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Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)[1]

Currently, there are 125 PHAs in North Carolina operating under 12 Continuums of Care. PHAs administer HCV and public housing programs**.** Of the 125 PHAs in North Carolina, 27 administer only an HCV program; 57 administer only a public housing program; and 41 operate both.

22 of the PHAs also administer special purpose vouchers that have been appropriated by Congress exclusively for people with disabilities. This is a statewide total of 2,395 vouchers through the following two programs: 1) Five-Year Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (348 vouchers) and Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities (2047 "NED" Vouchers).[2]

HOME Investment Partnerships Program[3]

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program is a formula grant of federal housing funds given to states and localities (referred to as "participating jurisdictions" or PJs). As of December 2014, North Carolina has 20 participating PJs. The state of North Carolina received over $12.9 million in HOME funds in FY 2014.

HOME funds can be used to provide rentals subsidies, as well as to build, buy and renovate rental housing, finance homeownership opportunities, and repair and renovate homes. From October 1-December 2014, North Carolina PJs assisted 154 households with HOME-funded tenant-based rental assistance vouchers.

Continuum of Care Program[4]

A variety of homeless housing is funded through the Continuum of Care Program, including emergency shelter (ES), safe havens (SH), transitional housing (TH), permanent supportive housing

Continuum of Care	2014 Homeless Housing Inventory			Permanent Housing Inventory		
	Total Year-Round Beds (ES, SH, TH)	Inventory by Type		Total (PSH, RRH)	Inventory by Type	
		Emergency Shelter/Safe Haven	Transitional Housing		Permanent Supportive Housing	Rapid Re-housing
NC-500	471	343	128	472	422	50
NC-501	460	200	260	642	623	19
NC-502	738	288	450	321	245	46
NC-503	3396	2530	866	1621	1388	233
NC-504	753	347	406	480	354	126
NC-505	1685	870	815	1923	896	1027

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[1] Data from HUD PHA Contact Information http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/nc.cfm and HUD Housing Authority Profile database https://pic.hud.gov/pic/haprofiles/haprofilelist.asp.
[2] http://www.tacinc.org/knowledge-resources/vouchers-database/?state=NC.
[3] https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/home-dashboard-reports/?filter_DateYearEach=2014-12-31&filter_State=NC&filter_Grantee=&program=HOME&group=Dash
[4] https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/reportmanagement/published/CoC_HIC_State_NC_2014.pdf.

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NC-506	431	309	122	203	182	21
NC-507	1022	678	344	989	917	72
NC-509	263	189	74	259	224	35
NC-511	278	96	182	209	198	11
NC-513	100	64	36	109	109	0
NC-516	127	94	33	66	39	27
State Total	9724	6008	3716	7294	5597	1667

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)[5]

The ESG Program provides grants to states and localities for emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing for the homeless. ESG funds can be used for street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and HMIS, as well as administrative activities.

North Carolina had six ESG grants totaling $5,689,295 in FY2014 funds.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)[6]

HOPWA funds are awarded through the Consolidated Plan as a block grant to states and larger metropolitan areas based on their incidences of AIDS and competitively through an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). HOPWA funds may be used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs. North Carolina has four HOPWA formula awards totaling $4.3M in FY 2014.

HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (2013)[7]

Location	Type of Housing Opportunity	Households Served	HOPWA Expenditures
Charlotte			
	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	32	$185,371.00
	Subsidized Permanent Housing	22	$39,000.00
	Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	NA
	Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	65	$34,295.00
	Permanent Housing Placement Services	47	$20,823.00
	TOTAL	166	$279,489.00
Greensboro			

[5] https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/?filter_year=2014&filter_program=6&filter_state=NC&filter_coc=.
[6] https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/
[7] State of North Carolina, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) (July 2013-June 2014)
Salt Lake City Corporation, CAPER (July 2013-June 2014)

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Location	Type of Housing Opportunity	Households Served	HOPWA Expenditures
	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	61	$297,755.00
	Subsidized Permanent Housing	0	NA
	Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	NA
	Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	0	NA
	Permanent Housing Placement Services	0	NA
	TOTAL	61	$297,755.00
Wake County			
	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	69	$434,725.00
	Subsidized Permanent Housing	0	NA
	Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	NA
	Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	115	$82,352.00
	Permanent Housing Placement Services	4	$2,470.00
	TOTAL	188	$519,547.00
State of North Carolina			
	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	292	$1,247,921.45
	Subsidized Permanent Housing	18	$191,075.89
	Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	NA
	Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	709	$402,806.41
	Permanent Housing Placement Services	0	NA
	TOTAL	1019	$1,841,803.75
TOTAL FOR ALL NC		**1434**	**$2,938,594.75**

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH)[8]

HUD-VASH is a joint project between the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which offers a housing voucher from HUD and intensive case management services provided by the VA for five years. As of 2014, there are 276 VASH vouchers in North Carolina administered by 13 different PHAs.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)[9]

The SSVF Program funds supportive services which promote housing stability for very low-income Veterans and their families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. In FY2014, seven

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery Program (SOAR)[10]

Through its SOAR program, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) seeks
(SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) support.

