



FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions for Housing Programs in Orange County for People Living with HIV

Service qualifications and level of assistance has changed for Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) for Housing and Short-term Supportive Housing (STSH) services. These changes were made to better meet the housing needs of people living with HIV in Orange County. The questions and answers below provide detailed information on the changes made as of December 5, 2023.

What changes have been made to the Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) for Housing programs in Orange County for People Living with HIV?

EFA Program	Old Level of Assistance	New Level of Assistance (As of 12/5/23)
EFA for Rent/ Mortgage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients could get up to \$1,000 per year 	Clients can get One (1) Month Fair Market Rent (FMR)* based on household size and unit type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Bedroom Unit – for up to two (2) people in the household • Two (2) Bedroom Unit – for three (3) or more people in the household
EFA for Utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients could get up to \$100 per year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients can get up to \$300 per year
EFA for Rent/Utility Deposits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients could get up to \$1,500 per five (5) year time period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients can get up to \$2,500 per five (5) year time period

For more information on the EFA programs and complete eligibility and service qualifications please refer to the “Housing Programs in Orange County for People Living with HIV” brochure or contact your case manager or one of the housing agencies listed on the back of this sheet.

What does Fair Market Rent (FMR) mean?

- FMR refers to the average cost of renting a typical home or apartment in a specific area.
- In other words, FMR represents what someone might expect to pay for rent in a particular neighborhood or city.
- It's an estimate determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is used to set limits or guidelines for housing assistance programs.

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What changes have been made to Short-term Assistance for Rent (STAR) program in Orange County for People Living with HIV?

	Old Level of Assistance	New Level of Assistance (As of 12/5/23)
Short-Term Assistance for Rent	Every three (3) months, clients could get up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300 for up to two (2) people in the household • \$500 for three (3) or more people in the household 	Every three (3) months, clients can get a percentage of Fair Market Rent (FMR)* for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Bedroom Unit – for up to two (2) people in the household • Two (2) Bedroom Unit – for three (3) or more people in the household

For more information on STAR and complete eligibility and service qualifications please refer to the “Housing Programs in Orange County for People Living with HIV” brochure or contact your case manager or one of the housing agencies listed below.

What changes have been made to Short-term Supportive Housing (STSH) program in Orange County for People Living with HIV?

	Old Level of Assistance	New Level of Assistance (As of 12/5/23)
Short-term Supportive Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of days of housing assistance: 180 in a 24-month period • To qualify: income must be at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI)* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of days of housing assistance: has increased to 240 days in a 24-month period • To qualify: income must be at or below 80% AMI* or 500% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)* (whichever is lowest).

For more information on STSH and complete eligibility and service qualifications please refer to the “Housing Programs in Orange County for People Living with HIV” brochure or contact your case manager or one of the housing agencies listed below.

Who can I contact for more information about HIV Housing Programs in Orange County for People Living with HIV?

For more information about HIV Housing Programs in Orange County, please contact your case manager or one of the housing agencies listed below.

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Garden Grove, CA 92843
(714) 636-1349

RADIANT HEALTH CENTERS
17982 Sky Park Cir. Suite J
Irvine, CA 92614
(949) 809-8776

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