

## HOMELESS TERMINOLOGY FOR CONCORD STRATEGIC PLAN

- **HMIS** - HMIS stands for Homeless Management Information System. It is a database system used to collect and manage information about people experiencing homelessness, as well as the services provided to them. HMIS is typically used by homeless service providers, such as shelters, outreach programs, and other organizations that offer services to people experiencing homelessness.
- **Coordinated Entry** - Coordinated Entry is a process used by communities to ensure that people experiencing homelessness are quickly identified, assessed, and connected to appropriate housing and services. The goal of Coordinated Entry is to create a coordinated and efficient system that helps people move out of homelessness and into permanent housing as quickly as possible.
- **VI SPDAT** - VI-SPDAT stands for Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool. It is an assessment tool used to identify the needs and vulnerabilities of people experiencing homelessness, and to prioritize them for appropriate housing and support services.
- **Housing First** - Housing First is a model of providing services to people experiencing homelessness that prioritizes providing stable and permanent housing as quickly as possible, without requiring individuals to meet certain criteria, such as completing substance abuse treatment or demonstrating "housing readiness."
- **Harm Reduction** - Harm reduction is a philosophy and set of strategies that aim to reduce the negative consequences of drug use, homelessness, and other related issues, without requiring individuals to stop using drugs or make immediate changes to their lifestyle. Harm reduction recognizes that people may not be ready or willing to stop using drugs or other harmful behaviors, but can still benefit from services.
- **Transitional Housing** - Transitional housing is a type of temporary housing that is designed to provide a supportive and stable living environment for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, and who may need additional time and support to achieve housing stability.
- **Emergency Shelter** - Emergency shelters are temporary housing facilities designed to provide a safe and secure place for individuals and families experiencing homelessness to sleep and receive basic services such as food, clothing, and access to hygiene facilities.
- **Rapid Rehousing** - Rapid Rehousing is a model of providing services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness that prioritizes quickly moving them into permanent housing with the support needed to maintain that housing.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing** - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is a type of long-term housing solution that provides a combination of affordable, safe, and secure housing with supportive

services to help individuals and families who have experienced chronic homelessness, disability, and/or other complex needs.

- **Case Management** - Case management is a collaborative and client-centered approach to managing a person's care and support services. It involves the coordination of resources and services to meet the unique needs of individuals or families who are facing complex or challenging situations. The aim of case management is to empower individuals to achieve their goals, improve their quality of life, and increase their independence.
- **HCD** - HCD refers to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, which is a state agency responsible for promoting the development of affordable housing, supporting community development, and improving access to safe and affordable housing for all Californians.
- **HUD** - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is a federal agency responsible for promoting homeownership, creating affordable housing opportunities, supporting community development, and enforcing fair housing laws in the United States.
- **CAL ICH** - The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) was created by SB 1380 in 2017 as the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to oversee the implementation of Housing First policies, guidelines, and regulations to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness in California.
- **HUD Homeless Definitions** - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has established several definitions of homelessness that are used by federal programs to determine eligibility for assistance. These definitions are:
  - **Chronically Homeless:** A person who has a disabling condition and has been continuously homeless for a year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.
  - **Veteran Homelessness:** A veteran who is currently experiencing homelessness or who has experienced homelessness in the past.
  - **Family Homelessness:** A household with children who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, including those who are living in motels or other temporary accommodations.
  - **Youth Homelessness:** A person under the age of 25 who is experiencing homelessness, including those who are unaccompanied by a parent or guardian.
  - **Individual Homelessness:** A person who is experiencing homelessness and is not part of a family or household.

## GRANTS & FUNDING PROGRAMS

- **ESG** - The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is a federal grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It provides funding to state and local governments, as well as non-profit organizations, to support a range of activities to address homelessness, including emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, and related services.
- **ESG CV** - The CARES Act appropriated \$4 billion through the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts created by coronavirus under the Emergency Solutions Grants program.
- **CoC Competition** - Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition is a competitive grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CoC program provides funding to support a comprehensive system of housing and services for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. The program is intended to promote community-wide collaboration and coordination among various service providers to help individuals and families obtain and maintain permanent housing.
- **HHAP** - HHAP (Homekey and Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention) is a California state program aimed at addressing homelessness and housing insecurity. It was created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide emergency housing solutions for vulnerable individuals and families in California.
- **CalAIM** - CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal) is a multi-year initiative launched by the state of California to transform and improve the Medi-Cal program, which is California's version of the Medicaid program that provides health coverage to low-income individuals and families.
- **HHIP** - The Homeless Housing Incentive Program (HHIP) is a program that encourages the development of affordable housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the state of California. The program is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- **AOD - Alcohol and Other Drugs** - The AOD (Alcohol and Other Drugs) grant is a funding opportunity that supports programs and services related to substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery.