

Move Up Minnesota Initiative

Those of us who are committed to ending homelessness here in Minnesota must continually confront the lack of resources available for this purpose. That's why it's critical to use the resources that are available in the most impactful way possible. Recently, the Minneapolis HUD Field Office, the Continuum of Care coordinators (CoCs) in the state, Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) providers have begun to work together on an exciting new initiative called **Move Up Minnesota** that strives to create additional housing opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness through the adoption of PHA waiting list preferences.

While Permanent Supportive Housing is designed to be "permanent," PSH providers find that in time, many participants no longer require extensive supportive services in order to live independently, but they still need rental assistance. Under the Move Up Minnesota Initiative, PHAs create a preference on their waiting lists for Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing units for precisely this population: participants of PSH who have stabilized to the point that they do not require supportive services beyond periodic case management. By transitioning these PSH participants into independent, affordable housing, PSH units become available to people currently experiencing homelessness.

This is how it will work:

First, Continuum of Care regions will ask PSH providers to screen potential candidates in their 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

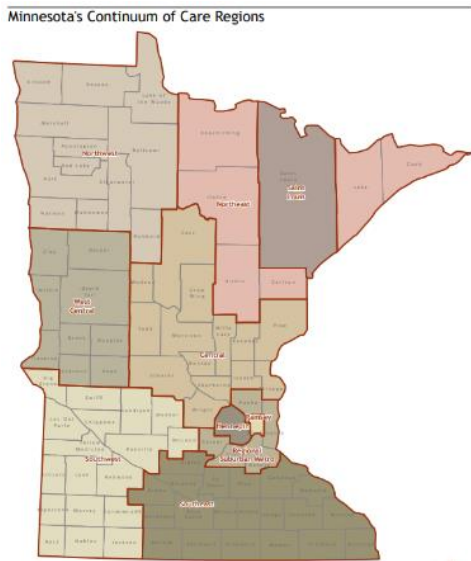
The participant or anyone in the household...

- 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.



Next, those PSH participants who meet the criteria and who are open to this opportunity will be referred to a participating PHA. This process will vary by Continuum so please contact your local CoC Coordinator for further information. These participants will then be given preference on the PHA's waiting lists. Depending on the availability of units and/or vouchers, participants will have three potential options: 1) move into a Public Housing unit or 2) receive a Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8 voucher) to find a new unit in the open market or 3) transition in place with Section 8 assistance.



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