

Eligibility Requirements for Rapid Re-Housing

Applicants for Rapid Re-Housing for Families Demonstration Programs must meet the following additional project eligibility thresholds.

(a) The CoC in which the applicant is applying must have centralized intake as defined in this NOFA (see Section I.A.4.) for households with dependent children.

(b) The population to be served must be households with dependent children who have lived in emergency shelters or on the streets for at least seven consecutive days, must be able to independently sustain housing at the end of the short-term housing assistance, and must have at least one moderate barrier to housing. A moderate barrier to housing is defined as:

(i) A financial strain that is not ongoing and will not impact the ability to independently sustain housing once re-housed (in subsidized or unsubsidized housing);

(ii) Inadequate employment or a loss of employment. The family most appropriate for this demonstration should have, or be willing to obtain, employment that increases the income of the household to such a degree that it can independently sustain housing at the end of the short-term housing assistance;

(iii) Inadequate childcare resources;

(iv) A head of household with a low level of education or low command of the English language, but who is willing to obtain the language skills and/or education level necessary to obtain employment and maintain housing;

(v) Legal problems. HUD leaves it to the discretion of the individual communities to determine which legal problems it is able to address;

(vi) Mental health diagnosis that do not greatly impact the household's ability to independently sustain housing;

(vii) A history of substance abuse, without any active use;

(viii) Poor rental history, including up to three evictions; and,

(ix) Poor credit history.

(c) The agency must have *one assessment tool that it uses* to assess all families.