



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

4/10/2025
Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Housekeeping

The Housing & Homeless Coalition welcomes ideas, opinions, and knowledge from a broad spectrum of partners; thus meetings are open to the public and new members are always welcomed. Meetings take place the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm. Email ciabottonidina@gmail.com for the meeting information and to provide input and feedback. Meetings are not permitted to be recorded.

Archived Coalition Meeting Minutes are available at <https://www.bchmis.info/>

1. Open Discussion

Kathy Walter (Housing Authority of the County of Beaver) Announced that the housing authority office will be open to the public starting Monday. The office will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. You may park in the back and use the new side entrance to the building.

Annie Dayich (Veteran's Association) Reminded the group of the upcoming mental health awareness event at the YMCA in New Brighton. The event will take place on May 9th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. She also announced the stand down event on April 26th at the Baden American Legion from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The event is for veterans and their families. Resources, food, boxed meals, haircuts, and massages will be available to those who attend. Annie shared information about the Beaver County law enforcement coalition that will take place via zoom every second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. For any additional information please contact Annie.

Mary Lou Harju (United Way) Shared that the United Way is helping individuals in the county through an extension of job training. With the United Way's support the income thresholds have increased to aid more individuals. United Way can also assist with up to \$500 for apprenticeships. Eligibility requirements are 18 years old, high school diploma/GED, a resident of Beaver County, and income verification. Contact Job Training at 724.728.4860.

Mary Lou also announced an upcoming volunteer fair April 24th at Beaver Valley Mall, vendors may sign up online at unitedway.org or by calling the office.

Nancy Greico (Red Cross) Reported 1 fire, 1 adult was affected and has been connected with assistance.

Dina Ciabattoni (CoC) Announced that the Salvation Army is hiring a case manager for their rapid rehousing program. Information can be found on indeed. Dina also shared information about the new subcommittee meeting which focuses on data quality and outcomes. The next meeting will be May 2nd at the Mental Health Association in Rochester.

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Zabriawn Smith (Housing Opportunities) Requested additional information about housing programs and income requirements for the housing authority.

2. Agenda

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Women's Center – Stacie Scheel

Stacie shared that April is sexual assault awareness month. She stated that 53% of women and 29% of men have been sexually assaulted in a lifetime. She shared that this is considered a crime of power not passion. 546 victims were reported last year in Beaver County. The women's center aids people of any gender. They provide legal advocates, therapy for victims and their families, and assist sexual assault victims. Victims have 24/7 assistance available to them through police stations, hospitals, and doctors' offices. Anyone can assist a victim by remaining calm and providing support. The group was reminded to foster a level of consent when working with sexual assault victims. Engaging the victim in decision making helps to build self confidence. The women's center has been in service for 49 years. You can obtain assistance through their helpline at 724.775.0131.

Gaps Analysis Survey & Strategic Plan

Dina Ciabattoni

See attached. Dina announced the purpose of the gaps analysis is to look at what is missing in our continuum of services. One way to gather input on existing gaps is through the survey that is located in the save the dates. The survey will enable our partners doing the work every day to provide direct input. This input will also help inform the Strategic Plan which guides decision making and planning efforts. Input specific to the Strategic Plan can also be forwarded to Dina at ciabattondina@gmail.com. Annie shared there has been an increase in suicides with homeless veterans over the past year. Zabriawn stated the lack of financial literacy with clients. Mike expressed the need for additional emergent housing.

HUD updates

Dina Ciabattoni

See attached document that outlines the recently passed HUD budget. Dina noted that CoC funding was flat funded at last year's level. This could be a problem for the CoC funded programs when the Fair Market Rent is adjusted in October. But not all rents for the CoC funded units hit the Fair Market levels so it may not have a huge impact. Other HUD funding is listed on the document, and most were also flat funded.

There will be no CoC funding competition this year, unless bonus funds are available. Dina stated that as of right now HUD is behind on the current grant agreements as they are adjusting some language. Programs are unable to spend funds until the grant agreements are received. So this will impact those programs that renew in May if the agreements do not come through soon.

Kathy Walter from the Housing Authority shared that Section 8 can only fund 540 households a significant decrease from previous years. She stated that the section 8 application process has not been open in the last 2 years. She also shared that some of the public housing sites have a 6 year waitlist, but there are some areas with vacancies. See the attached Housing Availability Chart for those locations. Kathy reported that The Housing

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Authority is working with the Community Development Program on tenant based rental assistance.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

See attached. Dina stated that the rapid rehousing list has stayed about the same since last month and that the subsidized list is not fully updated.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5/8/25 at 1:30 pm

SAVE THE DATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Beaver County Continuum of Care Gaps Analysis Survey Please participate at your soonest convenience to help us identify areas for development. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CVMJPRH>

5/6/25 Advocacy Day in Harrisburg for Behavioral Health Resources Transportation provided but seats are limited. Contact Cami Williams at 724.775.7650 to reserve yours.

5/17/25 Beaver County Bounces Back! From 11 am – 2 pm at Brady's Run Park. Vendor space is still available. To register:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFgKrijth8hE4p1XkQ9Umc6RP1PaiiUarXYnmF_nzQ8lY8cg/viewform?usp=sharing

Free Covid Tests for Non-Profits: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QSiOQSgB1U2bbEf8Wpob3ka6JW7jo-JAmyz3QeKVYRdUQUFZS1RBTjhLQkpBNUdMR0hXWjJUQTlINy4u&wdLOR=cAF58286A-BD4E-4039-8647-ED886363B6D2>

PA Housing Plan survey: <https://dced.pa.gov/housing-and-development/pennsylvania-housing-action-plan/>

For assistance with SNAP benefits, contact Patricia Ferricks at: pferricks@pittsburghfoodbank.org, cell: 724.549.8463, or visit at TCBC (600 6th Street Beaver Falls, PA)

