

**Provide a description of each voucher type under RAP.**

- **Family Unification Program (FUP)**

The Family Reunification Program (FUP) is a partnership between the Department of Housing (DOH) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) aimed at reducing foster care placements by addressing housing instability. The program provides rental subsidies through RAP and support services such as intensive case management and behavioral health care to families facing challenges like mental health issues, substance abuse, and domestic violence.

- **Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative (PSHI)**

The PSHI is a partnership between the Department of Housing (DOH) and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to provide long-term housing solutions for individuals and families facing homelessness due to psychiatric disabilities or chemical dependency. The initiative uses RAP certificates to subsidize both scattered-site rentals and newly developed housing units.

Its goal is to create affordable housing in Connecticut that integrates case management, employment support, and other services to help maintain housing stability. DMHAS funds community providers to assist eligible individuals

- **Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service Rental Assistance Program (DRAP)**

- In 2011, DMHAS established its own rental assistance program using state funds to support clients in obtaining supportive housing. These can be classified in two categories, the forensic unit and the Enhancing Housing Opportunity. The DMHAS forensics unit, helping individuals in the criminal justice system with mental health diagnoses transition to independent living upon release while the Enhancing Housing Opportunities Program, enabling stable tenants in supportive housing to move to less service-intensive housing, freeing units for new homeless individuals.

- **Connecticut Collaborative on Re-entry (formerly FUSE)**

The CCR Program is a permanent supportive housing initiative targeting individuals who cycle through homelessness and the corrections system in major urban centers (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, New London/Norwich, and Waterbury). It is a partnership among DOC, CSSD, DMHAS, DOH, CSH, and CCEH, providing technical assistance, staffing, and financial support.

Key components include:

Housing support through RAP certificates from DOH.

Case management and outreach funded by DMHAS to help tenants stabilize and connect to treatment and community resources.

Focus on employment and income outcomes to support recovery and quality of life.

The program facilitates successful transitions from shelters or incarceration to stable community living.

- **Money Follows the Person (MFP)**

MFP is a federal demonstration program funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to help states transition individuals from institutional care to community living. It serves elderly and disabled individuals, including those with mental health or developmental disabilities, who:

- 1) Have lived in an institution for at least six months, and
- 2) Meet Medicaid eligibility criteria, with community care costs not exceeding institutional care.

State agencies assess needs, create care plans, and assist with housing and services. The Department of Housing (DOH) provides RAP certificates to ensure safe, affordable housing.

- **Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services Initiative (CHESS)**

The CHESS initiative integrates Medicaid health coverage with housing services to support state residents experiencing homelessness and chronic health issues. It brings together state agencies and nonprofit partners to deliver coordinated healthcare and housing assistance for individuals with mental health, substance use disorders, and other serious health conditions.

- **Social Innovation Fund**

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF), a program of CNCS, leverages public and private resources to expand proven community solutions in economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development. AIDS CT (ACT), in partnership with the Partnership for Strong Communities, received a SIF grant for the Connecticut Integrated Healthcare & Housing Neighborhoods project—one of four national pilots demonstrating that integrating housing, care management, and health services improves outcomes for vulnerable individuals frequently using crisis health services.

This multi-year pilot will:

Provide housing (supported by DOH RAP certificates) and patient-centered healthcare to individuals in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, and New London.

Target Medicaid-enrolled, high-cost, high-need clients who are homeless or at risk, with chronic medical conditions, serious mental illness, or substance use disorders.

Use assertive outreach and care coordination to link clients to primary care, behavioral health, and supportive housing, aiming to improve health while reducing public costs.

- **RAP VASH Program**

The Department of Housing (DOH) expanded the federal VASH program by administering RAP VASH vouchers in fiscal year 2016. Combined with federal VASH and other supportive housing resources, this effort enabled Connecticut to become:

- 1) The first state to end chronic veteran homelessness, and
- 2) The second state to end all veteran homelessness during FY16.

- **State Sponsored Housing Portfolio RAP (SRAP)**

Through the SSHP, the Department of Housing (DOH) allocates project-based RAP resources to maintain affordable housing for Connecticut households. The SRAP certificate ensures affordability for residents while providing properties with sufficient income to uphold quality standards.

