

## Guidelines for the Housing Assistance Program

Colorado Valley Homeless Coalition

To apply to the **Homelessness Prevention** program, potential clients must:

Have a **written eviction notice** with a moveout date within 14 days, AND

Meet **income guidelines** for the program, AND

Live in **Bastrop, Fayette, Lee, Austin or Colorado counties**. (*Clients who live in Travis County will be referred to Travis County Housing Services located at various TC community centers*)

**IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE**, clients who are **doubled up with another family, couch surfing or living in a motel** must ALSO provide the following:

A **referral from an outside agency** such as a school district liaison, showing that the family *qualifies as homeless under other federal standards* (such as the McKinney-Vento Act). This referral must state that the client will lose their housing within 21 days. This information is used to verify the client's at-risk status. **Being doubled up or living in a motel DOES NOT otherwise qualify as homeless!**

**Assistance for clients accepted into the Homeless Prevention Program is subject to funding availability each month and is first-come, first-served.**

To apply to the **Rapid Rehousing** program, potential clients must:

Be **LITERALLY HOMELESS** – staying in an **unsheltered location** such as a car, a tent/park, or otherwise a place unfit for human habitation, **OR**

Be **actively fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence**. Client should be referred to our agency from a domestic violence assistance provider such as the Family Crisis Center, **AND**

Be located in **Bastrop, Fayette, Lee, Austin or Colorado** counties. *Clients from Travis County will be referred to an ECHO walk-in center or the online link to request assistance.*

### ARE YOU LOCATED IN TRAVIS COUNTY?

If you are **facing eviction**, call or go to one of the Travis County Community Centers to see if you are eligible for assistance. Click here for a list of community centers-  
<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/community-centers>

If you are **literally homeless and staying in an unsheltered location**, please contact ECHO for assistance in their Coordinated Access program. You can click here to locate their walk-in assessment centers OR submit a direct request:  
<http://www.austinecho.org/ca/>