

- Participation in media programs with minority-owned radio stations and government access television. Suggestions include advertisements on city of Tampa Television (CTTV) or Hillsborough Government TV (HTV22).

Minority owned radio stations include:

Black Representation
 Mr. Chris Turner, General Manager
 WTMP Radio LTD AM 1150
 WTMP-AM (Urban Contemporary)
 5207 Washington Blvd.
 Tampa, FL 33619
 (813) 620-1300

Hispanic Representation
 Mr. Carlos Jose Peralta
 Mega Communications
 1915 N. Dale Mabry Highway
 Suite 200
 Tampa, FL 33609
 (813) 871-1819

Advertisements in the Black Pages Business Directory which can be accessed via their website at www.DSIBlackPages.com and the Hispanic Yellow Pages via their website at www.buscaloespanol.com or contact 886-4787.

- Advertise on the public transit system in minority neighborhoods by contact HARTline at 223-6831 to determine the best routes to advertise.
- Flyers to minority churches.
- Flyers and bulletin boards notices, and newsletter inserts at neighborhood service centers in areas with high concentration of minorities.

These items were provided to the Mobley Park Apartment Property Manager to use for their marketing efforts. In the monitoring visit, the Property Manager provided the listing of staff that has attended fair housing workshops.

IV. Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Funds

A. Grantee and Community Overview

1. Provide a brief description of the grantee organization, the area of service, the name of each project sponsor and a broad overview of the range/type of housing activities and related services.

The city of Tampa's Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the grantee organization responsible for the administration of HOPWA programs for west central Florida's Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). HCD is a division of the city's Business and Housing Development and is primarily responsible for providing affordable housing, economic development and community revitalization assistance to the citizens of Tampa. Selected HOPWA Project Sponsors for the Program Year 2002 (PY02) were as follows:

Agency for Community Treatment Inc.	Harbor Behavioral Health Care, Inc.
Boley Centers for Behavioral Health Care, Inc.	Pasco County Housing Authority
Catholic Charities, D.O.S.P., Inc.	Tampa AIDS Network
Family Enrichment Center, Inc.	Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan
Francis House, Inc.	Tampa Housing Authority
Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Inc.	Red Ribbon Homestead Project, Inc.

These Project Sponsors utilized HOPWA funds to provide housing information and referral services; acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, and repair of facility-based housing; project and tenant-based rental assistance, including assistance for congregate housing arrangements; and short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance to prevent the homelessness of the tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling. As well, supportive services including mental health counseling, nutritional services, day care, and transportation were provided to ensure a comprehensive service delivery system within the EMSA.

2. Describe how grant management oversight of Project Sponsors is conducted and how project sponsors are selected.

HCD implements a four-phase monitoring procedure that provides the necessary program oversight of all HOPWA projects. Through Phase I, Project Sponsors are selected through a Request for Proposal process where a review panel reviews and rates applicant proposals to ensure that applicants have the organizational capacity to responsibly provide HOPWA-funded services. In Phase II, titled "Initial Monitoring and Site Review," HCD staff conduct an initial site visit at the project location and meet with the Project Sponsor to provide program support and guidance related to client eligibility, eligible activities, requests for reimbursement, program reporting, technical assistance, and the city's expectations regarding program implementation and accountability. Phase III concerns contract monitoring and compliance where the city conducts an on-going review of each active HOPWA file. This review includes, but is not limited to review of monthly reimbursement requests, and quarterly and annual program reports to ensure that program objectives are met in accordance with HUD's annual reporting requirements.

Finally, Phase IV, termed "Subsequent Monitoring and Site Review," involves subsequent monitoring site visits during the course of the contract period. Following site visits, letters are sent to the Project Sponsor informing him/her the results of the site visits that, if appropriate, will provide plans of corrective action for any concerns or findings. HCD staff then continues to monitor progress until the issue(s) is resolved and a letter of satisfaction can be provided to the Project Sponsor. Three HOPWA-funded Project Sponsors have been monitored during the current report period and the resulting reports prepared from desk reviews and on-site visits have already created measurable improvements for all Project Sponsors' methods of service delivery and program administration.

