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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, home owners, 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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The **Sustainable Housing Assistance Rental Program (SHARP)** provides temporary financial support with the goal of increasing housing stability and improving health for people living with HIV/AIDS.

SHARP provides eligible households with monthly flat rate rental assistance payments for up to 12 months. Monthly rental assistance will be equal to 40% of the current HUD Fair Market Rent values.

The program intends to reduce rent burdens, incentivize household savings, and address individual barriers to ensure future housing stability among participants.

Please note, SHARP participants will not be eligible for HOPWA or Ryan White emergency rental and utility assistance programs while in SHARP.

SHARP Basic Eligibility Criteria:

- HIV+
- DC, PG, Charles, or Calvert County Resident (applicants must be housed at time of application)
- Must be employed
- Must be renting and maintain a zero dollar balance
- Current rent must be greater than 40% of household's monthly gross income.
- Not currently living in subsidized housing
- Willing to participate in case management
- Income at or below 50% of the Area Median Income:

Income Guidelines

Household Size	Max Income
1	\$58,150
2	\$66,450
3	\$74,750
4	\$83,050

SHARP Financial Assistance

The subsidy amount each SHARP household receives will be based on an evaluation of household size, household composition, and unit bedroom size to determine the most appropriate rental subsidy amount.

To Apply:

- Complete and submit the SHARP Application with all supporting documentation. Application can be found on HCS's website at www.housingetc.org
- Select applicants will be invited to meet with an HCS case manager to further evaluate appropriateness.
- There are a limited number of openings and the application period will be closed once the program is filled. SHARP will not maintain a waiting list.

For more information please call:
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