

Households with Special Needs

When considering whether a project serves “Households with Special Needs” the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund (HTF) generally follows the definition for "Special Needs Populations" adopted as Section 7300.1(r) of the California Code of Regulations. This definition, plus the referenced definition of "Disabled Household" are provided below.

"Special Needs Populations" means Disabled Households, agricultural workers, single-parent households, survivors of physical abuse, homeless persons or persons at risk of becoming homeless, chronically ill persons including those with HIV and mental illness, displaced teenage parents (or expectant teenage parents), homeless youth as defined in Government Code section 11139.5, individuals exiting from institutional settings, chronic substance abusers, or other specific groups with unique housing needs as determined by the Department. “Special Needs Populations” do not include seniors or the frail elderly unless they otherwise qualify as a Special Needs Population.

"Disabled Household" means a household in which a member has an orthopedic disability impairing personal mobility or a physical disability affecting his or her ability to obtain employment, or in which a person requires special care or facilities in the home. "Disabled Household" also includes a household in which a member has a developmental disability specified in subdivision 4512(a) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or a mental disorder, which would render him or her eligible to participate in programs of rehabilitation or social services conducted by or on behalf of a public agency, or a single person with such a developmental disability or mental disorder.

There are two areas in which the HTF is more restrictive than the state definition of special needs populations. We do not consider agricultural workers or single-parent households as households with special needs unless they meet an additional criteria for being a household with special needs.