

INFO SHEET

The HOPWA Hurricane Response Project is a joint effort between Collaborative Solutions, Inc. in Birmingham, AL and AIDS Housing of Washington in Seattle, WA. The purpose of this project is to provide an intensive and coordinated response to help ensure the continuity of HIV/AIDS housing and support services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the impacted areas of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

The HOPWA Hurricane Response Project is funded by the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) National Technical Assistance Program, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing.

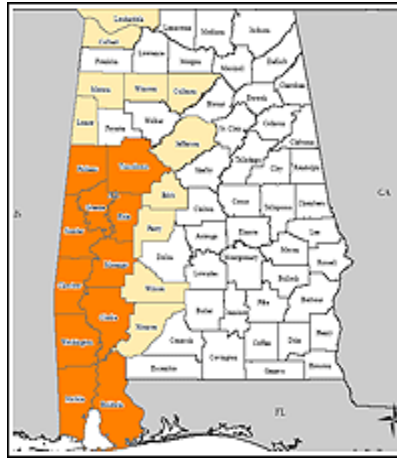
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For more information about the HOPWA program, go to:  
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/>



ALABAMA HOPWA HOUSING RESOURCES



FEMA Designated Disaster Counties. The dark orange counties have access to individual and public assistance and the yellow counties have public assistance only. <http://www.fema.gov>

HURRICANE KATRINA IN ALABAMA

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina battered the Gulf Coast region of Alabama causing 112,866 residents to seek public assistance from FEMA. Alabama opened 31 Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) and provided assistance to 40,222 individuals. FEMA declared 11 counties in the state to be eligible for Individual and Public Assistance and an additional 11 counties eligible for Public Assistance (See map to left).<sup>1</sup>

Over 36,000 individuals and families received housing assistance totaling \$89.6 million. This includes \$63.7 million in rental assistance. As of August 24, 2006, approximately 2,688 Katrina survivors lived in temporary housing facilities in Alabama. This housing includes 896 travel trailers on commercial and private property.<sup>3</sup>

HOPWA IN ALABAMA

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program was established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address the housing and service needs of low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA makes grants to states, local communities, and nonprofit organizations for projects that will benefit low income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families.<sup>2</sup>

Under the HOPWA program there are two formula grantees, the State of Alabama and the City of Birmingham. Alabama also has two

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*Hurricane Katrina led to the single largest direct housing mission in Alabama's history.*

*More than \$127.2 Million dollars in individual assistance has been disbursed, including \$63 Million in housing rental assistance.*

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competitive grantees, AIDS Alabama, Birmingham, AL, and Health Services Center, Anniston, AL. The State of Alabama and the City of Birmingham contract with AIDS Alabama to deliver their formula grantee funds; they in turn contract with other community-based AIDS service organizations (ASO). Through this network of providers, all of Alabama's 67 counties are covered with HOPWA-funded housing and

services. These funds support long-term rental assistance, short-term mortgage and utility assistance, facility-based housing, housing information, and an array of social services. Through AIDS Alabama’s competitive grants they are able to continue to provide housing assistance for the Jasper House project and operate the Alabama Rural Assistance Project (ARAP) which provides housing information and rental assistance in rural areas.

**Grantee Information:**

Birmingham HUD Field Office  
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 Beverly Gosnell  
 HUD - Field Office  
 Medical Forum Building  
 950 22nd Street North  
 Birmingham, AL 35203  
 (205) 731-2630 ext. 1056  
 (205) 731-2388 fax  
[Beverly J. Gosnell@hud.gov](mailto:Beverly.J.Gosnell@hud.gov)  
<http://www.hud.gov>

State HOPWA Grantee  
 AL Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA)  
 Bea Forniss  
 P. O. Box 5690  
 Montgomery, AL 36103  
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 (334) 353-3515 fax  
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<http://www.adeca.state.al.us>

City of Birmingham HOPWA Grantee  
 City of Birmingham  
 Denise Hoover  
 710 20th Street North  
 Birmingham, AL 35203  
 (205) 254-2341  
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<http://www.informationbirmingham.com>

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Individuals interested in HOPWA funded or HIV-specific housing and services should contact the organization serving their county of residence.

<b>Organization Contact Information</b>	<b>Counties Served</b>	<b>Medical/Supportive Services</b>	<b>Housing Options (HOPWA Funded or HIV-specific)</b>
AIDS Alabama Elaine Cottle Executive Director P.O. Box 55703 Birmingham, AL 35255 (205) 324-9822 (205) 324-9311 fax <a href="mailto:elaine@aidsalabama.org">elaine@aidsalabama.org</a> <a href="http://www.aidsalabama.org">http://www.aidsalabama.org</a>	AIDS Alabama covers the entire state of Alabama.	AIDS Alabama partners with the 1917 Clinic at the University of Alabama Hospital (UAB).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent, mortgage, or utility assistance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits Note: AIDS Alabama works with the following organizations to provide HOPWA funded rental assistance throughout the state.
Health Services Center (HSC) Rita Flegel Program Manager P.O. Box 1392 Anniston, AL 36201 (256) 832-0100 (256) 832-0327 fax <a href="mailto:rhflegel@hscal.org">rhflegel@hscal.org</a> <a href="http://www.hscal.org">http://www.hscal.org</a>	Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Cherokee, Coosa, Dekalb, Etowah, Randolph, Talladega, Tallapoosa, St. Clair, Shelby	HSC provides HIV medical services, mental health counseling and substance abuse services.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes <input type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits
Montgomery AIDS Outreach (MAO) Michael Murphree Executive Director 820 West South Boulevard Montgomery, AL 36105 (334) 280-3349 (334) 280-3315 <a href="mailto:mmurphree@montgomeryaidsoutreach.org">mmurphree@montgomeryaidsoutreach.org</a> <a href="http://www.maoi.org">http://www.maoi.org</a>	Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chilton, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Wilcox	MAO provides complete primary health care at two locations. They also have 6 rural clinics. They provide social services, nutritional services, prevention education, and mental health counseling.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes <input type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits

