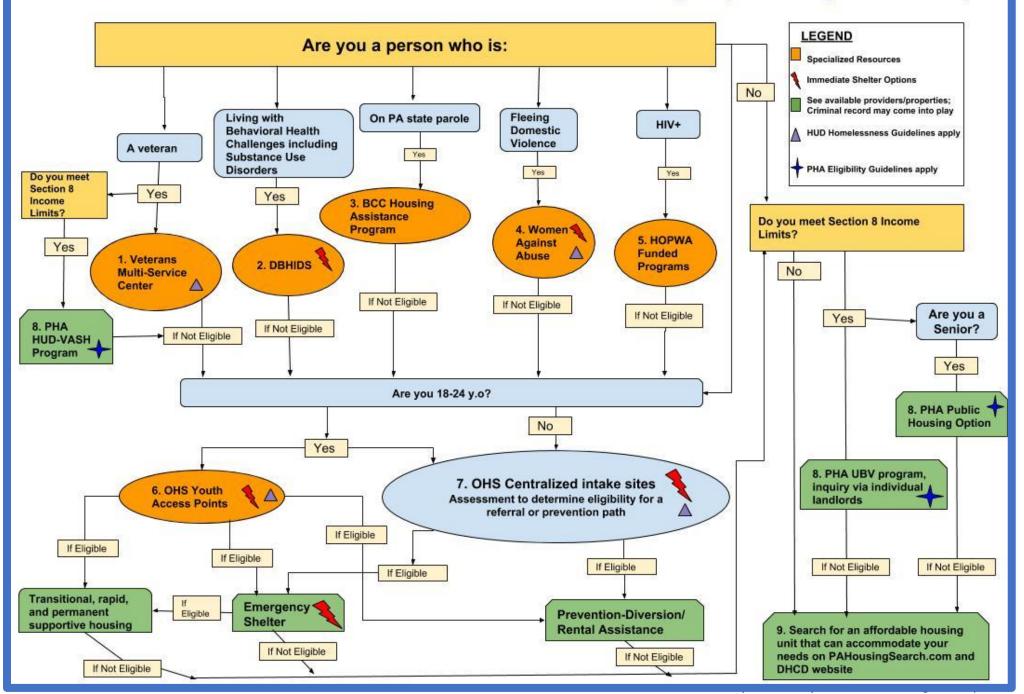


Navigating Existing Housing Resources in Philadelphia with a Criminal Record

Flowchart and Resource Guide

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HUD Definitions of Homelessness (Documentation Requirements are Italicized)

Category 1 – Literally Homeless

Household lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- a. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; OR
- b. Is living in a publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); OR
- c. Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less AND who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
- Written observation by the outreach worker; OR
- Written referral by another housing or service provider; OR
- Certification by the individual or head of household seeking assistance stating that (s)he was living on the streets or in shelter;
- For individuals exiting an institution one of the forms of evidence above AND:
 - o Discharge paperwork or written/oral referral, OR
 - o Written record of intake worker's due diligence to obtain above evidence and certification by individual that they exited institution

Category 2 – Imminent Risk of Homelessness

Household will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

- a. Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for assistance; AND
- b. No subsequent residence has been identified; AND
- c. Household lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
- A court order resulting from an eviction action notifying the household that they must leave; OR
- For households leaving a hotel or motel evidence that they lack the financial resources to stay; OR
- A documented and verified oral statement; AND
- Certification that no subsequent residence has been identified; AND
- Self-certification or other written documentation that the household lacks the financial resources and support necessary to obtain permanent housing

Category 3 – Homeless under other Federal Statutes

Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:

- a. Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes;
- b. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application;
- Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and
- d. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers
- Certification by the nonprofit or state or local government that the individual or head of household seeking assistance met the criterial of homelessness under another federal statute; AND
- Certification of no PH in last 60 days; AND
- Certification by the individual or head of household, and any available supporting documentation, that (s)he has moved two or more times in the past 60 days; AND
- Documentation of special needs OR 2 or more barriers

Category 4 – Fleeing/ attempting to flee domestic violence

Any household who:

- a. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;
- b. Has no other residence; AND
- c. Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing
- For victim service providers:

o an oral statement by the individual or head of household seeking assistance which states: they are fleeing; they have no subsequent residence; and they lack resources. Statement must be documented by a self-certification or a certification by the intake worker

- For non-victim service providers:
 - o Oral statement by the individual or head of household seeking assistance that they are fleeing. This statement is documented by a self-certification or by the caseworker. Where safety is not jeopardized, the oral statement must be verified; AND
 - o Certification by the individual or head of household that no subsequent residence has been identified; AND
 - o Self-certification, or other written documentation, that the household lacks the financial resources and support to obtain other permanent housing.



