



ACES Prioritization Policy

The Southwest MN Continuum of Care utilizes a single prioritization list for Coordinated Entry. The single prioritization list applies to the entire geographic region, all populations/subpopulations and must be used to fill all dedicated homeless Transitional Housing, Rapid-Rehousing, Long-term Homeless and Permanent Supportive Housing units/vouchers. Goals are to help strategically and fairly target available resources, and assure that those who are most vulnerable receive housing more rapidly than those with who are less vulnerable. HMIS is used for prioritization.

Clients are targeted for housing using these guidelines:

Housing Category	VI-SPDAT Score		
	Singles	Families	Youth
Transitional/Rapid RH/LTH (Housing only)	4-7	4-8	4-7
PSH/LTH	8+	9+	8+

*If clients score three or below, they are not candidates for TH, RRH or PSH and would only be considered if no one else is on the priority list.

Order of Priority in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Permanent Supportive Housing Prioritized for Occupancy by Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

- (a) First Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Longest History of Homelessness and with the Most Severe Service Needs.
- (b) Second Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Longest History of Homelessness.
- (c) Third Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Most Severe Service Needs.
- (d) Fourth Priority—All Other Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families.

Order of Priority in Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Not Dedicated or Prioritized for Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

- a) First Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability with the Most Severe Service Needs.
- b) Second Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability with a Long Period of Continuous or Episodic Homelessness.
- c) Third Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with Disability Coming from Places Not Meant for Human Habitation, Safe Havens, or Emergency Shelters.
- d) Fourth Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability Coming from Transitional Housing.

Handling Ties: If two or more persons/households have equal vulnerability scores, military veterans will be prioritized ahead of non-veterans, families with children will be prioritized ahead of single adults, those homeless in our CoC will be placed ahead of those homeless in another CoC and those with longer lengths of time homeless will place ahead of those with less.