Updated Free Meal Schedule and Food Pantries can be found at: www.bchmis.info

Information on NA meetings throughout the county (both in person and online), visit: beavervalleyyna.org

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BEAVER COUNTY HOUSING AVAILABILITY

April 2025

Housing Program Type Availability Unit/Bed Occupancy Administrator

Crescent Commons*	Permanent	2	24	92%	Housing Authority
Friendship Homes*	Permanent	0	33	100%	Salvation Army
BC On-Call	Emergency	1	2	50%	The Cornerstone
CARL*	Permanent	0	41	100%	Housing Authority
Stone Harbour*	Transitional	0	12	100%	CRS
CRS Transitional	Transitional	0	15	100%	CRS
Harmony House	Emergency	1	4	75%	BCCYS/SA
BCCYS Housing	Emergency	3	14	79%	BCCYS
Women's Center	Emergency	0	24	100%	BC Women's Center
Women's Center	Transitional	being used for quarantine	10	#VALUE!	BC Women's Center
SA Rapid Rehousing *	Permanent	0	N/A	N/A	Salvation Army
Safely Home*	Permanent	0	16	100%	Housing Authority
Men's Shelter	Emergency	2	20	90%	The Cornerstone

*Accessed through Coordinated Entry - See reverse side of chart for HUDs disability & homeless eligibility requirements.

Subsidized or Section 8 Location Bedroom Types Wait List Details

Brightwood Manor	New Brighton	No availability	Taking applications	
Beaver Falls Plaza	Beaver Falls		Taking applications.	Srs. 1 year; Disabled 1+ year. Purge annually
Scottswood Apts	Hopewell	5 - 2BRs	Available immediately	
Valley Terrace	Aliquippa	2- 3 BRs	Available immediately	
ValleyView	New Brighton	No availability	Taking Applications	2 BRs turnover faster - encourages submitting apps for 2 BR
Spring Run	Monaca		Taking Applications	2-6 year wait
Towne Tower	Aliquippa	1 BRs units available	Available immediately	
Pinney Street Manor	Rochester	Sr. 1 BRs	Taking Applications	
Lenz Court	Ambridge	1 & 2 BRs	Vacancies (50/60% AMI)	Rent: \$855.00 - 50% and \$1,042.00 - 60% for 1 BRs; \$1,247 for 2 BRs

Housing Authority

Eleanor Roosevelt	Aliquippa	1 BRs available	Low income, senior citizens
Sheffield Towers	Aliquippa	1 BRs available	Low income, sr citizens or w/ a disability
College Hill	BF	2-BRs and 3BRs	\$500-\$600/mo plus electric
811 Program	Koppel/Roch	No vacancies	

Coordinated Entry Waitlists

PSH: 4 (5)
TH: 7 (2)
RRH: 30 (24) Includes all RRH prgms

() indicates last month's count

Coordinated Entry's Phone Number: 724.846.6400

Description of Beaver County Supportive Housing Programs

Community Assisted Residential Living (C.A.R.L.) is a permanent supportive housing program for homeless households with a disability. It is a tenant based rental model administered by the Housing Authority of Beaver County. The Program focuses on households with the longest length of homelessness, homeless households with children, veterans, and victims of domestic violence. Individuals and families live in scattered sites. The program is not funded to provide case management services. Contact information: Mike Little at mlittle@beavercountyhousing.org

Crescent Commons is a permanent supportive housing program administered by the Housing Authority of Beaver County which provides housing vouchers to participants who are chronically homeless with disabilities and who have exhausted all other housing options. At full operational capacity the program should house approximately 31 people. Individuals and families live in scattered sites. The program is not funded to provide case management services. Contact information: Melissa Grimes at mgrimes@beavercountyhousing.org

Friendship Homes is a 33 bed scattered permanent supportive housing program administered by the Salvation Army for both chronically homeless and non-chronically homeless individuals and families and with disabilities. In addition to housing, the program is funded to provide moderate case management services. Contact information: Renee Sannan at Renee.Sannan@use.salvationarmy.org

Stone Harbour is a transitional supportive housing program administered by Cornerstone Recovery and Supports (CRS) which provides supportive housing for 12 chronically homeless individuals struggling with co-occurring disorders of mental illness and substance abuse, as well as those with legal histories. Individuals live in a single site in Freedom PA. The program is funded to provide on-site case management services. Contact information: Tammy Van Evera at tvanevera@crscares.org

Salvation Army Rapid Re-Housing is a medium term rapid re-housing program for homeless households who score for rapid re-housing through Coordinated Entry and who need longer term financial assistance (up to 2 years). Individual assessment will determine length of financial support and types of supportive services offered. Contact information: Renee Sannan at Renee.Sannan@use.salvationarmy.org

Safely Home is a medium term rapid re-housing program for homeless households fleeing DV situations. The Women's Center will also provide support to clients. Referrals come from CE and are verified by the Women's Center. Contact information: Melissa Grimes at mgrimes@beavercountyhousing.org

811 Program (not a McKinney Vento program)

A subsidized housing program for disabled adults (age 18-61) who are either in an institution or at risk of institutionalization and who are able to reside in the community with supports. Criteria include:

- Disabled and Medicaid eligible. Also eligible for long-term services and supports
- Income at or below 30% AMI
- Eligible for the Housing Authority

Questions and/or applications can be directed to Lisa Conway at LConway@beavercountyhousing.org

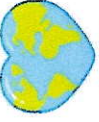
PA CareerLink® Beaver County April 2025 Workshop and Recruitment Calendar

724-728-4860 – Phone -- 724-775-1199 – TTY

You must be registered on the PA CareerLink Website www.pacareerlink.pa.gov to attend these free events.

