

Rapid Re-Housing Assistance

4. **Rapid Re-Housing Assistance.** Rapid re-housing assistance is available for persons who are homeless according to HUD's definition. Individuals and families who meet one of the following criteria, along with the minimum requirements established in paragraph 2 of this section, are eligible under the rapid re-housing portion of HPRP:

- Sleeping in an emergency shelter;
- Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, abandoned buildings, streets/sidewalks;
- Staying in a hospital or other institution for up to 180 days but was sleeping in an emergency shelter or other place not meant for human habitation (cars, parks, streets, etc.) immediately prior to entry into the hospital or institution;
- Graduating from, or timing out of a transitional housing program; and
- Victims of domestic violence.

Generally, rapid re-housing program models include short-or medium-term rental assistance and services for households who have barriers to housing, but who are likely to sustain housing after the subsidy ends. The purpose of HPRP rapid re-housing funds is to assist eligible program participants to quickly obtain and sustain stable housing. Therefore, organizations providing assistance should utilize a process to assess, for all potential program participants, their level of service need, other resources available to them, and the appropriateness of their participation in the rapid re-housing assistance portion of HPRP. Program participants who require longer-term housing assistance and services should be directed to programs that can provide the requisite services and financial assistance.

Persons familiar with the Rapid Re-Housing Demonstration Program in the 2008 Continuum of Care competition should note that these funds are not subject to the same requirements as under that demonstration program. HPRP provides flexibility to grantees to use these funds in a way that meets the needs of the community, as long as grantees, subgrantees, and program participants meet the requirements established in this Notice.