- **Housing Empowering Recovery from Opioids (HERO)**

The Housing Empowering Recovery from Opioids (HERO) program, part of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee, offers housing support for individuals recovering from substance use disorders. The Department of Housing (DOH) will administer the subsidy portion as a separately funded subset of the Rental Assistance Payments (RAP) program. HERO provides portable rental assistance subsidies, allowing tenants to move between units if both meet program requirements. DOH will use transferred funds to provide subsidies for DMHAS-approved clients transitioning from treatment, recovery housing, or homelessness. Importantly, DOH will not deny applicants based on criminal history, drug activity, undocumented status, or lack of income without consulting DMHAS and providing written notice.

- **Department of Housing and Department of Developmental Disabilities Housing Collaborative- IDASH**

DDS uses rental assistance to help individuals move from group homes into community-based apartments. The agency is committed to supporting people in the most inclusive settings and provides a range of services to help them live independently, such as home supports, health coordination, and behavioral services. These supports help individuals achieve goals outlined in their personal plans. DDS also obtained a Medicaid waiver to receive reimbursement for the services it provides in these community settings.

**Include the waiting list for each type (if applicable; if not please describe how households receive this type)**

As of February 23rd 2026									
HERO	CHESS	ECHO	MFP	SRAP	SIF	CCR	DRAP	RAP	Total
79	1	1	198	21	3	2	2	2571	2878

For the RAP column here, the waitlist comes from an open publication and selection through a lottery process.

For HERO, referrals for RAP come from DMHAS. The funding for HERO comes from the Opioid Settlement funds and DMHAS provided funding directly to DOH for the rental subsidy.

For Money Follows the Person (MFP) referrals come directly from DSS for individuals who are currently in nursing homes but are able to live independently in the community but need rental assistance to make the transition.

**ECHO** is the Head Start on Housing Program and referrals for this program come from the participating Head Start programs. The Connecticut [Head Start on Housing program](#) (HSOH) is a pilot program connecting families with children in Head Start/Early Head Start to stable, permanent housing through rental vouchers. Launched in 2022 by the Department of Housing (DOH) and the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), it aims to end homelessness for families with young children

For CHESS, SIF, CCR, DRAP and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSHI) referrals come directly from the Coordinated Entry System as these vouchers are all dedicated to the homeless population.

For Family Reunification (FUP) referrals come directly from DCF who tries to reunify households under its care that face housing instability.

For SRAP the referrals come from the Housing Authority in the State Sponsored Housing Portfolio. These RAPs were designated to improve the financial standing of some properties in the portfolio and went to tenants in those programs and are filled upon vacancy with individuals on the Housing Authority’s waiting list.

**Include the number of households served by each type**

As of February 23rd 2026											
PSHI	FUP	SIF/ACT	DRAP	RAP VASH	MFP	CCR/PSH	DDS/IDAS	RAP	SRAP	CHESS	HERO
758	746	93	104	33	1389	514	107	1614	830	166	0

- **Provide eligibility requirements for RAP vouchers and section 8 (federal) vouchers.**

**RAP Eligibility Requirements:**

- Total household gross annual income must generally be at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for the county or metropolitan area where you plan to live. These AMI limits are established by HUD and vary by location and household size.
- Participants pay 40% of their adjusted gross income (or 30% of adjusted gross income if the participant is elderly or disabled) toward the rent and the DOH rental subsidy (RAP) pays the remainder of the contract rent directly to the landlord.

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or certain eligible non-citizens with qualifying immigration status.

**Section 8 Eligibility Requirements:**

- Total annual gross household income must fall at or below 50 % of the Area Median Income (AMI) for the county or metro area where you plan to live. By law, 75 % of vouchers must go to families earning 30 % of AMI or less (extremely low income).
- Rental units must meet minimum standards of quality and safety as established by HUD. Participants pay 30% of their adjusted gross income toward the rent and the DOH Housing Choice Voucher rental subsidy pays the remainder of the contract rent directly to the landlord.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or certain eligible non-citizens with qualifying immigration status