

STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THE HOMELESS COMMISSION

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MISSION

The mission of the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless (HTF) is to support the efforts of organizations that provide housing and essential services for individuals and families striving to end their state of homelessness. These groups include:

- Nonprofits
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Community Homeless Provider Networks
- Local Governments and other public entities

The mission of the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless will be accomplished by:

- Providing resources for the groups listed above
- Supporting organizations that promote self-sufficiency
- Forming partnerships with organizations that embrace the goal of ending homelessness in Georgia

STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Homelessness Prevention

By definition, the prevention of something means to stop it from happening altogether. The Commission supports programs that provide assistance to individuals and families who are facing imminent homelessness. Providing this support on the front end works to stop the movement towards a loss of housing. Homelessness prevention includes financial assistance with utility bills, rent arrears, and moving costs, as well as case management.

| Number of Persons in Household | | Total |
|--------------------------------|--|------------|
| Adults | | 446 |
| Children | | 394 |
| Total | | 840 |

Rapid Re-Housing

Rapid Re-Housing works to quickly move individuals and families into permanent housing, as opposed to spending extended periods of time in the homeless system. Assistance includes funding for utility bills, rental assistance, and case management.

Number of households supported through Rental Assistance

Adults - 1,344

Children - 1,066

Total - 2,410

STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Street Outreach

Street outreach programs are designed to reach out to the unsheltered individuals and families and meet them where they are, geographically, but also emotionally, as these people are often the most reluctant to enter programs or accept assistance. Providing funding for street outreach enables programs with specially trained staff to work to build relationships and trust with these individuals.

Persons Served

| Number of Persons in Households | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Adults | 421 |
| Children | 9 |
| Total | 430 |

Emergency Shelter

Emergency shelter offers immediate accommodations for individuals and families who are homeless, providing a short-term program that works to connect people with more permanent housing and services.

Persons Served

| Number of Persons in Households | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Adults | 4,926 |
| Children | 2,043 |
| Total | 7,039 |

Shelter Plus Care

Under the premise that housing and services need to be connected in order to ensure the stability of housing for homeless people with disabilities and their families, the Shelter Plus Care (S+C) program provides permanent housing in connection with supportive services. The program provides rental assistance for a variety of housing choices, accompanied by a range of supportive services funded by other sources. Through the support of the Housing Trust Fund, S+C providers are able to wrap client-focused services and other supports with permanent housing.

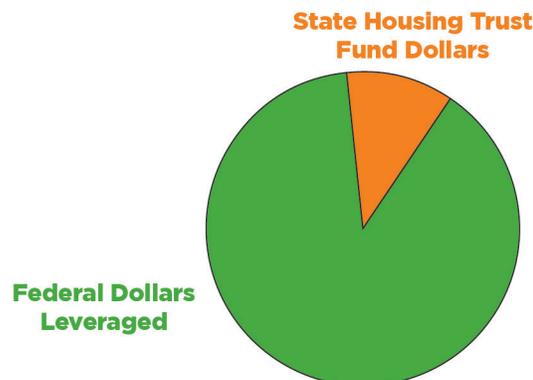
In State Fiscal Year 2017, the Shelter Plus Care program provided permanent supportive housing to more than 3,579 persons in 1,852 units. These units are located across Georgia and in all nine Continuum of Care jurisdictions.

STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND FINANCES

State Fiscal Year 2017

| | | State Funds |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| Admin | Administration | \$300,000 |
| Match | Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) | \$166,000 |
| | Balance of State Continuum of Care Planning | \$84,250 |
| | Balance of State Continuum of Care Assessment | \$89,176 |
| | Other Match | \$35,574 |
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| Services | Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) which include emergency shelter, transitional housing, homeless prevention and supportive services | \$442,892 |
| | Permanent Supportive Housing (formerly Shelter Plus Care (S+C)) | \$1,150,000 |
| | Other Training and Technical Assistance | \$670,000 |
| | Total State Funding | \$2,937,892 |
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| Federal Dollars Leveraged with State Funds | | Federal Funds |
| | Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) | \$4,194,121 |
| | Permanent Supportive Housing (formerly known as Shelter Plus Care) | \$14,770,741 |
| | Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) | \$663,400 |
| | Coordinated Assessment Grant | \$186,176 |
| | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) | \$2,355,297 |
| | Total Federal Dollars Leveraged | \$22,506,735 |

For every \$1 committed to Georgia programs by the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless, almost \$8 is leveraged in federal funding.



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