Philadelphia Reentry Coalition Housing Guide

(Revised February 2019)

Please note, this guide is meant to help simplify some of the information about existing housing resources that might be relevant to someone with a criminal record who is looking for housing, but it is by no means complete. This guide does not contain all resources that are available, the system(s) are frequently changing, and information here may not capture all of the complexities of how these resources are accessed. Use the information provided to obtain additional information.

I. Veteran's Multi-Service Center

Homeless Veteran Services

- VMC provides assistance to homeless Veterans and Veterans in danger of this life situation. Providing a full continuum of care for homeless Veterans they operate: a homeless day service center providing immediate needs, a male transitional housing residence, and a female transitional housing residence
- > Eligibility: veterans of the US military
- ➤ Intake: contact Herbert Fouch at 215-923-2600 ext.175; Herbert.fouch@VMCenter.org
- Additional Info: 213-217 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Service Center and Housing

- The Perimeter: Located at VMC headquarters in Philadelphia, the Perimeter offers daytime drop-in services for Veterans experiencing homelessness and Veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless. The Perimeter provides daily van transportation to and from designated locations including local shelters, the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center and Camden, New Jersey. Services include breakfast and lunch, showers, personal hygiene items, haircuts and laundry facilities. After immediate needs are addressed, an assessment is completed, and practical goals are set to stabilize housing.
- Philadelphia Alliance for Supportive Services to Veteran Families (PASSVF): provides comprehensive supportive services to low-income Veterans who are currently experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of losing their leased homes. We provide eligible Veteran households with outreach, assessment, case management, advocacy and assistance in obtaining VA and other benefits, which may include housing counseling, legal support, credit repair, financial planning services, and time-limited, temporary financial assistance.
- > Veterans Home Project: provides subsidized, supportive housing to 11 honorably discharged homeless Veterans with special needs.
- Freedom's Gate: Shelter Plus Care (SPC) program with scattered site units throughout Philadelphia County. Freedom's Gate provides Tenant Based Rental Assistance to 40 honorably discharged homeless Veterans with special needs.
- ➤ CoC Rapid Re-Housing Bridge: provides bridge housing to Veterans including move in cost, and supportive services, to all honorably discharged, disabled, chronically homeless veterans and at an income at or below 30% AMI while they are awaiting a PHA housing voucher.

- **Edison 64:** 66 Affordable Housing Units offering a preference to Veterans. Edison is comprised of 20 HUD VASH Vouchers (PHA and VA supportive service vouchers) and 14 Subsidized Supported housing units and 32 affordable units.
- > Eligibility: Veterans of the US military
- > Intake: contact 215-923-2600
- Additional Info: 213-217 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, Open Monday Friday 8 am 4:30 pm

2. DBHIDS Housing and Homeless Residential Services

Transitions, Integration and Partnerships (TIP)

The TIP Unit accomplishes its mission via centralized gatekeeping of admissions to and discharges from OMH-subsidized residences and a coordinated system to routinely review the status of clients residing at each site. The network of residential resources comprises approximately 1257 beds operated by 21 agencies at 121 sites.

TIP also works with the Clearinghouse at the Office of Homeless Services with short term and permanent housing subsidies that include Shallow Rent, Bridge/PHFA Housing and the 811 program. (Please note HUD definitions of homelessness are not necessarily applicable to all TIP programs)

Eligibility

- ➤ Meet state Adult Priority Group criteria for Serious Mental Illness
- > Philadelphia County resident for at least 6 months (exclusive of any institutional placement)
- > At least 18 years old
- Income below \$1,000 per month unless documented extraordinary clinical or financial need.
- > AND one of the following:
 - Current Treatment History: On Extended Acute Care Unit, or in TIP Housing; in Extended Acute Care Waiting List; in a Long Term Structured Residence
 - Emerging Adult: Persons aged 18-24 who have aged out of the Child Welfare System, been unstably housed, or experienced homelessness
 - Homelessness: Homeless outreach contact records within 90 days, admission to a Safe Haven, multiple or Long-Term Shelter Admission (HUD Chronic Homelessness Criteria)
 - Returning citizens monitored by: Criminal Mental Health Court in coordination with the Behavioral Health and Justice Related Services Division (BHJRSD), Department of Corrections referrals for persons reaching max sentence in 12 months, in coordination with the BHJRSD, Philadelphia Prison System Reentry Program Coordination, for persons reaching max sentence, and persons leaving long-term institutional settings in coordination with BHJRSD