To register for an event, please see specific workshop details on the back of this page.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Smart Start Workshop Class #2 of 10 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)	ResourceMFG OnSite Interviews 10 am to 4 Smart Start Workshop Class #1 of 10 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)	ResourceMFG OnSite Interviews 10 am to 4 Smart Start Workshop Class #3 of 10 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)	ResourceMFG OnSite Interviews 10 am to 4 Spring Job and Career Fair 10AM to 2 PM!	PA CareerLink® Beaver County is closed and will reopen Monday, April 21 st at 8 AM
Smart Start Workshop Class #4 of 10 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)	ResourceMFG OnSite Interviews 10 am to 4 Resume Workshop 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM	ResourceMFG OnSite Interviews 10 am to 4 Smart Start Workshop Class #5 of 10 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)	ResourceMFG OnSite Interviews 10 am to 4 pm Civil Service Workshop 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	25
Smart Start Workshop Class #6 of 10 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) Open Computer Lab with Tech2Elevate 2:00 to 4:00 PM	ResourceMFG OnSite Interviews 10 am to 4 pm 	ResourceMFG OnSite Interviews 10 am to 4 pm Smart Start Workshop Class #7 of 10 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)	ResourceMFG OnSite Interviews 10 am to 4 pm Big Interview Workshop 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Volunteer Fair 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM	25
Smart Start Workshop Class #8 of 10 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) Open Computer Lab with Tech2Elevate 2:00 to 4:00 PM	29	Smart Start Workshop Class #9 of 10 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)	30	



Calendar events:

Smart Start - Are you or someone you know thinking of starting/growing a small business? To Register for the next Smart Start Business Series (10 workshop series, twice per week) Please contact **Dianne Hanrahan** at dfhanrahan@jtc.org or call 724-728-4860 ext. 233. This is an in-person workshop at PA CareerLink Beaver County. Pre-registration is required by contacting Dianne to attend this workshop.

Resume Workshop - Looking to improve your resume writing skills or interview skills? To register, please call 724-727-4860 ext. 237. You can also register on the PA CareerLink® website. This is an in-person workshop at PA CareerLink Beaver County. Please arrive 15 minutes early with your keystone ID and password.

Civil service workshop - Learn how to access and navigate the Civil Service and US Postal websites, on-line applications and testing process for Civil Service Commission, federal and state jobs. You can also register on the PA CareerLink® website. This is an in-person workshop at PA CareerLink Beaver County. Please arrive 15 minutes early with your keystone ID and password.

Big Interview Workshop - Learn how to use the Big Interview program (available to you on the PA CareerLink website) to win that dream job! Get prepared for a specific upcoming interview privately or share your video answers for feedback. TO REGISTER, go to the PA CareerLink website at www.pacareerlink.pa.gov. Please arrive 15 minutes early with your keystone ID and password.

2025 Spring Job and Career Fair - Join us for our annual Spring Fair from 10 AM to 2 PM April 10th! With over 60+ Beaver and Allegheny Employers in Healthcare, Energy, Manufacturing, Education, Logistics, Transportation, Trades, Professional and more; we expect to have an outstanding event! No registration required for job seekers! See you then!

Volunteer Fair - Looking for ways to make a difference in your community? Come discover volunteer opportunities at the Volunteer Fair on April 24, 2025, 1:00-7:00 PM, at the Beaver Valley Mall. No registration required! See you then!

Open Computer Lab - Wish you knew how to use your phone or computer more efficiently? Is there a software you want to learn? Stop in for one-on-one help from a Tech2Elevate Digital Coach! Please arrive 15 minutes early with your keystone ID and password. (We can help you through these steps if you are unable to locate it).

Reentry Workshop - Did you miss the 2024 Beaver County Reentry Summit, but still want info on expunging your record, job search assistance, driver's license restoration, and pardon information? Stay tuned for the 2025 Reentry Summit Date! Attend the whole event to receive a gold certificate!!

We are at your local library!! Want help job searching or building your resume, but can't make it to our office? Check out www.pacareerlink.pa.gov for upcoming dates and times and see below!

April 3rd: Aliquippa from 10 AM to 3 PM

April 17th: Beaver Falls from 10 AM to 3 PM

April 24th: Midland from 1 PM to 4 PM

April 25th: Ambridge from 10 AM to 3 PM

Recruitments-

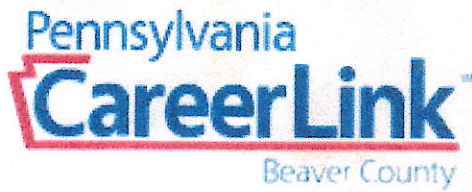
ResourceMFG - This Manufacturing staffing team is here every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm. Stop by or email Sabrina.green@prologistix.com . No pre-registration required to attend this event. Please arrive 15 minutes early for our sign in process.

*For more information on hiring events. Please view our Facebook events! *

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to events to fill out our new Digital Intake process if you have not yet done so. Thank you.

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UNITED WAY
Beaver County

Volunteer Fair

📅 April 24, 2025 ⌚ 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 📍 Beaver Valley Mall

Find an organization that shares your passions.

Looking for ways to make a difference in your community?
Come discover volunteer opportunities at our Volunteer Fair
on **April 24, 2025, 1:00 - 7:00 PM, at the Beaver Valley Mall.**

Whether you're passionate about education, helping those in need, or supporting creativity, this event brings together organizations looking for dedicated volunteers like you!

Explore a wide range of volunteer opportunities, meet with local organizations, and find the perfect fit for your skills and interests.

If you have questions or are a non-profit organization interested in setting up a table, please contact Kaitlyn Karczewski at kaitlyn.karczewski@unitedwaybeaver.org or at (724) 774-3210.





United Works

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A collaborative program between

Job Training for Beaver County & United Way of Beaver County.

United Way of Beaver County (UWBC), in collaboration with Job Training for Beaver County, Inc. (JTBC), has launched **United Works**, a workforce development program for Beaver County residents who are working, sometimes multiple jobs, and still can't make ends meet. United Works can help people access valuable educational opportunities that were previously out of reach due to cost. The goal is to provide financial assistance for training needed to secure well-paying, meaningful jobs, and ultimately, transition to a higher level of financial stability.

