

# Alabama Balance of State Coordinated Entry Prioritization Plan

The framework for the Alabama Balance of State Coordinated Entry prioritization is as listed below. In addition, the matching criteria for each housing type is listed.

## Priority Population

Households will be prioritized based on length of literal homelessness.

**LENGTH OF HOMELESSNESS**

## Tie Breakers

In the event of a tie for length of homelessness, households will be prioritized using these factors:

**1 UNSHELTERED**

**2 VETERANS**

**3 VULNERABILITY INDEX SCORE**

**4 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

# Prioritization Plan—Per Housing Type

## Households Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

### Permanent Supportive Housing

- Experiencing homelessness for **more than** two years (ranked from longest to shortest)
- Note: This housing type requires a disability

### Safe Haven (Low Barrier Housing)

- Only serves households assessed through the Observational Assessment
- Ranked by VI score (highest to lowest)

### Rapid Rehousing

- Experiencing homelessness for **less than** two years (ranked from longest to shortest)

## Households Not Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

### Joint Rapid Rehousing/ Transitional Housing

- Youth age 18-24
- Experiencing homelessness for **less than** two years (ranked from longest to shortest)

### Transitional Housing

- Youth age 18—24
- Ranked by length of homelessness (highest to lowest)

### Permanent Housing with Short Term Supports

- Family and adult individuals
- Ranked by VI score (highest to lowest)

## Notes and Definitions:

- Veterans will be matched to Veteran specific housing when available prior to being matched to a community program.
- **Chronic:** A household is considered to face chronic homelessness when the head of the household is impacted by a disability and has experienced homelessness for at least one continuous year to present, or four episodes of homelessness over the past three years that total a minimum of one year (365 days). In all cases the person must be currently experiencing homelessness.
- **VI:** Vulnerability Index, a scored portion of the standardized Housing Assessment that measures vulnerability