

STAKEHOLDER ROUNDTABLE ON RURAL HOMELESSNESS

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Eastern Carolina Housing Organization



May 11, 2021

AGENDA

9:00: Welcome

Kristine Foye, Field Office Director
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

9:10: State of Homelessness in Targeted Counties

Julie Meaney, Director of Community Data Solutions
Eastern Carolina Housing Organization

Dr. Ann Gowdy, Chief Program Officer + Innovation
Eastern Carolina Housing Organization

9:25: Overview of Continuum of Care Program

Sheila Sossamon, Community Planning and Development
Rep.
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

9:40 Overview of Emergency Solutions Grant Program

Angela Hall, HUD Community Planning and Development
Rep.
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

9:55: Overview of Total Care for Homelessness

Joey Smoak, Chief Executive Officer
Eastern Carolina Housing Organization

10:25: Establishing Strategic Partnerships

Courtney Frappaolo, Director of Community Development
Horry County

10:40: Break

10:50: Establishing a Public Housing Authority Homeless Preference

Debbie Dusenbury, Portfolio Management Specialist
US Department of Housing and Urban Dev.

Doris Jamison, Director of Public Housing
SC Regional Housing Authority 3

11:05: VA Resources

Jenifer Turner-Reid, LCSW, Deputy Network Homeless
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Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN-7 Homeless
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Sherry Martell, LCSW
VA Homeless Program Coordinator - Upstate
Columbia VA Health Care System

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VA Homeless Program Coordinator - Columbia
Columbia VA Health Care System

**11:35: Providing Funding to Develop Essential Community Facilities
and
Availability of USDA Rural Development Funding**

Michele Cardwell, Community Programs Director
USDA Rural Development

Angelia Johnson, Community Programs Loan Specialist
USDA Rural Development, Columbia

11:50: Q&A and Open Discussion

Welcome

Kristine Foye, Field Office Director

US Department of Housing and Urban Development



Making The Difference

2020 Successes

1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020



Total Served in ECHO Programs

1,571 Total Persons

858 Households

325 Veterans

237 DV Survivors

43 Youth & Young Adults

197 Chronically Homeless

628 with Disabilities

New Permanent Housing Move-Ins

336 Households

550 Total Persons



Total Served in Permanent Housing

465 Households

805 Total Persons

Households Increasing Monthly Income

\$259,431.83 Total Monthly Increase

415 Households Increased Income

\$625.14 Average Monthly Increase



Homeless Episodes Prevented

193 Households

455 Persons



Bed Nights in Emergency Housing

(Transitional Housing and Emergency Motel Vouchers)

28,924 Total Bed Nights

169 Persons in Transitional Housing

223 Persons in Motel Vouchers



Days Experiencing Homelessness

Average: 213.4

Median: 40.0



Program Exits to a Permanent Housing Destination

500 Households

870 Persons



Move-Ins to Permanent Housing

Permanent housing programs include PSH* and RRH*. A move-in to permanent housing means moving from an experience of homelessness to a housed situation with tenant protections.

*See FAQ tab.

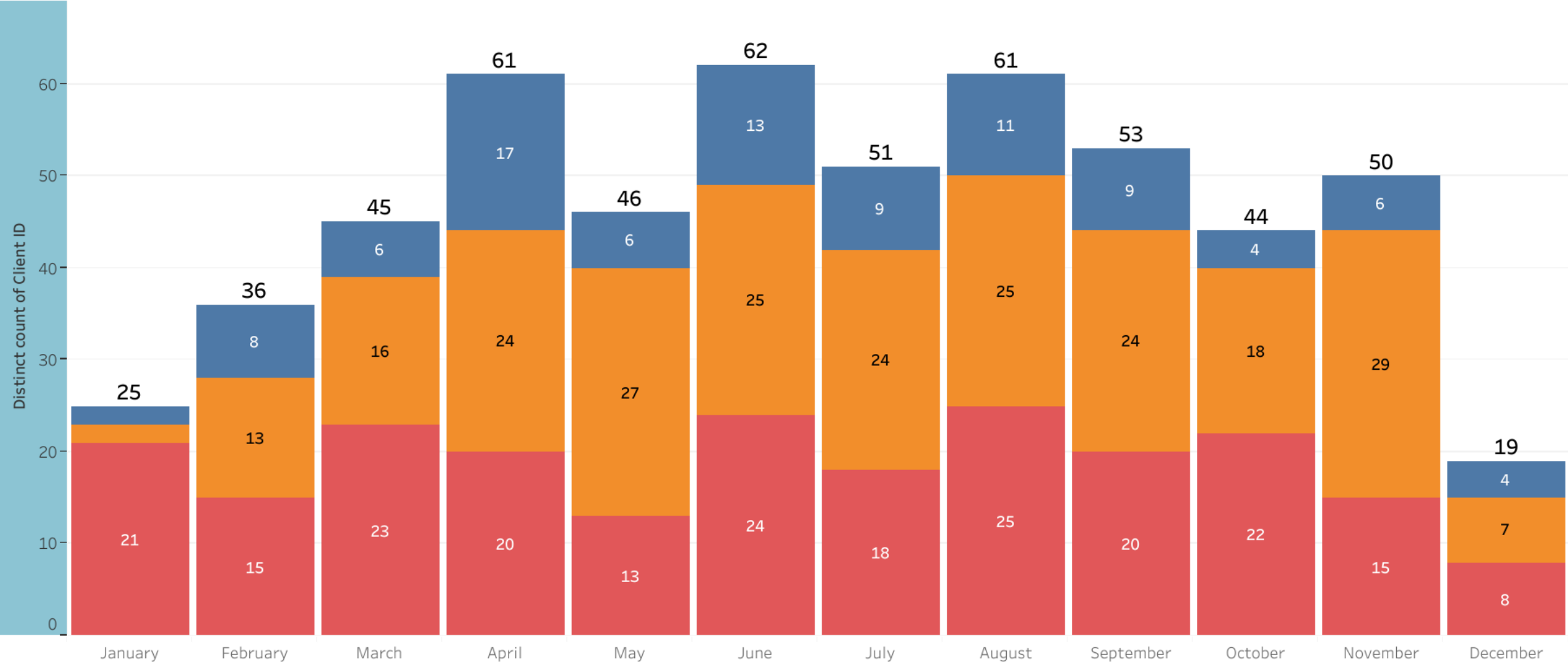
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Persons
69
Adults with Children
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Single Adult
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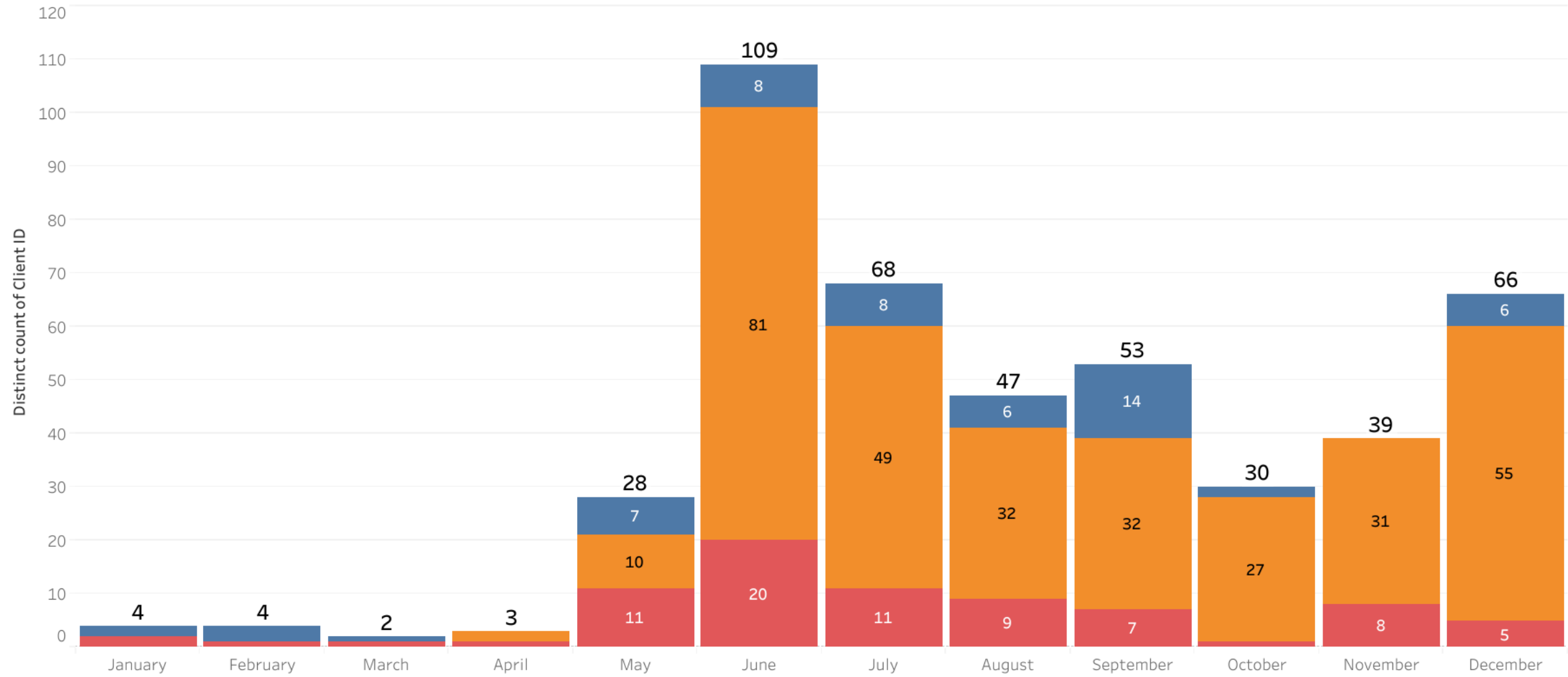
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Episodes of Homelessness Prevented

