



## **Program Eligibility:**

Client's must fall below the most recently identified Federal Poverty Guidelines as identified by HUD.

Must meet one or more of the following HUD Definitions:

### **Category 1: Definition of Literally Homeless**

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

1. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; **or**
2. Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); **or**
3. Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

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### **Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homelessness**

An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

1. Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
2. No subsequent residence has been identified; *and* \*
3. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.\*\*

*Note:* Includes individuals and families who are within 14 days of losing their housing, including housing they own, rent, are sharing with others, or are living in without paying rent.

*\* Refusing to go to a viable shelter option, does not deem an individual as appropriate for "No subsequent residence has been identified." Emergency shelter referrals are considered subsequent residence. Shelter resistant families will be evaluated on a case by case basis.*



*\*\* Refusing to utilize available resources constitutes an individual having access and does not meet the criteria for lacking resources and support and will be evaluated on a case by case basis.*

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**Category 1: At Risk of Homelessness**

An individual or family who:

1. Has an annual income below 30 percent of Median Family Income (MFI) for the area, as determined by HUD; -- **MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION**
2. Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, (e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks), immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “homeless” definition in this section; **AND**
3. Meets **ONE** of the following conditions:
  1. Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
  2. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
  3. Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;
  4. Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
  5. Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
  6. Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or
  7. Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient’s approved consolidated plan.

*\* Clients must provide documentation to reasonable attempts made to prevent homelessness outside of Helen’s Project.*



*\*\* All cases are reviewed on a case by case basis for assistance and all assistance is determined based upon funding availability. Clients are REQUIRED to maintain all program requirements.*

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**Category 4: Fleeing Domestic Violence**

Any individual or family who:

1. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;
2. Has no other residence; and
3. Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

\*Must have a referral from DV provider or Police Department within the last 30 days

\*\*All referrals from Police must have an officers name or report number of incident

**Zip Codes: Eligible Zip Codes**

Mesquite: 75150, 75149, 75187, 75126, 75181, 75185

Dallas: 75224, 75212, 75216, 75232, 75237, 75115

\*\*Exceptions can be made for potential clients referred from one of the following below BUT must reside in a city we serve (Dallas-Oak Cliff, Mesquite, Balch Springs, Seagoville, Forney, Rockwall, Frisco)

-Dallas PD/Fire

-Mesquite PD/Fire

-Garland PD/Fire

-Frisco PD/Fire

-Seagoville PD/ Fire

-Balch Springs PD/Fire

-Sunnyvale PD/Fire

-Rockwall PD/Fire

-Mesquite Housing

-Care Team

-Domestic Violence Agency (MUST have documentation of services within last 30 days)

-Homeless Shelter (MUST have documentation of services within last 30 days)