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Acronym	Definition
AHAR	Annual Homeless Assessment Report – a report to Congress on the extent and nature of homelessness in America. The report is prepared by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless persons, service use patterns, and the capacity to house homeless persons. The report is based primarily on Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) data about persons who experience homelessness during a 12-month period.
AMI	Area Median Income - is commonly used to generate data about geographic areas and divides households into two equal segments with the first half of households earning less than the median household income and the other half earning more
APR	Annual Performance Report - a reporting tool used by HUD to track the progress and accomplishments of programs funded by the Department
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - commonly referred to as the Stimulus or The Recovery Act, is an economic stimulus package enacted by the Congress in February.
CAI	City's Coordinated Assessment Initiatives Program - a coordinated, integrated approach to ensuring homeless and/or at-risk families, as well as vulnerable homeless individual being discharged from health care institutions are provided the appropriate level of care, at the right level of intensity and in a coordinated and timely manner, ultimately leading to improved housing outcomes for these individuals.
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant Program -is allocated between States and local jurisdictions called "non-entitlement" and "entitlement" communities respectively. Entitlement communities are comprised of central cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs); metropolitan cities with populations of at least 50,000; and qualified urban counties with a population of 200,000 or more (excluding the populations of entitlement cities). States distribute CDBG funds to non-entitlement localities not qualified as entitlement communities.
CES	Coordinated Entry System
CHDO	Community Housing Development Organization - a private nonprofit organization with a 501 (c) federal tax exemption, that must include providing decent, affordable housing to low-income households as one of its purpose in its charter, articles of incorporation, or by-laws. It must serve a specific, delineated geographic area; either a neighborhood, several neighborhoods, or the entire community, but not the entire state.
CHG	WA State Dept. of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant - combines state homeless resources into a single grant opportunity to county governments (and other designated entities) under the administration of Commerce. The CHG is designated to support an integrated system of housing assistance to prevent homelessness and quickly re-house households who are unsheltered.
CoC	HUD's Continuum of Care - is a set of three competitively-awarded programs created to address the problems of homelessness in a comprehensive manner with other federal agencies.
CPD	Community Planning and Development (HUD Office of)

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CHHGP	City's Consolidated Homeless Housing Grant Program - combines federal, state and local homeless resources into a single grant opportunity and is designed to support an integrated system of housing assistance to prevent homelessness and quickly re-house households who are unsheltered.
CHHS	Community, Housing & Human Services (City of Spokane Department and Board)
D-B	The Davis-Bacon Act – requires the payment of prevailing wage rates (which are determined by the U.S. Department of Labor) to all laborers and mechanics on Federal government and District of Columbia construction projects in excess of \$2,000. Construction includes alteration and/or repair, including painting and decorating, of public buildings or public works.
EHF	Empire Health Foundation - an independent, nonprofit grant-making foundation that serves seven counties of eastern Washington.
ES	Emergency Shelter - any facility with overnight sleeping accommodations, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless.
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grant (new program name) - is designed to identify sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, as well as those at risk of homelessness, and provide the services necessary to help those persons quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESGP – previous program name)
FMR	Fair Market Rent - the rent that would be required to be paid in the particular housing market area in order to obtain privately owned, decent, safe and sanitary rental housing of modest (non-luxury) nature with suitable amenities.
FFATA	Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act - requires information on federal awards (federal financial assistance and expenditures) be made available to the public via a single, searchable website, which is www.USASpending.gov .
H3	City's Health Housing Homeless Systems Integration Pilot Program - aims to ensure vulnerable homeless individuals being discharged from health care institutions are discharged with an on-going multi-disciplinary system to ensure successful health and housing outcomes for these individuals. (City partnered with EHF)
HCFA	City's Homeless Families Coordinated Assessment Program - The HCFA program is designed to serve families with children who are experiencing homelessness or residential instability and are at a high risk of homelessness.
HEARTH	HUD's Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act - amends and reauthorizes the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act with substantial changes, including consolidation of HUD's competitive grant programs; the creation of a Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program; a change in HUD's definition of homelessness and chronic homelessness; a simplified match requirement; an increase in prevention resources; and an increased emphasis on performance.
HEN	WA State DSHS Housing and Essential Needs Grant - serve clients eligible for Department of Social and Health (DSHS) Medical Care Services (MCS with assistance with rent and utility payments, personal health and hygiene items, cleaning supplies and bus passes.