The goal of HP programs are to assist persons in imminent danger of experiencing homelessness by providing rental assistance, utility assistance, and supportive services directly related to the prevention of homelessness.

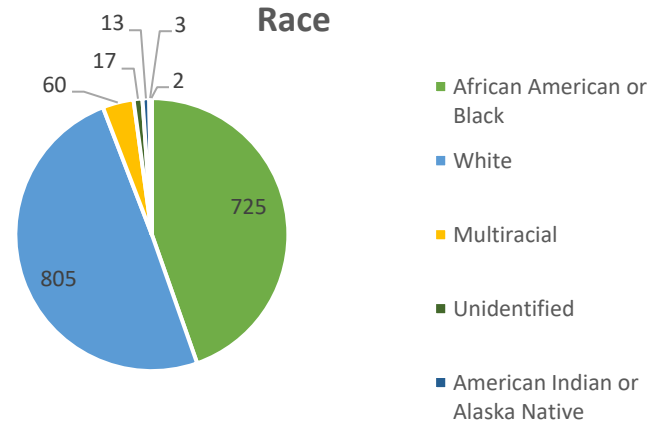
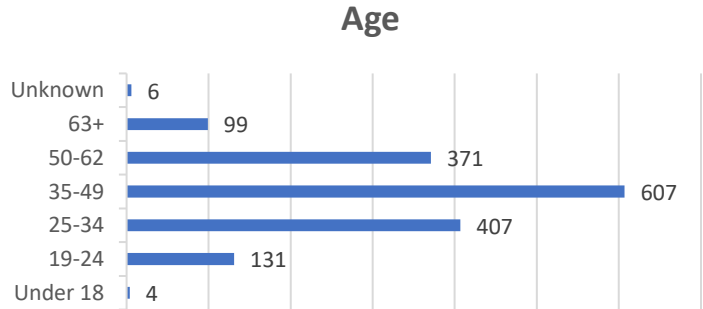
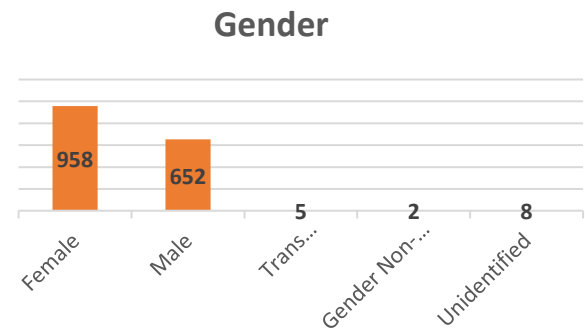
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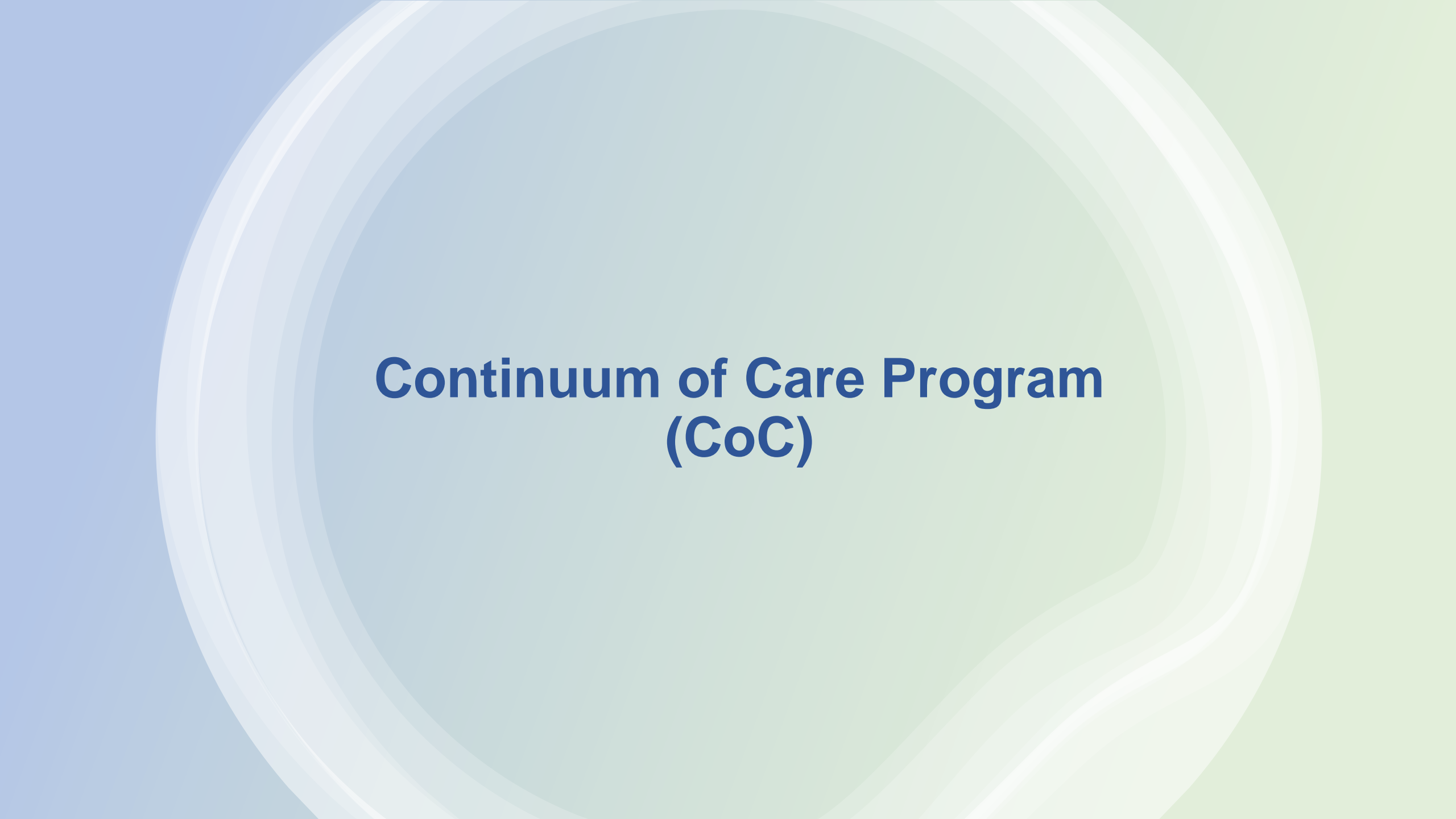


