

Project Name

Homeless Shelter

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

A. Submitting Department, Agency, or Association:

Augusta Housing and Community Development Department

B. Project Name / Brief Description:

Proposing a new construction project to develop a facility for individuals in the Augusta-Richmond County homeless population. We are proposing the development of a 48,000 square footage building which sits on 1.08 -acre located at 1810 Gordon Highway, Augusta, GA. This development and the proposed location will allow us to consolidate our housing services within a location that is more conducive to the provision of supportive programming via onsite and through our other evidence-based programs operating throughout of the facility by community partners.

The Proposed Project is for a congregate living facility that will accommodate approximately 40-2 bedroom units and 140 beds, 6 of which will be designed to accommodate onsite staff and provide group/individuals programming and well-balanced meals. This configuration will provide residential programming for approximately 220 individuals at any given point in time.

Given the projected location of the site, or other appropriate site, we can accommodate a 48,000 square foot facility either single or two story and but will defer to the recommendations of the Augusta, GA Commission. We anticipate parking for 110 spaces to accommodate, residential staff and community partners to provide wrap around support services. Please review the summary chart below for a detailed account: Proposed Square Footage 48,000

Residential Unit Configuration Approximately 40-2 Bedroom Residential Units

6-2 Bedroom Staff Support/Office

Proposed Number Served 220 Individuals at any given point in time

The program is transitional in nature. We anticipate an average length of stay overnight and temporary housing at 12 months.

Parking 110 Parking Spaces

Access Entry direct from Gordon Highway. Adjacent to existing entrance to ().

Single or Two Story Proposed Construction Budget and Property Acreage allows for an option of single or two story at the recommendation will defer to the recommendations of the Augusta, GA Commission.

This project is a housing and shelter program that will empower the homeless population seeking housing temporary and transitional shelter and stability to attain a greater level of independence and contribute to the growing economic prosperity of the Augusta-Richmond County community.

This program will provide an array of evidence-based services through a variety of housing and support services that can help address the root of the causes of homeless.

Types of housing and shelter programs include:

Emergency shelters are often where people experiencing economic shock first turn for support through a wide range of services.

Transitional housing typically involves a temporary residence of up to 12 months with wrap-around services to help people stabilize their lives.

Permanent supportive housing offers safe and stable housing environments with voluntary and flexible supports and services to help people manage serious, chronic issues such as mental and substance use disorders.

Providing permanent supportive housing on a housing first basis—without requiring transitional steps or demonstrated sobriety—is effective for people experiencing chronic homelessness.

People with a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring mental and substance use disorder have demonstrated similar or better housing stability and substance use, compared to those placed in housing with pre-requisites.

If needed, Post-disaster emergency shelters often provided by organizations or governmental emergency management departments, in response to natural disasters.

Wrap-around services are essential for breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Support programs reduce barriers for a homeless person aiding them to maintain stable housing.

Type of support serves to include:

Health: Overcoming or managing one's disease(s) or symptoms and making informed, healthy choices that support physical and emotional well-being.

Career Development-workforce-skill-development training; educational training, career planning, job placement assistance, and other support. Veteran Families and Veterans-Seeking housing, job skill training, job search application assistance resume and interviewing skills.

Permeant Housing Placement Housing Placement: locating and securing affordable rental and permanent housing; housing counseling such as understanding a residential lease and its obligations

Purpose: conducting meaningful daily activities and having the independence, income, and resources to participate in society.

This proposed development will allow us to both develop and possibly consolidate supportive housing, services and streamline effective service referrals both within Augusta and also strengthens the with community partners. National studies promote a homeless housing model that demonstrates the incorporation of support services. This is extremely important for the success of the city project and the homeless resident.

