



Gastonia-Gaston HOME Consortium HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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Consultation

Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:

The Gastonia-Gaston HOME Consortium engaged in regional and local consultation in an effort to undertake the most thorough consultation process possible. The Gastonia-Gaston HOME Consortium encouraged input for its consultation process from agencies with significant knowledge of and commitment to providing essential services to vulnerable populations, particularly people experiencing homelessness, within Gaston County. The Gastonia-Gaston HOME Consortium values input from all agencies and has ensured an inclusive approach was taken to ensure ample opportunity for collaboration and discussion on the HOME-ARP allocation plan. The feedback received overwhelmingly supports the activities that the Gastonia-Gaston HOME Consortium proposes to undertake with HOME-ARP funding.

Between the period of December 2022 and February 2023 the Gastonia-Gaston HOME Consortium consulted with stakeholders throughout Gaston County in its development of the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) allocation plan. Individuals were engaged through individual individual consultation interviews, a community survey and virtual and in-person focus group forums. Persons were asked to provide input on the needs, service gaps and eligible activities for Gaston County's Qualifying Populations (QP).

As the lead agency for the Gastonia-Gaston Consortium, the City of Gastonia conducted the following outreach efforts to engage the community:

1. Conducted four (4) virtual and two (2) in-person focus group forums with:
 - a. Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Continuum of Care
 - b. Gaston County municipalities that are part of the HOME Consortium
 - c. Gaston County agencies non-profit agencies providing services for all Qualifying Populations, church organizations, fair housing organizations, legal aid and other community groups.
 - d. Veteran individuals and families with lived experience
 - e. Homeless individuals and families with lived experience
 - f. Gaston County Government Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Community Support Services Department to include Gaston County Veterans Department of Veterans Affairs, Gaston County Access (transportation), Hope Youth Survivors Network (Domestic Violence) and the Department's Director.

2. Launched a community survey for the period of January 1 – 20, 2023. The survey yielded a total of 412 responses.
3. Conducted individual consultation interviews with community stakeholders that work in some capacity with the Qualifying Populations.

An overview of the HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations and Eligible Activities were presented during the individual consultation interviews.

Organizations Consulted

As a result of the consultation methods outlined above, listed below are the corresponding agencies that participated and provided feedback.

Qualifying Population 1 (QP1)	Qualifying Population 2 (QP2)	Qualifying Population 3 (QP3)	Qualifying Population 4(QP4)	Other Population (OP)
Homeless	At-Risk	Domestic Violence	Veterans	Greatest Risk

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Qualifying Population Served	Method of Consultation	Feedback
ALM Counseling	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Community Survey	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Support Services and Production and Preservation of Affordable Housing
ABCCM	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Community Survey	Priority Population: Homeless Greatest Need: Non-Congregate Shelter, and Support Services (Housing Counseling, Case Management)
Bridging the Gap Carolina	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Community Survey	Population priority: At Risk Greatest Need(s) Non-Congregate Shelter and Homeless Prevent and Support Services
Catherine's House	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Group Meeting and WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Support Services (Education, Employment and Financial Assistance)
Development Solutions Group	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Community Survey	Population Priority: Veterans Greatest Need(s): Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing, Non-Congregate Shelter, TBRA Vouchers and Support Services (Job Readiness, Life Skills Training, Case Management)
First ARP Church	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Community Survey	Population Priority: Extremely Low Income and At-Risk Greatest Need(s): Shelter and Support Services

