

To: PSHA Community Partners

From: Lily Sojourner, OEO Director

Subject: Temporary Expansion of the Prioritization Process for the Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance (PSHA) Program

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To ensure full utilization of the PSHA program in alignment with its objectives and manual, OEO is temporarily expanding the prioritization processes. In addition to enrolling individuals from the Coordinated Entry prioritization lists, OEO will collaborate with community partners to identify and enroll individuals who are at risk of homelessness, as defined by HUD, and eligible for PSHA benefits. This approach will expedite participant enrollment and enhance the program's ability to support essential housing retention needs within Vermont communities.

PSHA at OEO will work closely with local housing coalitions to connect eligible individuals with appropriate services. Referred individuals must have at least one health need—such as a substance use disorder, mental health disorder, chronic health condition, intellectual or developmental disability, or requiring assistance with activities of daily living—and meet HUD's criteria for being at risk of homelessness. Additionally, these individuals must possess Vermont Medicaid and be willing to engage with housing support services.

To maintain a balanced approach, no more than 50% of a provider's caseload will be filled through this "at-risk" prioritization and referral process. This initiative will continue until December 31, 2025, or until providers' caseloads are full, whichever occurs first.

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