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HAA	WA State Dept. of Commerce Homelessness Housing Assistance Act (aka ESSHB 2163) - passed in 2005 requires counties to develop a ten-year plan to reduce homelessness by 50 percent by 2015; conduct an annual point in time count of homeless persons; report progress implementing plans annually to Commerce; use the local portion of document recording fees to reduce homelessness; and implement a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect client data used to measure program, county and state performance.
HIC	Housing Inventory Count - a point-in-time inventory of provider programs within the CoC that provide beds and units dedicated to serve persons who are homeless.
HHRT	Healthy Homes Rating Tool - a comprehensive “Healthy Homes Checklist” for the family on a variety of health conditions. It includes a house structure and other assessment forms for each room of the house. Potential risk factors covered include biological hazards (e.g., allergens, molds), chemical hazards (e.g., pesticides, lead), structural hazards (e.g., excess moisture, poor ventilation), and behavioral hazards (e.g., poor safety practices, cigarette smoking).
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System - is a class of database applications used to confidentially aggregate data on homeless populations
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program) - formula grants to States and localities that communities use-often in partnership with local nonprofit groups- to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people.
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS - dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, HUD makes grants to local communities, States, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.
HPRP	Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program – ARRA that provided communities with a range of flexible financial tools to prevent homelessness as well as to assist in re-housing homeless households.
HQS	Housing Quality Standards - basic housing quality standards to ensure “decent, safe and sanitary” housing at an affordable cost to low-income families.
HRE	Homelessness Resource Exchange - online one-stop shop for information and resources regarding program guidance and regulations, technical assistance (TA) and training resources, research and publications, and more for use by Federal agencies, State and local government agencies, Continuum of Care organizations, homeless service providers, TA providers, persons experiencing homelessness, and other stakeholders.
HSAB	Human Services Advisory Board (dissolved)
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HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
IAC	Interagency Committee
IDIS	Integrated Disbursement and Information System - an online system used by the Office of Community Planning and Development’s (CPD) formula block programs (HOME, CBDG, HOPWA, and ESG) to perform financial transactions and submit accomplishment reporting to HUD.

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LBP	Lead-Based Paint – Lead is added to paint to speed up drying, increase durability, maintain a fresh appearance, and resist moisture that causes corrosion. It is one of the main health and environmental hazards associated with paint. Lead-based paint is the number one environmental hazard to children under age six. Lead poisoning in children can lead to permanent learning disabilities.
LEP	Limited English Proficiency - persons who are unable to communicate effectively in English because their primary language is not English and they have not developed fluency in the English language. A person with Limited English Proficiency may have difficulty speaking or reading English. An LEP person will benefit from an interpreter who will translate to and from the person’s primary language.
LHC	Lead Hazard Control – identifies and controls lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned housing for rental or owner-occupants.
LOCCS	Line of Credit Control System - is the accounting and grantee reimbursement system used by HUD.
LOI	Letter of Intent – a letter indicating that the writer has the serious intention of doing something, such as submitting an application. It does not constitute either a promise or a contract.
LM	Logic Model (submitted with applications to City)
LSS	Lead Safe Spokane – administered by Kiemle & Hagood – provides an average of up to \$13,000 per unit in lead assistance to owner occupants with children under 6 years old or landlords who rent to low-income families. The assistance addresses lead based paint or lead based paint hazards.
M/WBE	Minority and/or Women Business Enterprise - programs designed to improve the contributions of minority and women-owned small businesses to the Washington State economy.
MV	HUD’s McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act - provides federal money for homeless shelter programs
NAEH	National Alliance to End Homelessness - a nonprofit, non-partisan, organization committed to preventing and ending homelessness nationally
NEPA	The National Environmental Policy Act - requires that every federal agency submit an environmental impact statement (EIS) with every legislative recommendation or program proposing major federal projects that will most likely affect the quality of the surrounding environment.
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
NOI	Notice of Intent – a letter indicating that the writer has the serious intention of doing something, such as submitting an application. It does not constitute either a promise or a contract.
NSP	Neighborhood Stabilization Program - provides grants to every state, certain local communities, and other organizations to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes and to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes. The program is authorized under Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.
ODC	One Day Count of the Homeless – See PIT