Intake: complete the DBHIDS Integrated Intake Packet application with a case manager

Additional Info: 215-546-0300 ext. 3381, 123 S. Broad Street, Phila., PA 19109, DBHIDS.org

Safe Haven System: 13 safe havens (128 beds; typical stay 6-12 months), which utilize a harm reduction approach in a residential setting for individuals struggling with significant behavioral health challenges.

- Eligibility/Intake: Must have documented homelessness as defined by HUD, chronically homeless SMI and/or SUD (can still be actively using);
- ➤ **Intake**: Street outreach

> Addition Info: Contact Tim Sheahan at 215-546-0300 x.4776, Timothy.sheahan@phila.gov

The Office of Addiction Services (OAS) Recovery House Initiative: 25 DBH funded recovery houses with 465 beds for individuals connected to treatment programs.

- Eligibility/Intake: Must be a Philadelphia resident, in outpatient treatment, and receive a referral from your treatment provider
- > Additional Info: call OAS at 215-372-7400

Journey of Hope Project: 7 long- term (9-12mos) licensed inpatient treatment programs, for chronically homeless individuals who are also struggling with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health challenges.

- Eligibility/Intake: Must meet the HUD definitions of chronic homelessness and be deemed medically necessary at a Crisis Response Center or other assessment point.
- Additional Info: Contact Deanna at 215-599-4972) with eligibility questions

3. Women Against Abuse

Safe Havens: two 24-hour emergency locations provide free services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Services include: up to 90 days of shelter, case management, individual and group counseling, 3 meals a day, children's health assessments, emergency relocation funds (as available), adult education and job readiness referrals, after school and summer school programs, and on-site child care

Sojourner House: WAA's transitional housing program provides family apartments for women and their children for up to 18 months

Eligibility: Completion of a lethality assessment and safety plan

Intake: call the 24/7 Phila. Domestic Violence Hotline (1-866-723-3014), main source of referrals and admissions

4. HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) Funded Agencies

Housing subsidies are available through Pathways to Housing PA

- Eligibility: Applicants must have CDC-defined AIDS diagnosis or meet the Social Security Administration requirements for disability due to HIVAIDS and be chronically homeless at the time of admission with a documented history of long-term homelessness (over I year)
- Intake: Referrals are received from the Department of Behavioral Health
- Additional Info: (215) 390-1500, 5201 Old York Road, 4th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19141, info@pathwaystohousingpa.org

PHMC's Emergency Financial Assistance Program (application)

- EFA is an emergency financial resource for people living with HIV/AIDS in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties.
- Assists people living with HIV/AIDS in an emergency that has resulted from a generally unexpected occurrence or set of circumstances that demand immediate course of attention

- Emergency financial assistance is the provision of short-term payments to assist with emergency expenses for essential services when other resources are not available.
- Eligibility: Funds are available to any persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS regardless of race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, and place of citizenship residing in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties. Applicants must be assessed for certification as eligible beneficiaries. Eligibility certification cards must be included with applications for EFA. Applicants not eligible to receive EFA funds for housing or utilities if they live in housing units that are subsidized with federal funds.
- > Intake: The application MUST be faxed to PHMC at 215-985-2099, along with the required documentation
 - o **Required Documentation:** Current photo ID, current copy of the Ryan White services eligibility certification card is required, certification of Medical Necessity and Financial Counseling forms (forms are in the application)
- Additional Info: 267-443-2429, fax (215-985-2099), 1500 Market St. Phila, PA 19102

Ongoing Housing Subsidies

AACO processes housing subsidies for people with AIDS: 2 kinds of subsidies: tenant based (allow a person to locate their unit in the private rental market and landlord must agree with subsidy) and project based (tied to a specific building, so all residents receive subsidies)

- Eligibility: Must live in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties. Must meet CDC definition of AIDS or be disabled by HIV or AIDS
- Intake: Individuals interested in obtaining subsidized housing through this program should contact their medical case manager or call 215-685-5383. Case managers or housing counselors forward applications to AACO.
- Additional Info: 215-685-5383, 1101 Market St., 9th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107