TCHC's Coordinated Entry Households Summary by County and Population as of 4/30/21

	Chronic	DV	Substance Use	Families	Elderly	YYA	Literally Homeless	HP	Total HHs
Chesterfield	0	8	5	2	2	1	34	7	41
Clarendon	0	1	2	0	1	0	7	7	14
Darlington	3	2	3	0	5	0	23	8	31
Dillon	0	0	2	0	0	1	9	6	15
Florence	19	27	13	7	9	9	121	21	142
Georgetown	2	28	8	1	1	3	50	12	62
Kershaw	3	7	2	1	1	2	23	25	48
Lee	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	4	7
Marion	2	0	2	0	2	3	9	5	14
Marlboro	1	1	4	0	3	1	17	6	23
Sumter	10	11	17	3	6	2	84	12	96
Williamsburg	1	2	1	3	1	4	13	7	20
	41	88	59	17	31	27	393	120	513
Horry	136	117	216	45	76	79	885	227	1112
TOTALS	177	205	275	62	107	106	1278	347	1625

Total Persons2910





Continuum of Care Program (CoC)

CoC Defined

To simply state, a Continuum of Care is established by ***representatives of relevant organizations*** within a ***geographic area*** to ***carry out the responsibilities*** set forth in the CoC Program Interim Rule.

Establishing a CoC

- The Interim Rule requires communities to establish a CoC
- The CoC must meet minimum requirements for CoC Structure, governance and responsibilities.

What governs the CoC Program?

- 24 CFR Part 578 – CoC Final Interim Rule – July 31, 2012, amended July 14, 2016
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Amended
- Changes summarized in the amendment
<https://files.hudexchange.info/course-content/increasing-mobility-options-for-homeless-households-assisted-with-tbra-webinar1/Increasing-Mobility-Options-for-Homeless-Households-Assisted-with-TBRA-Webinar-One-Pager-2016-07-12.pdf>
- 24 CFR Parts 91 - Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH): Defining “Homeless” December 5, 2011
- OMB Circulars, notices, etc. (Part 200 – Effective 2015)

CoC Membership

Membership should ensure:

- Communitywide commitment to ending and preventing homelessness
- Representation of the relevant organizations within the entire CoC

Examples of CoC Membership

Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers

Victim Service Providers
Faith Based Organizations
Governments
Businesses
Advocates
Public Housing Agencies
School Districts

Social Service Providers
Mental Health Agencies
Hospitals
Universities
Affordable Housing Developers
Law Enforcement
Organizations that serve homeless veterans

Persons who are homeless or formerly homeless

What is a NOFA?

- Notice of Funding Availability
- HUD publishes each Fiscal Year (FY)
 - General Section
 - Program Section

CoC Program

– Applicant Eligibility

- Private nonprofit organizations
- States, local governments, and instrumentalities of state and local governments

NOFAs Importance:

- Establishes the road map for the annual competition
 - Eligibility
 - Renewal
 - New Projects
- HUD encourages reading and studying the published NOFA

Centralized or Coordinated Assessment

- CoCs must develop and implement a centralized or coordinated assessment system.
- CPD Notice 17-01 January 23, 2017
- All program participants must come from the Coordinated Entry System/prioritization list.

2020 CoC Competition

- Omnibus Spending package was signed by President Trump on December 28, 2020.
- FY2020 CoC Program Non-competitive Funding Notice – January 29, 2021
- Continuum of Care Program funding
 - Nation \$2.5 billion
 - South Carolina \$11.3 million

2020 CoC Competition



- Due to COVID-19 – noncompetitive renewals were funded
- No new projects, reallocations, bonus projects
- CoC Planning Grants were funded

What is Housing First?