Check box if project represents a continuation from a previous SPLOST:

C. **Project Location / Address:**

Check box if Site Selection required:

(If site selection is required, fill out section VI. Site Criteria & Standards)

Current Property Owner (if applicable):

D. **District:**

E. **Proposed Project Budget (round to nearest thousands):**

Total SPLOST V Request: ¹	\$12,425,762.00
Annual Operating Cost: ²	\$225,636.00

¹ Figure from section III. Project Costs, first column (Total) for SPLOST V Project Total

² Figure from section V. Operating Costs, first column (Annual Costs) for Total Operating Costs for Project.

F. **Contact Person:**

Work Phone: **Home Phone:**

Fax Number: **E-mail Address:**

G. **Project Classification**

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I. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

A. Project Mission Statement / Goals & Objectives:

AHCD Mission: To create positive changes by promoting self-sufficiency through partnership in Economic Development, Quality Housing, and Neighborhood Reinvestment.

Goals and Objectives: HCD seeks to provide safe, decent and affordable housing and economic development opportunities through the following priorities:

- Encourage citizen participation in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the community development program;
- Improve the existing housing stock for low and moderate income households;
- Increase the number of jobs and amount of private capital invested in the city, particularly in the Central Business District and neighborhood commercial areas;
- Support public facilities and services that contribute to revitalization and provide public facility improvements that support physical development and revitalization;
- Promote the preservation and restoration of historically significant structures and landmarks in the city; and
- Contribute to the elimination of slum and blight.

Project Mission Statement / Goals & Objectives:

The overall mission of the project is to promote a stable and supportive environment for those seeking emergency and transitional housing. To this point, Augusta, Georgia Continuum of Care (COC), GA, a community collaborative committed to ending homelessness, is pledge dilemma of adequate shelter the homed less due to the shortage of bedded facilities. Homeliness Campus Shelter project provides an array of residential options ranging from short-term intensive residential treatment to long-term semi-independent supportive housing. The shelter would operate residential support services both within congregate apartment based living arrangements and scattered-site supportive housing and voucher programs.

Program Goals & Objectives include:

Goal 1: Eradicate homelessness in the Augusta-Richmond County area

Objectives:

Prevents homelessness: Neighborhoods in South, East and West Augusta with a transitional housing facility project that increases shelter and housing more homeless. Resulting in fewer people with a housing crisis that lead to homelessness

Resolve homeless for particular individual and families: access to assisted housing prevents returns to homelessness

Goal 2: Increase and promote opportunities the COC and other communities partners such as for-profit, nonprofit and faith-based community

Objectives:

Grow existing clients and customers by focusing who contributes to their industry

Generate brand recognition

Provides a platform for delivering services to formerly homeless individuals—in particular, those with chronic patterns of homelessness

Improve streamlined services for the homeless

Goal 3: Help the homeless population find, secure and retain decent safe housing

Objectives:

Invest in a transitional housing facility with supports to address chronic and episodic homelessness

Fostering longer-term housing stability through financial and other supports that enable households to become more self-sufficient

Action: Create and preserve dedicated affordable rental and affordable housing units

B. How will this project help meet the Public Safety, Basic Facilities / Infrastructure, and/or Quality of Life needs in Augusta Richmond County?

HCD is prepared to argue that this project meets all three-project focuses of the Augusta Richmond SPLOST request for proposals process. Studies show a direct correlation between homelessness and destruction to Envision Augusta priorities Recreation and Parks, Water Management, Public Safety, Public Art, the preservation of Augusta's Historic Heritage, etc.

1. Public Safety: Across the country, local law enforcement and homelessness service system leaders are grappling with the significant, often rising numbers of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, and they are seeking solutions, (Justice Center, The Council of State Governments, 2019). The national housing affordability crisis—a driving force behind the rise of unsheltered homelessness in many communities. Alarming, of the 11 million people admitted to jail annually, nearly 1.65 million experienced homelessness the year prior (Justice Center, The Council of State Governments, 2019).

This project will reduce the criminalization of homelessness and the return of Augusta's homeless from correctional settings to homelessness. Specific action areas include:

- Strengthening partnerships between law enforcement and homelessness services Systems.

