



## At-Risk of Homelessness Certification

This is to certify that the person or household below is currently at risk of homelessness based on the category checked.

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check only one category and select at least one of the corresponding risks**

**CATEGORY 1: An individual or family who:**

**1.** Has an annual income **below 30%** of the area median income (AMI); **AND**

**2.** Does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place defined in Category 1 of the “homeless” definition; **AND**

**Meets one of the following risk conditions:**

- Persistent housing instability – has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; OR
- Living in the home of another person/individual because of economic hardship; OR
- Housing will be lost within 21 days – has been notified of their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the application for assistance; OR
- Living in a rented hotel or motel and cost is not paid for by charitable organization or by Federal, State, or local government program for low-income individuals or families; OR
- Living in a severely over-crowded unit as defined by US Census Bureau – lives in an SRO or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two (2) persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1 ½ persons per room; OR
- Exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care; OR
- Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient’s approved Consolidated Plan

**CATEGORY 2: Unaccompanied Children and Youth:** A child or youth who does not qualify as homeless under the Category 1 of the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under another Federal statute<sup>1</sup>.

**CATEGORY 3: Families with Children and Youth:** An unaccompanied youth who does not qualify as homeless under the Category 1 of the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) or child or youth is living with them.

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<sup>1</sup> Other federal statutes include, 34 USC § 11279(3) The Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2018, 42 U.S. Code § 9832(11) Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, 34 U.S. Code § 12473 Violence Against Women

Reauthorization Act of 2019, 42 U.S. Code § 254b(h)(5) Public Health Service Act, 7 U.S. Code § 2012(l) The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, 42 USC § 1786(b)(15) Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2020