Quickly and successfully house
homeless individuals/families

No preconditions and barriers

Offer Supportive Services

Permanent supportive
housing models

Housing First – CORE Components

- Few to no programmatic prerequisites to housing entry
- Low barrier admission policies
- Rapid and streamlined entry into housing
- Supportive services are voluntary, but can and should be used to persistently engage tenants to ensure housing stability

Housing First – CORE Components

- Tenants have full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections
- Practices and policies to prevent lease violations and evictions
- Applicable in a variety of housing models

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3892/housing-first-in-permanent-supportive-housing-brief/>

Housing First Assessment Tool

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5294/housing-first-assessment-tool/>

Program Components for the CoC Program

- Permanent Housing (PH)
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to include Dedicated Plus
 - Rapid Re-housing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)****
 - In 2017, Joint TH and RRH project
- Supportive Services Only (SSO)
- HMIS
- Homelessness Prevention
 - High Performing Communities only

Eligible Activities

- Acquisition/Rehab/New Construction
- Leasing
- Rental Assistance

- Supportive Services
- Operating Costs
- HMIS
- Project Admin

Eligible Costs

Eligible Costs	Program Components				
	Permanent Housing		TH	SSO	HMIS
	PH: PSH	PH: RRH			
Acquisition	✓		✓	✓	
Rehabilitation	✓		✓	✓	
New construction	✓		✓		
Leasing	✓		✓	✓	
Rental assistance	✓	✓	✓		
Supportive services	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Operating costs	✓		✓		
HMIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Project administration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Program
Components

Eligible vs. Approved Costs

Eligible	Approved
All costs included in the CoC Program interim rule	Each project has approved budget line items
	Recipients may only spend CoC Program funds on approved costs
	HUD approval is required to amend the budget

Match Requirements

- Match requirement - 25% of grant awarded minus leasing, can be cash and/or in-kind
- Must be able to document/track all costs
- Matching funds can only be used on eligible CoC Program costs

Program Income

- Program income: income received by the recipient or subrecipient that is directly generated by a grant-supported activity
 - ✓ Examples: Rent and occupancy charges, returned security deposits, laundry machines
- Program income must be used for eligible expenses during the operating year in which it is received.
- Program income from rent and occupancy charges in transitional housing can be used to assist residents moving to permanent housing.
- Program income in the 2016 NOFA became an eligible source of match.
- Recipients and subrecipients may **not** charge program participants program fees.

Annual Performance Report (APR) Requirements

- Due to HUD within 90 days of grant expiration date
- Submitted via a HUD software system
 - Effective April 1, 2017 – New System called SAGE
 - The information will be imported and uploaded from HMIS
 - The import includes client, performance, and financial data.

Resources

To subscribe to the SNAPS Competitions listserv please click on the link:

<https://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=SNAPS%20Competitions&list=SNAPS-COMPETITIONS-L>

To subscribe to the SNAPS Program Information listserv please click on the

link: <https://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=SNAPS%20Program%20Information&list=SNAPS-PROGRAM-INFORMATION-L>

- CoC Program Interim Final Rule
- Establishing and Operating a CoC Guide
- Grant Administration Guide
- Learn about ESG Requirements
- View ESG Law, Regulations, and Notices
- View the SNAPS weekly focus
- View SNAPS-Shots



Thank You!



Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)

What is the Emergency Solutions Grant Program

The ESG program provides HUD funding to:

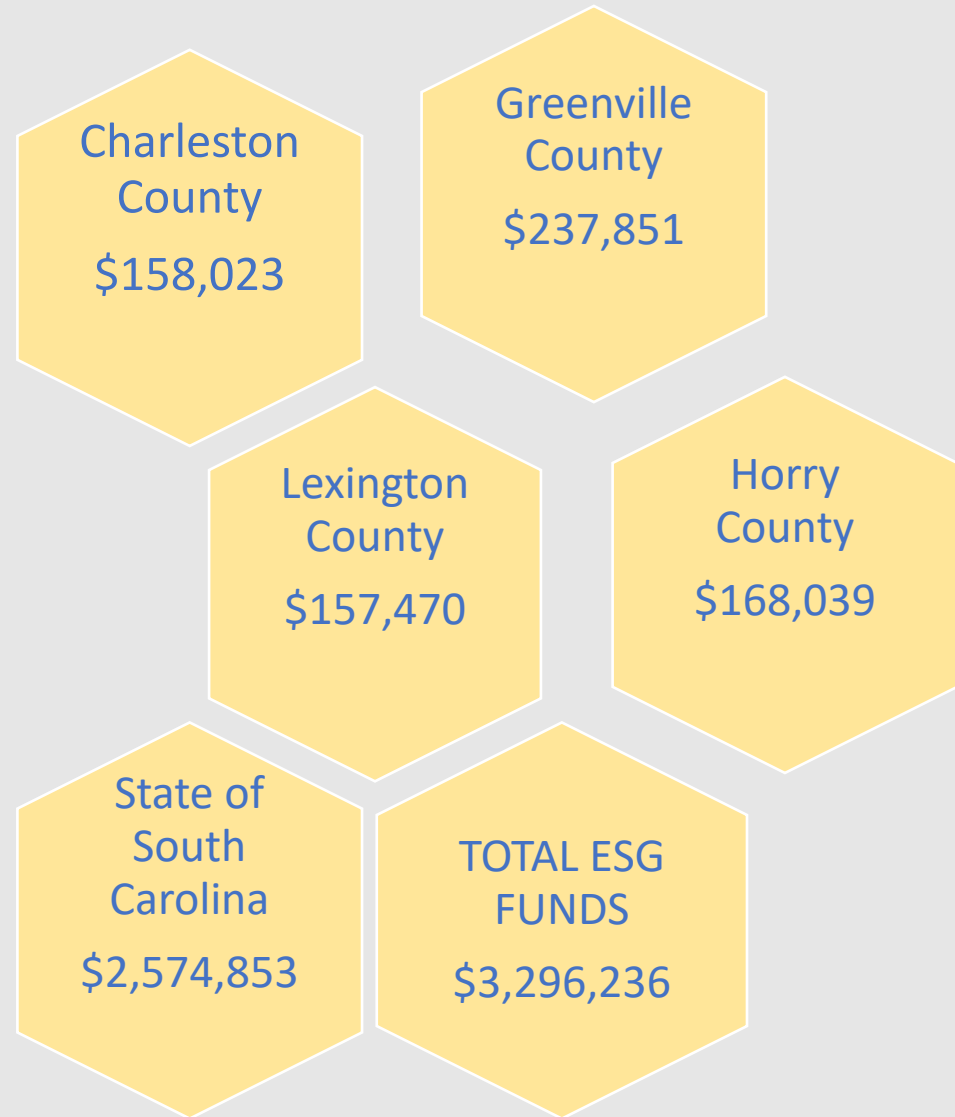
- (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street;
- (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters
- (3) help operate these shelters;
- (4) provide essential services to shelter residents,
- (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and
- (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

General Information

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

- ESG is governed by 24 CFR 576, 2 CFR 200, several CPD Notices and Memorandums
- ESG Program is an entitlement program

SOUTH CAROLINA ESG FUNDED GRANTEES



5 Components of the ESG Program – 60% cap

Street Outreach

- These activities are designed to meet the immediate needs of unsheltered homeless people (parks, streets, abandoned buildings, bus stations, etc. a place not meant for human habitation) by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, and/or critical health services. § 576.101
- Eligible costs: Engagement, Case Management, Emergency Health Services, Transportation, Emergency Mental Health Services

Emergency

- Essential Services: Case Management , Child Care, Education Services, Employment Assistance and Job Training, Outpatient Health Services, Legal Services, Life Skills, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Treatment, and Transportation.

Shelter

- Shelter Operations: Maintenance, Rent, Security, Fuel, Equipment, Insurance, Utilities, Food, Furnishings, Supplies, Hotel/Motel Vouchers when there are no shelter beds.