3. Provide a description of the HOPWA jurisdiction, its needs, and the estimated number of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The Tampa EMSA, comprised of Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties encompass 2,554 square land miles and a total population of 2,395,997 persons, according to the 2000 Census. The region's Ryan White Care Council (covering Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk Counties) conducted an annual needs study to assist in the provision of services for persons with aids (PWAs) and HIV-affected populations. Below is data obtained from the FY2003 Ryan White Needs Assessment that corresponds to Tampa's four-county EMSA.

EMSA HIV/AIDS DEMOGRAPHICS

County	Number of Cases by County		Percentage	
	AIDS Cases	HIV Cases	AIDS %	HIV %
Hernando	99	50	2%	1%
Hillsborough	2,258	1,624	44%	49%
Pasco	255	129	5%	4%
Pinellas	1,513	829	29%	25%
TOTAL	4,125	2,632	80%*	79%*

*percentage for Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk Counties combined.

The research methodology used in preparing the *FY2003 Ryan White Needs Assessment* utilized results from client surveys, case manager surveys, expert surveys, client focus groups, and provider focus groups to rank by priority the area's needs for various services. In a departure from prior years where service needs were ranked according to individual counties, the FY2003 Ryan White Needs Assessment consolidated service needs rankings to apply to all counties. The following lists those Priority Needs for Core Services and Additional Services:

Core Services

1. Ambulatory/outpatient medical care
2. Drug reimbursement
3. Case management
4. Planning council support
5. Quality management

Additional Services

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Transportation 7. Oral health 8. Emergency financial assistance 9. Housing assistance 10. Housing related services 11. Mental health services 12. Food bank/home delivered meals/
nutritional supplements 13. Psychosocial support services 14. Substance abuse services 15. Nutritional counseling | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Health Insurance 17. Client advocacy 18. Homehealth care 19. Buddy/companion services 20. Day or respite care 21. Other support services 22. Rehabilitation services 23. Hospice services 24. Health Education/risk reduction 25. Child welfare services 26. Legal services 27. Permanency planning 28. Treatment adherence services 29. Program support 30. Early intervention services 31. Outreach services 32. Referral 33. In-patient personnel costs |
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B. Cumulative Livings AIDS and Cumulative Reported HIV Cases

Ethnicity & Gender

- Among males, white males account for the highest number of reported living AIDS cases at 61% - a decrease from 65% reported in 2002, and cumulative HIV cases at 50% - a decrease from 53% reported in 2002.
- African-American males rank second for reported living AIDS cases a 29% - (an increase from 26% last reported), and for cumulative HIV cases 38% - (an increase from 36% last reported), followed by Hispanics living AIDS cases at 10% - (an increase from 9% last reported), and cumulate HIV cases at 11% - (an increase from 9% last reported).

- Among females, African-Americans account for 55% of reported living AIDS cases (an increase from 52% last reported) and 62% of cumulative HIV cases (an increase from 61% last reported).
- Caucasian females account for 33% of reported living AIDS cases (a decrease from 35% last reported) and 27% of cumulative HIV cases (no change from last reported), followed by Hispanic females (12% and 10%, decreases by 13% and 10% last reported respectively for living AIDS and cumulative HIV cases).

Overall, for the total service area (TSA = all above listed counties), there has been a significant increase in the cases of HIV and AIDS for white males and black males, as indicated in the following table:

TSA HIV/AIDS Cases by Ethnicity and Gender

	TSA AIDS CASES (NUMBER)	TSA AIDS CASES(%)	#TSA HIV CASES	TSA HIV CASES(%)
Caucasian males	2,393	61% (51% in 2002)	1,043	50%(34% in 2002)
Af-Am Males	1,125	29%(20% in 2002)	797	38%(23% in 2002)
Hispanic Males	392	10%(9% in 2002)	230	11%(9% in 2002)
Other/Unknown	20	<1%	35	1%
TOTAL	3,930	100%	2,105	100%
Caucasian females	412	33%(35% in 2002)	331	27%(28% in 2002)
Af-Am females	701	55%(52% in 2002)	766	62%(61% in 2002)
Hispanic females	146	12%(13% in 2002)	129	10%(10% in 2002)
Other/Unknown	4	<1%	15	1%
TOTAL	1,263	100%	1,241	100%
TOTAL for TSA	5,193	100%	3,346	100%