- Continuing efforts to combat the criminalization of homelessness.
- Increasing access to jail diversion and alternatives to incarceration.
- Reduces harm, protects public and officer safety.
- Significant savings on incarceration, adjudication, and medical costs.

2. Public Facilities/Infrastructure: Studies show that homeless encampments take a variety of forms: tent cities; groups living under freeway overpasses; and groups sleeping in parks, public facilities in skid rows (urban areas with concentrations of poverty and dilapidated buildings), in subway tunnels, on sidewalks, under overpasses in vacant lots, etc. have destructive impacts on damage to city infrastructure. Camps set up along creeks and other water sources have severe impacts, including water contamination and trash accumulation.

Homeless encampments raise a number of concerns for a city's leadership concerning the stabilization of Public Facilities/Infrastructure.

They include:

- Damage to public structures, land, and landscaping.
- Theft of supplies and equipment.
- Displacement of intended users and uses with behavior that disrupts the activities for which the site was originally developed.
- Debris and unsanitary conditions, including an accumulation of hazardous waste that is costly to remove.

Benefit-This proposal resolves the issue of humane displacement by providing short term and long term accommodations settlement for the homeless instead of Public Facilities/Infrastructure.

They include:

- Assist people living at the public site by finding better living options and restore the site to its original use.
- Contains or reduce the wear and tear on the existing site in the short-term and help the group locate a more permanent solution within a set time frame.
- Accommodate the long-term habitation of homeless individuals or a homeless community on a designated site and reduce the risk of negative impacts on the site that result from a homeless encampment.

3. Quality of Life Needs: National studies have indicated there is an overall benefit in the development of shelters for the homeless. This project is designed to resolve the issues of homelessness in the Augusta-Richmond County area. Quality of life is enhanced by:

- Savings to the city's budget
- Increased economic development
- Improved and maintain current Infrastructure and residential
- Improved infrastructure, residential and commercial development
- Improved health, safety, and welfare of our community's residents
- Private property rights are protected
- Transitions a vacant abandoned property into a city asset

C. Why should this project be considered for SPLOST 2022 type funding?

Augusta residents should not have to step over homeless people or walk out their doors and see tents on sidewalks, and homeless people should not be forced to live in these conditions. There's so much wealth in the August-Richmond County area that we can use to address a longstanding issue. This is an opportunity for everyone to come together and benefit from seeing people move beyond poverty and homelessness.

The intent for voters in adopting a SPLOST project would:

- Intend to keep people from falling back into homelessness.
- Increase the tax base for August.
- To significantly decrease the visible presence of homeless people and tent encampments on the streets by eliminating chronic homelessness.

D. To meet the Project Goals & Objectives, when should this project be completed?

Once the development is approved for commencement, we intend to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an open bidding process anticipated to last 3 months. Upon identifying the successful bid, we anticipate an initial 12-month period to complete preconstruction and construction. We intend to have inspections completed and a Certificate of Occupancy by the 15th month of construction.

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E.

Is this project recommended / included in any existing Augusta Richmond County Land Use Plan or Masterplan? If yes, please explain and provide necessary information.

Importance for this proposal is directly identified in Envision Augusta "Need Assessment" section, "Based on existing data and input from homeless assistance providers and other stakeholders, the homeless in Augusta have a need for emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing. Emergency shelters in the community are able to handle a high percentage of the homeless population, but there is an ongoing need to expand these facilities to meet increasing demand. Additional transitional housing is needed to take some of the burden off of the emergency shelters, and to help more of the homeless take an initial step towards moving into permanent housing." Addressing the homelessness crisis in Augusta-Richmond County supports the goals identified Envision Augusta to priorities.

Sources:

- https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/evidence-behind-approaches-that-end-homelessness.pdf
- <https://ppms.trec.pdx.edu/media/137530914651f98d5a443e9.pdf>
- <http://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/city-manager/media-library/documents/memos-to-the-mayor-tabbed-file-list-folders/2017/december-18--2017---city-strategy-for-addressing-homelessness-and-community-quality-of-life>
- https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Law-Enforcement-and-Homelessness-Service-Partnership-2019.pdf

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II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A. Project Construction Program / Description:

information, etc., as required during the technical review process.)

