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HCS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1972 that provides comprehensive housing counseling, training, advocacy, technical assistance and housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income home buyers, homeowners, and tenants; to help them achieve successful living in healthy, safe, and affordable homes.

The goal of HCS is to prevent homelessness and increase sustainable housing opportunities by providing the skills, self-esteem and empowerment necessary within families and communities. Further, HCS works to build the individual and group capacity for economic, physical, and social development of homes, neighborhoods, and communities.



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**HPI** is a transitional housing program that provides supportive housing for persons recently diagnosed with HIV and/or person with HIV that is virally not suppressed, for up to 12 months. All participants must engage in intensive case management and adhere to program guidelines. Due to the time limited nature of the program, all participants must demonstrate and document productive activities that prioritize securing employment, increasing income or furthering career development throughout their time in the program. Productive activities include activities that will enhance a participant's ability to progress toward housing and financial independence.

HPI participants will be supported through a rental subsidy and will be required to pay 30% of their income toward an escrow account. All participants must demonstrate the capacity to live independently, the ability to adhere to program guidelines, and commit to daily productive activities.

### HPI PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- HIV+, **Newly Diagnosed** (must be diagnosed within the last 12 months) and/or **Virally Not Suppressed**
- DC Residency
- Homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness
- Income must be at or below 50% of HUD's Area Median Income for Washington DC
- Must be able to commit to weekly productive activities that lead to economic growth and housing stability.
- Must demonstrate capacity to live independently.
- Must consent to criminal background check and drug testing.
- Must demonstrate at least 30 days of clean time.

### TO APPLY:

- All applicants must complete a Metropolitan Housing Access Program Housing Referral Packet with a Housing Counseling Services' Case Manager.
- To schedule a HPI intake appointment, please call **202-667-2681**
- Applicants must be prepared to provide the following documentation:
  - Verification of HIV diagnosis: Letter from physician confirming date of HIV diagnosis
  - Labs showing CD4 Count and Viral Load dated within 30-60 days of application
  - Documentation of all household income within the last 90 days
  - Documentation of all household assets and financial resources for last 90 days
  - Verification of homelessness or imminent risk of homelessness
  - Verification of DC Residency
  - Government Issued Photo ID (unexpired)
  - Additional documents may be requested

