

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

RESOURCES

CONSULT THE CoC RULE

CoC Interim Rule – 578.37 Program Components & Eligible Costs:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2017-title24-vol3/xml/CFR-2017-title24-vol3-part578.xml#seqnum578>

RESOURCES ON THE HUD EXCHANGE

Overview – Program Components:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-program-eligibility-requirements/>

Short Video – Program Components:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fk939ymCrHM&index=2&list=PLS7Yr-7j8XXIbNDTUUD6x-X8nanch6EYB0>

Rapid Re-Housing Brief:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Rapid-Re-Housing-Brief.pdf>

SNAPS in Focus – Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Re-Housing Component:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/news/snaps-in-focus-the-new-joint-transitional-housing-and-rapid-re-housing-component/>

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SUMMARY

Continuum of Care Program Funds are used for projects under five program components:

1. Permanent Housing (PH)
 - a. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - b. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
2. Transitional Housing (TH)
3. Supportive Services Only (SSO)
4. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
5. Joint TH RRH

A project may include only one program component. Each component has allowable cost categories known as eligible costs. See the At a Glance guides to [Operating Costs](#), [Planning Costs](#), and [HMIS](#) for more details.

Safe Havens, which were funded under the Supportive Housing Program, are eligible for renewal under the CoC program but no new Safe Havens can be funded, as this is not an eligible component under the CoC Program.

PERMANENT HOUSING

Permanent Housing (PH) is community-based housing without a designated length of stay. In the case of Sponsor-Based Rental Assistance, the program participant must be the tenant on a lease or sublease that is:

- An initial term of at least one year;
- Automatically renewable for a minimum term of one month; and
- Only terminable for cause.

The CoC Program funds two types of permanent housing:

1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
2. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH): Permanent housing with supportive services. The household must include at least one member (adult or child) with a disability. The housing has no designated length of stay, and continues until the participant chooses to exit or is terminated from the project. Supportive services to meet the participant's needs must be available for the participant's entire duration in PSH.

- **Important:** PSH dedicated to serving participants experiencing chronic homelessness must have an adult member with a disability.
- **Update:** Annual CoC Program NOFAs set additional requirements for PSH projects regarding eligible participants. See the NOFA under which the PSH project was funded for any restrictions and/or preferences, such as to dedicate beds to people experiencing chronic homelessness (“Dedicated Beds”). As of the CoC 2017 NOFA, a new optional category was added, “Dedicated Plus,” with other eligibility criteria for PSH projects. [See the At a Glance guide to DedicatedPLUS](#) for more information.

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH): Short-term (up to 3 months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services for households experiencing homelessness who are placed in permanent housing so they may achieve housing stability as quickly as possible. There is no requirement that any member of the household have a disability. Supportive services may be provided to participants for up to six months after rental assistance ends. Participants may stay in the housing after CoC RRH assistance ends.

Participants must agree to meet with a case manager at least once a month; the CoC rule doesn't specify where or how the services are to be provided (including at the participant's home, at an office or other location, or by phone).

Recipients/subrecipients must re-evaluate participants at least once annually to ensure they need continued RRH assistance (lacking sufficient resources and support networks to maintain housing without it).

Recipients/subrecipients must follow the CoC's written policies and procedures, which at a minimum must include standards to prioritize referrals and to determine what percentage or amount of rent each participant will pay while enrolled in RRH.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)

Temporary housing with supportive services to facilitate a household's successful transition to permanent housing within 24 months. Participants must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement:

- Initial term of at least one month;
- Automatically renewable upon expiration, except by prior notice by either party; and
- Maximum term of 24 months.

TH participants may remain in the project past 24 months if appropriate permanent housing has not been identified or if more time is needed for the household to achieve independence. However, HUD may discontinue TH funding if more than half of the households have exceeded 24 months.

Recipients/subrecipients must follow the CoC's written policies and procedures, which at a minimum must include standards to prioritize referrals for TH.

- **Update:** Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing Component is a new model that may be implemented under the TH component. [See sidebar for HUD Exchange resources.](#)

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO)

Supportive services for homeless individuals and families in projects where the recipient or subrecipient is not providing housing or housing assistance.

- **Update:** Starting in the 2015 CoC Program NOFA, HUD added Coordinated Entry as an eligible SSO project if funded through project reallocation.

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS)

Funding for the CoC-designated HMIS Lead Entity for costs associated with establishing and operating the CoC's designated HMIS. [See the At a Glance guide to HMIS eligible costs](#) for more information on the difference between the HMIS program component versus recipient/subrecipient HMIS costs allowable under other program components.

JOINT TRANSITIONAL HOUSING/RAPID RE-HOUSING (TH/RRH)

Since 2017, a new type of project that combines the activities of a transitional housing project with those of a rapid re-housing project. This project type was created to provide a new way to meet some of the pressing challenges that communities are facing. They provide a safe place for people to stay – crisis housing – with financial assistance and wraparound supportive services determined by program participants to help them move to permanent housing as quickly as possible.

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