

## **Summary of Eligible Individuals**

### **Eligible Persons**

Basically, a homeless person is someone who is living on the street or in an emergency shelter, or who would be living on the street or in an emergency shelter without the SHP assistance. A person is considered homeless only when he/she resides in one of the places described below:

- In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings (on the street).
- In an emergency shelter.
- In transitional or supportive housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters.
- In any of the above places but is spending a short time (up to 30 consecutive days) in a hospital or other institution.
- Is being evicted within a week from a private dwelling unit and no subsequent residence has been identified and the person lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.
- Is being discharged within a week from an institution, such as a mental health or substance abuse treatment facility or a jail/prison, in which the person has been a resident for more than 30 consecutive days and no subsequent residence has been identified and the person lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.
- Is fleeing a domestic violence housing situation and no subsequent residence has been identified and the person lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.

### **Ineligible persons**

Persons who are not homeless may not receive assistance under SHP. Examples of people who are not homeless are those who are:

- In housing, even though they are paying an excessive amount for their housing, the housing is substandard and in need of repair, or the housing is crowded.
- Incarcerated, but upon discharge the person is eligible if no subsequent residence has been identified and the person lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.
- Living with relatives or friends.
- Living in a Board and Care, Adult Congregate Living Facility, or similar place.
- Being discharged from an institution which is required to provide or arrange housing upon release.
- Wards of the State, although youth in foster care may receive needed supportive services which supplements, but does not substitute for, the state's assistance.