Friendship Christian Church	At-Risk Service Provider Homeless Service Provider	QP1 QP2 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: At-Risk Greatest Need(s): Support Services (Financial Assistance, Job Readiness)
First United Methodist Church Belmont	At-Risk Service Provider Homeless Service Provider	QP1 QP2 OP	Community Survey	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Non-Congregate Shelter and Homeless Prevention and Supportive Services
Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Qualifying Population Served	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Gaston Community Action	At-Risk Service Provider	QP2 OP	In-Person Individual consultation interview	Population Priority: At-Risk Greatest Need(s) Support Services (Financial Assistance) and Preserve and Produce Affordable Housing
Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care serving the jurisdiction's geographic area	QP1 QP3	WebEx Virtual Group Meeting	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing TBRA Vouchers
Gaston County: Hope Survivor Network	Domestic Violence Provider	QP3	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population priority: DV population with children Greatest Need(s): Preservation and production of Affordable Housing Units and support services (Mental Health/Substance Abuse)
Gaston County Veteran's Council	Veterans Group	QP4	In-Person Individual consultation interview	Population Priority: Homeless Veterans Greatest Need(s): Housing and services
Gaston County Department of Veterans Affairs	Veterans Group	QP4	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: Homeless Veterans Greatest Need(s): Housing and services
Gaston County Mediation Center	Public Agencies that address the needs of all qualifying populations	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: N/A Greatest Need(s): N/A Note(s): Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
Gaston County Schools	Public Agencies that address the needs of all qualifying populations	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	Community Survey	Population Priority: Homeless and At-Risk Greatest Need(s): Non-Congregate Shelter, Support Services, Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing, TBRA Vouchers,
Belmont Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency	QP2 OP	Community Survey	Population Priority: Extremely Low Income Greatest Need(s): Support Services, Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing, Non-Congregate Shelter
Gastonia Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency	QP1 QP2	WebEx Virtual Interview	Population Priority: Homeless and At-Risk

		QP3 QP4 OP		Greatest Need(s): Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing, Support Services
Hannah's House	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Community Survey	Population Priority: At-Risk Greatest Need(s): Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing, TBRA Vouchers, Support Services (Housing Counseling and Case Management)

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Qualifying Population Served	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Help Carolina	Homeless Service Provider	QP1 QP2	In-Person Individual consultation interview and WebEx Virtual Group Meeting	<u>Population priority:</u> Homeless <u>Greatest Need(s)</u> Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) and Homeless Prevention and Support Services (Case Management, Financial Assistance, Life Skills Training, Job Readiness)
Hessed House	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Community Survey	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Non-Congregate Shelter, Production and Preservation of Affordable Housing and Support Services (Case Management, Life Skills Training)
Homeless Focus Group	Persons with lived Experience	N/A	In Person Group Individual consultation interview	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Non-Congregate Shelter and Support Services (Substance Abuse, Legal Services, Financial Assistance, Housing Counseling)
House of Mercy	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: At-Risk Greatest Need(s): Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing
Integrated Care Hickory	At Risk Service Provider Homeless Service Provider	QP1 QP2 OP	WebEx Virtual F Group Meeting	Population: At-Risk and Homeless Greatest Need(s): Support Services and Preservation and Production of affordable housing
Kenneth Falls Ministries	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Community Survey	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Preservation and production of affordable housing, TBRA Vouchers
Kintegra	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Community Survey	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Support Services (Life Skills Training, Case Management), TBRA Vouchers, Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing
Langston Realty Group	At-Risk Service Provider	QP2 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing. Support Services

Legal Aid of the Southern Piedmont	Legal and Fair Housing	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	Telephone	Population Priority: N/A Greatest Need(s): N/A Note(s): Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
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Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Qualifying Population Served	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Veterans Focus Group	Persons with lived experience	QP4	In Person Group Individual consultation interview	Population Priority: Veterans Greatest Need(s): Support Services (Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Legal Services, Job Readiness, Housing Counseling, Financial Assistance, Transportation)
Mount Zion Restoration Church	Homeless Service Provider	QP1 QP2 OP	Community Survey	Population Priority: At-Risk and Homeless Greatest need(s): Support Services (Financial Assistance)
North Carolina Human Relations Commission	Public Agencies that address the needs of all qualifying populations	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: N/A Greatest Need(s): N/A Note(s): Contacted in January 2023 and an Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
Our Neighbors, Inc.	At-Risk Service Provider	QP1 QP2	In-person individual consultation interview and virtual focus group meeting	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Affordable Housing, Support Services and Capacity Building
Partners Behavioral Health Management	Homeless Service Provider (Mental Health Disability)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest need: Support Services Preservation and production of affordable housing
Phoenix Counseling	Homeless Service Provider (Mental Health Disability)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	Community Survey	Population Priority: At-Risk Greatest Need(s): TBRA Vouchers, Support Services (Housing Counseling, Case Management)
Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Qualifying Population Served	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Purpose Anew	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	Community Survey	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Preservation and Production of Affordable