Rapid Rehousing

Component: Rapid Re-Housing. These activities are designed to move homeless people quickly to permanent housing through housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance. § 576.104

Activity types:

Rental Assistance**	Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services	
Eligible costs:	Financial Assistance	Services Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-term rental assistance• Medium-term rental assistance• Rental arrears <p>**Rental assistance can be project-based or tenant- based.</p>	<p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rental Application Fees• Security Deposits• Last Month's Rent• Utility Deposits• Utility Payments• Moving Costs	<p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Search and Placement• Housing Stability Case Management• Mediation• Legal Services• Credit Repair

Homeless Prevention

Component: Homelessness Prevention. These activities are designed to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or living in a public or private place not meant for human through housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance. § 576.103

Activity types:

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Homeless Management Information System

HMIS

HMIS Component. These activities are designed to fund ESG recipients' and subrecipients' participation in the HMIS collection and analyses of data on individuals and families who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness. § 576.107

Activity type: HMIS

Eligible costs:

- Contributing data to the HMIS designated by the CoC for the area;
- HMIS Lead (as designated by the CoC) costs for managing the HMIS system;
- Victim services or legal services provider costs to establish and operate a comparable database.

Administration – 7.5% cap

*Administrative Activities. § 576.108

Eligible costs are broadly categorized as follows:

- o General management, oversight, and coordination
- o Training on ESG requirements
- o Consolidated Plan
- o Environmental review

Coordinated Entry

The coordinated entry (CE) process is an approach to coordination and management of a crisis response system's resources that allows users to make consistent decisions from available information to efficiently and effectively connect people to housing and service interventions that will rapidly end their homelessness.

Coordinated Entry

1. Prioritization List – no individual waiting lists
2. Low barriers – does not screen people out
3. Housing First Approach
4. Person Centered
5. Fair and Equal Access
6. Standardized Assessment Tool

ALL PERSONS SERVED WITH ESG OR COC DOLLARS MUST
COME FROM COORDINATED ENTRY

Expenditure Requirement

All grant funds must be expended with 24 months after HUD signs the grant agreement with the recipients

MATCH - Metropolitan city and urban county recipients must match grant funds with an equal amount of contributions, which may include cash, donated buildings or materials, and volunteer services.

States must match all but \$100,000 of their awards but must pass on the benefits of that \$100,000 exception to their subrecipients that are least capable of providing matching amounts.

Territories are exempt from the match requirement.

For the specific match requirements, see 24 CFR 576.201.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- If your organization is in one of the 4 entitlement communities – you will apply through their ESG application process.
- If your organization is outside of those four entitlements, you will apply through the State ESG program. They hold a mandatory training each year.

Contact Gregg McConkey to be placed on the training distribution list.

Gregg.McConkey@admin.sc.gov or 803.734.2454

<http://oeo.sc.gov/resources.html>

ESG Resources

- <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Coordinated-Entry-Policy-Brief.pdf>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2015/emergency-solutions-grants-esg-program-fact-sheet/>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/esg-requirements/>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/esg-law-regulations-and-notices/#laws>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/guides/#tools-and-guidance>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5108/notice-cpd-16-11-prioritizing-persons-experiencing-chronic-homelessness-and-other-vulnerable-homeless-persons-in-psh/>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5630/notice-cpd-17-11-determining-program-participant-rent-contribution-in-the-coc-program/>

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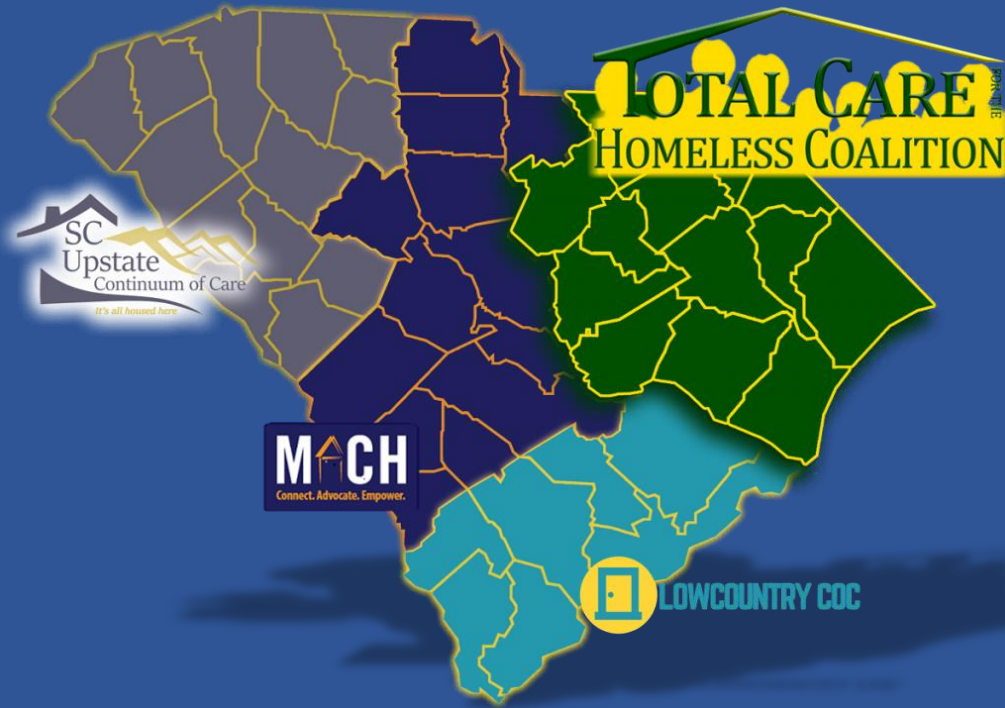
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Total Care for the Homeless Coalition SC-503



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Total Care for the Homeless Coalition



13 counties in northeastern South Carolina: Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, and Williamsburg.



Who we are

Vision Statement

To create opportunities for people in our community experiencing a housing crisis to find a place they can call home.

Mission Statement

To break the cycles of homelessness experienced by individuals and families in our community.



Core Values

Commitment

To provide a positive impact for our community

Respect

Treating all people equally with the dignity and respect they deserve

Advocacy

Promoting awareness, education, and understanding of the issues surrounding homelessness

Service

Providing innovative person centered approaches

Professionalism

Strengthening our team through personal and professional development

What we do...

- Housing Programs
- Community Data Solutions
- Leadership Team
- Shift Culture

How we do it...

