

Assisting HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations

Guidance for Elected Officials



Congress established four qualifying populations (QPs) and intended for all four QPs to be served under the HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) program. This means Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) must ensure all four QPs are able to apply for or be referred to HOME-ARP projects and activities. This QP guide includes the full QP definition and examples of households who may qualify.

QP1



Homeless

QP2



At-Risk of Homelessness

QP3



Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Trafficking Survivors

QP4a



Others Requiring Assistance to Prevent Homelessness

QP4b



Households at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability



Veteran households who meet one of the above criteria qualify for HOME-ARP assistance. Affirmative marketing strategies should include plans for outreach to veterans who may qualify.

QP1: Homeless



To qualify as QP1, households must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, as defined by HUD,
2. Will lose primary nighttime residence within 14 days, or
3. Be an unaccompanied youth (under 25), or a family with youth, who does not meet criteria 1 & 2 but meet other homeless youth federal criteria.

**QP1 does not have
income requirements**

**A young adult who cannot safely
live with relatives or guardian(s).**

**A person or family who is
sleeping in a place not meant for
habitation, such as a train station,
a vehicle, or an emergency room.**

**A household living in a
temporary location, such as an
emergency shelter or motel
paid for by an organization.**



QP2: At-risk of Homelessness



To qualify as QP2, an individual or family must meet all of the requirements in the three (3) part definition:

- Has income below 30 percent of AMI as determined by HUD,
- Has does not have sufficient resources immediately available to prevent homelessness, and
- Meets one of the following:

AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS CRITERIA

- has moved frequently because of economic reasons,
- is living in the home of another because of economic hardship,
- has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days,
- is paying for their own hotel or motel,
- lives in severely overcrowded housing,
- is exiting an institution, or
- otherwise lives in unstable housing that has characteristics of increased risk of homelessness, as defined in the PJs consolidated plan.

Living overcrowded, for example, 7 people in a two-bedroom apartment.

Living in someone else's home due to loss of income.

Being discharged from an institution (after 90 days) and not having a place to live.



QP3: Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking



To qualify for QP3, individuals or households must be fleeing or attempting to flee at least one of the following:

- Domestic violence,
- Dating violence,
- Sexual assault,
- Stalking, and/or
- Human trafficking (including both sex and labor trafficking)

QP3 does not have income requirements

A family experiencing stalking and harassment and are fearful of returning to their primary nighttime residence.

A parent fleeing an abusive relationship and needing shelter.

A survivor of human trafficking with or without income.



QP4a: Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness



To qualify as QP4a, households must have been previously homeless, but:

1. Are currently housed with temporary assistance, AND
2. Need additional assistance to avoid becoming homeless again

A family previously in an emergency shelter, re-housed, and falling behind on rent.

A household facing eviction because temporary rental assistance is ending.

A person recently discharged from an institution and requiring supportive services to prevent homelessness.



QP4b: Households at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability



Households must meet one of the following definitions:

1. Have an income at or below 30% AMI and pay more than 50% of income for housing, OR
2. Have an income at or below 50% AMI and meet one of the at-risk of homelessness criteria under QP2.

A family with annual income less than or equal to 30% of the area median income and spending more than 50% of income on housing costs.

A family with annual income less than or equal to 50% of the AMI and has moved two or more times in the last 60 days due to economic reasons.







An individual currently housed with income at 50% the area median income facing eviction.



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➤ Takeaways for Elected Officials

-  Increase public awareness of HOME-ARP resources, including how funding can support veterans.
-  Collaborate with local agencies serving qualifying populations to establish partnerships and ensure a coordinated response, including veteran organizations.
-  Support the training of program managers and staff on trauma-informed care and best practices for serving qualifying populations.
-  Connect landlords in the community to rental assistance programs.
-  Engage partners to identify sites and facilities for non-congregate shelter.
-  Ensure departments are appropriately staffed to advance housing development projects.

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