

Loudoun County Continuum of Care
**Local Announcement for
 2024 Housing Trust Fund – Homeless Reduction Grant**

OVERVIEW

The Loudoun County Continuum of Care (CoC) would like to notify organizations of the opportunity to apply for grant funding through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) [Homeless and Special Needs Housing \(HSNH\) Housing Trust Fund - Homeless Reduction Grant](#). The goal of the Virginia Housing Trust Fund Homeless Reduction Grant (HTF-HRG) is to reduce homelessness in the Commonwealth of Virginia. DHCD will support Continuum of Care (CoC) strategies and homeless service projects that are a part of an effective emergency crisis response system in communities to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and one-time.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. Housing Trust Fund - Homeless Reduction Grant contracts are awarded through a competitive application process to projects coordinated with their CoC strategies and are a part of an effective emergency crisis response system to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring. Eligible projects include rapid re-housing for literally homeless households, innovative projects for unaccompanied homeless youth or older adults experiencing homelessness, and rental assistance and stabilization services for chronically homeless households residing in permanent supportive housing.

The following is a brief overview of eligible project types through the HTF-HRG as well as the target population and a brief description.

Eligible Project Types	Target Population	Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) • Continued support for individuals currently housed in PSH • Funding to support additional PSH beds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronically homeless Individuals/Families with a diagnosed disability/disorder (See pg. 68 in the Funding Guidelines link above) 	Permanent supportive housing (PSH) for chronic homelessness is an evidence-based housing intervention that combines decent, safe, and affordable community-based housing, non-time-limited affordable housing assistance, and wrap-around supportive services for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Re-housing (RRH) 	Individuals/Families experiencing homelessness (literally homeless)	Rapid re-housing is an intervention designed to help individuals and families quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing. Rapid re-housing assistance is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety) and the resources and services provided are tailored to the unique needs of the household.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underserved Populations Innovation Project 	<p>Members of an underserved population that are experiencing homelessness. Underserved populations are defined by a lack of resources targeted towards providing culturally appropriate and trauma-informed services for a vulnerable population. Examples of underserved populations include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons 60 years of age or older • Unaccompanied youth aged 18 to 24 • Persons identifying as LGBTQ+ • Persons with disabilities, including physical or cognitive impairments, or substance use disorder • Persons living in rural areas 	<p>The purpose of the Underserved Populations Innovation Project is to support innovative local efforts to serve members of an underserved population experiencing homelessness and pilot new models of assistance to determine the array of interventions necessary to serve the target population.</p> <p>Eligible Activities: There are three categories of Underserved Populations Innovation Project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative Project Planning • Homeless Underserved Populations Outreach/Engagement • Housing Solutions

ELIGIBLE GRANTEES

Application is open to all nonprofit organizations serving Loudoun County residents. Eligible applicants must:

- Be an active member of the Loudoun Continuum of Care (CoC);
- Be an organization that is current on Form 990 filings with the Internal Revenue Service;-
- All proposed grantees must be registered in DHCD’s Centralized Application and Management System (CAMS) and submit required financial documents
- Established standard accounting practices including internal controls, fiscal management accounting procedures, cost allocation plans, and reliable tracking methods for organizational and program budgets by revenue sources and expenses.

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INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION GUIDE

Organizations interested in applying should review the following resources regarding the application process:

- Review the [Virginia Homeless and Special Needs Housing Guidelines](#)
- Virginia DHCD Housing Trust Fund Homeless Reduction Grant [website](#)
- Application Instructions HTF-HRG (pending update on the DHCD website above)
- Learn about the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act: HUD 24 CFR 578: [HUD HEARTH Act](#)

Organizations who apply will need a “Letter of Support” which confirms local coordination with the project submitted. Please see page 6 of the Application Instructions. Please email Corinne.Wyss@loudoun.gov with your request.

IMPORTANT DATES

Important dates related to the local competition can be found below:

- **Wednesday, August 16, 2023 10:00am to 11:30am**
[HTF-Homeless Reduction Grant How-to-Apply Webinar by Virginia DHCD](#)
Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device.
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 257 837 354 335
Passcode: AjyA2t
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Or call in (audio only)
+1 434-230-0065,,812521206# United States, Lynchburg
Phone Conference ID: 812 521 206#
[Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)
 - **Monday, October 2, 2023**
Organizations to submit their application to VA DHCD via CAMS
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To sign-up for VA DHCD mailing lists for additional information, click on the links below:

- [DHCD Updates](#)

To become a member of the Loudoun County CoC, please complete and return the membership form that can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Questions about the Virginia Housing Trust Fund Homeless Reduction Grant via email to Will Kerner, William.Kerner@dhcd.virginia.gov