- Philosophical Underpinnings & Approaches
- Organizational Capacity/Professional Development
- Effective Systems
- Access Mapping & Creative Connections
- Developmental Training & Community Investment

Data- Driven Solutions

Dedicated CDS team that manages data and performs analysis to inform and drive systems improvement & CoC strategic planning

- HMIS & CES
- System Performance Measures
- LSA/Stella
- Gaps Analysis
- Disparities and Underserved Persons
- Emerging Priority Populations

Projects & Innovations

- 2 TH/RRH PH programs – DV & SUD
- TH/RRH PH DV Bonus
- Rapid Resolution Specialist (funded by CDBG)
- TBRA: HOME (funded by Regional Council of Governments)
- EFSP
- CES – HUD SSO project
- Veteran Contract Beds/Bridge Housing
- GPD Case Management Grant
- Veterans & Residential Recovery
- 100-Day Challenge to End Youth Homelessness

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Establishing Strategic Partnerships

An Approach to Support the Goals of Rural Homelessness

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Horry County Community Development

Rural Homelessness: Establishing Strategic Partnerships

The very work of rural homelessness is difficult. Our clients, are hard to find, hard to serve, and often difficult to validate the need for additional resources.



Rural Homelessness: Establishing Strategic Partnerships

Pathway to Lasting Solutions

- ▶ A Regional Approach
- ▶ Look at what other systems are established in your area.
 - ▶ Opioid Response Teams
 - ▶ COVID-19 Response
 - ▶ Hurricane Response Teams
 - ▶ Continuum of Care
 - ▶ Youth Homelessness
- ▶ Foster Local Leadership



Rural Homelessness: Establishing Strategic Partnerships

Continuum of Care

A REGIONAL consortium designed by HUD to promote a community-wide strategy to end homelessness by quickly re-housing people without barriers with a goal of ending homelessness.

Together we
can END
homelessness!



Rural Homelessness: Establishing Strategic Partnerships

► Strategic Partners

- Housing Partners
- Local Governments
- Direct Service agencies
- Homeless & Formerly Homeless
- Agencies Addressing Domestic Violence
- Veterans Administration Officials
- Criminal Justice Partners
- Public Health Providers
- Housing Authorities
- Education Partners

Funders

Workforce Development

Developers

Transportation Officials

Landlords

Treatment Partners

CPS

Department of Social Services

Rural Homelessness: Establishing Strategic Partnerships

Benefits of the CoC Structure

- ▶ Referral System: multiple entry points for homeless clients
- ▶ Funding Sponsorship opportunities
- ▶ Partnership opportunities reduces mission shift and leverages resources
- ▶ Data Sharing



Rural Homelessness: Establishing Strategic Partnerships

Success Depends on Local
Government Leadership

- ▶ Lead from the top approach - creating local priorities and galvanizing resources and support.
- ▶ Critical connectors to spur new partnerships and initiatives.
- ▶ Helps to define local priorities and community expectations.



Rural Homelessness: Establishing Strategic Partnerships

Improving Funding Coordination

- ▶ Ending Rural Homelessness requires braiding funding sources together and strategically coordinating efforts
 - ▶ CoC
 - ▶ ESG
 - ▶ CDBG
 - ▶ HOME
 - ▶ Other Federal & State Agencies
 - ▶ Bank CRA funds
 - ▶ Private funders

CDBG Entitlement Communities



- ▶ Horry, Myrtle Beach & Conway
- ▶ City of Florence
- ▶ City of Sumter

- ▶ Outside of these Jurisdictions - CDBG is managed by the Department of Commerce - Coordinated through Council of Governments
- ▶ Commerce focuses on infrastructure Development

CDBG - Public Services

- ▶ Who can access CDBG funds?
- ▶ Public service ideas (including, but not limited to)
 - ▶ Employment services (e.g., job training); Crime prevention and public safety; Childcare; Health services; Substance abuse services (e.g., counseling and treatment); Fair housing counseling; Education programs; Energy conservation; Services for senior citizens; Services for homeless persons;
 - ▶ Excludes Income Payments (watch out for Program Income)
 - ▶ Limited Funds

HOME Program



Horry County is the Lead Entity of the Horry County HOME Consortium (Horry, Georgetown and Williamsburg Counties)



**CREATING AFFORDABLE
HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME
FAMILIES**

Down Payment Assistance
Building or Rehabilitating Housing For
Homeownership
Building or Rehabilitation For Rent
Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Other State & Federal Programs



CARES ACT CDBG -
State Housing
Funding for
homelessness
prevention

CARES ACT ESG -
State Office of
Economic
Opportunity

Other State & Federal Programs



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

- ▶ E-RAP - Emergency Rental Assistance Programs
- ▶ assist eligible households that are unable to pay **rent**, utilities, and other expenses incurred related to housing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ▶ Horry received \$10.7 Million
- ▶ State received \$271,774,744.30

Rural Homelessness: Establishing Strategic Partnerships

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Establishing a Public Housing Homeless Preference

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Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program



HCHV programs serve as the hub for a myriad of housing and other services that provide VA with a way to reach and assist homeless Veterans by offering them entry to VA care.

Outreach is the core of the HCHV program. The central goal is to reduce homelessness among Veterans by conducting outreach to those who are the most vulnerable and not currently receiving services and engaging them in treatment and rehabilitative programs.



HCHV Program Goals



Outreach staff make visits to local shelters, missions, prisons, soup kitchens, encampments and transitional housing centers to identify and screen Homeless Veterans for admissions to one of our HCHV Programs.

HCHV Services

- Case Management
- Addiction and Mental Health Therapy
- Community Employment
- Job training
- Transitional Housing Options



Linkage to VA and
Community Medical &
Dental Care



Linkage to Mental Health
and Substance use
Treatment Options



Linkage to Vocational
Rehabilitation Services



Linkage to Transitional
Housing or to Independent
Housing Options



Grant and Per Diem Program (GPD)

152 Transitional Housing Beds

Who is eligible

- Any homeless Veteran with a discharge other than a dishonorable discharge regardless, of length of service.
- You do not have to be eligible for VA Health Care to be eligible for GPD





GPD Goals

- Identify & assess homeless or at risk of being homeless Veterans for admission to one of the HCHV program.
- Assist to identify their housing goals and establish a treatment plan for recovery.
- Link Veterans with needed VA & community resources that will help them make a smooth transition to independent living.
- Foster independence and self support to enable Veterans to maintain permanent housing.
- Re-establish a connection to the community in which they reside.





How can I get a transitional housing bed?



Walk in: Monday through Friday 8:00am – 3:30pm
at the VA Medical Center, building 106, 2nd floor,
room A243

Call in:

We have two HCHV Intake Social Workers in the
Midlands:

Carolyn Golson x5190

Marsha Bellinger-Shields x 4773

We have one Intake social worker in the Upstate:

Kyle Elsea 803-360-5368

HUD/VASH Program

Columbia: 414

Florence: 32

Sumter: 10

Greenville: 170

Greer: 6

Rock Hill: 24

Total: 661 Housing Choice Vouchers

A Collaboration between the Public Housing Authority and the VA

Eligibility:

- Eligible for VA Health Care
- In need of case management
- Meets the income requirements for a Housing Choice Voucher

Goal of the program:

To assist Veterans to obtain and maintain permanent supportive housing in the community

Veterans Justice Outreach Program

- Jail outreach and associated eligibility determination, assessment, and treatment linkage
- Education of and liaison with VA and community law enforcement
- Liaison with court system and staffing of collaborative treatment courts
- Short-term case management as indicated
- Linkage to ancillary support (e.g., child support services, legal assistance)
- Refer to HCHV for housing support
- Lawyers 4 Vets Program through Appleseed Legal Services

What other services are provided through HCHV?