United Works funds will specifically support tuition and supportive services for students who earn a little too much to qualify for other grants. This can allow more individuals to access the education and resources they need to thrive.

Job Training for Beaver County will work with the applicant to determine eligibility.

To be eligible, a person must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Reside in Beaver County
- Provide verification that current household income is under ALICE household survival budget guidelines - <https://unitedforalice.org/household-budgets/pennsylvania>
- Be accepted into an eligible CCBC training program, an eligible Penn State Beaver training program, or a building and construction trades pre-apprenticeship or registered apprenticeship program

To learn more about qualifying for United Works,
contact JTBC at (724) 728-4860, ext. 218, or
www.jtbc.org or scan the QR code.



Qualifying Courses & Apprenticeships

CCBC Training Programs Include:

- Advanced Manufacturing Process Operator
- Mechatronics
- Introduction to Welding Technology
- Certified Information Security Manager CISM
- CompTIA A+ Network, Security+
- Cybersecurity
- Full Stack Web Developer
- Mastering Project Management w/ PMP Prep
- Associate Degree Nursing
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Phlebotomy Micro-credential
- Pharmacy Technician
- Police Technology Certificate
- Wastewater Treatment Operator

Building & Construction Trades Registered Apprenticeship Training Programs

- Boilermaker
- Bricklayer
- Cement Mason
- Commercial Carpenter
- Drywall Finisher
- Electrician
- Elevator Constructor
- Floor Coverer
- Heavy Highway Carpenter
- Glazier
- Insulator
- Ironworker
- Laborer
- Mill Cabinet Worker
- Millwright
- Operating Engineer
- Painter
- Pile Driver
- Plasterer
- Plumber
- Roofer
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Sprinkler Fitter
- Steamfitter



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SATURDAY APRIL 26TH

12:00 - 3:00 PM

BADEN AMERICAN LEGION
271 STATE ST. BADEN, PA 15005

All veteran & service members are
called to enjoy lunch, camaraderie,
and access to resources including:

benefits questions, job search,
haircuts, housing assistance, and
more!



BEAVER COUNTY COMMUNITY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COALITION



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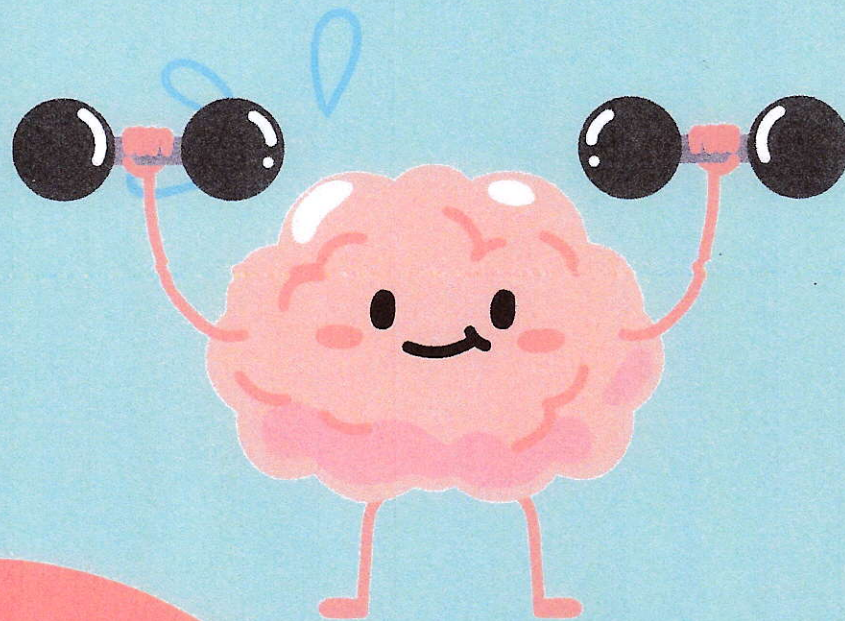


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MENTAL GAINS



HELP US EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS THROUGH FITNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT BY FOSTERING A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE CAN CONNECT, GROW, AND HEAL TOGETHER, STRENGTHENING BOTH BODY AND MIND. WE AIM TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS, REDUCE STIGMA, AND INSPIRE POSITIVE CHANGE FOR A HEALTHIER, MORE RESILIENT FUTURE.

Fact Sheet: Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025

What it Means for HUD Homeless Assistance Grants

On March 15, President Trump signed into law a [year-long continuing resolution](#) (CR) that extends funding for the federal government through September 30, 2025. Although the continuing resolution generally extends funding levels from [fiscal year 2024 enacted funding amounts](#), it includes increases for defense spending and immigration enforcement while reducing some non-defense funding. The measure eliminates all earmarked projects from FY2024 appropriations and omits \$15.9 billion in earmarked projects that had been included in the FY2025 House and Senate appropriations bills.

Impact on Homeless Assistance Grants

The CR preserves the overall funding level of \$4.051 billion for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Homeless Assistance Grants programs, at the following levels:

- \$290 million for Emergency Solutions Grants
- \$107 million for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
- \$3.54 billion for the Continuum of Care Program, which must cover:
 - renewals of existing projects;
 - a \$52 million set-aside for projects for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
 - a \$10 million set-aside for the National Data Analysis Project; and
 - a \$25 million Cost of Living Adjustment for supportive services staff.

Implications

- After set-asides and adjustments, the CR leaves \$3.457 billion for the renewal of existing projects but does not account for the increase in Fair Market Rent adjustments.
- The CR gives HUD the ability to repurpose \$100 million to cover renewal demand. These funds would otherwise be used for additional Permanent Supportive Housing.
 - *Please note: This is not a reallocation of the \$100 million from FY2024 that was made available through the CoC Builds Notice of Funding Availability. That award process is still pending from HUD.*
- Even with \$100 million to help cover renewal demand, the Alliance anticipates there will still be a gap of \$150 million to \$200 million between the amount available and the need.
- This shortfall will result in a loss of housing assistance for at least 18,500 households, and will reduce the availability of housing and services to help people experiencing homelessness get back into housing.