5. Bureau of Community Corrections Contracted Reentry Services

Housing Assistance Program: Suppliers provide up to 24 months of housing coordination for the purpose of assisting the client and, where necessary, their dependents, in attaining independent living by securing safe and affordable housing that meets the standards established by the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP). Rent/lease payments should not be less than 30% or exceed 45% of the total household income for the client. Government assistance qualifies as a source of total household income;

- > Eligibility: Anyone one under supervision by the Pa. DOC who demonstrates a need.
- Intake: Speak to your Parole Agent. Housing Assistance may begin at the SCI, Corrections Center or Facility and continue through community placement of the client, as needed. Clients will be referred to the Supplier(s) by the DOC and/or PBPP due to inability to secure an approvable home plan without assistance or identified need for housing.
- Additional Info: Housing Assistance is not intended to serve as Emergency Housing. Placement into approved housing is a process and not an immediate result.

6. Youth Intake/Access Points: for 24-year olds and under

Eligibility: under 18, 18-24 years old, homeless or housing insecure

Services and Shelter for youth 17y.o and under

- > Youth Emergency Services (emergency shelter for youth ages 17 and under): 215-787-0633 OR 1-800-371-SAFE
- Connection Training Services (emergency shelter for youth ages 17 and under): 215-320-5520
- > Forget Me Knot Youth Services (emergency shelter for youth ages 17 and under): 215-223-3621
- > Pathways PA (emergency shelter for female youth ages 17 and under): 215-397-4260

Access Points for 18y.o+

Valley Youth House: 1500 Sansom Street 3rd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102, Mon: 10:00-1:00pm, Wed: 2:00-4:00pm, Thurs: 1:00-5:00pm, Fri: 9:00-12:00pm, I-888-HOUSE-15

After Hours:

- ➤ Valley Youth House Synergy Project hotline: Ages 21 and Under 1-888-HOUSE-15
- ➤ Homeless Outreach: Ages 22 and Up 1-877-232-1984

7. OHS Emergency Housing

Eligibility: Must meet HUD homeless definitions

Centralized Homeless Intake Services:

You must go through central intake for an initial assessment of your housing needs before placement into the homeless housing system. If eligible, persons and families are placed in appropriate emergency housing, boarding homes, or other alternative housing.

- > Appletree Family Center: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm; 1430 Cherry St.; 215-686-7150, 7151, or 7153
- > Salvation Army Red Shield Family Residence: Daily, Holidays & Weekends after 5pm; 715 N. Broad St.; 215-787-2887
- ➤ Gaudenzia's House of Passage, Kirkbride Center: Holidays & Weekends after 5pm, 48th Street and Haverford Ave. (48th St. side entrance); 215-471-2017
- > The Roosevelt Darby Center: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm; 802 N. Broad St.; 215-685-3700
- > See the categorized provider network here
- > For people under age 24 see the section of this guide on Youth Access Points

8. Philadelphia Housing Authority

Unit Based Voucher Program

- > Under the Unit Based Program, PHA enters into Housing Assistance Payments contracts with property owners to provide rental assistance to eligible low-income households.
- As a UBV Program Participant, you will pay the Owner a portion of the rent for the unit you live in and PHA will pay the rest (between to 26-30% of their adjusted income for rent) based on their family size or specific UBV program.
- > The amount of rent that the tenant pays is reduced by a utility allowance if the tenant pays for utilities such as gas and electricity.
- > PHA UBV Developments: Please note that some of these places require referrals from OHS

Eligibility: The income limit is 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) as established by HUD annually.

Intake: Applicants must apply directly at the UBV development and are selected by the Owner and not PHA. Owners set their own property-specific tenant screening and selection criteria, which must apply to all the units at a property regardless of whether it receives PHA subsidy. Upon completion of Owner screening, the family is referred to PHA for eligibility screening for the UBV program, including income eligibility.

Homeless Veterans Services (HUD-VASH)

- The Veterans Administration Supportive Housing Program (VASH) combines PHA voucher rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA).
- > Hancock Manor:14 Affordable Shared Housing apartments offering a preference to Veterans. 7 units are supported PHA Project Based HUD VASH Vouchers
- Edison 64: the PHA HUD VASH Vouchers are no longer in place at Edison 64.

Public Housing Program

The Public Housing Program waitlist is **closed as of April 15, 2013**. However, senior-designated housing developments and special programs remain **open**.

