



HMIS Project Types Cheat Sheet

Project Types are based on the lodging or service(s) that is provided and are defined by HUD in the HMIS Data Standards Manual.

Homelessness Prevention - A project that offers services and/or financial assistance necessary to prevent a person from entering an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation.

Day Shelter (Day Center) - A project that offers daytime facilities and services (no lodging) for people experiencing homelessness.

Services Only - A project that offers only Housing Project, Housing Structure Specific, or Stand-Alone supportive services (other than Street Outreach or Coordinated Entry) to address the special needs of participants; provides only services and is not limited to serving clients of one or more specific residential projects.

Street Outreach - A project that offers services necessary to reach out to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and provide urgent, non-facility-based care to those who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility. Only persons who are residing on streets or other places not meant for habitation should be entered into a street outreach project.

Coordinated Entry (CE) - A project that administers the CoCs centralized or coordinated process for assessment and referral of individuals and families seeking housing or services, including use of a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.

Emergency Shelter – a project that offers temporary shelter (lodging) for people experiencing homelessness in general or for specific populations of people experiencing homelessness. Requirements and limitations may vary by program and will be specified by the funder.

Transitional Housing - A project that provides temporary lodging and is designed to facilitate the movement of individuals and families experiencing homelessness into permanent housing within a specified period of time, but no longer than 24 months.

Safe Haven - A project that offers supportive housing that (1) serves hard to reach people experiencing homelessness with severe mental illness who have been unsheltered and have been unwilling or unable to participate in supportive services; (2) provides 24-hour residence for eligible persons for an unspecified period; (3) has an overnight capacity



limited to 25 or fewer persons; and (4) provides low demand services and referrals for the residents.

Permanent Housing Only - A project that offers permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness but does not make supportive services available as part of the project.

Permanent Housing with Services (no disability required) - A project that offers permanent housing and supportive services to assist people experiencing homelessness to live independently but does not limit eligibility to individuals with disabilities or families in which one adult or child has a disability.

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) - A permanent housing project that provides housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short- and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help an individual or family experiencing homelessness move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) - A project that offers permanent housing and supportive services to assist people experiencing homelessness with a disability (individuals with disabilities or families in which one adult or child has a disability) to live independently.

Other - A project that offers services, but does not provide lodging, and cannot otherwise be categorized as another project type.