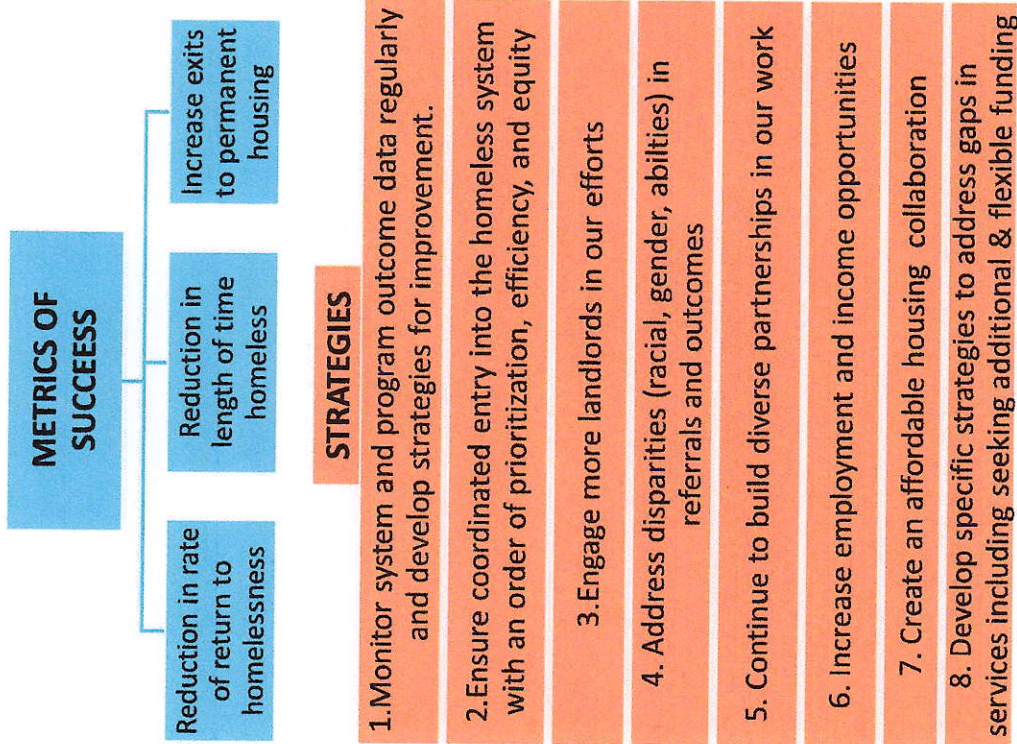
Impact on Other Key HUD Programs

Program	FY25 funding amount	Change from FY24	Note
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$32.14 billion	\$3.65 billion increase	Insufficient to cover the full cost of voucher renewals, this will result in a projected loss of 32,000 vouchers .
Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)	\$16.89 billion	\$880 million increase	(N/A)
Section 202	\$931.4 million	\$18.4 million increase	This program provides affordable housing and services for older adults.
Section 811	\$256.7 million	\$48.7 million increase	This program provides affordable housing and services for people with disabilities to live in communities instead of institutional settings.

See National Low Income Housing Coalition's [updated budget chart](#) for full details.

PA-603 COC – 2021- 2024 STRATEGIC PLANNING TOOL

The PA-603 Steering Committee is committed to the goal of ending homelessness in Beaver County by operating a system of partners that quickly identifies, engages, and rehouses households who face a housing crisis. The Steering Committee will use this tool in addition to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action plans to guide their decision making over the course of the next 3 years (2021-2024). It will be updated as determined necessary by data and outcomes.



GAPS IN SERVICE

1. Lack of affordable housing options
2. Disparate outcomes
3. Insufficient Permanent Supportive Housing
4. Lack of case management/supports both pre and post housing placement
5. Memorandums of Understanding with critical partners
6. Timely access to medical services (i.e. through a mobile medical team)
7. Meeting unique or unexpected needs
8. Lengthy admission processes into housing programs
9. Housing needs of people with complex issues i.e. MH, elderly, incarceration histories, and teens/young adults
10. Wait times that lengthen homelessness
11. High eviction rates

PA-603 Continuum of Care Strategic Plan to End Homelessness In Beaver County, PA

PURPOSE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING TOOL

The Strategic Planning Tool is meant to be used as a reference to guide decision making and to help make funding decisions. It is used by the CoC Governing Board, the CoC Coordinator, and the Collaborative Applicant. Entities who apply for some homeless funds are asked to structure their proposals around the needs identified in this document. The Governing Board reviews the Strategic Planning Tool annually and formally updates it every 3 years. Input is gathered from CoC and ESG funded programs, the Housing & Homeless Coalition members, and the Lived Homeless Expertise committee. The CoC Coordinator also provides data to inform the process.

CONTEXT OF HOMELESSNESS IN BEAVER COUNTY

PA-603 CoC is made up of partners working in coordination with various housing programs to end homelessness in Beaver County. Ending homelessness means the experience of homelessness is a rare occurrence and when it does occur it is brief and non-recurring. The Housing & Homeless Coalition is comprised of 296 distinct service and resource partners and advocates. Of these partners approximately 50 regularly attend monthly partner meetings. 16 different programs provide housing to homeless people and include: 3 Permanent Supportive Housing programs, 2 Transitional Housing programs, 6 Rapid Rehousing programs, and 5 Emergency Shelters. These housing programs provide 397 beds for people who are homeless (2024 HIC). On the night of January 23, 2024, 94% of those beds were filled (372 people). This represents an increase from the last three years and it exceeds the pre-pandemic levels of 330 people reported on the 2020 HIC. Numbers peaked at 444 people during the height of the pandemic in 2021 as reported on that year's HIC so FY 2024 still demonstrates a decrease from that peak. Length of time homeless had steadily decreased over the last two years (FY 2021 and 2022 System Performance Measures). But it increased in 2023 by an average of 40 days which is not surprising given the extraordinarily tight affordable housing market in Beaver County (FY 2023 System Performance Measures). In fact, in 2023 the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania estimated that Beaver County only has 68 affordable housing units for every 100 extremely low-income households. And the Housing Authority of the County of Beaver (the largest affordable housing provider in the County) is at full capacity for the first time in memorable history.

