



## Description and Eligibility

**Home Stretch** is a project of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency in collaboration with EveryOne Home and partnering agencies to help *literally homeless individuals with disabilities*, and their families, link with appropriate resources, services, and permanent housing as quickly as possible. Alameda County has over 1800 units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for formerly homeless people. Eligible individuals and households referred to Home Stretch are prioritized for access to services and permanent supportive housing resources in Alameda County based on their level of need and the length of time they have experienced homelessness. Home Stretch functions as a referral list for most permanent supportive housing programs in Alameda County. It does not operate as a waiting list for all affordable housing opportunities, so individuals and households referred to Home Stretch should get on waiting lists as they become open. The launch of Home Stretch in 2016 is made possible in part by a generous Collaborative Change Initiative grant from the Hellman Foundation.

**To be eligible**, people must meet the following criteria at the time of referral:

- **Literally Homeless:** The individual (or head of household) is living on the streets, in abandoned buildings, parks, a vehicle, or other outside place not meant for people to live, in an emergency shelter or emergency housing program, or a transitional housing program for homeless individuals OR is in an institutional care facility for fewer than 90 days and was in one of the previously listed living situations prior to entering the institution; OR Fleeing / attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or any other life-threatening or dangerous conditions that are directed at the individual and/or family members and occurring within the household or making so that the family is afraid to return home. No other housing has been identified and no other resources or networks are available; AND
- **Disabled:** The individual (or head of household) has a disabling health condition(s), such as a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability that is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impedes the persons' ability to live independently.
- **Over 18 or an Emancipated Youth.**
- **Currently Residing in Alameda County.**

Individuals that meet one or both of the criteria **below** receive prioritized access to resources. Highest priority is given to individuals that meet both of the following criteria:

- The individual (or head of household) has been staying in a place not meant for human habitation or a shelter for more than one year continuously or four or more times over the past three years with more than 12 months of cumulative time living on the streets or in shelters; AND
- The individual (or head of household) has high priority needs as demonstrated by *at least* one of the following (see *Home Stretch High Services Need Verification Form* for details):
  - Frequent verified contact with health or law enforcement agencies over the last 12 months
  - High health risks with verified medical diagnoses
  - A VI-SPDAT screening score of 8 or more

NOTE: A head of household for a family that meets the above criteria makes the family eligible for Home Stretch.

If the individual **is eligible**, please complete a Home Stretch Referral Packet that includes all of the following:

- Completed Fax Cover Sheet
- Completed and Signed Home Stretch Consent to Release of Information (ROI)
- Completed InHOUSE Standard Intake Form
- Home Stretch High Service Need Verification Form and Supporting Documents (if applicable)
- Home Stretch Contact Information Form

---

Contact **HOME STRETCH**

fax: 1 (855) 658-5466, email: [HomeStretch@acgov.org](mailto:HomeStretch@acgov.org), phone: (510) 891-8938

mail: Post Office Box 29172, Oakland, CA 94612