[8] http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash
[9] Data from http://www.va.gov/homeless/docs/ssvf/2013_ssvf_awards_final_71113.pdf.
[10] Data from http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/2014_SSVF_Award_List.pdf

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North Carolina has been a SOAR state since 2007. Over 500 caseworkers are trained through NC SOAR, and there are 23 dedicated SOAR caseworker positions in the state.

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Housing Trust Fund Program[11]

The Housing Trust Fund is North Carolina's only state-funded and state-designed resource for financing affordable housing. It was created by the General Assembly and is managed by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, a self-supporting public agency. The Housing Finance Agency pays all of the Trust Fund's administrative costs. All money appropriated by the General Assembly goes directly into "bricks and mortar."

The Trust Fund has improved housing in all 100 counties, won three national awards, and financed:
- 26,127 homes and apartments
- $971.4 million of new construction and housing rehabilitation

Since 1987, the General Assembly has provided $167 million for the Housing Trust Fund. For 2012, the General Assembly provided $7.9 million for the Housing Trust Fund in recurring funds. The Trust Fund is the state's most flexible housing resource – able to finance home ownership and rental apartments, new construction, rehab and emergency repairs, and supportive housing. It provides the state's largest source of funds for financing supportive housing for the homeless, victims of domestic violence, persons with mental illness, and others with special needs.

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency[12]

The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency is a self-supporting public agency whose mission is to create affordable housing opportunities for North Carolinians whose needs are not met by the market. Since its creation in 1973, the Agency has financed more than 231,400 affordable homes and apartments, totaling $16 billion. The Agency provides financing through the sale of tax-exempt bonds and management of federal tax credit programs, the federal HOME Program, the state Housing Trust Fund, and other programs.

State Housing Tax Credit

The State Housing Credit, used by for-profit and non-profit developers, was created by the General Assembly in 1999 to be used in combination with the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). The State Credit ensures greater affordability and deeper income targeting in LIHTC properties, improves the state's competitiveness for federal funds, and improves economic development in rural and urban communities in North Carolina.

Mecklenburg County FUSE Initiative (MeckFUSE)[13]

MeckFUSE is an interagency effort providing 45 new units of supportive housing to individuals that cycle between the criminal justice and homeless shelter systems in Mecklenburg County. MeckFUSE

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[11] http://www.nchousing.org/advocacy/campaign/north-carolina-housing-trust-fund, http://www.nchfa.com/about/facts/htffactsheet.pdf.
[12] http://www.nchfa.com/About/profile.aspx.
[13] http://www.csh.org/csh-solutions/serving-vulnerable-populations/re-entry-populations/local-criminal-justice-work/meckfuse/.

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All housing and services are paid for through County diversion funds. The chosen service provider, Urban Ministry Center, is a leader in the community in using a Housing First approach. Wrap around support services are provided to tenants, who are not required to accept services as a condition of tenancy. The case manager to client ratio is 1:15, and staff have a variety of experience working with individuals who have had extensive contact with the criminal justice system.

Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs (ICCHP) & Local 10-Year Plans to End Homelessness[14]

The ICCHP advises the governor and the secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services on issues affecting people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Through an Executive Order, the ICCHP is charged with providing recommendations for joint and cooperative efforts to better meet the needs of the homeless residents of North Carolina. The ICCHP works with its member agencies on special initiatives aimed at ending homelessness in the state. ICCHP provides minimal funding for specific projects throughout the year.

The ICCHP is shaping homeless policy through support of local communities creating 10-year plans to end homelessness. 12 communities have drafted a mayoral or county chair endorsed 10-year plan, including the City of Durham, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, and Gilford County, High Point, and Greensboro.

North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH)[15]

The mission of the NCCEH is to end homelessness by creating alliances, encouraging public dialogue, securing resources, and advocating for systemic change. NCCEH works with communities to address root causes of homelessness by developing and implementing data-driven strategies that are focused on permanent housing and appropriate services. NCCEH's policy agenda is focused on bringing about an end to homelessness through prevention, increased access to and flexible funding for services, affordable housing production, increased funding for housing and homelessness programs, and targeting policies that exacerbate poverty.

North Carolina Housing Coalition[16]

The North Carolina Housing Coalition is a private, non-profit membership organization working for decent, affordable housing that promotes self-determination and stable communities for low- and moderate-income North Carolinians. The Coalition works to accomplish its mission by supporting its

- Resource and Referral
- Technical Assistance/Outreach
- Advocacy
- Clearinghouse for Data, Statistics, Best Practices and Research

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[14] http://www.ncdhhs.gov/homeless/tenyearplan.htm.
[15] http://www.ncceh.org/.
[16] http://www.nchousing.org/.