$9.2M in Grants to Help HIV-Positive Survivors of Domestic Violence

The eight grantees help prevent their clients from becoming homeless.

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The Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are awarding a total of $9.2 million in grants to eight programs that help survivors of domestic violence living with HIV/AIDS. By offering housing assistance and supportive services, the programs hope to prevent them from becoming homeless.

According to a press release by HUD, the grantees are:

- Volunteers of America of Los Angeles
- The City of San Jose, California
- The Department of Health in Washington, DC
- UNITY of Greater New Orleans
- The City of Kansas City, Missouri
- Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) of New York City
- Unity House of Troy, New York
- The City of Portland, Oregon

"Every person, especially those fighting the effects of HIV/AIDS or looking to escape an abusive situation, deserves to live in a safe and stable environment," said HUD Secretary Julián Castro in a press release. "Through this collaborative effort with the Justice Department, we're able to help those living at the intersection of HIV/AIDS and domestic violence to secure the housing and health services they need to build a better future."

To be eligible for support, grantees must form partnerships with domestic violence and sexual assault service providers and local HIV housing and service providers.

The Federal Interagency Working Group on the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women

and Girls, and Gender-Related Health Disparities, which focuses on women and girls, suggested the funding. However, the funding will be open to all eligible clients and will not discriminate based on sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, familial status, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, disability or age.

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