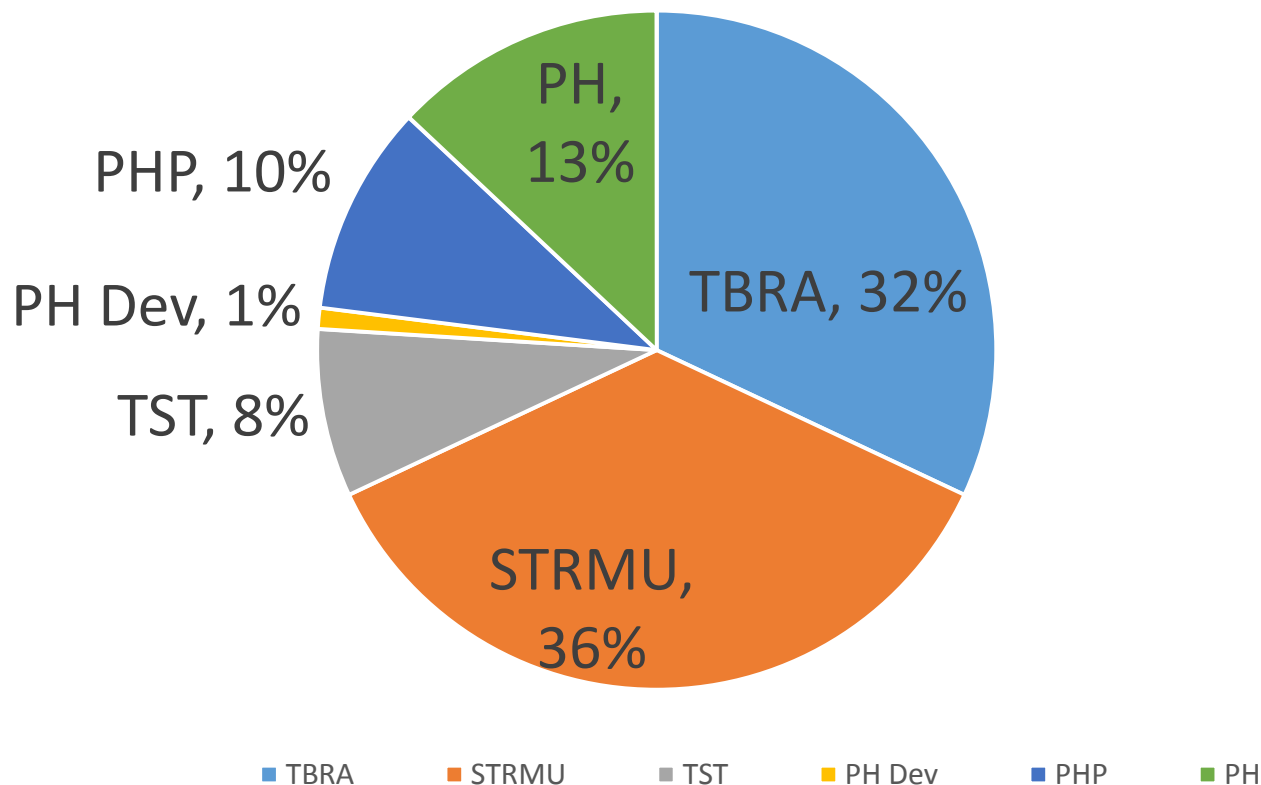
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