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

11:05: VA Resources
Jenifer Turner-Reid, LCSW, Deputy Network Homeless Coordinator
Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN-7 Homeless Programs
Sherry Martell, LCSW
VA Homeless Program Coordinator - Upstate
Columbia VA Health Care System
Terri L. Davis LICSW, LCAS
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

Households Increasing Monthly Income
$259,431.83 Total Monthly Increase
415 Households Increased Income
$625.14 Average Monthly Increase

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

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

New Permanent Housing Move-Ins
336 Households
550 Total Persons

Days Experiencing Homelessness
Average: 213.4
Median: 40.0

Total Served in Permanent Housing
465 Households
805 Total Persons

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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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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#### Gender

- Female: 958
- Male: 652

#### Age

- Under 18: 4
- 19-24: 131
- 25-34: 407
- 35-49: 371
- 50-62: 99
- 63+: 6

#### Race

- African American or Black: 725
- White: 60
- Multiracial: 17
- Unidentified: 13
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 2
Continuum of Care Program (CoC)
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?

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Amended
- Changes summarized in the amendment
- OMB Circulars, notices, etc. (Part 200 – Effective 2015)
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

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

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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

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- 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)
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.
• 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

- Greenville County: $237,851
- Charleston County: $158,023
- Lexington County: $157,470
- Horry County: $168,039

TOTAL ESG FUNDS: $3,296,236

State of South Carolina: $2,574,853
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

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### 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

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**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.
Eligible costs are broadly categorized as follows:

- General management, oversight, and coordination
- Training on ESG requirements
- Consolidated Plan
- 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://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/esg-requirements/
Columbia HUD Field Office

- Brad Evatt, Director, Community Planning and Development
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- Sheila Sossamon, Community Planning and Development Representative
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- Angie Hall, Community Planning and Development Representative
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13 counties in northeastern South Carolina: Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, and Williamsburg.
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.

Who we are
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
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
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Establishing Strategic Partnerships

An Approach to Support the Goals of Rural Homelessness

Courtney Frappaolo

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.
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

- **Transportation Officials**
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

Grants

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
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
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

- 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
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Establishing a Public Housing Homeless Preference

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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.
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 Program Goals
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
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

Columbia: 414
Florence: 32
Sumter: 10
Greenville: 170
Greer: 6
Rock Hill: 24
Total: 661 Housing Choice Vouchers
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](http://va.gov/homeless) to learn about VA programs for Veterans who are homeless.

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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
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
Projects Funded in South Carolina

Marlboro County Bookmobile

City of Hardeeville Library
Projects Funded in South Carolina

Family Justice Center of Georgetown & Horry Counties

Harbor Historical Maritime Museum
Projects Funded in South Carolina

Vital Aging of Williamsburg County

South Santee & Awendaw Senior Centers
Projects Funded in South Carolina

Aiken County YMCA

Pickens County/Powdersville YMCA
Projects Funded in South Carolina

- Abbeville Area Medical Center
- Clarendon County Hospital
Contact your local USDA Rural Development office for more information.

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