

# Department of Grants and Community Development

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HOPWA UPDATE to CDHS and FEC  
March 22, 2022

Deborah Lonon, Commissioner





# Historical HOPWA Issues

## Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

- Special Conditions and Findings
- Restricted access to draw downs
- Delayed reimbursements to project sponsors
- Delayed contracts to project sponsors
- Project sponsors' limited capacity
- DGCD staff's limited capacity



# Current HOPWA Grant Balance

FY18		\$23,101,950		\$9,281,355		4/30/2022
FY19		\$23,000,301		\$22,838,858		3/25/2023
FY20		\$22,795,464		\$22,795,464		10/26/2023
FY21		\$22,712,066		\$22,712,066		1/30/2025
HOPWA-CV		\$3,317,389		\$3,257,865		8/2/2023

HOPWA allocations are generally good for three years from the date of contract execution.

The HUD balances reflect what the City has remaining to draw from HUD as of March 4, 2022, not what the City has awarded to project sponsors nor what project sponsors have expended.



# Current Overview – Compliance

**Status of TBRA Master Leasing special Condition - Open**

**Status of HOPWA Open Findings from 2018 Monitoring:**

<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>DATE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO HUD CPD</b>	<b>STATUS/COMMENTS</b>
Finding	Projected resolution date	Update
Finding #1: Failure to Document Client Medical and Income Eligibility	<b>March 30, 2022</b>	
Finding #5: Failure to Collect Complete, Accurate, Timely, and Comprehensive Performance Data for all HOPWA Sponsors	<b>March 30, 2022</b>	
Finding #10: Failure to Track Program Income	<b>April 30, 2022</b>	

# DGCD Challenges

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## a. DGCD

- i. Department staffing shortage and skills gap
- ii. Backlog of reimbursements/30 day federal requirement for payments
- iii. Ineffective funding process (NOFA)
- iv. Limited use of supporting technology
- v. Slow draw down process for federal funds

## b. Service Providers / Non-Profits

- i. Slow expenditure rates
- ii. Limited service provider capacity to manage federal grants

# Plan of Action to Address Challenges



- a. Hire and retain qualified staff
- b. Retain third-party consultants
- c. Resolve backlog of reimbursements
  - Pay oldest reimbursement requests fully received in 2019 and 2020 by April 1, 2022 and remaining 2021 outstanding reimbursement requests by June 30, 2022
- d. Transitioned to a monitoring-based approach for reimbursement submission January 31, 2022 and comply with 30-day payment requirement
- e. Conduct ongoing training for service providers
- f. Issue improved notices of funding availability (NOFA)
- g. Conduct draw downs monthly
- h. Procure and implement an improved grant management system

# Payment updates as of March 18, 2022



<b>HOPWA Paid Invoice Report (01/01/2022 - 03/18/2022)</b>	
<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
AFRICAS CHILDREN FUND	\$ 6,125.78
ANTIOCH URBAN MINISTRIES, INC	\$ 215,368.12
CARINGWORKS, INC	\$ 32,831.35
FURNITURE BANK OF METRO ATLANTA INC	\$ 44,112.00
H.O.P.E. THROUGH DIVINE INTERVENTION, INC	\$ 144,130.98
HERE'S TO LIFE INC	\$ 46,045.89
JERUSALEM HOUSE INC.	\$ 865,320.25
NAESM, INC	\$ 32,774.31
Perimeter Office Products	\$ 1,223.31
POSITIVE IMPACT HEALTH CENTERS, INC.	\$ 981,367.65
SOUTHSIDE MEDICAL CENTER, INC	\$ 240,417.08
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,609,716.72</b>



# Payment updates as of March 18, 2022

## Remaining HOPWA Reimbursements due Apr 1, 2022 (2019 & 2020 Invoices)

Jerusalem House	The Family Program	12/31/2020	\$ 57,311.56
Open Hand	Covid-19 Meal Services	5/31/2020	\$ 7,778.60
Open Hand	Covid-19 Meal Services	4/30/2020	\$ 4,833.40
VEO	Help For Our Heroes	2/29/2020	\$ 3,050.59
			<b>\$ 72,974.15</b>



