

**City of Atlanta Continuum of Care Coordinated  
Entry System for Homeless Services**

**Policies and Procedures Addendum to address  
unsheltered homelessness in Atlanta**

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## **Overview**

In response to the ongoing homelessness crisis in the City of Atlanta, Partners for Home is launching “LIFT 2.0,” a rapid paced housing surge to provide outreach and housing intervention to unsheltered, homeless, and highly vulnerable households in the City of Atlanta. Partners for Home, in collaboration with community partners, will oversee the coordination of housing efforts for approximately 600 households experiencing homelessness in Atlanta.

## **Prioritization**

Prioritization for Rapid Rehousing units and subsidy provided through the LIFT 2.0 project will be for unsheltered, highly vulnerable homeless households. Examples of highly vulnerable households may include those where the head of household is chronically homeless, has a disabling condition, is over the age of 62, families with children, and those with high VI-SPDAT scores.

Program participants who are chronically homeless at the point of Rapid Rehousing project entry maintain their homeless or chronically homeless status during the period of time that they are receiving rapid rehousing assistance for the purposes of maintaining eligibility for other permanent supportive housing programs. Rapid Rehousing espouses the Housing First philosophy and recognizes that while RRH is a permanent intervention, program participants are expected to move into other PSH programs that provide appropriate supportive services for chronically homeless and highly vulnerable households. This transition may take place in the same unit, with more robust services delivered to the program participant in the same unit but supported with a different subsidy and with a different case management team. It is the expectation that program participants are actively working to move into their permanent housing solution as quickly as possible.

For those individuals referred to RRH as a bridge to PSH, as PSH units become available, the previous coordinated entry prioritization will resume.

Rapid rehousing for unsheltered households who are not chronically homeless may include those who require assistance with navigation to housing and rental assistance that would not otherwise be sufficient with a one-time payment. While in rapid rehousing, non-chronically homeless households will work with case management to obtain or increase income and develop a plan to assume full rent and utility payments by the end of their time in the program, utilizing a progressive engagement model. Non-chronically homeless unsheltered households

will utilize rapid rehousing as a housing solution and not bridge into PSH within the CoC housing stock. Rapid Rehousing teams will work with households to gain independence and exit to self-sufficiency by the time of their program exit. Non-chronically homeless unsheltered households who require ongoing assistance beyond the term of Rapid Rehousing should be assisted by Rapid Rehousing case management to identify appropriate supports including vouchers, senior living facilities, personal care homes, nursing homes and ongoing services that fit their needs.

<b>RRH</b>	Unsheltered highly vulnerable households	Current living situation
		Chronic status
		Disability
		Length of time homeless
		VI score
		Length of time on housing queue