



Expansion of Services for Housing Programs in Orange County for People Living with HIV

Level of assistance has changed for Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) for Housing and Short-term Assistance for Rent (STAR) 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 July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.**

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 July 1, 2025)
EFA for Rent/ Mortgage	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	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. Clients can get up to a maximum of \$7,362*.• Two (2) Bedroom Unit – for three (3) or more people in the household. Clients can get up to maximum of \$8,709*. <p>*Amount is equal to three (3) Months Fair Market Rent (FMR)**</p>
EFA for Utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clients can get up to \$300 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clients can get up to a maximum of \$900 per year

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.

****This amount can change every year. For the current amount, please contact one of the housing agencies listed on the back.**

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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 July 1, 2025)
Short-Term Assistance for Rent	Every three (3) months, clients can get 30% 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	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. Every three (3) months clients can get up to a maximum of \$1,227*.• Two (2) Bedroom Unit – for three (3) or more people in the household. Every three (3) months clients can get up to a maximum of \$1,451.50*. <p>*Amount is equal to 50% of Fair Market Rent (FMR)**</p>

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.

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.

APAIT
12832 Garden Grove Blvd. Suite E
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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