

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	96
Children	129
Total	225

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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 - 578

Children – 588

Total - 1,166

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.

Number of Persons in Households

Adults 744

Children 11

Total 761

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.

Number of Persons in Households

Adults 5,513

Children 1,713

Total 7,236

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The three following categories capture other significant data collected on individuals served in programs funded by the State Housing Trust Fund.

Individuals who had a physical and/or mental health condition at the start of an Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program (duplicated numbers):

Mental Health Diagnosis	2,158	Drug Abuse	558
Both Alcohol and Drug Abuse	278	Physical Disability	1,159
Developmental Disability	521	Alcohol Abuse	228
Chronic Health Condition	1,361		

Individuals who were asked if they had experienced domestic violence at any point (duplicated numbers):

1,857

Individuals who stated they were fleeing domestic violence (duplicated numbers):

1,289

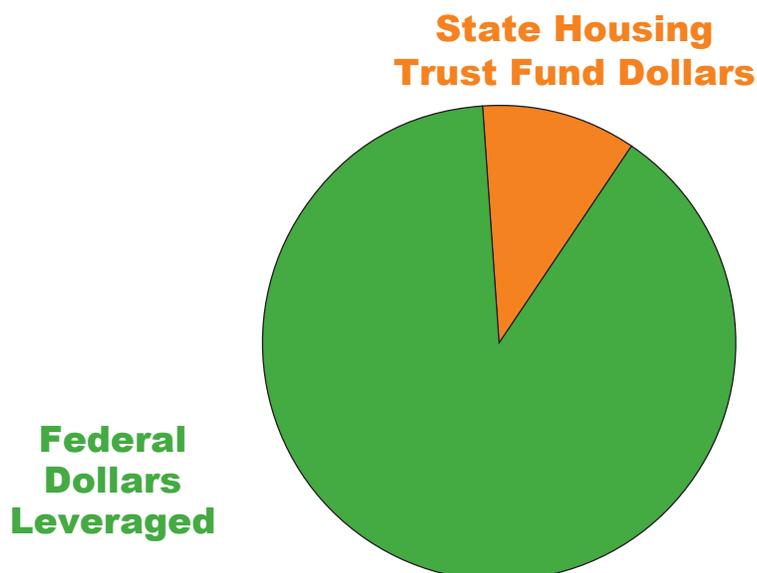
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Georgia Housing and Finance Authority Permanent Supportive Housing (GHFA PSH)

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 Georgia Housing and Finance Authority Permanent Supportive Housing (GHFA PSH) 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, GHFA PSH providers are able to wrap client-focused services and other supports along with permanent housing.

In State Fiscal Year 2021, the GHFA PSH program provided permanent supportive housing to 3,029 persons in 1,775 units. These units are located across Georgia and in all nine Continuum of Care jurisdictions.

For every \$1 committed to Georgia programs by the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless, \$9.06 is leveraged in federal funding.



State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

		State Funds
Admin	Administration	\$ 300,000
Match	Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)	\$ 166,000
	Balance of State Continuum of Care Planning	\$ 164,774
	Balance of State Continuum of Care Assessment	\$ 89,176
	Balance of State Continuum of Care Expansion	\$ 50,000
	Balance of State HMIS	\$ 25,000
Services	Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) which include emergency shelter, transitional housing, homeless prevention and supportive services	\$ 450,000
	Permanent Supportive Housing (formerly Shelter Plus Care (S+C))	\$1,150,000
	Other Training and Technical Assistance	\$ 567,942
	Total State Funding	\$2,962,892
Federal Dollars Leveraged with State Funds		Federal Funds
	Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)	\$ 4,621,817
	Permanent Supportive Housing (formerly known as Shelter Plus Care)	\$16,085,452
	Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)	\$ 663,400
	Balance of State Continuum of Care Planning	\$ 659,097
	Balance of State Continuum of Care HMIS	\$ 100,003
	Balance of State Coordinated Entry	\$ 189,176
	Balance of State Coordinated Entry Expansion	\$ 200,000
	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 4,343,739
	Total Federal Dollars Leveraged	\$26,862,684

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