Additional Info: 2013 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19121; (215) 684-4000

PHA Eligibility Guidelines:

For full details about admission eligibility related to criminal records see Chapter 4.20-4.24 of PHA's "Public Housing Program Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy". Appendices C and D from the aforementioned document are included here.

Important note from the document:

Section 4-17: PHA will conduct criminal background checks at admission, when an adult is proposed to be added to the household and when an existing minor household member turns 18. Additionally, PHA reserves the right to conduct criminal background checks at other times to ensure that clients are not engaging in or have engaged in certain criminal activities.

Appendix C: TABLE OF SELECTED SCREENING ELEMENTS

Screening Element	Mandatory Denial	Mitigating Circumstances: Mandatory Denial	Non-Mandatory Denial	Mitigating Circumstances: Non-Mandatory Denial
Criminal Background	Drug related criminal activity – Methamphetamine Homicide	Removal of culpable household member	All other criminal convictions as categorized on the "Chart of Offenses" where the minimum time frame has not expired	Good standing in Mayor's RISE PREP Program or STAR program Good standing in a PHA approved ex-offender reentry program Seriousness of offense Effect of denial of other family members not involved Extent of participation of other family members-domestic violence Recent history of behavior and likelihood of favorable conduct Evidence of work history or history of community volunteer work Satisfactory completion of probation. Participation in applicable social service/rehab programs Removal of culpable household member
Sex Offender Screening	Lifetime sex offender registration requirement	Removal of culpable household member	• N/A	N/A
Past or Current Behavior	Eviction from Fed. Housing within the last 3 years for drug related criminal activity Currently engaged in illegal drugs or current pattern of alcohol abuse which will threaten enjoyment by other tenants	Seriousness of offense Effect of denial on other family members not involved Extent of participation of other family members Length of time since offense and recent history Participation in applicable social service/rehab programs Evidence of work history or history of community volunteer work Circumstances that led to eviction no longer exist Removal of the culpable household member	Failure to provide documents or signatures Failure to provide true and complete info Prior evictions from Fed. Housing within the last five years Commission of fraud or bribery in connection with Fed. Housing Engaged in or threatened violent or abusive behavior to PHA personnel	Seriousness of offense Effect of denial on other family members not involved Extent of participation of other family members Length of time since offense and recent history Circumstances that led to eviction no longer exist Evidence of work history or history of community volunteer work Participation in applicable social service/rehab programs Removal of the culpable household member

Appendix D: CHART OF OFFENSES - DENIAL OF ADMISSION

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING CRITERIA FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND HCV ADMISSIONS

OFFENSE	Felony Conviction (Years)	Other Conviction (Years)				
Crimes Against Persons						
Assault-Related Offenses	10	3				
General Definition: An unlawful attack by one person upon another.	10					
Family-Related Offenses, Nonviolent						
General Definition: Unlawful, non-violent acts by a family member (or legal						
guardian) that threatens the physical, mental, or economic well-being	5	3				
morals of another family member that are not classifiable as other						
offenses, such as Assault, Incest and Statutory Rape etc.						
Homicide-Related Offenses						
General Definition: The killing of one human being by another.						
1st Degree Murder	20					
 Vehicular Homicide or 2nd, or 3rd degree manslaughter 	10					
Kidnapping/Abduction-Related Offenses						
General Definition: The unlawful seizure, transportation, and/or detention of	10	3				
a person against his/her will or of a minor without the consent of his/her		_				
custodial parent(s) or legal guardian.						
Sex-Related Offenses, Forcible						
General Definition: Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly	40					
and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will	10	3				
in instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent. (See below for						
sex offender registration requirements.)						
Sex-Related Offenses, Non-forcible	_					
General Definition: Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse, excluding	5	3				
prostitution offenses.						
All Other Person-Related Offenses						
General Definition: Any offense committed against another person which	5	3				
causes harm to a person which does not meet specific categories						
previously outlined as person-related offenses.						
Crimes Against Property Arson-Related Offenses						
General Definition: To unlawfully and intentionally damage or attempt to	10	3				
	10	3				
damage any real or personal property by fire or incendiary device. Burglary/Breaking And Entering-Related Offenses						
General Definition: The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with	5	3				
the intent to commit a felony or a theft.	3	3				
Motor Vehicle Theft-Related Offenses						
General Definition: The theft of a motor vehicle	3					
Counterfeiting/Forgery-Related Offenses						
General Definition: The altering, copying, or imitation of something, without						
authority or right, with the intent to deceive or defraud by passing the copy						
or thing altered or imitated as that which is original or genuine or the	5	3				
selling, buying, or possession of an altered, copied, or imitated thing with						
the intent to deceive or defraud.						