Mode of Transmission

- For the total population, men having sex with men (MSM), account for the highest percentage of reported living with AIDS (57%) and HIV cases (47%), (up 10 and 16 percentage points from last report). The next most frequent mode of transmission is by intravenous drug users (IDUs) for AIDS cases at 12% (down from 15% last reported) and for HIV cases at 9% (down from 12% last reported). Heterosexual transmission ranked third for AIDS cases at 11% (down from 19% last reported) and HIV cases at 12% (down from 20% last reported).
- For the male population, heterosexual transmission ranked third in terms of AIDS cases at 11% and second in terms of HIV cases at 12%, (an increase of 1 and 2 percentage points, respectively).

For the female population, heterosexual transmission ranked highest at 53% for AIDS cases and 43% for HIV cases (up from 52% and 38% last report). The next most frequent source of transmission for women are IDUs with AIDS cases at 21% and HIV cases at 15% (last reported at 23% and 16% respectively).

Age at Diagnosis and Gender

- For the second consecutive report period, AIDS and HIV diagnoses in the EMSA occurred most frequently in the 30-39 age category at 42% followed by 40-49 year olds at 31% and the 50-59 age group at 11%. Projections indicate a sharp decrease among AIDS diagnoses made between the ages of 30-39 and a gradual increase among the 40-49 category.

AIDS Incidence by Age at Diagnosis

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
0-12	4-1%	7-1%	2-<1%	1-<1%	6-1%	0-0%
13-19	2-<1%	5-1%	6-1%	5-1%	2-<1%	2-<1%
20-24	16-3%	18-3%	13-3%	14-3%	18-3%	9-2%
25-29	75-13%	47-9%	43-8%	38-8%	44-8%	30-7%
30-39	273-47%	234-44%	209-41%	210-44%	212-36%	182-40%
40-49	151-26%	157-30%	165-32%	136-29%	213-36%	145-32%
50-59	53-9%	49-9%	57-11%	50-10%	69-12%	65-14%
60+	12-2%	16-3%	21-4%	213-5%	21-4%	19-4%
TOTAL	586 100%	533 100%	516 100%	477 100%	585 100%	452 100%

4. Provide a brief description of the planning and public consultations involved in the use of HOPWA funds including reference to any appropriate planning document or advisory body.

HCD partnered with representatives from the Pasco County Community Development Department and city's Budget Department to oversee the HOPWA Request for Proposals for PY03. Staff also continued work with The Ryan White CARE Council Needs Assessment, the Tampa-Hillsborough County Continuum of Care, and the service area jurisdictions (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas County governments) for consultation regarding their annual Action Plans to better determine funding allocations.

5. Describe other resources that were used in conjunction with HOPWA funded activities.

Reference the following table:

Tampa EMSA-Wide Summary of HOPWA and Other Resources						
Type of Units All Facility-based (FB) All Scattered Site (SS)	# of units with HOPWA \$\$	Amount of HOPWA \$\$	# of Units with Grantee & other \$\$	Amount of Grantee & other \$\$	Deduction for Units reported in more than one column	Total by type of unit
1. Rental Assistance	278	\$1,396,106.00	10	\$22,162.00	0	192(SS) 86(FB)
2. Short-term emergency rent/utility assistance	435	\$468,205.00			0	5(SS) 430(FB)
3a. Units in facilities supported with operating costs	57	\$519,752.00	10	\$15,404.00	10	57(FB)
3b. Units in facilities that were developed with capital cost and opened and served clients	45	\$985,420.00			0	45(FB)
3c. Units in facilities being developed with capital cost but not yet opened	0	\$0.00			0	0
Subtotal	815	\$3,369,483.00	20	\$37,566.00	10	197(SS) 618(FB)
Deduction for units reported in more than one category	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	815	\$3,369,483.00	20	\$37,566.00	10	197(SS) 618(FB)

6. Describe collaborative efforts with related programs including coordination and planning with clients, advocates, Ryan White CARE Act planning bodies, etc.