				Housing and Support Services (Housing Counseling)
Regional Housing Partnerships	At- Risk Service Provider	QP1 QP2 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: At-Risk Greatest Need(s): Preservation and production of affordable housing. Support Services
Salvation Army	Homeless Service Provider	QP1	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Greatest Need(s): Support Services and Production and preservation of Affordable Housing
United Way of Gaston County	Homeless Service Provider	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Non-Congregate Shelter, Support Services (Financial Assistance, Case Management, Life Skills Training)
City of Belmont	HOME Consortium Member (Local Government Agency)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
City of Bessemer City	HOME Consortium Member (Local Government Agency)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: N/A Greatest Need(s): N/A Note(s): Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
City of Cherryville	HOME Consortium Member (Local Government Agency)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: N/A Greatest Need(s): N/A Note(s): Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Qualifying Population Served	Method of Consultation	Feedback

City of Gastonia	Public agency. Consulted with Planning, Housing and Community Engagement Departments.	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Priority population: Homeless and At-Risk Greatest Need(s): Non-Congregate Shelter, Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing, Support Services (Case Management), Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS), and affordable housing
City of Lowell	HOME Consortium Member (Local Government Agency)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: N/A Greatest Need(s): N/A Note(s): Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
City of Mount Holly	HOME Consortium Member (Local Government Agency)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: N/A Greatest Need(s): N/A Note(s): Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
Gaston County Government	HOME Consortium Member (Local Government Agency)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Priority Population: Homeless, DV, Veterans and At-Risk Greatest Need(s): Support Services (Case Management, Childcare, Employment Assistance, Mental Health Transportation) and Affordable Housing
Gastonia Police Department	Public Agency serving all qualifying populations	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Focus Group Meeting	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need(s): Homeless support services (case management, financial assistance, legal services, mental health and substance abuse) and Non-Congregate Shelter
Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Qualifying Population Served	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Town of Cramerton	HOME Consortium Member (Local	QP1 QP2 QP3	WebEx Virtual Group Meeting	Population Priority: N/A Greatest Need(s): N/A

	Government Agency)	QP4 OP		Note(s): Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
Town of Dallas	HOME Consortium Member (Local Government Agency)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Group Meeting	Need: Support Services
Town of McAdenville	HOME Consortium Member (Local Government Agency)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Virtual Group Meeting	Population Priority: N/A Greatest Need(s): N/A Note(s): Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
Town of Ranlo	HOME Consortium Member (Local Government Agency)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Group Meeting	Population Priority: N/A Greatest Need(s): N/A Note(s): Invitation extended to participate in focus group session on 02/01/2023. Response not received and did not participate in session.
Town of Stanley	HOME Consortium Member (Local Government Agency)	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4 OP	WebEx Group Meeting	Population Priority: Homeless Greatest Need: Support Services. Non-Congregate Shelter, Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing

Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

Participants discussed the lack of available housing options for the unsheltered homeless population. Due to the current emergency shelter operating at a fraction of capacity and the increased number of homelessness camps, is supporting evidence that clients still have difficulty locating emergency or temporary housing. Discussion ensued, and each agency voiced agreement that shelter and support services are both immediate needs. Parties agreed that the highest priority for the HOME-ARP funds is a Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) that would best serve the population need. Feedback included the need to ensure fairness and equity in any housing related projects and activities. The group recommended that the North Carolina Human Relations Commission and Legal Aid of North Carolina provide education and provide guidance related to fair housing practices.

