

HHS Recommendation for Carry Forward Allocation FY19-20

Unexpended and available for Carry Forward Part A regular funds: \$349,644

Unexpended and available for Carry Forward Part A MAI funds: \$60,007

Recommendation Focus	Amount	Notes
Emergency Financial Assistance Grants	\$80,000 RWPA \$20,000 RWPA	1) For increased demand due to COVID 2) Specified Amount for Senior Clients per FY19-20 Needs Assessment
Food Security	\$29,644 RWPA	Food Security continues to be a need during COVID as well as an on-going for RW clients. Will explore \$ for increasing provision of meals/groceries as well as expanded food bank delivery
Client Incentive Vouchers	\$50,000 (RWPA) \$30,000 (MAI)	Unexpended Admin funding at end of last fiscal year was less than half or 1/3 of what is usually made available for these vouchers. Programs are reporting that client requests of food related vouchers is high, not surprising at all during SIP. May include Door Dash vouchers, if possible, to help address food insecurity which by all accounts is significant
Reserve for Anticipated Fall expenses	\$170,000 (RWPA) \$30,007 (MAI)	Planning for potentially significant COVID-19 wave in the Fall 2020 that would probably carry various fallout that could require major resources.
Total	\$409,651	

1. Emergency Financial Assistance Grants:

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The COVID 19 Emergency, increased need for Financial Assistance payments issued to third party providers related to housing, utilities, medical and other services have been significant. These grants are used to help RWPA eligible clients meet very basic living expenses, eviction prevention. This allocation would directly expand the number of available grants to clients without adding any additional administrative or programmatic expenses.

Allocation Amount provided in \$100 increments to 1000 clients

2. Food Security

The COVID-19 emergency also expanded the need for food delivery as clients are unable to venture outside their homes.

3. Client Incentive Vouchers:

HIV Health Services recommends provision of grocery store & farmer's market food vouchers and fast-food certificates to indigent homeless or marginally housed HIV-positive individuals who encounter nutritional deprivation due to the lack of food. These vouchers will also increase client access to services and assist them in getting necessary nutrition. Vouchers also serve to enhance client participation in program services. They will be used as incentives for clients to complete the finite steps of their individual service plans.

4. Reserve for future COVID 19 related expenses:

Though much remains unknown, previous respiratory epidemics have consistently involved a potentially significant second and often multiple waves of new infection and accompanying restrictions that impact mobility, employment and other pressures placed on PLWA clients. HHS believes this is a reasonable amount to hold in reserve to address those needs while balancing the need to provide direct and immediate help for current needs.

Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

To be added to MAI funded programs for client incentive vouchers (especially related to food) and other COVID related needs.