This project will provide funding for land acquisition, design, construction, and/or equipping of a abandon building for facility project and/or renovations, improvements, additions to, and equipping of an existing facility so as to provide a residential style facility for individuals facing homelessness. It is anticipated that to the extent permitted by law the facility would be built in conjunction with one or more public or other private partner(s) supported by SPLOST funding and would provide the operational funding for the facility. The program is envisioned to provide a facility to provide congregate living style facility that could accommodate group and/or individuals for support programming

B.

Projected Useful Life of Project:

The useful life of the project(s) would be in perpetuity.

C. Site Specific Information: (address, tax map parcel #, etc.)

1810 Gordon Hwy, Augusta, GA

Check box if site currently owned by Augusta Richmond County:

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III. PROJECT COSTS:

A. Detailed project capital budget costs (to be funded from SPLOST 8 only):

Project Costs (round to thousand)	Total	YR1 (22)	YR2 (23)	YR3 (24)	YR4 (25)	YR5 (26)	YR6 (27)
1. Land Acquisition / ROW /	\$669,216	111,536	111,536	111,536	111,536	111,536	111,536
2. Design Fees:	\$713,903	118,984	118,984	118,984	118,984	118,984	118,984
3. Miscellaneous Fees:	\$0						
4. Fixtures, Furniture, and Equipment	\$1,132,404	188,734	188,734	188,734	188,734	188,734	188,734
5. Construction:	\$8,710,800	1,451,800	1,451,800	1,451,800	1,451,800	1,451,800	1,451,800
6. Testing:	\$0						
8. Construction Contingency	\$1,068,777	178,130	178,130	178,130	178,130	178,130	178,130
9. Project Management:	\$0						
10. Capital Equipment	\$0						
11. Other (Testing, Surveys, etc.):	\$130,662	21,777	21,777	21,777	21,777	21,777	21,777
SPLOST V Project Total:	\$12,425,762	\$2,070,960	\$2,070,960	\$2,070,960	\$2,070,960	\$2,070,960	\$2,070,960

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IV. PROJECT FINANCING:

A. Detailed project capital budget costs (to be funded from SPLOST 8 only):

thousand)	Total	YR1 (22)	YR2 (23)	YR3 (24)	YR4 (25)	YR5 (26)	YR6 (27)
1. SPLOST 8 *	\$0						
2. ARC General Fund:	\$0						
3. State Grant:	\$0						
4. Federal Grant:	\$0						
5. Previous SPLOST:	\$0						
6. Testing:	\$0						
7. Reimbursement Amount	\$0						
8. Bond (describe):	\$0						
9. Other (describe):	\$0						
Total Sources:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

** Amount from section III.A., "Detailed project capital budget costs" (SPLOST 8 Project Total).*

B. Describe the current commitments for the other sources funding this project:

AHCD's goal is to commitment BOND, U.S. Department of Housing and the Georgia Department of Community Affair funds will support the affordable housing components.

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V. OPERATING COSTS:

A. Total Annual Operating Costs when Project is complete: N/A

Operating Cost (round to thousand)	Annual Costs
(Estimated) Operating Revenues	
1. Personnel Costs:	\$160,646
2. Utilities:	
■ Gas:	\$21,500.00
■ Electrical:	\$29,050.00
■ Water & Sewage:	\$540.00
■ Phone:	\$1,200.00
■ Computers:	
3. Operating Supplies:	\$1,700.00
4. Equipment Maintenance:	\$2,000.00
5. Facility Maintenance:	\$2,000.00
6. Non-Capital:	\$7,000.00
7. Other (describe):	
8. Other (describe):	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:	\$225,636.00
NET INCOME (ESTIMATED):	-\$225,636.00
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B. Additional Personnel Information:

1. Identify the number of additional staff positions needed when project is completed:

- Full-Time:
- Part-Time:

2. Briefly describe the responsibilities of each additional staff position:

Center Manager-Oversee all of the home's daily operations. They manage the home's finances, including budgets and billing. They also ensure that the home meets local and state regulations covering health, safety and capacity requirements. Hire and manage staff and oversee volunteers. They develop skills-training, vocational and recreational programs for residents. Program Manager-Manage client services agencies, including intake and discharge procedures; Communicate observations and interactions with agencies and homeless; Management through documentation of service agency's and their services. Case Managers-Case managers coordinate services for clients who need permanent housing, health care, financial help or job training for referral services; They handle residents' problems case-by-case basis.

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3. Identify the projected salary and fringe benefit cost for each additional staff position:

Center Manager-Salary- \$55,000.00, Benefits-\$14,1850. Program Manager-\$30,000 Benefits-\$8,100. 2 Part Time (Case Managers)-\$30,956. 00,FICA and Medicaid-\$22,44.00

VI. Site Criteria and Standards (only applicable if site Selection is required):

A. General Criteria:

1. Acreage:

· Size: 1.08 acres (Or site similar to this size.)
· Topography: The proposed site sits on a relatively flat location with minimal grading necessary
· Estimated cost per acre: Records from ACC Tax Assessor's Office indicate that the land value owned by AMF Bowling Centers, Inc. at 1810 Gordon Hwy. is \$30,114. The property consists of 1.08 acres so the estimated land value per acre is \$27,883.33 per acre. (Or a site similar to this location)
2. Location / Accessibility: The property sits just off of Gordon Hwy, directly accessible for entry and exit of the highway. The property is located near the intersection of Tubman Home Road and Gorgon Highway. The unique aspect of this chosen location is that it sits on the property currently an abandon commercial structure. Services can be provided onsite within the scope of the homeless shelter with support services programing.
· Relative to its service area: The property sits on the Augusta public transportation route. Individuals will have access to and from the location either through public transit or vehicles. Budgeted within the scope of the project has parking that will promote access to the site by the community.
· Vehicular: Onsite vehicle access and parking will be necessary, either to accommodate residents who have vehicles and/or citizens using vehicles to access the sites for commercial and/or office retail or other purposes.
· Pedestrians: The location sits in a commercial zone. Sidewalks also line the property for easy access to public transportation as needed. Additionally, a sidewalk lines on Gordon Highway of the property side of the street.
· Bicycle Access: There are no bike lanes

B. **No further information on site criteria and standards is necessary for the project request form at this time. However, additional information may be requested during the administrative or technical review processes. If applicable, be prepared to furnish information regarding the following criteria:**