Competitive Employment opportunities
Transitional Work Therapy Opportunities
Computer Classes
Budgeting Classes
HCHV Orientation Group
HUD/VASH Orientation Group
Substance Abuse Group
Veterans Justice Outreach Services





What if I am a homeless Veteran or know one?



Veterans and their families may also call **1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838)** to access VA services. Explore va.gov/homeless to learn about VA programs for Veterans who are homeless.

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Community Facilities Programs

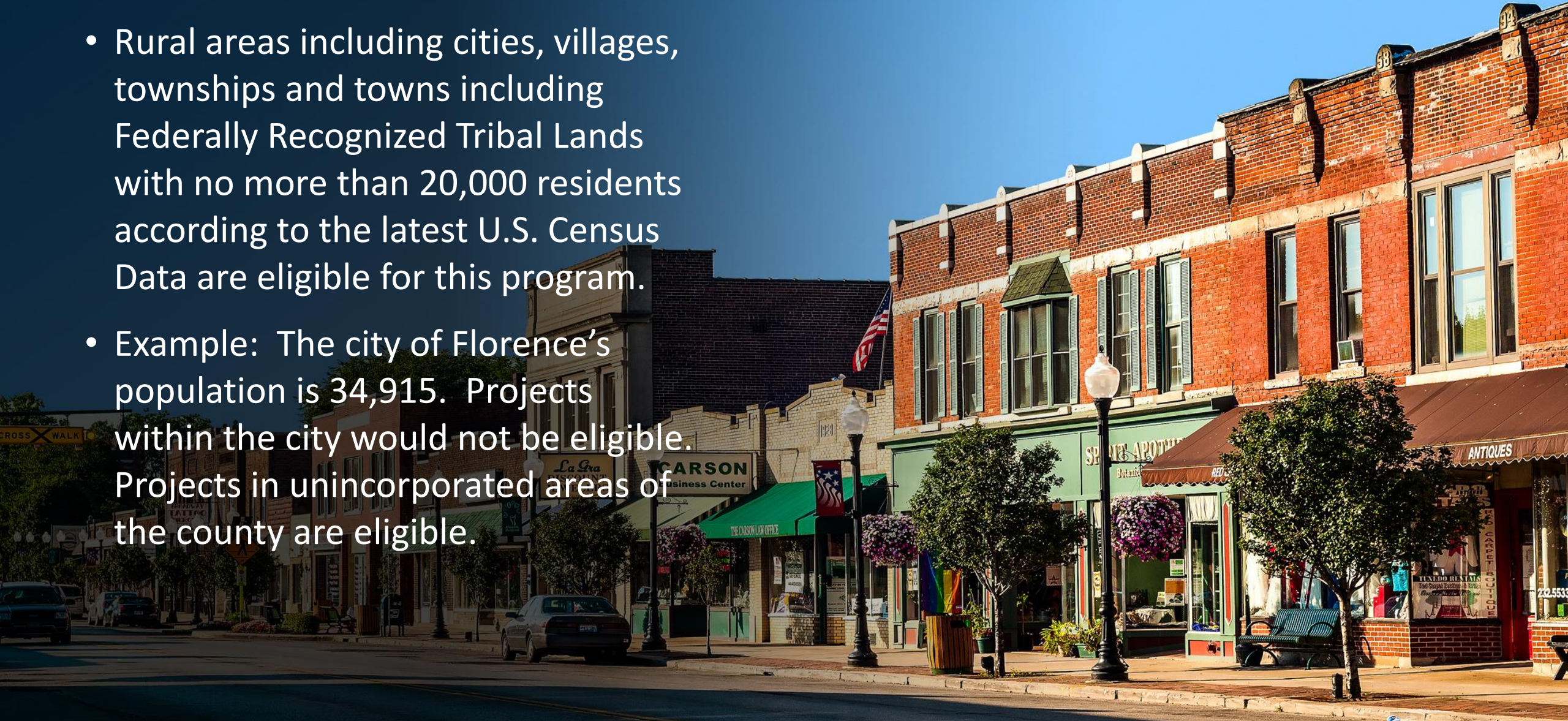
USDA Rural Development

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What is a rural community?

- Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program.
- Example: The city of Florence's population is 34,915. Projects within the city would not be eligible. Projects in unincorporated areas of the county are eligible.



What is a Community Facility?

An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.





Who may apply?

- Public Bodies
- Non-profit corporations
- Federally Recognized Tribes

Types of Funding Available

- Direct Loans
 - Terms up to 40 Years
 - Fixed interest rate
 - Current Rate = 2.250%
- Guaranteed Loans
 - Rates & terms determined by lender
- Grants
 - Percentage of total project cost
 - Eligibility determined by population & MHI

