



Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care

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HUD CoC DedicatedPLUS Projects Overview

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Background

In the 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition, CT BOS converted all CoC funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects from being 100% dedicated to people experiencing chronic homelessness to using HUD's DedicatedPlus eligibility criteria (see details below). CANs are scheduled to begin referring applicants based on DedicatedPLUS eligibility criteria beginning January 2021. The necessary updates to CT CAN policies and procedures are currently in progress.

What is a DedicatedPLUS project?

A DedicatedPLUS project is a permanent supportive housing project where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to serve individuals, households with children, **and** unaccompanied youth that at intake are:

- (1) experiencing chronic homelessness (CH); or
- (2) residing in a Transition Housing (TH) project that will be eliminated and was chronically homeless when entered TH project; or
- (3) residing in Emergency Shelter or unsheltered location and had been enrolled in a PSH or RRH project (having met CH criteria upon entering) within last year, but was unable to maintain housing placement; or
- (4) residing in TH funded by a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness prior to entering the project; or
- (5) residing in Emergency Shelter or unsheltered location for at least 12 months in the last three years, but **has not done so on four separate occasions** and the individual or head of household meet the definition of 'homeless individual with a disability'; or
- (6) receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program and **met one of the above criteria** at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.

How is a DedicatedPlus project similar to a project that is 100% dedicated to chronic?

- The criteria for Dedicated Plus and chronic are pretty similar, for example, DedicatedPLUS projects still must serve only households with a disabled adult or head of household who have been homeless for a least 12 months.
- Under HUD's DedicatedPLUS definition, the following continue to be required in all PSH projects:



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- Serving households who have a disabled adult or head of household and have been homeless for a least 12 months; AND
- Prioritizing PSH applicants based on both length of homelessness AND severity of service needs
- DedicatedPLUS projects are not required to keep units vacant indefinitely while waiting for an identified eligible individual or family to accept an offer of PSH.

How is a DedicatedPlus project different than a project that is 100% dedicated to chronic?

- A Dedicated Plus project can prioritize serving some people who don't meet the strict HUD definition of chronic, for example people who have been homeless for 12 months over 3 years during fewer than 4 separate occasions and some people who had been enrolled in a PSH or RRH project within the last year, who were unable to maintain the housing placement.