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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** CPD Field Office Directors and HOPWA Formula and Competitive Grantees

**FROM:** Rita Harcrow, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing

**SUBJECT:** Use of HOPWA Grant Funds for Participation in the 2021 National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance to Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) formula and competitive grantees on the use of HOPWA grant funds to pay for the cost of grantee or project sponsor staff attending the 2021 National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS. The theme for the 2021 National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS is “Rise Up HIV & AIDS Social Work(ers)!”. The conference will be virtual with the pre-conference taking place on May 19, 2021 and the full-conference taking place on May 26-28, 2021. Information on the conference can be found online at: <https://nationalconferenceonsocialworkandhivaids.com/>. Similar to prior guidance on program-related training activities, HOPWA funds are eligible for use by grantees and project sponsors to support reasonable costs for participation in the conference, as explained below.

## ELIGIBLE COSTS

Participation in the 2021 National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS may be charged to a grantee’s HOPWA grant, as the conference promotes the use of best practices and research to inform the design of effective HIV/AIDS housing and service programs that improve the housing stability and health outcomes of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS. Reasonable costs of participation in the event, including costs for registration and staff time to participate in conference sessions, may be applied to HOPWA accounts, if incurred in accordance with applicable regulations. HOPWA grantees and project sponsors should pay attention to 2 CFR 200.432 in applying the costs for participation in the conference to HOPWA accounts.

Grantees may use the following standards for allocating costs to program activities:

- (a) For HOPWA grantees and project sponsors, the reasonable costs of participating in this event can be allocated to the administrative costs, supportive services, and resource identification line items. Administrative costs are associated with the management, oversight, coordination, and evaluation of HOPWA grants, and are subject to the established limitations under 24 CFR 574.300(b)(10). Appropriate supportive services, as required by 24 CFR 574.310(a), must be provided as part of any HOPWA-assisted housing, and may also be provided to eligible persons independently of any housing activity. A list of eligible supportive service activities can be found at 24 CFR 574.300(b)(7). Per 24 CFR 574.300(b)(2),

resource identification is associated with efforts to establish, coordinate, and develop housing assistance resources for eligible persons; and

(b) Grantees and project sponsors may use other non-HOPWA sources for any or all of these costs, and may report these as leveraged other resources in supporting program objectives.

## **QUESTIONS**

If you have questions about the use of HOPWA funds for participation in the 2021 National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, please contact the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing at [HOPWA@hud.gov](mailto:HOPWA@hud.gov).