

Emergency Housing Vouchers

Sacramento Continuum of Care



Overview

- Targeted subpopulations
- Prioritization factors
- Referral benchmarks



Targeted Subpopulations

The Sacramento Continuum of Care is choosing to target subpopulations in all four eligible categories, including:

Category 1 - Experiencing Homelessness: **Chronically homeless, Literally homeless**

Category 2- At-risk of Experiencing Homelessness: **Seniors**

Category 3- Fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking: **Survivors**

Category 4- Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability: **Move-on eligible residents in current PSH programs (not limited to CoC-only); Recently homeless eligible residents in RRH programs**



Eligibility Requirements

In addition to meeting specific eligibility requirements applicable to each category, a household is considered ***ineligible***, if:

- Any member of the household is subject to a lifetime registration requirement on a state sex offender registration program
- Any member of the household has ever been convicted of manufacturing methamphetamines on the premises of federally assisted housing
- There are no members of the household who are U.S. citizens or noncitizens with eligible immigration status



EHV Assessment

Each factor is worth one point. A household would be prioritized based on the highest score:

- No or a very low source of income
- Previously experienced homelessness (HMIS)
- Long-term disability as defined by the HEARTH Act that impedes their ability to work
- History of eviction
- Other housing barriers, such as a criminal background (excluding lifetime 290s)
- Is able to meet most basic needs independently and does not require long-term supportive services OR is receiving sufficient CBO services to meet their needs

Other factors to consider:

- Recently homeless: rent burden if household were to remain in their unit when assistance ends
- At-risk: urgency/# of days when household will exit to homelessness

Subpopulation: Chronically Homeless

- Reasoning: Targets existing CoC and CES programs, who serve the most vulnerable
- Prioritization factors: Connected to ongoing supportive services, COVID-19 prioritization factors
- Referral sources: Behavioral Health Programs, Health Homes/Pathways, FSRP, and other programs serving this population
- Estimated number of **weekly** referrals: 25+ (depends on eligible supportive services)



Subpopulation: Literally Homeless

- Reasoning: Targets existing CoC and CES programs
- Prioritization factors: *EHV assessment questions*
- Referral sources: Varies
- Estimated number of **weekly** referrals: 30



Subpopulation: At-Risk Seniors (63+ years old)

- Reasoning: (1) Seniors are prioritized within the CES temporary COVID-19 prioritization schema. (2) There is a lack of sufficient dedicated housing services for seniors and seniors are ineligible for mainstream vouchers.
- Prioritization factors- *EHV assessment questions*
- Referral sources- n/a
- Estimated number of **weekly** referrals: 5



Subpopulation: Survivors

- Reasoning: (1) Victim service providers have not been well-connected to the homeless response system, despite the intersectionality between intimate partner violence and homelessness. (2) EHV notice requires pathway(s) for all survivors.
- Prioritization factors: Severity of needs questions, *EHV assessment questions*
- Referral sources: My Sister's House, Opening Doors, WEAVE, CASH, IRC, St. John's Women's Shelter, and possibly others.
- Estimated number of **weekly** referrals: 25



Subpopulation: PSH Move-on Ready

- Reasoning: Creates more flow through coordinated entry PSH units for most vulnerable populations
- Prioritization factors: Do you still need supportive services?
 - Trauma Informed / Motivational Interviewing questions – Are you ready?
- Referral sources: All permanent supportive housing programs
- Estimated number of **weekly** referrals: 15



Subpopulation: RRH Bridge to EHV

- Reasoning: Prevents returns to homelessness
- Prioritization factors: *EHV assessment questions*
- Referral sources: All RRH programs (?)
- Estimated number of **weekly** referrals: ???



Prioritization and Referral

- Within each of the six subpopulations, clients will be prioritized based on the highest assessment score
- Clients with the same score will be ranked by length of time homeless, and then first come first served
- Referrals will take place through HMIS (anonymous profiles will be used for Survivor System referrals)



Weekly Benchmarks – 100 Referrals / week

Subpopulation	Number of Weekly Referrals
Chronically Homeless	25+
Literally Homeless (non-chronic)	30
At-Risk Seniors	5
Survivors	25
PSH Move On	15
RRH Bridge	TBD
Total	100 +



Weekly Benchmarks – 100 Referrals / week

100 households referred to SHRA on a weekly basis

If there are not enough eligible clients within a subpopulation to complete the target number of referrals per week, eligible households within the other subpopulations will be referred.

