



**ALAMEDA COUNTY  
SHORT TERM RENT, MORTGAGE AND/OR UTILITY ASSISTANCE  
(STRMU)  
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FORM**

The Alameda County **Short-term Rental Mortgage and Utility (STRMU) Assistance Program** is for persons living with HIV in Alameda County who are at risk of homelessness, but will remain housed with small amounts of assistance. The program provides for emergency needs for a **not to exceed 21 out of 52 weeks** of assistance to help currently housed HIV+ low income persons stay housed. The STRMU Program will pay for back rent, back mortgage or back utility payments. All participants are tracked in the Homeless Management Information System, as required by the federal department of Housing and Urban Development. Your participation is an agreement to provide information in this system and you will be required to submit a **Consent to Release of Information** for tracking data to HUD and reporting to local funders.

The assistance is eligible for:

- Rent: back rent and late fees
- Mortgage: mortgage in arrears, late fees, taxes, insurance and other fess if escrowed
- Basic utilities (Water, Sewer, Garbage, Gas and Electricity)

Participant Eligibility:

- Low-income (below 80% area median income (AMI))
- Documented HIV/AIDS status (confidentiality will be maintained)
- Client must be currently housed – homeless individuals are not eligible for STRMU assistance. Assistance is provided to help households maintain their current place of residence.
- Client must live in Alameda County.
- Client must be currently named as a tenant under the written lease (if renting), or own the home (named on the Deed of Trust for the address seeking subsidy).
- Client must be a US Citizen or have lawful immigrant status.

*Note: STRMU program cannot assist persons in foreclosure proceedings. STRMU assistance for homeowners MUST be requested BEFORE a notice of foreclosure has been filed on address seeking subsidy.*

Assistance provided is intended to make household stable – it is intended to **prevent** homelessness, it is NOT an ongoing assistance program, or permanent housing subsidy. All participants are expected to reach stability by the time they exit the program and should have a Housing Stability Plan in place, which indicates what steps will be undertaken to ensure this outcome. HCD must have a copy of this Housing Stability Plan for participation in the program.

By signing below, I am indicating that I understand the conditions stated in this agreement are regulated by the STRMU Policies and Procedures manual, and I agree to abide by them.

Head of Household: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name
Signature
Date

HCD Staff: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name
Signature
Date

STRMU Entry Date \_\_\_\_\_ STRMU Exit Date \_\_\_\_\_