

1. Please describe any significant changes in your Continuum of Care/Balance of State local planning group since the FY 20-21 application. Include leadership and/or agency changes, point-in-time count data, trends, and any information you would like to share with DHCD. - Limit response to no more than one page.

In January 2026, the Greater Richmond CoC recorded a total of 618 people experiencing homelessness, including 363 people in year-round shelters and 255 in seasonal and overflow shelters. Although extreme weather prevented an official count of unsheltered homelessness in January 2026, those counted in the additional seasonal shelters would likely have been unsheltered, if those resources were not available to safely shelter people during the extreme weather. This total of 618 people recorded experiencing homelessness during this PIT represents an absolute decrease in total number of people experiencing homelessness and the number of people sleeping outdoors from January 2025 (660 total counted) but remains an elevated number of people experiencing homelessness relative to pre-pandemic levels. Of this elevated population of people experiencing homelessness, the Richmond area is part of a national trend in which the rates of older adults experiencing homelessness are increasing. For all projects within the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care, we witnessed a 100% increase (from 3.4% to 6.8%) in the rate of adults age 65+ between 2018 and 2024. Shockingly, we also saw that 47.5% of adults aged 65 or older experiencing homelessness reporting have slept outside at some point in the last year (July 2024-June 2025).

While the region saw a sharp increase in people experiencing homelessness along with an increase in available resources to meet the proportional housing needs through COVID-19 relief funds, the decline in supplemental relief funds and the changes to the federal Continuum of Care Program funding leaves an ongoing gap to meet the increasing needs of a persistently elevated regional population of people experiencing homelessness.

To better understand the most critical needs of people and families experiencing homelessness, as well as the most effective strategies to resolve a household's housing crisis, Homeward regularly conducts listening sessions and surveys with frontline staff, service providers, and people with lived experience of homelessness on behalf of the GRCoC. From these sessions, Homeward has identified the ongoing need for flexible funding sources and dedicated housing navigation, particularly for people who are unsheltered, as well as people residing in seasonal and year-round emergency shelters.

Flexible funds are an ongoing critical need to address housing access expenses for people who are unsheltered and not enrolled in a permanent-housing project. These funds are most often needed for rent/utility arrears, rental applications, re/obtaining documents,

lease-up expenses, diversion activities, and other needs to resolve an individual's homelessness.

Between July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 (the latest data currently available), the GRCoC served 8,939 people experiencing homelessness or within three days of losing their housing. GRCoC agencies provided 125,751 shelter bed nights, served over 250,000 meals, and participated in 24,805 one-on-one phone calls through the Homeless Connection Line. More data and information on the GRCoC Service activities and initiatives can be found in the CoC's annual report: <https://www.endhomelessnessrva.org/grcoc-releases-fy2025-annual-report>

2. If the CoC/LPG is requesting to move money between activities and/or agencies please provide details about the process and the rationale for the request.

The GRCoC is not requesting to move money between activities and/or agencies.

Approved by the GRCoC Board; 6/3/2026