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| **Acronym** | **Definition** |
| AHAR | Annual Homeless Assessment Report |
| APR | Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs) |
| Cal Fresh | Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps) |
| CDBG | Community Development Block Grant (CDP program- Federal) |
| CESH | California Emergency Solutions & Housing Program |
| CHROME | County Homeless Roadmap on Maximizing Efficiencies |
| CoC | Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless |
| CoC Program | Federal grant program stressing permanent solutions to homelessness |
| Con Plan | Consolidate Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG and other CDP programs |
| CPD | Community Planning and Development (HUD Office) |
| CTD | Connecting the Dots (local 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness) |
| EDO | Every Door Open: A Coordinated Intake & Assessment Strategy (local coordinated intake system) |
| ES | Emergency Shelter |
| ESG | Emergency Solutions Grant (CPD- Federal Program) |
| FMR | Fair Market Rent (Maximum for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants) |
| FTE | Full-time equivalent (employee) (2080 hours of paid employment) |
| GA | General Assistance |
| HA | Housing Authority |
| HCD | Housing and Community Development (State) |
| HDAP | Housing Disability & Advocacy Program |
| HEAP | Homeless Emergency Aid Program |
| HEARTH | Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009, S.896 |
| HMIOT | Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach & Treatment Program |
| HMIS | Homeless Management Information System |
| HOME | Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program) |
| HOPWA | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program) |
| HP | Homeless Prevention (rental assistance for up to 24 months for people at risk of losing housing) |
| HQS | Housing Quality Standards (required before move in for HUD programs) |
| HUD | U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (Federal) |
| LINC | Local Initiatives Navigation Center |
| MHSA | Mental Health Services Act |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MVP | Mainstream Voucher Program (HUD) |
| NOFA | Notice of Funding Availability |
| PATH | [Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)](http://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources/grant-programs-services/path) |
| PHA | Public Housing Authority |
| PHC | Project Homeless Connect |
| PHIL | Integrated Pool for Homeless Initiatives Locally |
| PIT | Point In Time Homeless Census Count |
| PSH | Permanent Supportive Housing (HUD CoC Program, no time limit on length of stay) |
| RFA | Request for Applications |
| RFP | Request for Proposals |
| RFQ | Request for Qualifications |
| RRH | Rapid Re-Housing (rental assistance of up to 24 months for people who are literally homeless) |
| SAMHSA | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration |
| S + C | Shelter plus Care (HUD CoC Program- Permanent housing/ rental assistance) |
| SHP | Supportive Housing Program (HUD CoC Program- housing/services) |
| SO | Street Outreach |
| SOAR | SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery |
| SNAPS | Office of Special Needs Assistance Program (HUD office overseeing CoC) |
| SRO | Single Room Occupancy housing units |
| SSA | Social Security Administration |
| SSDI | Social Security Disability Income |
| SSI | Supplemental Security Income |
| SSO | Supportive Services Only (Type of CoC grant providing services only) |
| TA | Technical Assistance |
| TANF | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families |
| TAY | Transition Age Youth |
| TH | Transitional Housing (temporary housing for up to 24 months, depending on program) |
| VA | Veterans Affairs |
| VISPDAT | Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool |