

Program Acronyms and Terms

A Rental Property Provider's Reference Guide to Terminology in Program Documents

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ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act (Section 504)
Americans With Disabilities Act (Section 504)	A federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in everyday activities.
AFFH	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing	Faithfully implementing the Fair Housing Act's statutory mandate to affirmatively further fair housing, which directs HUD to ensure that the agency and its program participants proactively take meaningful actions to overcome patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, eliminate disparities in opportunities, and foster inclusive communities free from discrimination.
CHP	Covered Housing Provider
Covered Housing Provider	A landlord or housing provider that has met the criteria for receiving housing subsidies.
CM	Case Manager
CoC	Continuum of Care approach to assistance for the homeless.
Continuum of Care	Federal program stressing permanent solutions to homelessness.
EAR	Equal Access Rule
Equal Access Rule	Requires equal access to HUD housing programs without regard to a person's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.
ER	Environmental Review
Environmental Review	Required for all HUD-assisted projects to ensure that the proposed project does not negatively impact the surrounding environment and that the property site itself will not have an adverse environmental or health effect on end users. Not every project is subject to a full environmental review.
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grants Program funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
ETP	Emergency Transfer Plan (for victims of partner violence)
Emergency Transfer Plan	Process for transferring a tenant in CoC- or ESG-funded housing to a new, safe housing unit if their current housing has become unsafe because: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The tenant reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain in their current housing, OR• In the case of a tenant who is a victim of sexual assault, either they reasonably believe there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain in their current housing OR the sexual assault occurred on the premises of their current housing during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the date of their transfer request.
Fair Housing Act	The 1968 act (amended in 1974 and 1988) providing the HUD Secretary with fair housing enforcement and investigation responsibilities.



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Fleeing or attempting to flee	A person or household that is escaping or attempting to escape domestic/partner violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (including human trafficking).
FMR	Fair Market Rent
Fair Market Rent	Represents the cost to rent a moderately priced dwelling unit in the local housing market.
HCV	Housing Choice Voucher
Housing Choice Voucher	Rental subsidy provided for scattered site housing assistance with approved landlords.
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
LGBTQ	Collectively refers to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer and/or questioning community.
PHA	Public Housing Authority
Public Housing Authority	Agency administering Housing Choice Vouchers and other rental assistance vouchers.
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
Permanent Supportive Housing	Longer-term rental assistance for people with disabling conditions.
RRH	Rapid Re-Housing
Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance	Time-limited rental assistance used to quickly move someone from homelessness.
Rent Supplement	Payments to owners of private housing on behalf of qualified low-income tenants. (Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965).
Survivor	A person who has experienced or is experiencing gender-based violence (also called "intimate partner violence" or simply "domestic violence"). These experiences may or may not constitute criminal activity or relate to housing insecurity. Survivors qualify for certain protections under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) if they meet the definition of "fleeing or attempting to flee."
TH	Transitional Housing
Transitional Housing	Short-term housing provision utilized to help a person gain stability to maintain housing.
VAWA	Violence Against Women Act
Victim	See "survivor."
Violence Against Women Act	A federal law that, in part, provides housing protections for people applying for or living in units subsidized by the federal government and who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to help keep them safe and reduce their likelihood of experiencing homelessness.
VSP	Victim Services Providers
Victim Services Providers	A private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide direct services to victims of domestic and partner violence. This term includes permanent housing providers – including rapid re-housing, domestic violence programs (shelters and non-residential), domestic violence transitional housing programs, dual domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and related advocacy and supportive services programs.