

ORDER OF PRIORITY & DEFINITIONS OF HOMELESSNESS

PRIORITIZATION CHART

TARGET POPULATION	PRIORITY LEVEL	PRIMARY PRIORITIZATION	SECONDARY PRIORITIZATION
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING		VI-SPDAT SCORE 10+	
Chronically homeless households, households with disabilities	1	Chronically homeless individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness and with the most severe service needs.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	2	Chronically homeless individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness but without severe service needs.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	3	Chronically homeless individuals and families with the most severe service needs.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	4	All other chronically homeless individuals and families not already included in priorities 1 through 3.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	5	Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but do have a disability and severe service needs.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	6	Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but do have a disability and a long period of continuous or episodic homelessness.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	7	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.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	8	Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but have a disability and are coming from transitional housing.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
RAPID REHOUSING		VI-SPDAT SCORE 5-9	
Non-chronic, less vulnerable, and newly homeless individuals and households	1	Homeless Individuals and Families, with a member in the household who has a disabling condition with the longest history of homelessness and with the most severe service needs.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	2	Homeless individuals and families, with the longest history of homelessness and with the most severe service needs.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	3	Homeless individuals/ families, with a member in the household who has a disabling condition (who is not the head of household) with a long period of continuous or episodic homelessness.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	4	Homeless individuals and families, with the longest history of homelessness.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	5	Homeless individuals and families, with the most severe service needs.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	6	All other homeless individuals and families.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
	7	Homeless individuals and families coming from Transitional Housing.	UNSHELTERED LOWEST INCOME TIME ON LIST
DIVERSION/MAINSTREAM RESOURCES		VI-SPDAT SCORE 0-4	

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) PRIORITIZATION POLICY

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 Priority List, the following tiebreakers will be used in this order:
 - Sleeping in an unsheltered location
 - Lowest household income
 - Longest time on the Heart to Home Priority List

RAPID RE-HOUSING (RRH) PRIORITIZATION POLICY

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. Additionally, the CoC has opted to prioritize the following persons for RRH:

- **First Priority:** Homeless Individuals and Families, with a member in the household who has a disabling condition with the longest history of homelessness and with the most severe service needs.
- **Second Priority:** Homeless individuals and families, with the longest history of homelessness and with the most severe service needs.
- **Third Priority:** Homeless individuals and families, with a member in the household who has a disabling condition (who is not the head of household) with a long period of continuous or episodic homelessness.
- **Fourth Priority:** Homeless individuals and families, with the longest history of homelessness.
- **Fifth Priority:** Homeless individuals and families, with the most severe service needs.
- **Sixth Priority:** All other homeless individuals and families.
- **Seventh Priority:** Homeless individuals and families coming from Transitional Housing.
- **Tie Breaker:** When two households in the same priority are scored equally on the Priority List, the following tiebreakers will be used in this order:
 - Sleeping in an unsheltered location
 - Lowest household income
 - Longest time on the Heart to Home Priority List

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH) PRIORITIZATION POLICY

The CoC will prioritize the following persons for TH:

- Veteran households
- Households consisting of unaccompanied youth
- Households fleeing or experiencing domestic violence
- Households with heavy service needs to stabilize in housing

90-DAY ACTIVE POLICY

As part of our community's efforts to continue to improve our coordinated entry processes and our shift to Dynamic Prioritization, the Heart to Home CE Committee has approved implementation of a 90-day Active Policy. As a result, an individual or family household experiencing housing instability will be considered Active for Heart to Home if they have had:

- Any contact with Heart to Home in the last 90 days
- Any contact with street outreach in the last 90 days
- Any services in HMIS in the last 90 days
- Any enrollment in homeless or homelessness prevention services not in HMIS (such as safe haven, transitional housing, etc) in the last 90 days

Individuals and families will be moved to a closed, or inactive, status on the Priority List if:

- They move to a treatment center, hospital, nursing home, jail, etc. for a stay of 90 days or more
- If an attempt to contact them fails after they have been on the Priority List for more than 90 days and they do not meet any of the above conditions

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.

