



## HOUSING FIRST REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup>

### Description

Housing First is a model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing that does not have service participation requirements or preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) and does not terminate program participants from the project for lack of participation in the program (e.g., supportive service participation requirements or rules beyond normal tenancy rules).

## HOUSING FIRST REVIEW CHECKLIST

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Check if statement is accurate:*

### Specific Conditions at Entry

- does not require a minimum level of income at entry
- does not screen out for substance use
- does not screen out for criminal record except as mandated by state (manufacture / sales of illegal substances in past 5 years, conditions related to registered sex offender)
- does not screen out persons with history of victimization (DV, assault, abuse)

### Conditions Related to Termination of Housing

- does not require additional steps (e.g., a required stay in transitional housing or a certain number of days of sobriety) when program participants determine that they want assistance moving into permanent housing.

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from 2018 CoC New project application, section 5.

- does not terminate housing for failure to participate in supportive services—not including case management that is for the purposes of engagement only;
- does not terminate for failure to make progress on a service plan;
- does not terminate for loss of income or failure to improve income; and
- does not terminate for other activities not covered in a lease agreement

## **RESULTS of REVIEW**

- Housing First Validated: (All conditions met):
  
- Housing First Integrity documents need following minimal corrections (e.g. no mention of a specific item needed):
  
- Housing First Integrity not evidenced in documents:

Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Review Team Initial: \_\_\_\_\_