The grantee organization is fortunate to work with Project Sponsors who among themselves have developed a network of interagency cooperation in order to optimize service delivery for clients. Several Project Sponsors are exemplary in having developed collaborative service provision as described below:

Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Inc., has more than 225 letter of collaboration, memorandums of understandings and subcontracts that cover all agency programs, with more than 25 agreements specific to HIV/AIDS services. As the largest provider of HIV/AIDS services in the region, these agreements help assist individuals with HIV/AIDS, and reflect the agency's established relationships with other local AIDS service organizations, medical clinics and physicians, health departments, substance abuse and mental health agencies, faith-based organizations, food banks, universities, legal services, minority agencies, social service organizations, state agencies and others. Agency staff are active in advocacy and planning through membership and leadership on the Ryan White Planning Council, the Florida Community Planning Group; Area 6 HIV Prevention Planning Group; Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition; Tampa Bay Hepatitis Task Force, and Pinellas Human Services Coalition, as well as other advocacy/planning groups.

Harbor Behavioral Health Care Institute, Inc. works closely with the other HIV/AIDS case management agencies in Pasco and Hernando Counties. Clients of the Harbor have monthly telephone contact with their case managers and have a maximum of quarterly home visits, with a large percentage of clients having face to face contact with their case managers monthly. One staff person serve on the Ryan White Care Council as a board member, and other staff have been involved with the Care Act since 1994, when it was known as Suncoast AIDS Network (SCAN).

C. Project Accomplishment Overview

1. Provide a brief summary of all housing activities and number of housing units.

Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc.

A total of \$23,445 of HOPWA funds were utilized during this reporting period to furnish, maintain and operate two three-bedroom single-family homes. Additionally, case management/advocacy was provided. Both households were of African-American ethnicity with 1 adult head of household for each home, and 3 dependent children total. Both households had monthly income between \$1,001-\$1,500.

Boley Centers for Behavioral Health Care, Inc.

During this reporting period, Boley Centers for Behavioral Health Care expended \$33,846 for operating costs for the conversion of office space located at 415-417 7th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida into two apartments, and conversion of the apartment complex located at 407 3rd Street South, St. Petersburg, into a single-family residence. Actual conversion has been delayed due to historic review process.

As well, Boley Centers expended \$705,066 administering a tenant-based rental assistance program for 134 units in Pinellas County for a total 228 persons served (134 PWAs and 94 affected family members). Of those served, 113 were Caucasian, non-Hispanic and 115 were African-American, non-Hispanic. Of the PWAs, 20 households had monthly incomes up to \$250; 10 had monthly incomes between \$251-\$500; 79 were between \$501-\$1,000; 19 between \$1,001-\$1,500; 5 between \$1,500-\$2,000, and 1 had an income in excess of \$2,000.

Catholic Charities, Inc.

- Mercy House and Mercy Apartments

During PY02, \$58,969 in HOPWA funds were utilized by Catholic Charities to provide short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance for 47 PWAs and 30 additional affected persons. Funds were also provided to support housing and operating costs for Mercy House, a 12-unit 20-bed congregate living facility for female-headed households and their children, and Mercy Apartments, four 2-bed units. Mercy House and Mercy Apartments provided safe and supportive housing for 33 unduplicated PWAs and 20 additional, affected persons. 100% of the residents who remained at Mercy House increased their income, enrolled in educational classes, became employed or participated in other meaningful community services within 6 months of admission.

- Christopher Residence

\$455,323 was expended during the 2002-03 year to provide 383 HIV individuals with short-term rent, mortgage or utility assistance. More than 100 of these clients were unduplicated and more than 15% were new to Christopher Center programs. Each individual served received a minimum of three referrals to other services in the community. During this same period, 39 individuals received housing services from Catholic Charities Christopher programs. Seven women were provided transitional housing at the Christopher Villa and 12 men lived at the Christopher House transitional housing program. Six of these 19 have moved from transitional housing to permanent housing in the community at large. Catholic Charities has two permanent housing programs in Pinellas, the Christopher Center, a 14-unit apartment complex and the Christopher Family Residence, a 3-bedroom house. Nineteen individuals have lived in the one-bedroom apartments at the Christopher Center and a family of four has lived in the Christopher Family Residence. Sixty-nine percent of the permanent and transitional housing residents are minorities or women.