METRICS OF SUCCESS

The PA-603 CoC has a wealth of data to determine progress toward the goal of ending homelessness in Beaver County. The Governing Board has adopted the three metrics indicated on the Tool to determine progress toward meeting that goal. These metrics further guide the Governing

Board's planning efforts and their development of strategies to improve performance and overall progress toward the goal. The chart below demonstrates these outcomes over the last four years.

Metric of Success	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Avg length of time homeless for ES	77 days	60 days	66 days	104 days
Avg length of time homeless for ES and TH	125 days	74 days	70 days	111 days
Exits to PH from ES, TH, RRH	49% (347 people)	48% (380 people)	51% (395 people)	60% (290 people)
Exits to PH or maintenance of PH from PSH	95% (231 people)	98% (196 people)	91% (197 people)	92% (177 people)
Returns to Homelessness	16% (68 people)	16% (70 people)	15% (64 people)	11% (58 people)

ANALYSIS OF METRICS OF SUCCESS

Comparing FY 2023 to FY 2020, PA-603 CoC has increased the average length of time homeless by 27 days for ES and decreased it by 14 days for ES & TH combined. The increase could be attributed to the newly opened Men's Emergency Shelter. Exits to PH from ES, TH, and RRH increased by 11% since 2020. Exits to PH (or maintenance of PH) from PSH decreased by 3% from 2020 to 2023 but FY 2023 shows 1% improvement from last year. It should be noted that 2021 has a very high exit rate to PH likely due to the introduction of Mainstream Vouchers which the Housing Authority prioritized for households exiting PSH and RRH. The metric of exits to PH needs further analysis to develop strategies to continue the improvement of the last year. Returns to homelessness showed a significant improvement from FY 2020 with a 5% decrease. This could be attributed to the massive influx of homeless prevention funds into the County during the pandemic.

STRATEGIES

The Strategies identified on the Strategic Planning Tool will advance the goal of ending homelessness as described below. The numbers correspond with the strategies numbered above.

1. Monitoring data enables the CoC to gauge its progress toward the goal of ending homelessness. The CoC needs to develop a formal process for this analysis and for developing strategies to enhance this progress. The Governing Board is currently taking this issue under consideration.
2. Fair and equitable access to CoC services will help ensure efficient and effective service delivery to all homeless households. Coordinated Entry (CE) implemented the referral system through HMIS thereby expediting access to the housing programs. The CoC updated the CE tool to reflect

changing needs and to be more inclusive and respectful. The Lived Homeless Expertise committee provided valuable insight into this effort. The CE tool has been embedded into the HMIS system thereby streamlining the data collection and HUD reporting.

3. Landlords are a critical partner in quickly housing homeless households and for providing PH options upon exit. Although our programs tend to have strong partnerships with many landlords, the CoC does not have a formal process to recognize those efforts. Further, there is very limited landlord representation on the Housing & Homeless Coalition. Currently one landlord regularly attends the monthly Coalition meeting and she is also an active member of ACRE (the local landlord association). Enhancing efforts to invite more landlords to the monthly meeting would be beneficial. As ERAP is coming to an end, there may be opportunity to continue partnership with some of the landlords who engaged with ERAP.
4. The CoC is aware of disparities in how different people enter the CoC and move through our CoC. While CoC partners are aware that many systemic factors have an impact on these disparities, they also want to determine which factors are within their control so they can address them. During the Summer of 2023 a cohort of partners attended a HUD Community Workshop series to review CoC data for disparities and to develop strategies to address them. One of their goals is to develop a local committee to continue this work on an ongoing basis.
5. The CoC recognizes that no two homeless situations are the same; therefore, households benefit from different combinations of supports and services to resolve their unique housing crises. To do this, we need broad partnerships of diverse services and resources, and across sectors. We currently have 296 entities represented in our Housing & Homeless Coalition with approximately 50 who regularly attend the monthly partner meeting. We are always inviting new partners into the work. And current partners are encouraged to invite new people as well. Since they are out navigating the resources, they often encounter new people who could play a stabilizing role in homeless situations. This enables the CoC to grow its membership every year and continue to offer the unique complement of services from which a household facing a housing crisis may benefit.
6. The CoC recognizes stable income as a significant factor in achieving long-term housing stability. CoC partners do coordinate with job training and education resources and the CoC Coordinator is in the process of growing these efforts. The housing programs also screen households for other sources of income for which they may be eligible, and they work to connect the households with these resources. Our CoC funded programs decreased income by 1% for stayers in the last year (FY 2023 System Performance Measures). It is worth noting here that this is still significant since there was a 5% increase between the previous two years. These same programs saw an 8% increase in income for households who left the program during the last year (FY 2023 System Performance Measures). This increase occurred on the heels of a 7% decrease the previous year demonstrating significant progress for this population. This issue will continue to be addressed by the programs and the CoC will continue to pull in partners to assist.
7. As detailed above, Beaver County continues to face an affordable housing shortage. Partners have requested an affordable housing collaboration to help develop more affordable housing in the County. The County is currently implementing \$2 million to develop affordable housing for homeless people through HOME ARP funds. Additionally, private developers have developed new affordable housing. In fact, the

Housing Alliance of PA indicated an increase of 11 affordable units for 100 extremely low income households from 2022 to 2023. However, there is still a shortage as evidenced by the Housing Authority of Beaver County being at full capacity. Further, lengths of time homeless have increased due to the time it takes to locate and secure available affordable housing.

