



# welcome home

The Welcome Home Initiative (WHI) is a housing initiative dedicated to providing support and accommodation to individuals who meet the HUD homeless definition. Here's what you need to know about our program:

## **Program Commencement**

The program commenced in March 2022, with the first move-in occurring in October 2022.

## **HUD Approved Set-Aside**

WHI allocates 6.5% of units in selected communities for eligible applicants.

## **Internal Program**

This program is internal, meaning applicants must be referred by our agency partner to be considered eligible.

## **Geographical Presence**

WHI currently operates in California and Pennsylvania, with plans for expansion into other regions.

## **Referral and Case Management Partners**

Some of our referral and case management partners include SCAN, Bay Area Community Services (BACS), City of Redlands, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), Delaware County Office of Human Services, Office of Supportive Housing, and Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency.

## **Referral Process**

Applicants are referred to WHI by our referral partners associated with the community where vacancies exist. Once referred, if they meet the standard guidelines for eligibility, they can bypass the waitlist and move into the community.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must meet the HUD homeless definition and fulfill all other standard requirements for becoming a resident in a Welcome Home (WH) community.

## **Household Item Support**

Upon moving into the community, each WH resident is entitled to select up to \$200 worth of household items from the Welcome Home Wishlist.

## **Team Member Training**

WHI offers a comprehensive training program designed to enhance the understanding and support for the homeless population among all AH team members. These trainings are facilitated by Housing First University, a division of Pathways to Housing PA.