- Spring Oaks

During the report period, the Project Sponsor subcontracted with PWA of Tampa Bay, Inc. to operate a 32-unit supportive housing program. Supportive services available to residents included organized activities, case management, mental health and in-home counseling, and transportation and nutritional services. The goal of this project is to move persons through a supportive continuum from: (1) identification of HIV/AIDS homeless persons with special medical needs; (2) stabilization of housing and medical health; (3) provide semi-permanent housing; and (4) promote independent living with follow-up case management services. In September 2003, PWA filed for dissolution as a non-profit organization with the State of Florida, and Catholic Charities assumed operating control of Spring Oaks. Collectively, \$485,022 in HOPWA funds was expended during PY02 for Spring Oaks programs.

Forty-four PWAs, and 31 additional family members received housing assistance at Spring Oaks, with a total of 22 families served. Thirteen clients were Caucasian; non-Hispanic and 27 were African-American, non-Hispanic; and 4 were Hispanic. Eleven received monthly income less than \$250, 5 received monthly income between \$250-\$500; 17 received monthly income between \$501-\$1000; 8 received monthly income between \$1,001-\$1,500; and 1 had income between \$1,500-\$2,000.

- Family Enrichment Center (FEC), Inc.

During PY02 \$56,599 was spent of PY 1998 HOPWA funds to provide 3 units of project-based rental assistance at 34th Street for aftercare for the period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003 the dollars expended were for rehab, supportive services and administrative costs. During this period, the final \$13,000 in rehab costs were expended to complete the building. Approximately \$19,317 was used for the salary of the After Care/Property Manager for direct services in recruiting and interviewing clients, and overseeing the rehabilitation efforts. Approximately \$7,348 was spent in administrative services. The remaining \$16,933 was used for supportive services which included property/liability insurance, facility maintenance, and equipment (including appliances for the two occupied units).

During the current report period, \$23,792 was expended from a PY2001 agreement to provide Early Permanency Planning Program (EPPP) for 21 PWAs and 21 other affected family members. This program is designed to provide permanency planning support services to

families impacted by AIDS. The focus of this program is to assist families in developing a plan for the future of the children in the event of the client's death due to the AIDS virus. The funds expended covered the salary/fringe of the Permanency Specialist, mileage and the occupancy costs for office space. The Permanency Specialist visits the clients, refers them to the necessary resources and assists them in preparing a plan for the children to keep them out of the foster care system.

- Francis House, Inc.

From three agreements for Program Years 1999, 2000, and 2001, Francis House expended a total of \$277,952 to provide supportive services through four primary components: day respite care for children up to five years of age, after school care for children ages 6-12, a Teen Support Group for teens ages 13-17, and an adult day respite program. The children and teen program provided age-appropriate opportunities designed to enhance the participants' emotional, social, and spiritual growth. The adult program offers mental health and substance abuse needs assessment and counseling as well as guidance in economic self-sufficiency. Francis House provided supportive services to 204 PWAs and 92 affected persons, for a total of 296 unduplicated persons served. Twenty-seven percent of the clients received \$250 or less monthly income, 14% received \$251-\$500, 42% received between \$501-\$1,000, 7% received between \$1,001-\$1,500, 6% between \$1,500-\$2,000 and 4% received over \$2,000 a month.

- Gulf Coast Community Care, Inc.

Gulf Coast provided 32 PWAs and 12 other affected persons (including 5 families) with \$6,935 HOPWA-funded short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance. In addition, \$115,086 HOPWA dollars were spent rehabilitating 12 residential properties housing a total of 13 PWAs and affected family members. As properties were being rehabilitated, HOPWA funds were used to pay for interim lodging. Properties rehabilitated were located as follows:

- Largo Florida Properties located at 404 6th Avenue, 406 6th Avenue, 408 6th Avenue, and 410 6th Avenue.
 - Safety Harbor Florida properties located at 200 7th Street N., 210 7th Street N., 212 7th Street N., and 214 7th Street N.
 - Dunedin Properties rehabilitated were located at 53 Douglas Avenue and 55 Douglas Avenue.
 - Tarpon Springs Properties were located at 228A and 228B Highland Avenue.
- Harbor Behavioral Health Care Institute, Inc.

