



BRISTOL COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (BCCC)

Acronyms ■ Initials ■ Vocabulary

A-CRA	Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AHAR	Annual Housing Availability Report
AHVP	Alternative Housing Voucher Program
APR	Annual Performance Report (Annual Progress Report for homeless programs)
BCCC	Bristol County Continuum of Care <i>(Formally known through HUD as MA-505 CoC New Bedford/Taunton/Attleboro/Bristol County)</i>
BCHOC	Bristol County House of Correction
BHCP	Behavioral Health Community Partners
BSAS	Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
(The) CALL	Coordinated Access to Local Links The BCCC's Coordinated Entry System
CBHC	Community Behavioral Health Center
CCFR	Catholic Charities of the Fall River Diocese, Inc.
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant (a Federal HUD Program)
CE	Coordinated Entry <i>Also, CES = Coordinated Entry System and CET, Coordinated Entry Team</i>
CHAMP	Centralized Housing Application Management and Processing System
CHAT	Comprehensive Housing Assistance Tool https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/coordinated-housing-assessment-tool/
CHDO	Community and Housing Development Organization. <i>Non-profit housing provider receiving minimum of 15% of HOME Investment Partnership funds</i>

CoC	A Federal approach describing a regional organization that coordinates the planning and funding of housing/services for people experiencing homelessness, aiming to end homelessness by connecting them to appropriate resources and promoting self-sufficiency and long term stability.
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Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under the Community Development Block Grant and other CPD programs; ConPlans are undertaken by entitlement communities under HUD.
CORI	Criminal Offender Record Information
CPD	Community Planning and Development (Division of HUD working with CDBG, ESG, CoC programs, etc.)
CSP	Community Support Program (MassHealth)
CSP-HI	Community Support Program for Homeless Individuals
CSP-JI	Community Support Program for those who are Justice Involved
CSP-TPP	Community Support Program Tenancy Preservation Program
Data Warehouse	Information system storing HUD program and operational data
DCF	MA Department of Children and Families
DHCD	MA Department of Housing & Community Development
DMH	Department of Mental Health
DMR	Department of Mental Retardation
DOJ	Department of Justice
DPH	Department of Public Health
DTA	Department of Transitional Assistance
DX	Diagnosis
DYS	Department of Youth Services
EA	Emergency Assistance Program (MA)

EAEDC	Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children
EC	Enterprise Communities
EIP	Early Intervention Program (for children ages 0-3)
EOEA	Executive Office of Elder Affairs (MA)
EOHHS	Executive Office of Health & Human Services (MA)
EOHLC	Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities (MA)
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grants <i>(CPD program; formerly known as Emergency Shelter Grants)</i>
ETS	Employment Training Specialist
FAIHR	Focused Achievements in Housing and Recovery
Fair Housing Act	1968 act (amended in 1974 and 1988) providing HUD Secretary with fair housing enforcement and investigation responsibilities
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Administration
FHA	Federal Housing Administration (HUD Office of Housing)
FHAP	Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHEO program). Program assisting State/local govt with process fair housing complaints.
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act. Requires Federal Agencies to establish performance standards and report on results.
HCVP	Housing Choice Voucher Program <i>(See also Section 8)</i>
HEARTH Act	Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act
HIPPA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HOMEBASE	HomeBASE program in MA
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program)

HRSN	Health Related Social Needs
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
LIHTC	Low Income Housing Tax Credit
MassHealth	MA Office of Medicaid
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRVP	Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program
NBHA	New Bedford Housing Authority
NOFA	(HUD) Notice of Funding Availability
NOFO	(HUD) Notice of Funding Opportunity (for the CoC Competitive Funding program, NOFOs replaced the NOFA).
PAACA	Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction, Inc.
PACE	People Acting in Community Endeavors (Community Action Agency)
PATH	Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
PCA	Personal Care Attendant
PJ	Participating Jurisdiction. In the context of the HUD HOME Program, it is a state or unit of general local government that has been approved by HUD to receive and administer HOME funds to implement a local housing strategy. PJs are responsible for developing a multi-year Consolidated Plan, matching federal HOME funds with their own resources and carrying out eligible activities like housing rehabilitation, new construction and tenant based rental assistance while adhering to HUD's regulations/agreements.
PH	Permanent Housing (can include PSH and RRH projects under HUD)
POC	Plan of Care
PS	Protective Service
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
RAFT	Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (MA)
RFP	Request for Proposals. Used to solicit proposals for contracts under the negotiated procurement method.
RFQ	Request for Quotations. Used to solicit specific price proposals.

RRH	Rapid ReHousing project under either ESG or CoC programs. Rapid ReHousing is a primary solution for ending homelessness and has been demonstrated to be effective in getting people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing and keeping them there.
Section 8	Refers to the Housing Choice Voucher Program—a federally funded initiative that provides rent subsidies to low-income families, the elderly and people with disabilities to rent private market housing. (Established through the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974)
Section 202	HUD program for Supportive Housing for the Elderly to expand the supply of affordable housing with supportive services for the elderly. Targets very low income seniors age 62+.
Section 202/811	Programs for housing assistance to the elderly <i>and</i> people with disabilities. Now two distinct programs but previously bundled together for development of housing (ex. <i>Melville Towers in New Bedford MA</i>).
Section 811	HUD Program established by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 serves very low income persons with disabilities.
SFS	Southeast Family Services, Inc
SOAP	Structured Outpatient Addiction Program
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy. Under Section 221(d) program mortgage insurance is available for single room projects.
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Supplemental Security Disability Income
SSP	Self Sufficient Program (MA)
START	Stimulant Treatment and Recovery Team
Super NOFA	HUD's consolidated approach to issuance of Notices of Funding Availability.
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.
TAFDC	Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children is a state and federally funded program offering economic assistance (cash benefit) that helps pregnant individuals, families and caregivers explore opportunities, improve their finances and reach their goals.
TAO	Transitional Assistance Office (<i>for families</i>)
TPP	Tenancy Preservation Program
TX	Treatment

TYP	Transitional Youth Program (MA)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VTH	Veteran's Transition House of Southeaster MA, Inc
WIC	MA Woman, Infants & Children's Supplemental Nutrition Program

Additional abbreviations associated with HUD programs is available [here](#)

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