

Move Up Minnesota Initiative

Move Up Minnesota is an exciting new initiative that strives to improve the lives of both formerly homeless households and households currently experiencing homelessness. Often, formerly homeless people who have been living in Permanent Supportive Housing for an extended period, find that they no longer need intensive supportive services in order to live independently, but still need rental assistance.

This is where Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) can make a real difference. By creating a “Move Up” preference on their Housing Choice Voucher and/or Public Housing waiting list, PHAs can aid in the transition of formerly homeless households into independent, affordable housing and, as a result, create housing for people currently experiencing homelessness who require significant (and costly) supportive services.

Continuum of Care (CoC) coalitions will work with Permanent Supportive Housing providers to screen potential households in your service area using the criteria below:

Baseline Criteria

- A minimum of two years living in Permanent Supportive Housing
- Ongoing source of income
- Paid rent on time and in full every month for the past 12 months
- Connected to mainstream or community resources



HUD Criteria Required of PHA's

The participant or anyone in the household:

- is not a lifetime registered sex offender;
- has not been evicted from federally assisted housing for the manufacture of methamphetamine (meth);
- has not been evicted within the last three years from federally assisted housing for a drug-related crime and
- is not currently engaged in illegal drug use or threatening activity.

**Please note that since PHAs may establish additional or stricter criteria for admission, Continuum of Care staff will work with you to learn this criteria and screen candidates accordingly.