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| **Acronym** | **Definition** |
| AAQ | HUD’s Ask-A-Question desk online, for technical or program questions |
| ACA | Annual Community Assessment |
| ACOP | Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy |
| ACRS | Administration’s system for tracking requests for administrative services |
| ACS | American Community Survey |
| ADA | Americans With Disabilities Act |
| AFFH | Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing |
| AFR | Applicable Federal Rate |
| AHAR | Annual Homeless Assessment Report |
| AHS | American Housing Survey |
| Allocation | Budget Authority transferred from one agency |
| AMI | Area Median Income |
| APP | Annual Performance Plan |
| APR | Annual Performance Report (Annual Progress Report for homeless programs) |
| ARRA | American Recovery and Reinvestment Act |
| BLS | Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor |
| BOS | Balance of State. One of the four CoCs that covers 96 of Iowa’s counties |
| BOSS | Budget Outlay Support System |
| CAPER | Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report; report to HUD on ESG, HOPWA, HOME, NHTF, & CDBG |
| CDBG | Community Development Block Grant (CPD program) |
| CE | Coordinated Entry, homeless household assessment and placement system |
| CEF | Community Empowerment Fund; administered by CPD |
| CFO | Chief Financial Officer (HUD Office of) |
| CFP | Capital Fund Program |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CHAS | Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy |
| CHDO | Community Housing Development Organization. Nonprofit housing provider receiving minimum of 15% of HOME Investment Partnership funds |
| CHRB | Community Housing Resource Board. Organization assisting with voluntary compliance with fair housing laws. |
| CIR | Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations (HUD Office of) |
| CISS | Central Iowa Shelter & Services in Des Moines |
| CoC | Continuum of Care region |
| Continuum of Care | Federal program stressing permanent solutions to homelessness |
| Con Plan | Consolidated Plan; a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under the Community Development Block Grant and other CPD programs |
| CPD | Community Planning and Development (HUD Office of) |
| CPO | Chief Procurement Officer (HUD Office of) |
| CPU | Cost Per Unit  (Total Cost/Numer of Units) |
| CSR | Coordinated Services Region |
| DCR | Debt Coverage Ratio (NOI/Hard Debt) |
| DHAP | Disaster Housing Assistance Program (HCV Program) |
| DUNS | Dun and Bradstreet Numbering System |
| DVIMS | Domestic Violence Information Management System |
| EA | Environmental Assessment. Analysis to determine effect of a project on the environment. May lead to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). |
| EC | Enterprise Community |
| ED | Executive Director |
| EDA | Economic Development Administration (part of Dept. of Commerce) |
| EDI | Economic Development Initiative (CPD program) |
| EEO | Equal Employment Opportunity |
| EGI | Effective Gross Income  (GPR - Vacancy Loss + Other Income = EGI) |
| EHOP | Equal Housing Opportunity Plan. Developed by Public Housing Agencies for use in Sec. 8 and Moderate Rehabilitation programs. |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Statement. Analysis of environmental impacts of a proposed project. |
| E-LOCCS | Electronic Line of Credit Control System; HUD’s online draw-down system for CoC grants |
| EPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| ES | Emergency Shelter |
| ESG | Emergency Solutions Grants |
| E-SNAPS | Electronic Special Needs Assistance Programs System; online application system for CoC grants |
| EZ | Empowerment Zone |
| FHA | Fair Housing Act of 1968 act (amended in 1974 and 1988) providing HUD Secretary with fair housing enforcement and investigation responsibilities |
| FAVA | Family Alliance for Veterans of America |
| FBCO | Faith-Based and Community Organizations |
| FEMA | Federal Emergency Management Administration |
| FFY | Federal Fiscal Year |
| FHA | Federal Housing Administration (HUD Office of Housing) |
| FHAP | Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHEO program). Program assisting state/local government with processing fair housing complaints. |
| FHIP | Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHEO program). Program to assist state/local government, community groups and housing resource boards to combat housing discrimination. |
| FHLB | Federal Home Loan Bank |
| FHLMC | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Federally chartered stockholder owned corporation supporting secondary market for conventional mortgages. |
| FLRA | Federal Labor Relations Authority |
| FMR | Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance) |
| FNMA | Federal National Mortgage Association. Federally chartered, stockholder owned corporation supporting secondary market for FHA, VA and conventional mortgages. |
| FoF | Friends of the Family, a domestic violence and homeless service provider based in Waverly. |
| FOIA | Freedom of Information Act |
| FONSI | Finding of No Significant Impact. Environmental Assessment finding that a project will not significantly affect the quality of human life. |
| FY | Fiscal year |
| GPR | Gross Potential Rent (Number of Units x Monthly Rent x 12 (months/annual) = GPR) |
| GPRA | Government Performance and Results Act. Requires Federal Agencies to establish performance standards and report on results. |
| GSA | General Services Administration |
| GSE | Government Sponsored Enterprises (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) |
| HACAP | Hawkeye Area Community Action Programs |
| HAP | Housing Assistance Plan. Housing plans required by CDBG program. |
| HCV | Housing Choice Voucher |
| HEARTH | 2009 Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act |
| HERA | Housing and Economic Recovery Act |
| HFA | Housing Finance Agency. State or local agencies responsible for financing and preserving low/mod housing within a state. |
| HFI | Home Forward Iowa |
| HHS | Health and Human Services (U.S. Department of) |
| HIC | Housing Inventory Count (count of available beds in different programs: ES, TH, RRH, PSH) |