<p>· Development / Adjacent Impacts (visibility, compatibility with land use plan, buffering, etc.); Rehabbing blighted and abandoned property along large commercial thoroughfare (Gordon Hwy.) that serves as a conduit between development at Fort Gordon and the Downtown Business District, creating an attractive aesthetic for travelers; continued synergy with Transit investments made by Augusta, GA.</p>
<p>· Economy / Financing (on- and off-site development costs, joint development opportunities, stimulation to private interests, etc.): Local, state and federal grants such HOMEDEPOT, Section 811 grant, etc.</p>
<p>· Environmental (historic standards, traffic impacts, aesthetic standards, air quality, noise impacts, drainage types, wetlands compatibility, etc.): It has been well documented that Augusta has a shortage of affordable and workforce rental housing. Through rehabilitation of an abandoned existing commercial structure, the city will reduce environmental potential risks such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos and lead <input type="checkbox"/> Leaking heating oil tanks, pipes and appliances <input type="checkbox"/> Soil and ground water contamination <input type="checkbox"/> And environmental hazards <p>This project provides the following positive impacts to the cities infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction in the listed homeless issue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Criminal Activity o Illegitimate use of public space o Threats to business viability o Potential harm both the transients and the surrounding environment o Increase of homeless encampments <p>Currently Augusta-Richmond County has 7 agencies who provide support in the form shelter services. In spite of the assistance provided this Augusta a need for emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing is a crisis. For those with no income and no insurance, who are in need of intensive shelter and services, this becomes a major barrier. The proposal will allow the individuals to remain in a stable environment and develop the skills necessary to transition to a stable living environment and reenter the workforce when they are ready so that they can make a positive impact on our local community. Additionally, we will establish partnerships and referral processes so that we may provide a stronger continuum of care for individuals who may successfully exit from the shelter and seek the support to maintain a self-sufficient status. This will provide a more economically stable client base for these programs thus allowing them to improve their outcomes and more substantially fill their own role within the existing social services network.</p>
<p>· Community Values (displacements required, security needs, etc.) Additionally, we will establish partnerships and referral processes so that we may provide a stronger continuum of care for Augusta Richmond County government department HCD will increase our communication efforts and further support service coordination and program referrals. HCD are activity present number of boards and committees who share the underlying goal of working to improve our community through this network base HCD will be proactive in responding to the need of individuals and families in need.</p> <p>It is important to note that there will not be a need to hire additional Augusta-Richmond County government staff to manage the ongoing program operation of this project. For the first five years, the City will absorb the operational costs associated with building maintenance and service operation will be maintained by local agency partners through existing and ongoing contracts provided through the HCD. After this, HCD anticipates a break even on projected operational revenues and expenses upon sell of the project to qualified entities.</p> <p>It is important to note that there will not be a need to hire additional Augusta-Richmond County government staff to manage the ongoing program operation of this project. For the first five years, the City will absorb the operational costs associated with building maintenance and service operation will be maintained by local agency partners through existing and ongoing contracts provided through the HCD. After this, HCD anticipates a break even on projected operational revenues and expenses upon sell of the project to qualified entities.</p>

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VII. OTHER IMPACTS:

A. Positive / Negative Impacts on ARC Departments, Agencies, or other Organizations:

While distressed low-income housing can negatively affect public safety and crime rates, improved quality affordable housing brings stability to neighborhoods, reduces vacancy rates, and increases residents' perceptions of neighborhood safety and security. It can also increase rates of civic engagement, which can help reduce crime. Investment in quality affordable housing development(s) can address areas of concentrated crime, having positive impacts on policing and public safety efforts by the COA. Studies have also shown that affordable housing developed to serve vulnerable communities can be a cost-effective public investment, as it contributes to family and community stability and reduces rates of criminal activity and future policing and corrections costs.

B. Positive / Negative Impacts on existing Infrastructure / Systems:

Positive: Increasing available options for a homeless shelter of this type helps the community in numerous ways. First, by consolidating and expanding housing and support services options, will increase capacity to serve county residents seeking the path to self-sufficiency. Developing a collocated transitional facility within our existing blighted that specifically targets this population will allow them greater access to a stable and supportive residential environment so that they may work specifically on their transitions.

Second, by providing expanded options to members of our high need population, we hope to have a direct impact on the prevalence of individuals in need occupying the downtown area and potentially causing disturbances to local businesses, patrons, etc. Giving these individuals access to a supportive alternative to housing and support services will minimize this. As a result, we hope to contribute to a friendlier and more welcoming environment within our downtown and surrounding public areas.

Finally, we intend to reduce the current burden on several key public partners who are currently overwhelmed by individuals who are homeless and who have needs. Specifically, our two local hospital, and the county jail both serve an astonishingly high number of high-need homeless.

Cities such as Long Beach, New York, Philadelphia, Portland and Juneau Alaska have prioritize the need to address homeless issues through direct budget allocation toward similar projects. HCD's goal is to create a model that can be in other cities battle the homeless crisis.

Negative: If done incorrectly, programs can have an overall negative impact on the local community simply through the attraction of individuals who may frequent the local justice system and public health care facilities who have not been provided adequate supports. Institutions who lack the proper infrastructure or adequately trained staff have been known to contribute negatively to the community by demonstrating poor.