# Payment updates as of March 18, 2022



## Remaining Reimbursements due June 30, 2022 (2021 Invoices)

N+E77+D+D71:G91	Safe Harbor Housing Assistance Program	3/31/2021	\$	4,478.94
NAESM	Safe Harbor Housing Assistance	4/30/2021	\$	4,478.94
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House	7/31/2021	\$	1,856.65
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House	8/31/2021	\$	1,923.75
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House	9/30/2021	\$	1,856.65
CaringWorks, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing	9/30/2021	\$	5,021.88
CaringWorks, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing	11/30/2021	\$	5,217.98
CaringWorks, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing	10/31/2021	\$	5,119.93
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House	10/31/2021	\$	1,890.20
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House	11/30/2021	\$	1,956.97
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House	9/30/2021	\$	2,614.35
CaringWorks, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing	12/31/2021	\$	5,021.88
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House	12/31/2021	\$	1,888.87
AID Atlanta	COVID19 Housing Assistance	2/21/2021	\$	21,461.30
AID Atlanta	AID Atlanta COVID-19 Housing Assistance	8/19/2021	\$	42,147.03
AID Atlanta	AID Atlanta Housing Program	7/31/2021	\$	126,230.76
Antioch Urban Ministries	Matthews Place	8/31/2021	\$	29,428.77
Antioch Urban Ministries	Matthews Place	9/30/2021	\$	29,593.22
Jerusalem House	Scattered Site I (SSI)	10/5/2021	\$	22,568.54
CaringWorks, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing	9/30/2021	\$	7,159.61
AID Atlanta	AID Atlanta Housing Program 2018	6/18/2021	\$	3,755.00



# Payment updates as of March 18, 2022

## Remaining Reimbursements due June 30, 2022, cont. (2021 Invoices) **\$825,682.88**

NAESM	300305	2/28/2021	\$	5,980.74
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House - HOPWA	3/31/2021	\$	2,709.88
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House - HOPWA	4/30/2021	\$	2,107.70
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House - HOPWA	5/31/2021	\$	1,988.85
CaringWorks, Inc.	Hope House - HOPWA	6/30/2021	\$	1,925.58
CaringWorks, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing	7/31/2021	\$	5,021.88
CaringWorks, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing	8/31/2021	\$	5,217.98
Antioch Urban Ministries	Matthew's Place	11/30/2021	\$	28,993.84
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Africa's Children's Fund	ACF Housing Program	11/30/2021	\$	6,409.57
VEO	Help For Our Hero's	1/31/2021	\$	3,334.90
Travelers Aid of Metro Atlanta (HOPE Atlanta)	SNHP	2/28/2021	\$	317,710.55
Dekalb County Board of Health	Early Care Clinic	8/31/2021	\$	2,034.67
Furniture Bank	Furniture Bank Metro Atlanta	9/30/2021	\$	4,077.00
Furniture Bank	Furniture Bank Metro Atlanta	12/31/2021	\$	1,259.00
Furniture Bank	Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta	10/31/2021	\$	2,718.00
Furniture Bank	Furniture Bank	11/30/2021	\$	2,265.00
HOPE Through Divine Intervention (HTDI)	HTDI PH 2018	1/31/2021	\$	10,182.34
Antioch Urban Ministries	Matthew's Place	10/31/2021	\$	29,721.27
Antioch Urban Ministries	Matthews Place	9/30/2021	\$	29,593.22

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# Next Steps

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1. Revised reimbursement process
2. Continued monitoring
3. Contract management
4. Internal and external training
5. Staffing
6. **\*\*Impact of HOPWA Modernization**

# Questions?

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