

Capital Region

● Workgroup ●

Strategies to Addressing Homelessness



Please put your name, title,
& affiliation in the chat

Review Goals/Purpose of this Workgroup

Develop a coordinated response to proposed Federal Funding changes for CoC and ESG programs

- Connect to Federal Representatives with a regional focus

- Strategize ways to reduce impact if funding or policy changes are enacted

Goal for Today



Barriers for Dept. of Social Services

Capacity

Shelters are full

Reliance on hotels and motels
for emergency placement

Regionally, 836 in Hotel/Motel
Beds (on a single night)

Cost

It costs more to house
someone in a
hotel/shelter than to
pay for a month's rent

Quality

Quality of Life
concerns for clients
sheltering in hotels



Capital Region Total numbers on January 23, 2025

There were 1,647 people experiencing homelessness.
(sheltered and unsheltered)

There were 1,422 people in CoC-funded housing.

The Average length of time households remained in
emergency housing is over 100 days regionally.

Current Allocations by County



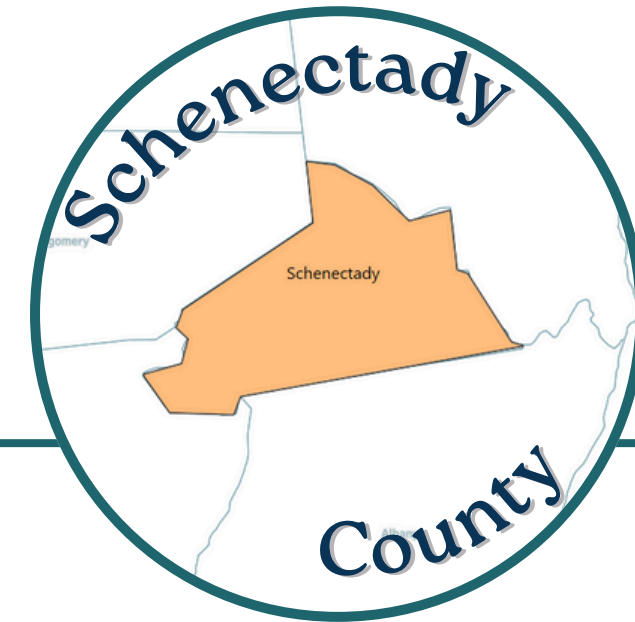
Continuum of Care
annual funding:
\$4.2 million

Emergency
Solutions Grant:
\$153,353



Continuum of Care
annual funding:
\$7.59 million

Emergency
Solutions Grant:
\$276,718



Continuum of Care
annual funding:
\$5.92 million

Emergency
Solutions Grant:
\$190,000

Review Key Concerns

FY26 Budget Proposal



Consolidation of CoC and HOPWA into ESG

(ESG is an entitlement program operated by cities and states)



Rental Assistance **Limited** to 24 months

➤ originally **permanently** affordable

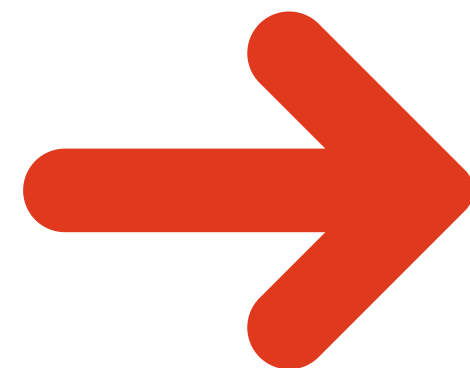
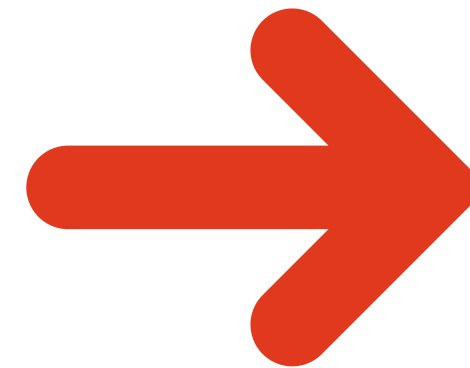
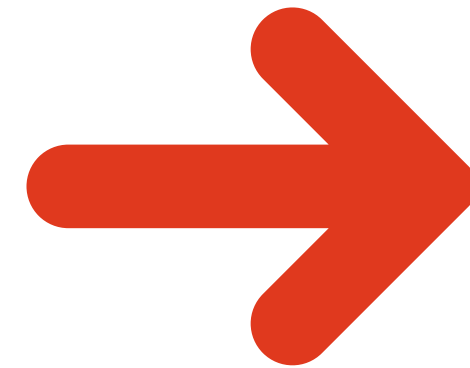
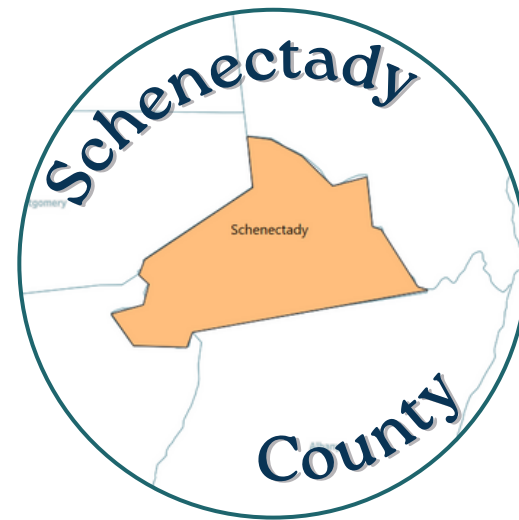


Cutting Homelessness Assistance Grants (HAG) by **\$532 million**

➤ decreasing the programs by about 15%

Impacts

Impact on CoC-
funded Permanent
Supportive Housing
Inventory



*beds = persons

Workgroup Action Steps

What we need to know from you:

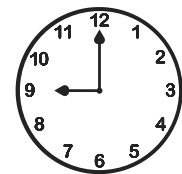
- What relationships do you have with federal representatives?
- Should meetings be organized by congressional district or regionally?
- Are there other data points that should be pulled to support our messaging federally?
- Can meetings be scheduled within the next 4 to 6 weeks

How CARES and the CoCs can support you:

- Organizing the meeting(s)
- Providing data and stories to show impacts of funding cuts
- Support facilitation of the meetings
- Collective expertise of homelessness in our counties

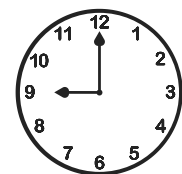


July 23rd



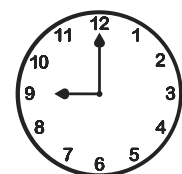
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August 27th



9 am - 10:30 am

September 24th



9 am - 10:30 am

Meeting Dates