Direct Loan
Grants
Guaranteed Loan



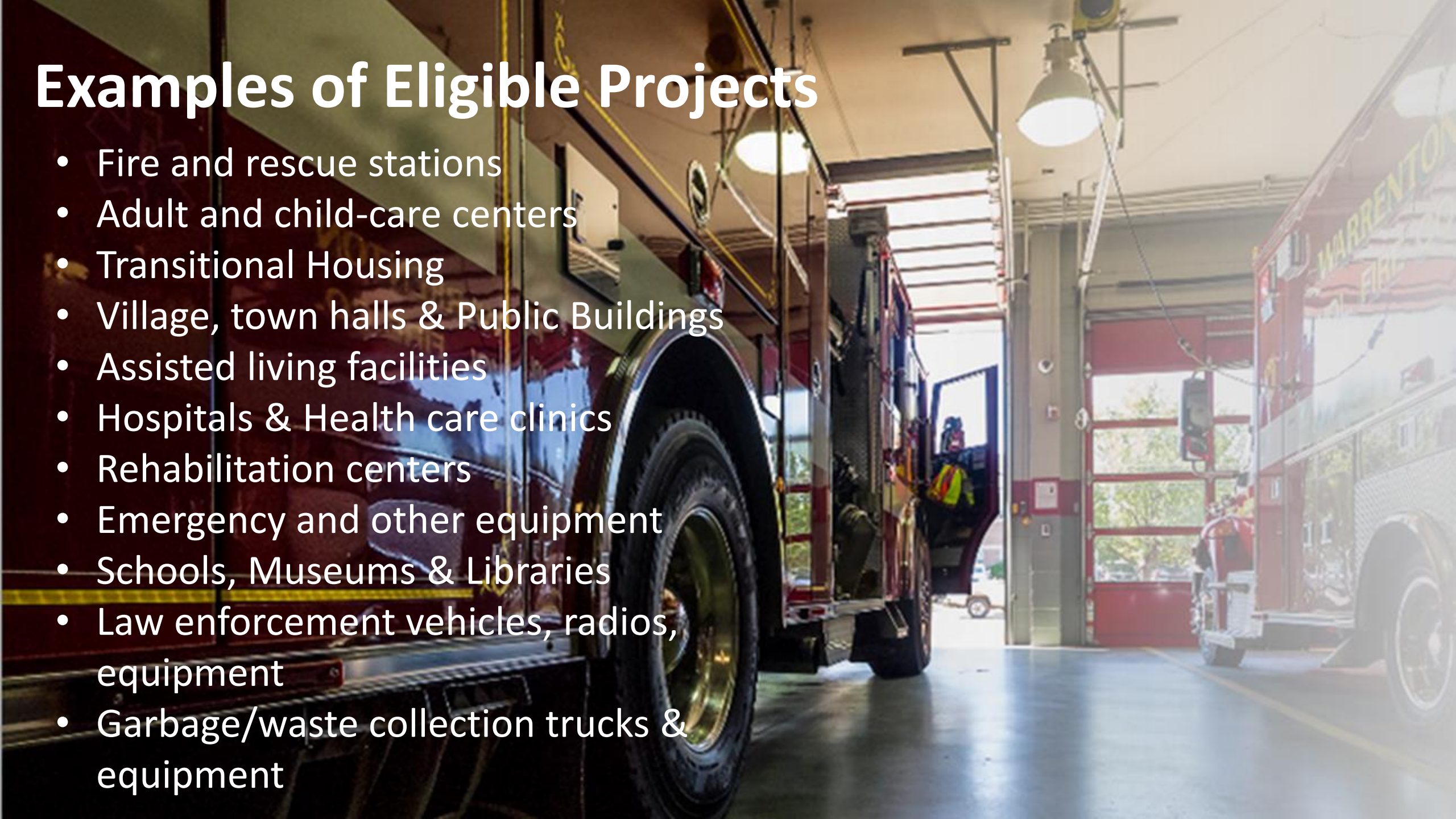
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Eligible Project Expenses:

- Legal and engineering fees
- Site acquisition
- Construction costs
- Equipment purchases
- Vehicles

Examples of Eligible Projects

- Fire and rescue stations
- Adult and child-care centers
- Transitional Housing
- Village, town halls & Public Buildings
- Assisted living facilities
- Hospitals & Health care clinics
- Rehabilitation centers
- Emergency and other equipment
- Schools, Museums & Libraries
- Law enforcement vehicles, radios, equipment
- Garbage/waste collection trucks & equipment



Projects Funded in South Carolina



Bamberg County



Britton's Neck/Gresham
Fire Department

Projects Funded in South Carolina



Duncan Chapel Fire District



City of Georgetown
Fire Station Two

Projects Funded in South Carolina



Fox Creek High School



Coastal Montessori Charter School

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Marlboro County Bookmobile



City of Hardeeville Library

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Family Justice Center of
Georgetown & Horry Counties



Harbor Historical
Maritime Museum

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Vital Aging of Williamsburg County



South Santee & Awendaw Senior Centers

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Aiken County YMCA



Pickens County/Powdersville
YMCA

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Abbeville Area Medical Center



Clarendon County Hospital

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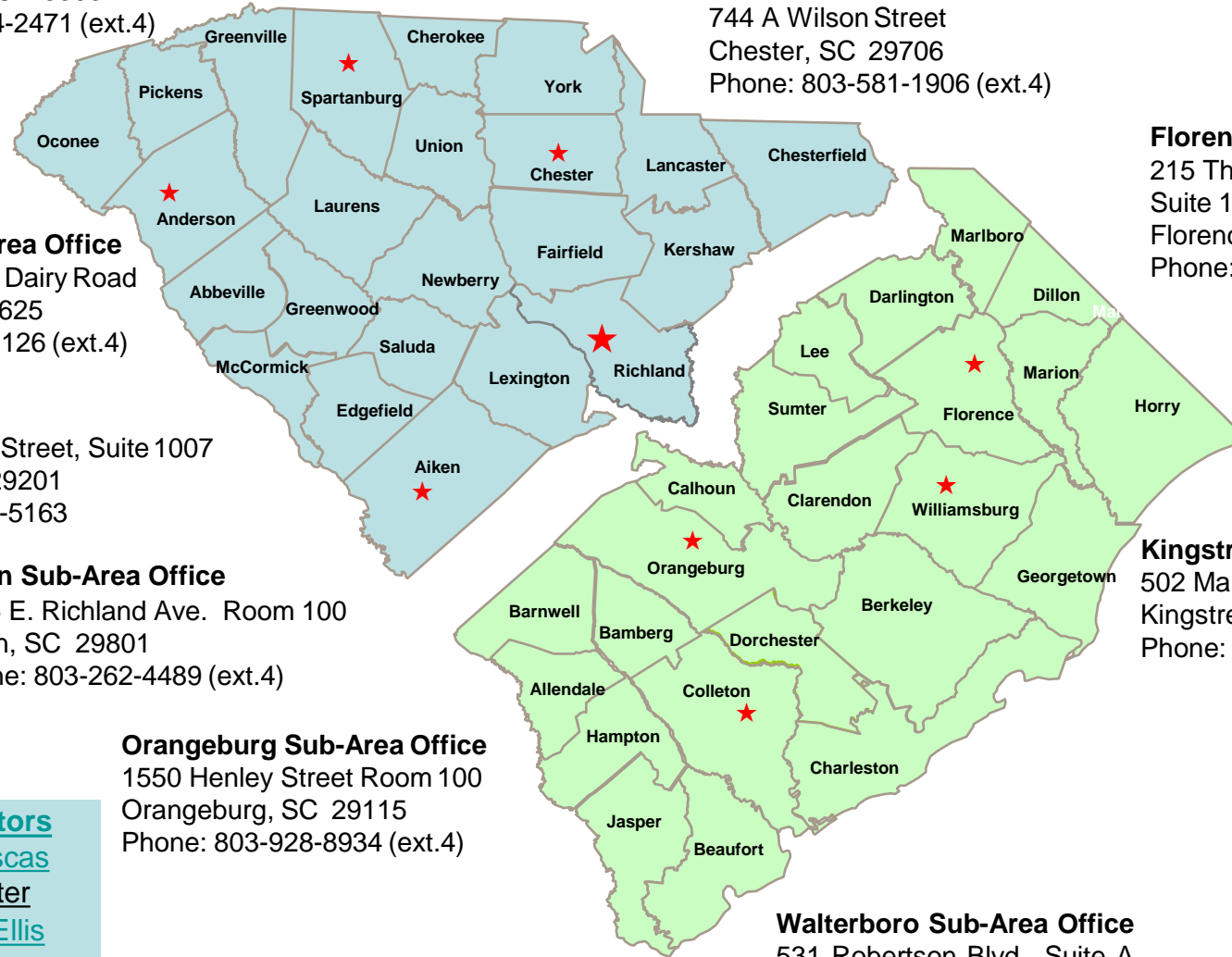
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