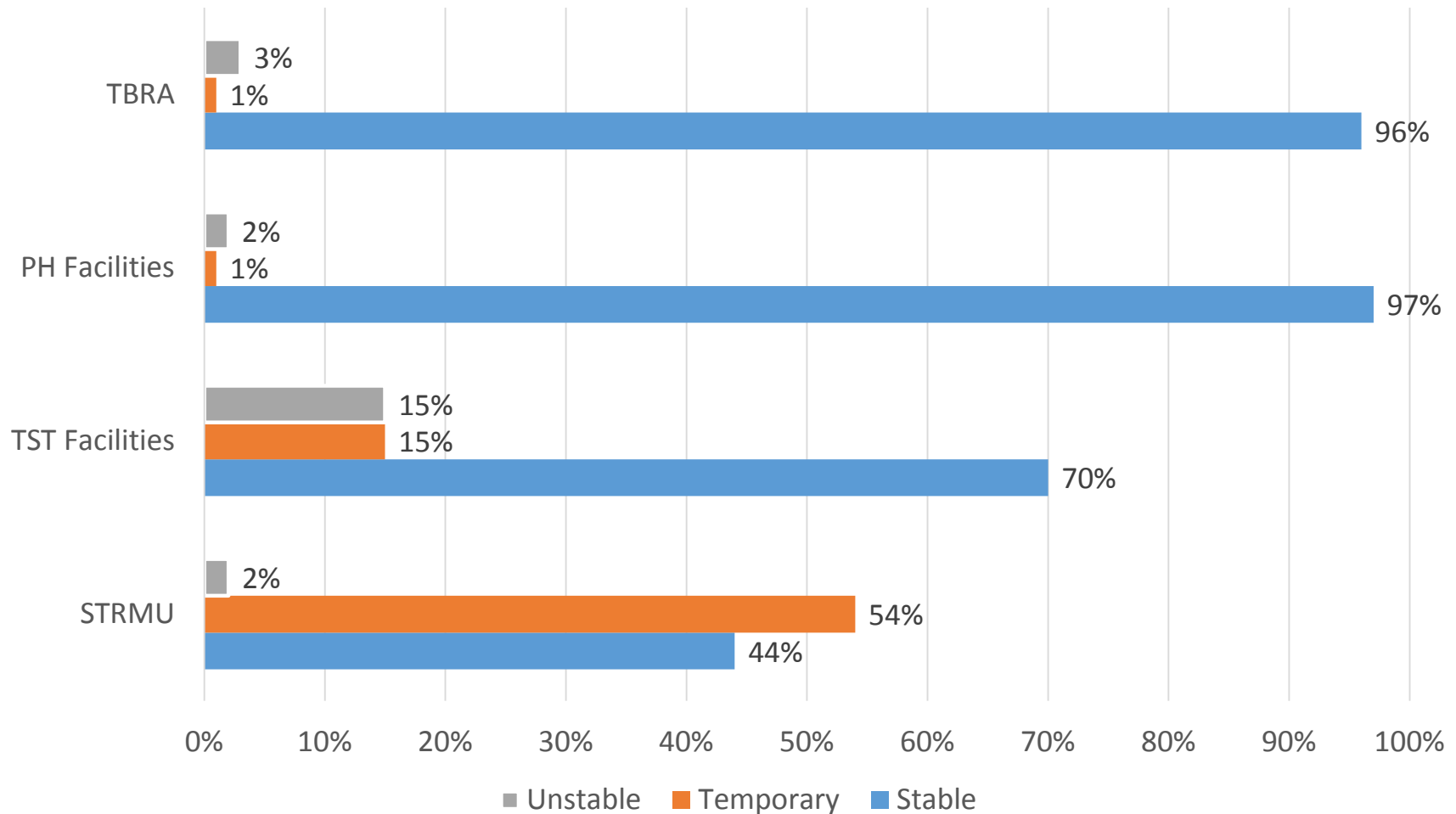
# Who HOPWA Serves

