

## **Order of Priority for CoC Rapid Rehousing**

Recipients of CoC Program-funded RRH are required to follow the order of priority when selecting participants for housing in accordance with the CoC's written standards while also considering the goals and any identified target populations served by the project, and in a manner consistent with their current grant agreement.

Due diligence should be exercised when conducting outreach and assessment to ensure that persons are served in the order of priority adopted by the BOSCO. HUD and the BOSCO recognize that some persons—particularly those living on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation—might require significant engagement and contacts prior to their entering housing and recipients are not required to keep units vacant where there are persons who meet a higher priority within the CoC and who have not yet accepted the RRH opportunities offered to them. Street outreach providers should continue to make attempts with those persons using a Housing First approach to place as few conditions on a person's housing as possible.

### **1st Priority:**

#### **Categories 1 & 4 – Homeless Individuals and Families with the Most Severe Service Needs.**

**HUD Definition of Category 1 Homelessness:** An individual or family that is eligible for CoC Program funded RRH who has been living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter for any period of time, including persons exiting an institution where they have resided for 90 days or less but were living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately prior to entering the institution, **or**

**HUD Definition of Category 4 Homelessness:** Any individual or family that is eligible for CoC Program funded RRH who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; has no other residence; and lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing,

#### **and**

The individual or family has been identified between both the HMIS list and Non-HIMS list as having the most vulnerability due to their homelessness (highest score) by the Coordinated Entry Homeless Assessment score. If two or more households have the same Coordinated Entry Homeless Assessment score, priority should be given to the household with the longest length of current homelessness.