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Feds give \$1.4M grant to AIDS Foundation

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The AIDS Foundation of Chicago received a nearly \$1.4-million federal grant to provide permanent housing for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS.

The funding is part of a \$19.4-million Department of Housing and Urban Development grant being award to 18 programs nationwide.

“This grant is a lifeline for those struggling to find a decent home while trying to manage complex drug therapies,” said HUD Secretary Steve Preston in Chicago Wednesday. “Working with the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, we can offer these families the support they need to concentrate on staying healthy in stead of worrying about how they’ll pay next month’s rent.”

Mr. Preston announced the grant following a tour of Interfaith House, a Chicago agency that helps low-income individuals transition from the hospital to a home.

Aids Foundation of Chicago, an agency within the city’s Housing and Health Partnership, anticipates helping 33 households per year.

With the grant, the foundation expects to offer 12 leased units over the next three years to individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families, and provide rental assistance to 21 households.