Harbor Behavioral Health Care expended \$48,443 of its \$59,004 agreement during the report period. Funds were utilized to provide project-based rental assistance to persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families at the following locations: 1261, 1263 and 1265 Sylvia Avenue, Spring Hill, Florida; 6215, 6217 and 6219 Vermont Avenue, New Port Richey, Florida; and 6244 and 6246 Nebraska Avenue and 6245 Missouri Avenue, New Port Richey, Florida. In addition, the Project Sponsor performed renovations at all of the above-listed properties to include new stoves, new A/C condensers, and exterior painting. Total PWAs served during the report period were 12 with 1 other affected family member. Of the 13 persons served, 12 were Caucasian and 1 was Hispanic. All had monthly incomes between \$501-\$1,000.

- Pasco County Housing Authority

During the current report period, PY2000 funds of \$94,636 were expended to serve approximately 35 eligible individuals/families with tenant-based rental assistance. For PY 2002, \$118,812 was spent with the goal to provide tenant-based rental assistance to approximately 45 eligible individuals/families for housing at various private market locations. A total of 66 PWAs were served along with 54 other affected family members during the current report period. Of these, 49 were Caucasian; 9 were African-American, not Hispanic; and 8 were Hispanic. Eight received monthly income at or below \$250; 4 between \$251-\$500; 36 between \$501-\$1,000; 14 between \$1,001-\$1,500; 3 between \$1,500 and \$2,000; and 1 with monthly income greater than \$2,000.

- Red Ribbon Homestead AIDS Project, Inc.

Expending a total of \$100,607, the Project Sponsor provided facility-based rental assistance to persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families at the 10-unit complex located at 1111 Pinellas Street, Clearwater, Florida. In addition, the Project housing rehabilitation was provided for the same address to include: roof repair, floor tile, kitchen cabinets, electric stoves, refrigerators, sinks and toilets and routine maintenance for all units. During the report period, a total of 23 PWAs and 11 affected family members were served. The agency reports that tenant vandalism caused vacancies while repairs were made.

- Tampa AIDS Network

During the current report period, Tampa AIDS Network expended \$14,024 to provide short-term rent/mortgage and utility assistance to approximately 50 eligible clients provide mental health counseling to approximately 10 eligible persons. This agency no longer has non-profit status and has become a divisions of Gulf Coast Community Care, Inc. (reference Gulf Coast report narrative).

- Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan (THAP)

During the current report period, THAP expended \$71,248 from PY00 and \$67,363 from PY01 to provide operating costs and project-based rental assistance. This organization no longer participates as a HOPWA Project Sponsor, and all program operations have been absorbed by Catholic Charities (reference Spring Oaks report narrative).

- Tampa Housing Authority

A total of \$144,597 funds from PY 2000 and PY2001 was expended to provide rental assistance to 30 families during the report period. The agency reports that a majority of these families have stayed in the homes since they were first introduced to the program. Of the 30 PWAs served, 8 were Caucasian, 11 were African-American (not Hispanic) and 11 were Hispanic, 3 had monthly incomes between \$251-\$500; 18 had incomes between \$501-\$1,000; and 9 had monthly incomes between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

HOPWA Performance Chart – Program Year 02

Type of Unit: Facility-Based (FB) Scattered-Site (SS)	Actual # of Units by Type	Noteworthy contrasts with planned accomplishments:
1. Rental assistance	86 (FB) 192 (SS)	Boley planned 100 TBRA, served 134. THA planned 40 TBRA, served 30. Pasco planned 45 TBRA, served 35.
2. Short-term emergency rent/utility payments	430 (FB) 5 (SS)	Catholic Charities planned 190 STRMUA, served 383. Gulf Coast planned 40, served 44.
3-a. Units in facilities supported with operating costs	57 (FB)	THAP usage of 4 units for storage corrected by Catholic Charities.
3-b. Units in facilities that were developed with capital costs and opened and served clients	45 (FB)	
3-c. Units in facilities being developed with capital costs but not yet opened	0	Boley's planned conversion of 2 apartments & 1 sf home delayed due to historic review process,
Total	618 (FB) 197 (SS)	

2. Provide the number of units of housing which have been created through acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction since 1993 with any HOPWA funds.