<p>AIDS Action Coalition of Huntsville (AAC)  Mary Marr  Executive Director  P.O. Box 2049  Huntsville, AL 35804  (256) 536-4700  (256) 536-4117 fax  <a href="mailto:mamarr@aidsactioncoalition.org">mamarr@aidsactioncoalition.org</a>  <a href="http://www.aidsactioncoalition.org">http://www.aidsactioncoalition.org</a></p>	<p>Colbert, Cullman, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Winston</p>	<p>AIDS Action has two facilities, one in Huntsville and the other in Florence at the Colbert County Health Department. Call 1-800-728-3603 for more information.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units  <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes  <input type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits</p>
<p>AIDS Outreach of EAMC  Marilyn Swyers  Manager  665 Opelika Road  Auburn, AL 36830  (334) 887-5244  (334) 826-2111 fax  <a href="mailto:Marilyn.swyers@eamc.org">Marilyn.swyers@eamc.org</a>  <a href="http://www.aidsoutreacheamc.org/">http://www.aidsoutreacheamc.org/</a></p>	<p>Chambers, Lee, Macon, Russell, Tallapoosa</p>	<p>Accessing care for medical services, Alabama Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), post test education, mental health counseling, and community referrals.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units  <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits</p>
<p>West Alabama AIDS Outreach (WAAO)  Billy Kirkpatrick  Executive Director  P.O. Box 2947  Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  (205) 759-8470  (205) 366-9001 fax  <a href="mailto:mona@wao.info">mona@wao.info</a>  <a href="http://www.wao.info">http://www.wao.info</a></p>	<p>Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Lamar, Walker</p>	<p>WAAO partners with Whatley Health Services' HOPE Clinic, a Ryan White Title III clinic, to provide primary and HIV-specific medical care.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units  <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes  <input type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits  Note: Long term tenant-based rental assistance is provided through both HOPWA and Shelter-Plus Care.</p>
<p>Selma AIR  Mel Prince  Executive Director  P.O. Box 396  Selma, AL 36701  (334) 872-6795  (334) 872-3632 fax  (800) 486-7591  <a href="mailto:mel_prince@hotmail.com">mel_prince@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p>Choctaw, Dallas, Hale, Lowndes, Marengo, Perry, Sumter, Wilcox</p>	<p>Case management, support groups, transportation, dental care, food bank, and MAO offers medical services 3 days a week at the local office. Please call for more information.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units  <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes  <input type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits</p>
<p>South Alabama Cares  Formerly Mobile AIDS Support Services  David Little  Executive Director  2054 Dauphin Street  Mobile, AL 36606  (251) 471-5277  (251) 471-5294 fax  <a href="mailto:mass@masshelps.org">mass@masshelps.org</a>  <a href="http://www.southalabamacares.org">http://www.southalabamacares.org</a></p>	<p>Baldwin, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Covington, Escambia, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Washington, and Wilcox</p>	<p>Case management, individual and family education services, social support services, financial assistance, and practical support services.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units  <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits</p>

## **Informational Links:**

### **State of Alabama: Hurricane Katrina**

[http://www.governor.state.al.us/hurricane\\_katrina/katrina2.htm](http://www.governor.state.al.us/hurricane_katrina/katrina2.htm)

This is Alabama Governor Riley's resource page on Hurricane Katrina. It provides links to emergency contact information and press releases associated with the hurricane.

### **Alabama JobLink**

<http://joblink.alabama.gov/ada/>

Information for hurricane victims looking for jobs in Alabama.

### **FEMA Housing Information**

<https://rims.fema.gov/hportal/home.htm>

FEMA's Housing Portal consolidates rental resources for evacuees identified by federal agencies, private organizations, and individuals.

### **USDA Rural Development**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/disasters/katrina.html>

The USDA provides rural housing information for evacuees, including additional loan information and state by state contacts.

## **MS Disaster Housing Referrals**

<http://www.msdisasterhousing.org/>

Partner agencies identify housing solutions for hurricane evacuees.

## **Disaster Housing Online**

<http://www.dhronline.org/chooseState.cfm>

This provides a quick and easy disaster housing search tool.

## **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

<http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=al>

HUD in Alabama with Katrina relief information through the state Department of Human Resources and the United Way of Central Alabama (UWCA).

<sup>1</sup> Federal Emergency Management Agency (2006) *Alabama's Disaster Recovery Operation by the Number*. Available at <http://fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=29186>.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (2006) *Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program*. Available at <http://hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/>.

<sup>3</sup> Federal Emergency Management Agency (2006) *One year After Katrina, Recovery in Alabama Continues: FEMA Aid at \$970 Million*. Available at <http://www.fema.news/newsrelease.fema?id=29185>.