

ORDER OF PRIORITY & DEFINITIONS OF HOMELESSNESS

VI-SPDAT SCORE BREAKDOWN

Intervention Recommendation	VI-SPDAT Prescreen Score for Household
Permanent Supportive Housing	8+
Rapid Re-Housing	4-7
Diversion	0-3

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) PRIORITIZATION

The prioritization for PSH is consistent with HUD's *Notice CPD 16-11: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing*. Persons eligible for PSH will be prioritized for available units based on the following criteria (applying the definition of chronically homeless set by HUD in its December 2015 Final Rule):

- **1st Priority:** Chronically homeless individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness and with the most severe service needs.
- **2nd Priority:** Chronically homeless individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness but without severe service needs.
- **3rd Priority:** Chronically homeless individuals and families with the most severe service needs.
- **4th Priority:** All other chronically homeless individuals and families not already included in priorities 1 through 3.
- **5th Priority:** Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but do have a disability and severe service needs.
- **6th Priority:** Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but do have a disability and a long period of continuous or episodic homelessness.
- **7th Priority:** Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but do have a disability and are coming from places not meant for human habitation, Safe Havens, or emergency shelters.
- **8th Priority:** Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but have a disability and are coming from transitional housing.
- **Tie Breaker:** When two households in the same priority are scored equally on the Prioritized List, the following tiebreakers will be used in this order:
 - Veteran household
 - Longest length of homelessness
 - Lowest household income

RAPID RE-HOUSING (RRH) PRIORITIZATION

The prioritization for persons who are determined to be eligible for RRH will be consistent with HOTH's scoring range for need and vulnerability associated with RRH projects with the tie breaker being longest length of time homeless. Additionally, the CoC has opted to prioritize the following persons for RRH:

- Veteran Households
- Households consisting of unaccompanied youth
- Households fleeing or experiencing domestic violence
- Households with higher barriers to housing, and higher service needs who are waiting to obtain another permanent housing subsidy (e.g., PSH)
- Households with a single parent and 3 or more dependent children under the age of 6
- Households with a previous episode of homelessness within the most recent 12 months

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH) PRIORITIZATION

The CoC will prioritize the following persons for TH:

1. Veteran households
2. Households consisting of unaccompanied youth
3. Households fleeing or experiencing domestic violence
4. Households with heavy service needs to stabilize in housing

DEFINITION OF CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

HUD defines a chronically homeless person as follows:

- a homeless individual with a disability
- who lives either in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, or in an institutional care facility if the individual has been living in the facility for fewer than 90 days and had been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately before entering the institutional care facility
- must have been living as described above continuously for at least 12 months, or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the combined occasions total a length of time of at least 12 months
- each period separating the occasions must include at least 7 nights of living in a situation other than a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven
- a family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless

HUD DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS

CATEGORY 1: LITERALLY HOMELESS

(1) Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

CATEGORY 2: IMMINENT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

(2) Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that: (i) Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.

CATEGORY 3: HOMELESS UNDER OTHER STATUTES

(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who: (i) Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes; (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers.

CATEGORY 4: FLEEING OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(4) Any individual or family who: (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; (ii) Has no other residence; and (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.