3. Provide a brief description of any unique supportive services or other service delivery models or efforts.

HOPWA Assisted Housing Units 1993 - Present to December 2003

Agency	Property Address		Units Beds		Units/Beds
			Units	Beds	
ACTS, Inc	6401 N. 39th Street	Tampa	1	3	3 bed single-family residence
ACTS, Inc	307 W. Francis Street	Tampa	1	3	3 bed single-family residence
ACTS, Inc	7312 O'Brien Street	Tampa	1	3	3 bed single-family residence
ACTS, Inc	7314 O'Brien Street	Tampa	1	3	3 bed single-family residence
Catholic Charities Mercy House	1417 N. Albany Avenue	Tampa	12	20	12 units/20 beds
Catholic Charities Mercy Apts.	1945 & 47 W. LaSalle	Tampa	4	8	4 units, 2 beds each
Catholic Charities Family Resid.	1240 15th St. South	St.Pete	1	3	3 bed single-family residence
Catholic Char. Christopher Villa	2624 Union Street	St.Pete	1	6	6 bed congregate facility
Catholic Char. Christopher House	525 8th Avenue N.	St.Pete	1	4	4 bed congregate facility
Catholic Char. Christopher Annex	3638 1st Avenue N.	St.Pete	1	0	Administrative Office & Em.Asst.
Catholic Char. Christopher Ctr.	3545 1st Avenue N.	St.Pete	14	14	14 unit 1 bedroom apartments
Family Enrichment Center	2208 N. 10th Street	Tampa	1	3	3-bed single-family residence
Family Enrichment Center	2204 N. 10th Street	Tampa	2	2	Split house, 1 bed each side
Family Enrichment Center	923 E. 12th Street	Tampa	2	6	Duplex, 3 beds each side
Family Enrichment Center	3911 34th Street	Tampa	4	8	4 units, 2 beds each
Gulf Coast Jewish Family	404-410 6th Avenue	Largo	4	4	4 units, 1 bed each
Gulf Coast Jewish Family	200-214 7th Street N.	Sfty Hrbr	4	4	4 units, 1 bed each
Gulf Coast Jewish Family	53 & 55 Douglas Ave.	Dunedin	2	2	2 units, 1 bed each
Gulf Coast Jewish Family	228 A&B Highland	Trpn Sprg	2	2	2 units, 1 bed each
Harbor Behavioral Health Care	1261, 63, & 65 Sylvania Ave.	SpringHill	3	6	3 units, 2 beds each
Harbor Behavioral Health Care	6215, 17&19 Vermont Ave	N.Pt.Richey	3	6	3 units, 2 beds each
Harbor Behavioral Health Care	6244-6245 Miss/Neb Ave	N.Pt.Richey	3	6	3 units, 2 beds each
Red Ribbon Homestead	1111 Pinellas Street	Clearwater	10	10	6 1-bedroom and 4 efficiency apts
Red Ribbon Homestead	1114 Pinellas Street	Clearwater	10	10	6 1-bedroom and 4 efficiency apts
Red Ribbon Homestead	1117 & 1121 Pinellas St.	Clearwater	12	12	12 SRO units each address
Red Ribbon Homestead	1120-1135 Pinellas St.	Clearwater	14	28	14 units, 2-bedroom each
TOTAL			114	176	

Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Inc. operates 12 units of scattered site affordable housing for individuals and families with HIV/AIDS. In addition, they have a food pantry that runs like a grocery store serving 1,300 individuals annually with free food, household and personal care items distributed based on success at meeting individualized goals. Case management co-location with health agencies specializing in HIV primary care treatment; and co-location with services such as food, pantry, mental health services, Minority AIDS Initiative services, support groups, HIV counseling and testing, and HIV prevention services.