| HIPAA | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 |
| HIPRS | HUD Integrated Performance Reporting System (HIPRS) application tracks and reports accomplishments on the national Management Plan goals in Headquarters and the local goals in the Field offices. |
| HMIS | Homeless Management Information System |
| HOME | Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program) |
| HOPWA | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program) |
| HQS | Housing Quality Standards |
| HUD | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development |
| HUD-VASH | HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program |
| ICA | Institute for Community Alliances |
| ICDBG | Indian Community Development Block Grant program |
| ICH | Iowa Council on Homelessness |
| IDA | Individual Development Account |
| IDIS | Integrated Disbursement and Information System (CPD system) |
| IFA | Iowa Finance Authority |
| IG | Inspector General (HUD Office of) |
| IHA | Indian Housing Authorities |
| IHBG | Indian Housing Block Grants program |
| IT | Information Technology |
| LGBTQI | Collectively refers to the lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender questioning/ queer and intersex communities |
| LHTF | Local Housing Trust Fund |
| LIHTC | Low Income Housing Tax Credit |
| LM | Loan Management |
| LMR | Labor Management Relations |
| LSA | Longitudinal System Analysis |
| MACCH | Metro Area CoC serving Pottawattamie and two Nebraska counties |
| MAHRA | Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 |
| MAP | Multifamily Accelerated Processing (FHA-Multifamily Housing process) |
| MAPS | Monitoring and Planning System |
| MIS | Management Information System |
| MLIS | Mortgage Lending Information System |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| NHTF | National Housing Trust Fund |
| NOFA | (HUD) Notice of Funding Availability |
| NOI | Net Operating Income  (EGI - Operating Expenses = NOI) |
| NSP | Neighborhood Stabilization Program |
| OMB | U.S. Office of Management and Budget |
| ONAP | Office of Native American Programs |
| PATH | Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing (Homeless program ) |
| PHA | Public Housing Authority |
| PHARS | Public Housing Authority Recovery and Sustainability Initiative |
| PHAS | Public Housing Assessment System (under REAC) |
| PIT | Annual HUD Point in Time Count of homeless |
| PMS | Property Management System (Multifamily) |
| PSH | Permanent Supportive Housing |
| REAC | (HUD) Real Estate Assessment Center |
| RHF | Replacement Housing Factor |
| RHY | Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs |
| RFP | Request for Proposals. Used to solicit proposals for contracts under the negotiated procurement method. |
| ROI | Release of Information |
| ROI | Rate on Investment (Cash Flow/Initial Investment) |
| ROSS | Resident Opportunity and Supportive Services |
| RRH | Rapid Re-housing |
| S+C | Shelter Plus Care |
| S&E | salaries and expenses appropriation |
| SAF | Shelter Assistance Fund |
| SAGE | HUD’s online reporting system for CoC & ESG |
| Section 3 | Obligates PHAs to afford resident access to jobs and contracting opportunities created by federal funding |
| Section 5(h) | Permits PHAs to sell all or part of a public housing development to eligible residents |
| Section 8 | Housing Assistance Payment Program (Housing and Community Development Act of 1974) |
| Section 8(a) | Small Business Act authorizing SBA to enter into contracts with other federal agencies for goods and services. SBA then subcontracts work with eligible small firms. |
| Section 8 FMC | Section 8 Financial Management Center (under PIH) |
| Section 184 | Loan Guarantee Program |
| Section 202 | Loans for construction/rehab of housing for the elderly or handicapped |
| Section 203 | Basic FHA Single Family mortgage insurance program. |
| Section 108 | Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program (under CPD) |
| Section 202/811 | Programs for housing assistance to the elderly and people with disabilities |
| Section 207 | Basic FHA multifamily insurance program |
| Section 221(d)(2) | FHA Single Family Mortgage insurance for low/moderate income families |
| Section 221(d)(3) | FHA mortgage insurance for Multifamily housing for low/moderate income families. |
| Section 223(e) | FHA mortgage insurance with housing in older declining neighborhoods |
| Section 223(f) | FHA mortgage insurance to refinance existing multifamily housing |
| Section 235 | FHA single family mortgage insurance with subsidies on interest for low/moderate income families |
| Section 236 | FHA multifamily mortgage insurance with subsidies on interest for low/moderate income projects |
| SH | Safe Haven |
| SHP | Supportive Housing Program |
| SHTF | State Housing Trust Fund |
| SOAR | SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery |
| SPDAT | Service Prioritization Decision Assessment tool. Survey administered to adults and families to determine risk and prioritization for homeless services |
| SPM | System Performance Measures |
| SRO | Single-Room Occupancy. Mortgage insurance under Section 221(d) for single room apartments. |
| SSI/SSDI | Supplementary Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance |
| SSO | Supportive Services Only |
| TANF | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families |
| TH | Transitional Housing |
| Title I (HCD 1974) | Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (CDBG) authorized CDBG |
| USDA | U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| USICH | U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness |
| VA | Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of) |
| VASH | See HUD-VASH |
| VAWA | Violence Against Women Act and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 |
| VI-SPDAT | Assessment tool used for determining homeless household program placement (see SPDAT). Includes tools for families (F-VI-SPDAT), youth (TAY-VI-SPDAT), and prevention/re-housing (PR-VI-SPDAT) |
| WIC | Women, Infants and Children. A special supplemental food and nutrition program for women, infants and children under age 5. |
| YESS | Youth Emergency Shelter & Services based in Central Iowa |