8. The CoC has identified several gaps in vital services and is committed to developing strategies and funding to address them. Requests for Proposals for homeless funds include the Strategic Plan and require that proposals address it. This ensures that new funding is being directed at the identified gaps. Further strategies include identifying relevant partners and experts to address the gaps, considering reallocation of funds as needs change, securing new funds, securing flexible funds, and learning best practices for addressing the gaps.

GAPS IN SERVICE

The CoC Coordinator, CoC partners, and the Governing Board identified these 11 gaps in services as having a negative impact on ending homelessness in Beaver County. Each is detailed below according to the number of the gap as listed above.

1. Beaver County only has 68 affordable housing units for every 100 extremely low-income households. This shortage impacts how long a homeless household remains homeless while looking for housing. It also lengthens the time in a program while a household looks for affordable housing when ready for exit. And finally, as a household may need to move or is evicted, the lack of affordable housing makes it more likely that the household will become homeless again.
2. The CoC is committed to embedding equity into our programs so that all homeless households have equal access to the appropriate level of housing supports, within reasonable timelines, and the opportunity to establish long term stable housing without returns to homelessness.
3. Over the last year, our PSH programs (in total 3 programs comprised of 160 beds) were primarily at full capacity. This led to significantly longer wait times and households being placed in available programs that did not best meet their needs. It has also placed increased demand on the RRH programs.
4. Partners have identified the need for more case management support after a homeless household is housed. The CoC recognizes that challenges to housing do not disappear with housing alone. For long term housing stability ongoing case management support is increasingly needed – even if only as a safety net to prevent returns to homelessness. Partners have also highlighted the need for case management for people without behavioral health challenges as this population is often not eligible for traditional case management services. Some support models that partners have suggested include: open table and Family Group Decision Making.
5. PA-603 is a stand alone CoC within the geographical boundaries of Beaver County, PA. Beaver County is a small county where many partners have worked on the issue of homelessness for extended periods of time. This means that partnering is often seamless and non-contractual.

However, CoC partners recognize the value in formalizing these partnerships so that consistent service is rendered. There is also value in being able to point to these formal partnerships when applying for funding and when demonstrating the cohesion within our CoC partnerships.

6. Unhoused people often face complicated medical and behavioral health challenges. However, they often have difficulty accessing much needed medical care outside of emergency settings. This delay can result in conditions becoming chronic (and therefore more difficult to treat) and increased vulnerability due to weakened immunity. Furthermore, the PSH programs require that eligible households have a documented disability. With complicated access to medical care, this lack of documentation often delays their housing. A dedicated medical mobile outreach team could bring critical care directly to people where they are and streamline the documentation process to establish PSH eligibility.

7. People face homelessness for a vast variety of reasons making their situations complex in unique ways. However, the majority of the funding CoC partners receive to provide housing are highly regulated and for very specific costs. These funds make it difficult to meet the complex and unique circumstances of every unhoused household. Continuing to grow our partnerships can help meet these needs as can securing flexible sources of funding.

8. People with lived homeless expertise have shared that some of our programs have very lengthy admission processes which can often lead to households disregarding those housing options. CoC partners are encouraged to review their processes to ensure the most efficient and streamlined procedures. Further, our CoC Policies & Procedures mandate that CoC partners actively seek input from people with lived homeless expertise to inform their processes and approaches.

9. CoC partners report households are presenting with increasingly complex situations – such households include teen/young adult, previously incarcerated, elderly, and/or those with mental illness. Children under 18 years of age do not have the option for emancipation in Beaver County. This means that unaccompanied children are still viewed as part of a family unit by our Child Welfare partner. Landlords are not likely to rent to persons under the age of 18. And those aged 18-21 often struggle with maintaining independent living initially. We work to address this with supportive services, but programs tailored to meet the needs of unaccompanied children and young adults are needed to better meet their unique needs. The CoC Coordinator is in conversation with our Child Welfare partner and other CoC partners to address this critical gap.

People leaving jail face many challenges to secure housing including a criminal history that often serves as a barrier to housing. We currently have an agency who connects with people in jail who are readying for release. This enables the incarcerated person to start working on housing before they are out in the community with no money and limited supports. This population could benefit from expanding this program and/or developing additional programs similar to it.

Elderly households face many challenges to secure housing including but not limited to low incomes and the need for in-home supports to live safely and healthfully. Partnering with our Office on Aging and other elderly focused service partners enables the CoC to bring specialized supports to these households but there continues to be a gap for those elderly adults with complex medical and behavioral health needs.

Our CoC continues to struggle with a small segment of the population who does not meet the criteria for institutional residential settings but who face many emotional and behavioral challenges to living safely, healthfully, and independently in the community. The CoC works very closely with Beaver County Behavioral Health and numerous other behavioral health treatment providers, but stably housing households with complex behavioral health needs remains a very real challenge in the CoC.

10. Many factors impact the length of time a household remains homeless - limited affordable housing options, insufficient case management support, delayed referrals, poor communication between partners etc. The CoC recently implemented three strategies to reduce the time homeless – creation of a new Men’s Emergency Shelter, streamlined CE referral process, and efficient data sharing. Lack of affordable housing continues to impact the length of time homelessness in two ways. The first way is the length of time it takes the program to find affordable housing for the household. The second way is upon exit when the household seeks affordable housing to which they will exit. Long lengths of homelessness not only increase the negative consequences that the household experiences but it also causes the homeless system to “back up”. When the programs have limited housing capacity because households are unable to move on, then the currently waiting homeless people remain unsheltered or in emergency shelter for longer periods of time which is not a best practice. The goal of the CoC is to make homelessness a rare and BRIEF experience when it happens. Expanding affordable housing as well as the capacity of the permanent housing programs could help shorten this length of time.