- Approximately **55,000** are provided with housing assistance under the HOPWA program annually.
- **9 out of 10** HOPWA housing beneficiaries are extremely low or very low income.
- Among new clients served last year, approximately **4,400** (18%) were homeless and HIV-positive.
- Over **60%** of the HOPWA-eligible individuals served under the program are male and **more than half** are between the ages of 31 and 50.
- **51%** identify as Black or African American, **35%** identify as White, and **17%** identify as having Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

# Percentage of Households Served by Type of Assistance

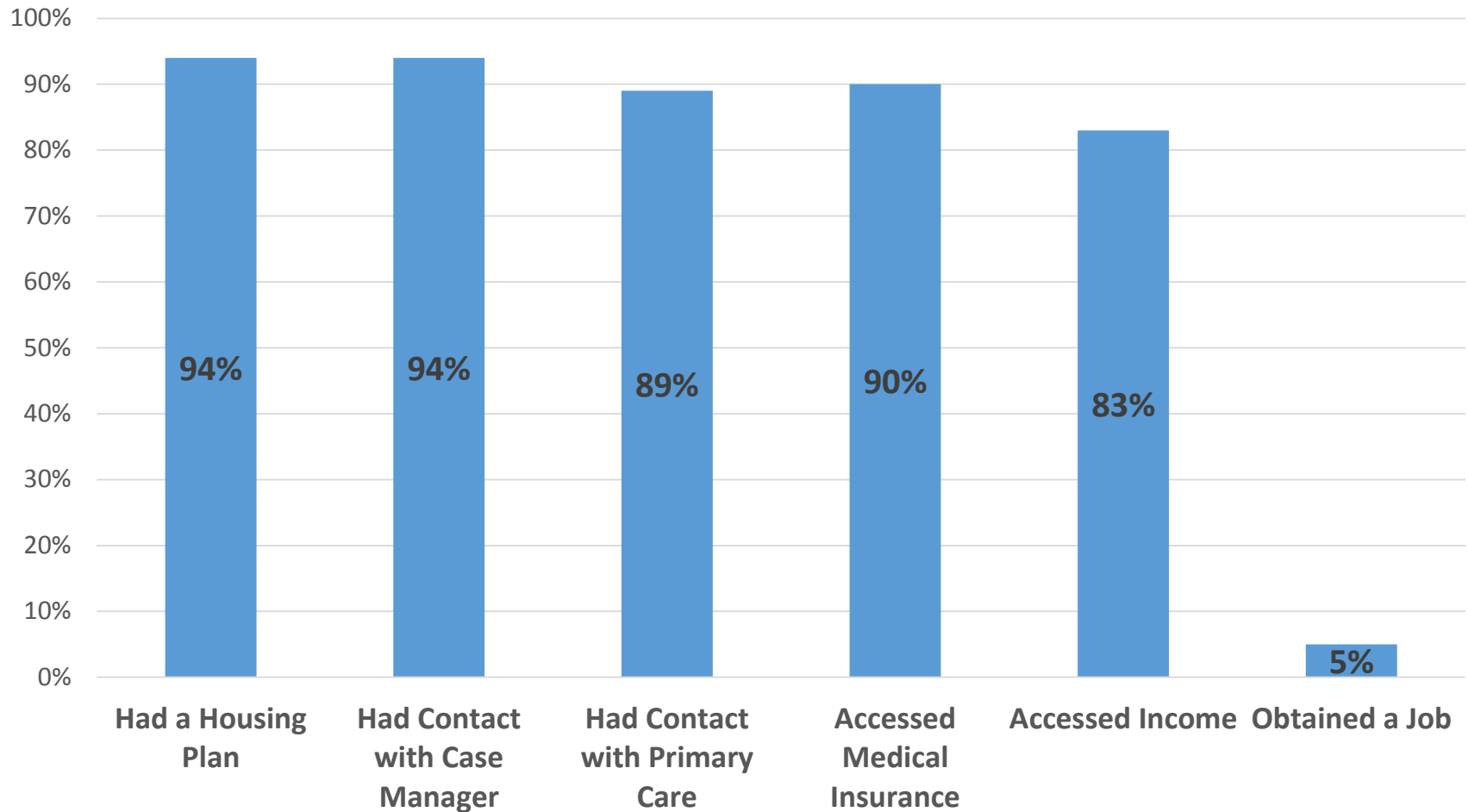


# Outcomes by Type of Assistance





# Access to Care and Support



# National HIV/AIDS Strategy

**Released in 2010 and updated in 2015 with 4 major goals:**

- 1. Reduce new infections;**
- 2. Increase access to care and improve health outcomes for people living with HIV;**
- 3. Reduce HIV-related health disparities and health inequities; and**
- 4. Achieve a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic.**



# Formula Modernization

## One of HUD's Major Action Items Under the NHAS (Since 2010):

HUD will work with Congress to update the HOPWA funding formula to be based on persons living with HIV/AIDS instead of cumulative AIDS cases and develop a plan to incorporate local housing costs and poverty rates into the formula.

- The current formula is based on cumulative AIDS cases and 55% of the numbers distributing allocation amounts are based on **deceased** individuals.
- The current formula does not distribute funding based on need of people living with HIV.

July 2016 - **H.R. 3700 signed into law** - the “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016” - included the modernization of the HOPWA formula

# Key Provisions of H.R. 3700

- All current formula grantees remain eligible - new baseline eligibility: 2,000 HIV cases
- Replaces requirement that 75% of formula funds be distributed based on cumulative AIDS cases - now individuals living with HIV or AIDS
- Replaces requirement that 25% of funds be distributed to cities based on AIDS incidence – weighted factor with FMR and poverty – benefits all grantees
- Stop-loss provision – phased over five years – loss of no more than 5% and gain of no more than 10% of previous allocation
- Allows for reallocations and alternative grantees

# Next Steps

- OHH is developing a Notice to explain how the changes to the formula will be implemented over the next several years.
- OHH will undertake rulemaking process to revise regulations at 24 CFR Part 574 consistent with HOTMA and propose other changes.
- OHH is developing a comprehensive TA strategy to assist communities most affected by HOPWA formula modernization.

# Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Project Demonstration

- 2012 - White House established an interagency working group to explore the intersection of HIV/AIDS, violence against women and girls, and gender-related health disparities – HUD named as member agency
- Resulted in DOJ/HUD collaboration on the “VAWA/HOPWA Project Demonstration”
- Incorporated into the NHAS as HUD/DOJ Action Item:  
**To address the intersection of HIV and IPV, HUD and the U.S. Department of Justice will identify models of improved service integration among HIV housing and service providers and sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking service providers.**

# VAWA/HOPWA Project Demonstration

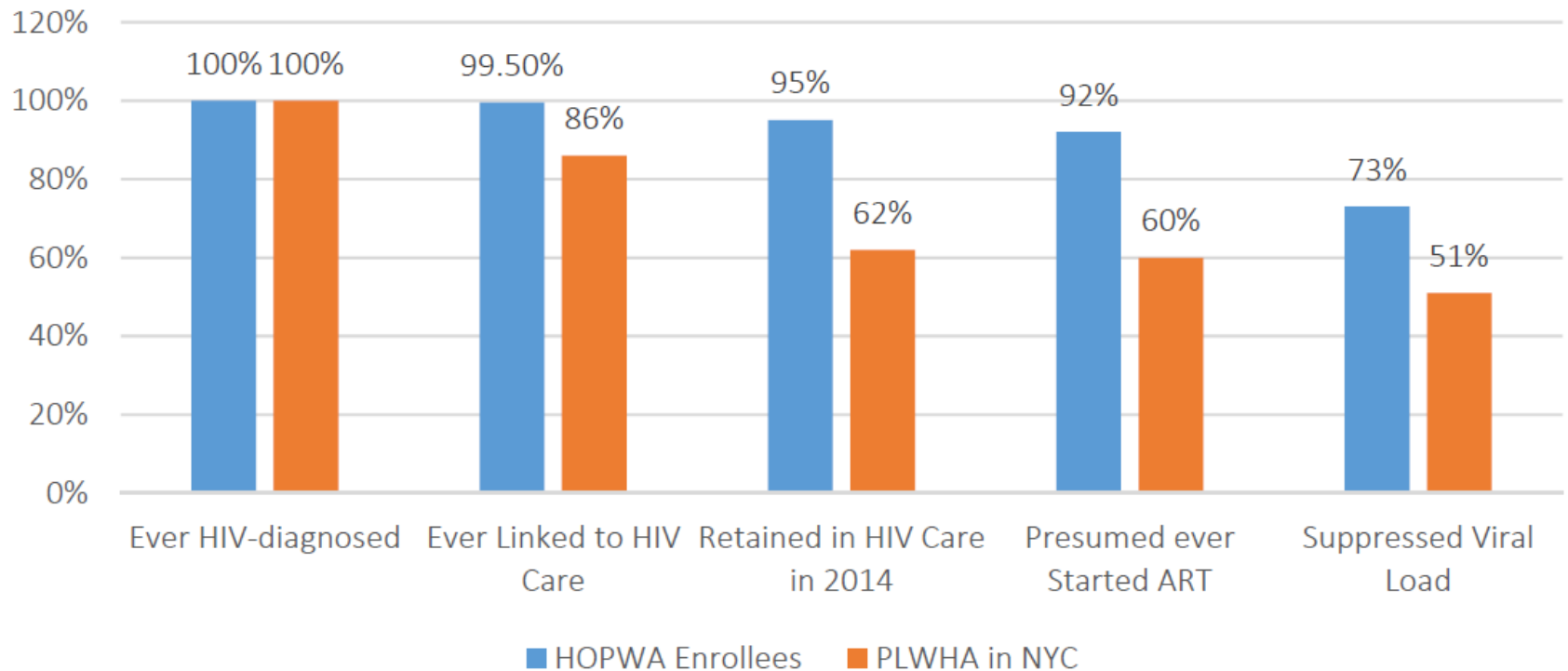
- Awards announced July 2016 - more than \$9 million to support eight local programs across the country
- Grantees will provide housing assistance and supportive services to low-income PLWHA who are homeless, or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance, as a result of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.
- Innovative projects that will work to improve cross-agency planning, resource utilization, and service integration between the two service systems.

# HIV Housing Care Continuum Initiative

- HIV Care Continuum Initiative and Federal Working Group established by the White House in 2013 (incorporated into NHAS 2015)
- HUD assigned responsibility for a number of action steps including 5.4: HUD and HHS will provide technical assistance and trainings to better coordinate and align the provision of housing services with medical care for PLWHA.
- Based on the 5.4 action step:
  - “HOPWA White Paper” developed and published by the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing
  - HUD-National AIDS Housing Coalition-Collaborative Solutions, Inc. collaboration on HIV Housing Care Continuum Initiative to increase HOPWA grantees’ ability to measure and track client health outcomes along the HIV Care Continuum



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# Questions?

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