Affiliated Service Provider	Any Agency having an agreement to access HMIS.
Agency	Any organization providing services to eligible homeless or near homeless persons, also know as Covered Homeless Organization (CHO).
AHAR	Annual Homeless Assessment Report. HUD's annual report to Congress on the nature and extent of homelessness nationwide.
APR	Annual Performance Report. A reporting tool that HUD uses to track program progress and accomplishments of HUD homeless assistance programs.
Case Management	Services or activities for the arrangement, coordination, monitoring, and delivery of services to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families.
Chronically Homeless	An unaccompanied homeless individual, 18 or older, with a disabling condition, or a family with at least one adult member (18 or older) who has a disabling condition, who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be defined as chronically homeless, a person must be sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g. living on the streets) or in emergency shelter at the time of the count or eligibility determination.
Client	A individual about whom a CHO collects or maintains protected personal information: (1) because the individual is receiving, has received, may receive, or has inquired about assistance from a CHO; or (2) in order to identify needs, or to plan or develop appropriate assistance within the CoC.
Client Consent	Acknowledgment by Client, that information is being collected, stored, and aggregated for reporting purposes within the HMIS. Allows for written permission to share information that is stored in the HMIS with another Affiliated Service Provider.
Comparable Database	A database that is an alternative system to the official HMIS used by victim service providers or legal service providers that collects client-level data over time and generates unduplicated aggregate reports based on the data in accordance with the requirements of the HMIS data standards. The database must meet the standards and comply with all HMIS data information, security, processing, data quality, and privacy of the HMIS within the CoC. The comparable database may use more stringent standards than HMIS.

Continuum of Care (CoC)	The primary decision making entity defined in the funding application to HUS as the official body representing a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency.
CHO	Covered Homeless Organization or Contributory HMIS Organization. Any organization, including its employees, volunteers, affiliates, contractors, and associates that records, uses or processes PPI on homeless clients for an HMIS.
Disabling Condition	A diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions. A disabling condition limits the individual's ability to work or perform one or more activities of daily living.
Documentation of Homelessness	SHP and ESG grant recipients are required to maintain adequate documentation of homelessness status to determine the eligibility of persons served by HUD's homeless assistance programs. The documentation is typically obtained from the participant or a third party at the time of referral, entry, intake or orientation to the SHP or ESG-funded project. A copy of the documentation should be maintained in the Client file. Refer to SHP Policies and Procedures or ESG Policy and Procedures for more information.
Emergency Shelter:	Any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary or short-term transitional shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless.
End User (User)	An employee, volunteer, affiliate, associate and any other individual uses or enters data in the HMIS or another administrative database from which data are periodically uploaded to the HMIS.
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grant
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System. Information system used to record, analyze, and transmit client and activity data in regard to the provision of shelter, housing and services to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in a Continuum of Care (CoC).
HMIS Data Standards	Standards that establish uniform definitions for the types of information to be collected and the protocols for when

HMIS Data Standards (cond)	data are collected and from whom. See the HMIS Data Standards section in the User Guide for additional information on each data element.
HMIS Lead Agency	An organization designated by a CoC to operate the CoC's HMIS on its behalf.
Homeless	As the term is defined in 42 U.S.C. 11302, hereby included by reference. In general, the term "homeless" or "homeless individual or homeless person" includes an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations, or a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings and whom do not have the resources or support needed to obtain housing. Criteria are discussed further under Client Eligibility, in the ESG Policy & Procedures and/or the SHP Policy & Procedures. Exclusion, the term ``homeless" or ``homeless individual" does not include any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained pursuant to an Act of the Congress or a State law.
Homeless Assistance Program	A program whose primary purpose is to meet the specific needs of people who are literally homeless (as defined by the Housing Status data element. See the HMIS Data Standards section in the User Guide for additional information on this data element.). Homeless assistance programs include outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, permanent housing and permanent supportive housing.
Homeless Prevention Program	A program whose primary purpose is to meet the specific needs of people who are imminently losing their housing or at risk of losing their housing (as defined by the Housing Status data element. See the HMIS Data Standards section in the User Guide for additional information on this data element). Homelessness prevention programs includes those funded by all homelessness prevention programs identified by the CoC as part of its service system.
Housing Status	Identify persons who, at program entry and exit, are literally homeless, imminently losing their housing, unstably housed and at-risk of losing their housing, or stably housed. This allows programs to separate the homeless and the non-homeless populations for reporting purposes. See the HMIS Data Standards section in the User Guide for additional information on this data element.
HUD	US Department Housing and Urban Development.

IHFA	Idaho Housing and Finance Association. Designated HMIS Lead Agency and the owner and operator of the HMIS. Serves as the System Administrator and custodian of data in the HMIS.
Mainstream Resource	A term used to describe a variety of federal, state and county government assistance programs.
Non-Affiliated Third Party	Any entity or individual not having an agreement to access the ServicePoint system.
Outlier	Data representing less than 5% of any value.
Point-in-Time Count (PIT)	One night count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons and families conducted nationally during the last 7 days of January.
Protected Personal Information (PPI)	Any information that can be used to identify a particular individual. Protected Personal Information includes without limitation a Client's name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, and such personal identifying information that identifies directly, indirectly, by linking with other identifying information to identify a specific individual, or can be manipulated by a reasonably foreseeable method to identify an individual.
Quarterly Performance Report (QPR)	A reporting tool that HUD uses to track progress and accomplishments of HPRP funded programs on a quarterly basis.
Release of Information (ROI)	Form to notify the client that his information will be entered into the HMIS and to obtain his consent to share said information with other affiliated service providers.
Service Provider	Organization having an agreement to access HMIS and place data in the ServicePoint database as administered by IHFA.
SHP	Supportive Housing Program.
Supportive Services	Includes but not limited to services concerned with employment, health, drug abuse, and education and may include: Assistance in and referrals for obtaining permanent housing, Medical and psychological counseling and supervision, Employment counseling, Nutritional counseling, Substance abuse treatment and counseling, obtaining other Federal, State, and local assistance including mental health benefits; employment counseling; medical assistance; Veteran's benefits; and income support assistance such as Supplemental Security Income benefits, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, General Assistance, and Food Stamps; job placement or training.

Transitional Housing

One type of supportive housing used to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing, basically, it is housing in which homeless persons live for up to 24 months and receive supportive services that enable them to live more independently. The supportive services may be provided by the organization managing the housing or coordinated by them and provided by other public or private Agencies.

Victim Service Provider

A nonprofit or nongovernmental organization including rape crisis centers, battered person's shelters, domestic violence transitional housing programs, and other programs whose primary mission is to provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Victim service providers are prohibited from participating in HMIS as per the requirements of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA). Victim service providers who are funded by HUD are required to use a comparable database to meet the reporting requirements.