OFFENSE	Felony Conviction (Years)	Other Conviction (Years)
Embezzlement/Bribery-Related Offenses General Definition: The unlawful misappropriation by an offender to his/her own use or purpose of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control.	5	3
Extortion/Blackmail-Related Offenses General Definition: To unlawfully obtain money, property or any other thing of value, either tangible or intangible, through the use or threat of force, misuse of authority, threat of criminal prosecution, threat of destruction of reputation or social standing or through other coercive means.	10	3
Fraud-Related Offenses General Definition: The intentional perversion of the truth for the purpose of inducing another person or other entity in reliance upon it to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right, excluding Counterfeiting/Forgery and Bad Check offenses.	5	3
Robbery-Related Offenses General Definition: The taking or attempting to take anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm.	10	3
Stolen Property-Related Offenses General Definition: Receiving, buying, selling, possessing, concealing, or transporting any property with the knowledge that it has been unlawfully taken, as by Burglary, Embezzlement, Fraud, Larceny, Robbery, etc.	5	3
Larceny/Theft-Related Offenses General Definition: The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another person.	5	3
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism Of Property Offenses General Definition: To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having the custody or control of it, excluding arson offenses.	5	3
All Other Property-Related Offenses General Definition: Any offenses that cause property or monetary damage to another that do not fit into specific categories previously outlined as property-related offenses.	5	3
Crimes Against Society		
Purposely Obstructs, Impairs Or Perverts The Law General Definition: A person who purposely obstructs, impairs or perverts the administration of law or discharge of government duties or the carrying out of other governmental functions.	5	3
Disorderly Conduct-Related Offenses General Definition: Any behavior that tends to disturb the public peace or decorum, scandalize the community, or shock the public sense of morality.		3
Drug/Narcotic-Related Offenses General Definition: The violation of laws prohibiting the product, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use, excluding DUI offenses.	10	3
Drunkenness-Related Offenses General Definition: To drink alcoholic beverages to the extent that one's mental faculties and physical coordination are substantially impaired, excluding DUI offenses.	3	3

OFFENSE	Felony Conviction (Years)	Other Conviction (Years)
Driving Under The Influence-Related Offenses General Definition: Driving or operating a motor vehicle or common carrier while mentally or physically impaired as the result of consuming an alcoholic beverage or using a drug or narcotic.	3	3
Liquor Law-Related Offenses General Definition: The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, excluding DUI and drunkenness offenses.	3	3
Manufacturing Methamphetamine in Federally Assisted Housing* General definition: Conviction for drug-related criminal activity for the production or manufacture of methamphetamine on the premises of Federally-assisted housing.	Lifetime ban	Lifetime ban
Pornography/Obscene Material-Related Offenses General Definition: The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, publishing, sale, purchase, or possession of sexually explicit material, e.g. literature or photographs.	5	3
Prostitution-Related Offenses General Definition: To unlawfully engage in or promote sexual activities for profit.	3	3
Sex Offender Registrant* General Definition: Identification of a registration by the applicant as a registered sex offender in one or more jurisdictions covered by the search. (Note that requirements for registration vary by locale and may require the individual to actively register themselves by law in some states. Some states prohibit discrimination on the basis of registration as a sex offender.).	Lifetime ban	Lifetime ban
Trespass of Real Property-Related Offenses General Definition: To unlawfully enter land, a dwelling, or other real property.	3	3
Weapons Law-Related Offenses General Definition: The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.	10	3
Drug/Narcotic-Related Offenses: Manufacture or Distribution Indicated General Definition: The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, or trafficking of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. Offenses contained in this category specifically indicate manufacture or distribution.	10	3

^{*} Unless a person can demonstrate that his/her record is incorrect (e.g., the person was never convicted of the manufacture of methamphetamine or is not subject to lifetime registration requirements, as applicable), mitigating factors will not be considered for a person whose records indicate this offense. A household with a member whose record indicates an offense with an asterisk ("*") may only be admitted to the PH program if the member whose record indicates the offense is no longer a member of the household.

9. Affordable Housing

These websites can be used to search for affordable housing options:

PAHousingSearch.com: http://www.pahousingsearch.com/index.html

DHCH: http://ohcdphila.org/housing-2/rental-homes/