11. An analysis conducted by the Housing Alliance of PA compared eviction rates prior to the pandemic (2018-2019) to those after the pandemic (2022-2023). Beaver County’s post pandemic eviction rates both exceed pre-pandemic levels as well as the 2022-2023 State eviction rate. Beaver County is one 16 counties in the State that exceed the state average. It should be noted that the Emergency Rental Assistance Program which was in operation throughout the pandemic is slated to close at the end of May 2024. This likely means that without intervention (i.e. increase in homeless prevention funds, increase in rental assistance for eviction prevention, mediation, coordination with the local magistrates etc) that we will see an increase in homelessness as a result of these high eviction rates.

CONCLUSION

The Strategic Plan is meant to guide the CoC’s efforts toward the goal of ending homelessness in Beaver County. It identifies the measures that are used to gauge progress toward that goal and provides data to demonstrate that progress. It explores gaps in services that slow that progress, and it outlines strategies to fill those gaps. The Strategic Plan is formally updated every 3 years by the Governing Board and reviewed annually (by the Governing Board, the Housing & Homeless Coalition, and the Lived Homeless Expert committee) and updated as needed. The CoC Coordinator amasses input from partners throughout the year and pulls data to further inform the process for updating the plan. Anyone with input or questions on the Strategic Plan may reach out at any time to the CoC Coordinator, Dina Ciabattini, at ciabattinidina@gmail.com or 724.987.0714.

Emergency, Supportive and Public Housing Resources

<u>Types Of Housing</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Website</u>
1. Emergency Housing			
The Cornerstone of Beaver County (Homeless Hotline)	724.846.6400	TCBC on call services, coordinated entry for homeless in need of housing, rental assistance, men's emergency shelter, makes referrals & provides transportation to shelters	www.cornerstonebeaver.org
Women's Shelter of Beaver County	724.775.0131	Temporary shelter for women and their children who are homeless and/or victims of domestic violence	www.womenscenterbc.org
2. Public Housing			
Housing Authority of the County of Beaver	724.775.1220	Public housing, market rate housing, tax credit housing, senior elderly housing	www.beavercountyhousing.org
3. Community Residential Rehabilitation (Supported Housing)			
The Cornerstone Recovery & Supports	724.384.0419	Communal supportive living designed for adults with chronic psychiatric disabilities	www.crscare.org
4. Supportive Housing			
Harbor Point Housing	412.580.1757	Income based housing for individuals/families with disability	n/a

Changing the World	724.843.3694	Income-based permanent housing for previously homeless individuals/families with disability	n/a
5. Long Term Structured Residential			
North Sewickley LTSR	724.359.5131	Long term structured therapeutic residential mental health treatment	www.nsltsr.net
Brighton Wellness & Rehab Center	724.770.3240	Long term structured therapeutic residential mental health treatment	n/a
Merakey LTSR	724.846.1572	Long term structured therapeutic residential mental health treatment	www.merakey.org
6. Recovery Housing			
The Salvation Army Harmony House	724.728.3350	Supportive housing for individuals and their children in recovery	www.easternusa.salvationarmy.org

Coordinated Entry is a process that screens households to determine the level of housing support they need and prioritizes those with the highest needs. To go through the screening the household must have a homeless certificate. Call The Cornerstone with questions about or to access Coordinated Entry. You may still contact the individual programs for program information.

<u>Programs</u>	<u>Program Director</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Accessed Through</u>
7. Transitional Housing			
Stone Harbour	Cornerstone Recovery & Supports (Tammy VanEvera) 878.201.3632	Clients must be homeless, with a chronic mental health diagnosis, D&A/substance use disorder, no income required, individual only	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
8. Permanent Supportive Housing			
Crescent Commons	Housing Authority (Melissa Grimes) 724.775.1220 ext. 209	Clients must be chronically homeless, verified disability, must have a case manager/advocate, no income required	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
Community Assisted Residential Living (CARL)	Housing Authority (Mike Little) 724.912.3709	Clients must be homeless, verified disability, must have a case manager/advocate, no income required	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
Friendship Homes	Salvation Army (Renee Sannan) 724.846.1089	Clients must be homeless, verified disability, no income required	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
9. Rapid Rehousing for Homeless			
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	The Cornerstone of Beaver County 724.846.6400	Clients must be homeless, obtain assistance with 1 st month's rent/security deposit, requires photo id, social security cards, proof of income	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry

Safely Home	Housing Authority (Melissa Grimes) 724.775.1220 ext. 209	Designed to assist individuals displaced due to domestic violence, clients must have homeless certification, can assist with rent or security deposit, requires photo id, social security cards, proof of income	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
Salvation Army	Salvation Army (Renee Sannan) 724.846.1089	Clients must be homeless, obtain assistance with 1 st month's rent/security deposit, requires photo id, social security cards, no income requirements	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
Supportive Services for Veteran Families	The Cornerstone of Beaver County 724.846.6400	Designed to assist individuals who served in the military, clients must have homeless certification, can assist with rent/security deposit, requires DD214 or veteran id	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
Stable Housing Innovation Facilitated Teams (SHIFT)	The Cornerstone of Beaver County 724.846.6400	Designed to assist families involved with CYS facing a housing crisis, can assist with 1 st month's rent/security deposit	CYS Referred
10. Subsidized Housing			
Brightwood Manor New Brighton	Lisa Washington 724.846.5053	Housing based on income and family size.	lwashington@aspencos.com
Beaver Falls Plaza Beaver Falls	Elizabeth Mischka 724.843.4822	Housing based on income and family size.	emischka@aspencos.com
Scottswood Apartments Hopewell	724.375.2656	Housing based on income and family size.	n/a
Valley Terrace Aliquippa	Tierra Cottrill 724.378.0920	Housing based on income and family size.	aliquippamgr@eurekamg.com

Valleyview New Brighton	Cate Mort 724.843.2904	Housing based on income and family size.	valleyview@wgmgt.com
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