DEFINITIONS OF HOMELESSSNESS

Outside (tent, park bench, etc.)

Structure not designated for habitation

Vehicle/camper (not intended as permanent housing)

Emergency shelter or Transitional housing unit

Fleeing/Attempting to flee Domestic violence victim who lacks safe housing or the means to obtain it

Hotel/motel paid by Charitable/gov program

if yes to any one or more of these criteria, or
exiting an institution where they lived for 90 days or less and were literally homeless before entering, then
Literally Homeless

if false, then

If true, then

Hotel/motel **NOT** paid by Charitable/gov program

With Family or friends (Couchsurfing)

Place you rent/own

If yes to any one or more of these criteria, and
housing loss expected withing 14 days, and No subsequent residence has been identified, and
The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing, then
Imminent Risk of Homelessness

You have experienced at least 12 consecutive months of continuous literal homelessness.

In the past 3 years, you have been literally homeless for 12+ months in 4+ occurrences.

if literally homeless, and yes to any one or more of these criteria, and
Have a disability that prevents sustainable houing (physical, intellectual, serous mental illness, substance use disorder), then
Chronically Homeless

If false, then

if not literally homeless nor at imminent risk of homelessness, then
Not Homeless

For more information, see

Homeless Eligibility Overview

https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/coc-and-esg-homeless-eligibility-overview/

Category 1: Literally Homeless

https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-1/

Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homelessness

https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-2/