Facility management will be handled by a qualified contractor and comprehensive housing and support services will be provided by community based partners in a community-based service delivery approach through an evidence- based programming. Audits and monitoring will be conducted on an ongoing basis by HCD.

C. Positive / Negative Impacts on Augusta Richmond County Tax Base:

This proposal is since with HCD's mission. It targets the population we service, with minimal support. Specifically, individuals who are in need of positive change, resident who are self-sufficient and in need quality housing. This project serves individuals with no insurance who fall below the federal poverty rate and have in many cases frequented our and justice system creating a huge burden for our local tax base. Studies show that Funds that could be used for affordable housing are being diverted toward their enforcement.

For example: In an effort to shed light on these direct costs, the Seattle University Homeless Rights Advocacy Project has traced the following total costs directly to the enforcement of less than half of the identified criminalization ordinances in Seattle and Spokane:

- Seattle: An estimated 5-year minimum of \$2,300,000 is directly attributed to enforcing just 16% of the city's criminalization ordinances.
- Spokane: An estimated 5-year minimum of \$1,300,000 is directly attributed to enforcing 75% of the city's criminalization ordinances.
- Affordable Housing Alternatives: Investing the \$3.7 million spent in criminalization ordinances over the five years covered in this study in housing the homeless could save taxpayers over \$2 million annually and over \$11 million total over the five years. (Howard, Tran, Rankin, 2015)

With assistance from Augusta Sheriff and Marshall Department, local data is forthcoming.

Through infusion of funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, HCD provides grants to local nonprofit to administer serves too low to moderate income Augusta-Richmond County Residents.

As funding cuts are being made to HUD programs, HCD seeks support to address the crisis at hand.

The positive benefits of this project are:

- Decrease the exposure to exposure to communicable diseases by addressing the unsheltered homeless population.
- Decrease financial and physical effects to the budgetary allocations to city departments such as law enforcement, sanitation and recreations.
- Decrease in public services like emergency services.
- Improves quality of life for Augusta, Georgia's taxpayers rehabilitating abandon structure.
- Improves property value through rehabilitating abandon structure.
- Strengthens the regional through rehabilitating abandon structure.

Finally, through consolidating our supportive housing programs into one location, directly benefits the efforts of our local housing initiatives such as the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing, Envision Augusta's Housing Goals, and the Affordable Housing Roundtable.

Negative: People have argued that programs such as the one proposed may attract individuals to participate in the proposed program who may not back into a homeless state. Developing a shelter may attract an additional contingent of individuals that may temporarily pose a burden on the public system. People do make mistakes and recidivism into the justice system and other public institutions does occur. The argument of "if you build it they will come" is a valid debate within our community. We must consider this as a potential detriment, when we propose any expansion of services to those in need.

Studies show that fewer homeless return to the unsheltered lifestyle after experiencing domiciled state.

The existing need remains high for this service within Augusta-Richmond County and program participation will be prioritized for Augusta-Richmond County residents who are homeless.

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VIII. OTHER INFORMATION:

A. Provide other information that would assist in the review of this proposed project:

“Local government is commonly considered the tier of government that is closest to the residents of Augusta-Richmond County. It provides a range of services that underpin the management of the cities, contributes to the wellbeing of our communities through the provision of infrastructure and services and undertakes important regulatory roles”.

To date, local the City of Augusta has no direct role in addressing homelessness. It is important, therefore, to understand what actions local governments currently undertake in addressing homelessness, how other programs and policies implemented by the local government may affect the homeless population and how ‘good practice’ in this area could be conceived.

This project provides evidence that there is both the capacity and a need for the City to become more involved in addressing homelessness in the Augusta-Richmond area.

By funding, this proposal the City of Augusta will join other cities such as Long Beach, California New York, New York, Portland, Oregon, etc. in supporting projects that directly assist with the eradication of homeless.

Source:

Local government and the Commonwealth: an evolving relationship by Lyndon Megarrity