A researcher based in New York City wants to learn about the experiences of homeless people in the United States by conducting interviews with them. She plans to conduct in-person interviews with the homeless people she samples. She’s having trouble deciding how to draw a representative sample of homeless people because homeless people are difficult to find, often move from place to place, and are often cycled in and out of homelessness. She has one year and a $5,000 grant with which to conduct her interviews.

Your task is to help this researcher.

1. What is the population she wants to generalize to?

2. What are possible sampling frames (sources) from which she can draw her sample?

3. What is a good/realistic sample size?

4. What are possible sampling frames (sources) from which she can draw her sample? And, relatedly, what sampling methods would you suggest she uses?