Harbor Behavioral Health Institute, Inc. has become a prototype for the merging of community mental health and substance abuse services with the medical services. We recognize that in order to successfully meet the needs of the individual, we must see each person individually and holistically. The Harbor is aware that individuals who are HIV/AIDS infected or affected by someone who is HIV positive will have multiple needs, not medical. By operating within a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse center with access to a large health care systems, this enables greater understanding of the system and communication as well as greater access to more services.

4. Describe any other accomplishments recognized in your community due to the use of HOPWA funds, including any projects in developmental stages that are not operational.

Boley Centers for Behavioral Health Care, Inc. has considerable experience in administering both housing and social service programs, the ideal combination for effective HOPWA program administration. Founded in 1970 as a 20-bed halfway house for men, Boley was chosen as one of three sites in the State of Florida to develop a "De-institutionalization Project" in 1979. As a result, Boley expanded from 31 to 200 beds. Boley has been funded for several HUD 811 projects, initiated a Supported Housing Program, added Assertive Resources Management Services (ARMS) and developed vocational services to Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) youth in 1992. By 1997, Boley had established a Disabled Home Ownership Program with Pinellas County, and was selected as a HUD Best Practices award in 1998. In 2000, Boley Centers began administering 25 HOPWA tenant based rental assistance vouchers for persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families in Pinellas County. During the current report period, the number of vouchers offered escalated to serving 134 PWAs, the largest tenant-based rental assistance program in the four-county service area.

D. Barriers and Trends Overview

1. Describe any barriers encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.

As part of the FY03 Ryan White needs assessment, the Ryan White CARE Council conducted focus group interviews where clients were asked to identify barriers to services and ways in which services that were difficult to access could be improved. The results, as presented in the FY03 Executive Summary of the 2003 Ryan White Needs Assessment, are much the same as reported in the prior year.

Among the barriers were the lack of public transportation systems in the rural counties, the length and complexity of some applications for services (i.e., Section 8 Housing), the lack of sensitivity on the part of landlords, inadequate (outdated) HIV/AIDS hotlines, lack of coordination of services between counties, lack of specialists to help with side effects, limited home health services not covered by Medicaid, insufficient education on adherence and disease

management, and inadequate HIV/AIDS education and awareness in the African American communities.

To improve services, clients felt that the funding of staff to specifically assist clients in filling out applications such as HUD and Social Security Disability would decrease the time it normally takes to enroll in assistance programs. They also felt that basic education to the general community would result in landlords who are willing to work with sick individuals to adjust and extend payment deadlines. Clients also felt that existing eligibility requirements for housing assistance programs should be tightened to assure that those with the greatest need and the least resources access available programs. Clients suggested that more funding should be dedicated to rent subsidies than to actual housing facilities, and assistance with maintenance and repairs to help homeowners stay in their homes.

2. Describe the trends that the grantee expects the community to face in meeting the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and any other information that may be important when providing services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the next 5-10 years.

Perhaps the most recurring theme generated in the HIV/AIDS services program environment is the need for funding and programs to become and/or remain flexible in order to meet the needs of patients who are now living longer due to better medical care. HIV/AIDS is not the “terminal” disease that it once was and program regulations, funds and services need to be geared toward serving long-term housing and supportive service needs.

V. Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Funds

A. ESG Funded Activities

Agency for Community Treatment Services (ACT)

During the report period, \$9,943 of ESG funds were expended, closing out a PY01 agreement to provide services at the Homeless Day Center including restroom, shower and laundry facilities, mailboxes and lockers. Case management, substance abuse and mental health counseling, telephone and message services, clothing, food, legal assistance, employment counseling, and other services were also provided. The total agreement was funded at \$21,500 to cover rent, utilities and insurance. For the current report period, a total of 758 persons were served.

Alpha House of Tampa, Inc.

Alpha House operates a 20 bedroom licensed maternity home to serve homeless pregnant women having various risk factors causing the delivery of a low birth weight baby. Alpha House also operates three transitional houses and the Rosalie Center, which consists of a daycare center for up to 45 children, apartment units for up to eight homeless families, and administrative offices. During the report period, the total ESG funding award of \$72,264 was completely expended to cover operating costs including insurance, electricity/gas, water, telephone, housekeeping supplies, lawn maintenance, and office supplies for the following residential locations:

- Maternity residence at 208 South Tampania Avenue