CHAMP Prioritization Guidelines

Priority Category	Homeless Category	Length of Stay in Homelessness	Where Experienced Homelessness	Disabling Condition	Severity of Service Needs	Key
1	Chronically Homeless	At least 12 months continuous **OR** total of at least 4 episodes totalling 12 or more months in 3 years	Unsheltered, safe haven, or emergency shelter	Yes	Houston Score: 28+	*CH, high vulnerability*
2	Chronically Homeless	At least 12 months continuous **OR** total of at least 4 episodes totalling 12 or more months in 3 years	Unsheltered, safe haven, or emergency shelter	Yes	Houston Score: 1-27	*CH, low vulnerability*
3	Homeless	Any	Unsheltered, safe haven, or emergency shelter	Yes	Houston Score: 28+	*Not CH, disabling condition, high vulnerability*
4	Homeless	Any	Unsheltered, safe haven, or emergency shelter	Yes	Houston Score: 1-27	*Not CH, disabling condition, low vulnerability*
5	Homeless	Any	Unsheltered, safe haven, or emergency shelter	No	Houston Score: 28+	*Not CH, NO disabling condition, high vulnerability*
6	Homeless	Any	Unsheltered, safe haven, or emergency shelter	No	Houston Score: 1-27	*Not CH, NO disabling condition, low vulnerability*
7	Domestic Violence Victim/Survivor in Transitional Housing	Any	Unsheltered, safe haven, or emergency shelter prior to TH program or fleeing domestic violence	Any	Any	*DV Transitional Housing*
8	Homeless - in Transitional Housing	Any	Unsheltered, safe haven, or emergency shelter prior to TH program	Any	Any	*Transitional Housing*
9	Precariously Housed	Any	Any	Any	Houston Score: 28+	*Precariously Housed, high vulnerability*
10	Precariously Housed	Any	Any	Any	Houston Score: 1-27	*Precariously Housed, low vulnerability*
11	Other	Any	Any	Any	Houston Score: 28+	*Other, high vulnerability*
12	Other	Any	Any	Any	Houston Score: 1-27	*Other, low vulnerability*

How to use the priority categories

1. Use the table above to assign the household's Priority Category.
2. If multiple households have the same Priority Category, rank them by Houston Score, highest score first.
3. If Houston Scores are the same, rank by total length of homelessness, longest first.
4. If both Houston Score and length of homelessness are the same, rank by assessment date, earliest first.

Definitions

Precariously Housed: Paying a very high proportion of resources for rent; doubled up with friends/family; "couch surfing;" or on the verge of homelessness.

Other: Previously homeless households receiving temporary assistance who need continued assistance to avoid a return to homelessness; or low-income households with "at-risk of homelessness" characteristics (24 CFR 91.5).

Disabling Condition: A physical, mental, or emotional impairment expected to be of long-continuing or indefinite duration that substantially impedes the person's ability to live independently and could be improved by more suitable housing conditions. "Disabling Condition" does not necessarily equate to a disability determination.

Note: The chronic homelessness duration criterion is shown as "at least 12 months continuous" to align with HUD's definition at 24 CFR 578.3.