

IMPORTANT NOTES:

***All individuals who meet the homeless definition under ANY of the following four categories must complete a Coordinated Entry Intake and be entered into the Coordinated Entry module in HMIS.**

***To be eligible for Rapid Rehousing, households must meet Category 1 Literally homeless. Domestic Violence survivors are only eligible if they meet BOTH Category 1 and Category 4**

HUD DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS

CATEGORY 1 LITERALLY HOMELESS: An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence.	
Criteria	Required documentation in order of preference
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Place not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation (including car, park, abandoned building, bus/train station, airport, or campground, storage unit, RV without power or water)Publically or privately operated shelter or transitional housing, including hotel or motel paid for by government or charitable organizationsA person who is being discharged from an institution where he or she has been a resident for 90 days or less and the person resided in shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately prior to entering that institution (does not include transitional housing in this category).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3rd party documentation: Written verification from a housing or service provider (homeless liaison, outreach worker, shelter staff, bus station attendant, store clerk, campground attendant, police officer, or FSC staff visual verification (by staff other than the staff seeking verification)Self declaration- certification from the individual or head of household seeking assistance

CATEGORY 4 FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Individuals or family who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous and life-threatening conditions that relate to violence AND they have no other residence AND lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.
REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">Oral statement by the survivor or Head of Household seeking assistance, that is certified by the individual or head of household ANDWhere the safety of the household is not in jeopardy:<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Written observation by intake worker; or-Written referral by a housing or service provider, social worker, or other organization from whom the household has sought assistance for domestic violence

CATEGORY 2 IMMINENTLY HOMELESS

An individual or family is being evicted or must leave their current primary nighttime residence within 14 days **AND** they have no subsequent place identified **AND** they lack the resources or support networks (ie: family, friends, faith based or other social networks) needed to obtain other permanent housing.

Housing Situation	Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In rental or owned home, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No subsequent residence has been identified AND The individual or head of household lacks the financial resources and support networks to obtain other housing. AND They have a court order resulting from an eviction notice or foreclosure stating that the household must leave within 14 days OR The landlord or renter verbally verify that the head of household must leave within 14 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotel or motel paid for by the client, family member, or friend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The individual or head of household has no subsequent residence identified AND The individual or head of household lacks the necessary financial resources to stay for more than 14 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staying with family or friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No subsequent residence has been identified AND The individual or head of household lacks the financial resources and support networks to obtain other housing. AND The family member or friend verbally verify that the individual or household must leave within 14 days

CATEGORY 3 PERSISTENT HOUSING INSTABILITY

Individuals/families under this category must have ALL of the following characteristics

- Unaccompanied youth (less than 25 years of age) or family with children
- Defined as homeless under other federal statutes (for example the definition used by the Department of Education) who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under HUD's definition.
- Has not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing in the 60 days prior to applying for assistance
- Has moved two or more times in the 60 days prior to applying for assistance
- Has one or more of the following-
 - chronic disabilities
 - chronic physical or mental health conditions
 - substance addiction
 - histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse
 - child with a disability
 - two or more barriers to employment including: lack of high school diploma or GED, illiteracy, low English proficiency, history of incarceration or detention, or history of unstable employment.