

## Acronyms & Terms

Term/Acronym	Title	Description
<b>AHAR</b>	Annual Homeless Assessment Report	<i>Uses HMIS data from communities across the country, as well as information from CoC applications, to produce a national report on homelessness to Congress.</i>
<b>CDBG</b>	Community Development Block Grant	<i>HUD CPD program providing annual formula grants to cities, urban counties &amp; states to develop communities by providing housing, suitable living environments, &amp; economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons</i>
<b>CFDA</b>	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance	<i>Each Federal program available is listed in this catalog with brief descriptions of the program objectives, application &amp; award processes, and amount of funding available for the program</i>
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations	<i>Codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government</i>
<b>CoC</b>	Continuum of Care	<i>See 'Continuum of Care'</i>
<b>Cognizant Agency</b>	The Federal agency responsible for negotiating with a grant recipient on behalf of all federal agencies the recipient receives funds from	<i>The cognizant agency negotiates cost allocation plans, indirect cost rates, and fringe benefit rates; and for overseeing and resolving audits.</i>
<b>Continuum of Care</b>	A set of three competitively-awarded HUD homelessness programs	<i>The three programs are SHP, S+C and SRO</i>
<b>CPD</b>	Community Planning & Development	<i>A Department of HUD that handles housing, living environments, and economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons</i>
<b>Discretionary Grants</b>	Federal agency <u>can exercise judgment</u> in selecting the recipient through a competitive grant process	
<b>Entitlement Grants</b>		<i>See 'Mandatory Grants'</i>
<b>EPLS</b>	Excluded Parties List System	<i>Federal system listing all businesses that have been debarred or suspended and are not allowed to receive Federal funds</i>
<b>ESG</b>	Emergency Shelter Grants Program	<i>HUD CPD Program providing homeless persons with shelter and supportive services. It can assist with operational costs of a shelter facility and provide short-term homeless prevention assistance. Awarded to large cities, urban counties, and U.S. territories</i>

<b>Federal Fiscal Year</b>	Begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 of the next calendar year	<i>Each fiscal year is identified by the calendar year in which it ends and commonly is referred to as "FY." For example, FY2009 began October 1, 2008, and ends Sept 30, 2009</i>
<b>Federal Register</b>	The official journal of the Federal Government.	<i>It contains routine publications and public notices of government agencies. It's a daily publication</i>
<b>Formula Grants</b>		<i>See 'Mandatory Grants'</i>
<b>Grantee</b>		<i>See 'Recipient'</i>
<b>HEARTH Act</b>	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing Act	<p><i>Act signed into law 5/20/09 – it amends &amp; reauthorizes McKinney-Vento Act with substantial changes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Consolidate HUD competitive grants;</i></li> <li><i>• Create Rural Housing Stability Program;</i></li> <li><i>• Change definition of homelessness and chronic homelessness;</i></li> <li><i>• A simplified match requirement;</i></li> <li><i>• An increase in prevention resources;</i></li> <li><i>• Increase emphasis on performance.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>HUD currently in process of implementing parts of this – definition of homelessness is currently out for public comment until 6/21/10</i></p>
<b>HMIS</b>	Homeless Management Information System	<p><i>A software application designed to record &amp; store client-level info on the characteristics and service needs of homeless persons.</i></p> <p><i>Typically a web-based application that providers use to coordinate care, manage their operations, and better serve their clients</i></p>
<b>HUD</b>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	<i>United States Federal Agency</i>
<b>Mandatory Grants</b>	Grants a federal agency is required to award if the recipient meets the qualifying conditions	
<b>McKinney-Vento Act</b>	Federal Legislation providing a range of services to homeless people	
<b>NOFA</b>	Notice of Funding Availability	<i>Issued by the Federal Agency administering a program. Tells applicants the money available, requirements &amp; timeline of application, the award process, eligible activities, and program specific requirements</i>
<b>OMB</b>	Office of Management & Budget	<i>Federal Agency that evaluates the effectiveness of agency programs, policies, and procedures, assesses competing funding demands among agencies, and sets funding priorities</i>
<b>PIT</b>	Point In Time	<i>The annual point in time count that acts as a census count for people experiencing homelessness. This count shows us trends.</i>

<b>Recipient</b>	Direct recipient of funds from Federal Agency	<i>Recipient can perform requirements of the grant themselves or sub-contract to other agencies (sub-recipients).</i>
<b>RFP</b>	Request for Proposal	<i>Issued by any agency receiving or issuing funds - Guidelines for submission of applications to become recipient or sub-recipient of the funds</i>
<b>S+C</b>	Shelter Plus Care	<i>HUD CPD program providing rental assistance for hard-to-serve homeless persons with disabilities in connection with supportive services funded from sources outside the program.</i>
<b>SHP</b>	Supportive Housing Program	<i>HUD CPD program to develop supportive housing and services that will allow homeless persons to live as independently as possible</i>
<b>SRO</b>	Single Room Occupancy Program	<i>HUD CPD Program providing rental assistance for homeless in connection with moderate rehab of SRO dwellings. SRO's contains units for occupancy by one person and may contain food prep and/or sanitary facilities</i>
<b>Sub-Grantee</b>		<i>See 'Sub-Recipient'</i>
<b>Sub-Recipient</b>	Indirect recipient of Federal Funds through a pass-through agency (Recipient)	<i>Agency contracted with by a direct recipient of federal funds to perform requirements of a federal grant</i>
<b>USC</b>	United States Code	<i>This is where legislative acts are codified. It is a guide for Federal Agencies on how programs should be run</i>