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OHHLHC	The Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control – provides funds to state and local governments to develop cost-effective ways to reduce lead-based paint hazards. In addition, the office enforces HUD’s lead-based paint regulations, provides public outreach and technical assistance, and conducts technical studies to help protect children and their families from health and safety hazards in the home.
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
PH	Permanent Housing - intended as a cost-effective way to help people live more stable, productive lives. Supportive housing is widely believed to work well for those who face the most complex challenges—individuals and families confronted with homelessness and who also have very low incomes and/or serious, persistent issues that may include substance abuse, addiction or alcoholism, mental illness, HIV/AIDS, or other serious challenges to a successful life
PIT	Point in Time Count of the Homeless – staff, volunteers and outreach workers from other organizations visit shelters, transitional housing facilities, and other locations (such as outdoor gathering places) throughout Spokane County where people who are homeless may congregate. “Counters” ask for permission to talk with and gather information from the individuals they meet.
PBRA	Project-Based Rental Assistance - contracts with property owners to provide rental assistance for a fixed period of time for low-income families.
PJ	Participating Jurisdiction
PRN	Pro Rata Need - the relative need index assigned to a jurisdiction compared to other jurisdictions using nationally available data, including the following factors as used in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) formula on poverty, housing overcrowding, population, age of housing, and growth lag.
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
RROF	Request for Release of Funds – is required for all projects or activities that are categorically excluded, need an Environmental Assessment, or need an Environmental Impact Statement. The RROF process provides for the review and approval of the certification of compliance with Part 58 at the conclusion of the Responsible Entity's environmental review process and public notification process. Also, it allows time for public objections to HUD regarding the release of funds, due to noncompliance with environmental laws and procedures.
S+C	Shelter Plus Care - provides housing and supportive services on a long-term basis for homeless persons with disabilities, (primarily those with serious mental illness, chronic problems with alcohol and/or drugs, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases) and their families who are living in places not intended for human habitation (e.g., streets) or in emergency shelters. The program allows for a variety of housing choices, and a range of supportive services funded by other sources, in response to the needs of the hard-to-reach homeless population with disabilities.
Section 3	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 - requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent possible, provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for low- or very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their

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	neighborhoods.
Section 504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities conducted by HUD or that receive financial assistance from HUD.
SHC	Spokane Homeless Coalition – a collaborative effort of the individuals and organizations/agencies addressing the challenges of homelessness in the communities of the greater Spokane region. Through educations, legislative advocacy, mutual support and a sharing of resources, the Coalition strives to prevent homelessness, as well as create the ability of the communities to respond to individual needs.
SHP	Supportive Housing Program - designed to promote, as part of a local Continuum of Care strategy, the development of supportive housing and supportive services to assist homeless persons in the transition from homelessness and to enable them to live as independently as possible.
SRA	Sponsor-Based Rental Assistance - Permanent "project-based" housing subsidy used in partnership with non-profit agencies that act as "sponsors"; scattered sites: house, duplexes, multi-family, apartments and PSH projects.
SRHGC	Spokane Regional Homeless Governance Council (dissolved)
SRO	Single Room Occupancy - contains units for occupancy by one person. These units may contain food preparation or sanitary facilities, or both.
SSO	Supportive Services Only - addresses the service needs of homeless persons. Projects are classified as this component only if the project sponsor is not also providing housing to the same persons receiving the services. SSO projects may be in a structure or operated independently of a structure, such as street outreach or mobile vans for health care.
Super NOFA	HUD’s consolidated approach to issuance of Notices of Funding Availability
TBRA or TRA	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - rental subsidy that provides help to individual households such as rent, utility costs, security deposits, and/or utility deposits.
TH	Transitional Housing - facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing. Homeless persons may live in transitional housing for up to 24 months and receive supportive services such as childcare, job training, and home furnishings that help them live more independently.
UFAS	Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards - uniform standards for the design, construction and alteration of buildings so that physically handicapped persons will have ready access to and use of them in accordance with the Architectural Barriers Act, 42 U.S.C. 4151-4157.
URA	Uniform Relocation Act - establishes minimum standards for federally funded programs and projects that require the acquisition of real property (real estate) or displace persons from their homes, businesses, or farms. The Uniform Act's protections and assistance apply to the acquisition, rehabilitation, or demolition of real property for federal or federally funded projects.
USICH	U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness – consists of 19 federal Cabinet secretaries and agency heads headquartered in Washington, D.C. to make progress on the goals and strategies of <i>Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness</i> .
WBARS	Web Based Annual Reporting System - An online system allowing public funders, property owners, and property managers to input project data year-round and to

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	share information related to compliance and asset management.
WLIHA	Washington Low Income Housing Alliance - advocacy for safe, healthy, affordable homes for everyone.
WSCH	Washington State Coalition for the Homeless – advocacy, training and education on issues of homelessness in Washington State.

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