As the lead agency for the Gastonia-Gaston HOME Consortium, the City of Gastonia provided opportunity for the community to participate in an on-line community survey during the period of January 1 – 20, 2023. The survey link was available on the City of Gastonia website and allowed participants to provide input in the areas of:

- Concerning needs and gaps within the community,

- Identify Qualifying Populations in greatest need of housing and housing-related services, and
- Prioritize the eligible activities for HOME-ARP for Gaston County.
- Of the total 412 participants, 214 or 52% identified the Homeless Qualifying Population as the highest ranking in terms of priority of need for housing and services, followed by 24% identified as Other Qualifying Population of Extremely Low Income individuals and families, 16% for At-Risk Families, 9% in support of Veteran Qualifying Population and 3% identified as Domestic Violence Qualifying Population as a priority.

Survey participants also prioritized the needs within the community based upon eligible activity. Activities were Ranked as follows:

<u>Eligible Activity Category</u>	<u>Rank</u>
• Preservation and Production of Affordable Housing	4.41
• Support Services	4.25
• Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS)	4.15
• Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	4.07

Participants responses noted the need and support of Non-Profit Capacity Building and Operating. Responses received in support of these activities were 67.64% and 79.81% respectively.

Survey Participants also weighed in in the needs and gaps of specific support serves which are noted as follows:

<u>Support Services Type</u>	<u>Rank</u>
• Homeless Prevention Services (to include financial assistance)	3.82
• Housing Counseling	3.35
• Life Skills Training	2.84
• Job Readiness	2.78
• Case Management Services	2.24

Public Participation

Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

- **Date(s) of public notice: 02/22/2023**
- **Public comment period: start date – 2/22/2023 end date – 3/10/2023**
- **Date(s) of public hearing: 3/9/2023**

The Public Participation Process for HOME-ARP Allocation Plan includes a broad range of activities for the Gastonia-Gaston HOME Consortium. The primary goal of the public participation process was to provide all citizens with adequate notice, access to, and opportunity to review and comment on the plan for HOME-ARP funding.

Efforts included placing an advertisement in the local newspaper, the Gaston Gazette, on the City of Gastonia website, and placing notices at public recreational facilities and the Gastonia Housing Authority. Notices were also emailed to the Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Continuum of

Care, Gastonia-Gaston HOME Consortium Members, local church organizations and citizens that requested additional details. A public community meeting was held on February 23, 2023, at 6pm at the Adult Recreation Center, 519 W. Franklin Boulevard, Gastonia, NC 28052 and a virtual public hearing was conducted on March 9, 2023 at 12pm. The public hearing provided the public the opportunity to attend virtually on a computer, laptop, or mobile phone. A 15-day public comment period for public review of the draft HOME-ARP Plan began on **February 22, 2023** and extended through **March 10, 2023**.

Public notices included instructions for requesting reasonable accommodations and translation services for residents with limited English proficiency (LEP). Residents were able to contact the City of Gastonia Housing and Community Engagement Department by phone, TTY or North Carolina Relay Service, email, or postal mail to make requests.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

Efforts to broaden public participation included providing regular, intermittent information via the City of Gastonia social media sites to include Facebook and Twitter and contacting news media outlets which developed news stories outlining the process. Information was posted and advertised intermittently from December 2022 through March 2023. Email updates were also submitted to persons who participated in the survey and requested additional information. The Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Continuum of Care was also provided with email updates. A notice was also placed in the local newspaper as well as at the Public Housing Authority, local recreation facilities and the public library. The virtual option allowed for greater citizen participation to accommodate varying schedules.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:

None to date

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:

None to date

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Based upon the 412 responses received as a result of the community survey conducted January 1-20, 2023, 52% of respondents believed the Qualifying Population to consider are homeless individuals and families. Based upon participant responses, there is a gap in the nonprofits' capacity to carry out existing services and the availability of non-profit operating funds. Participants strongly supported the use of HOME-ARP funding for non-profit capacity building and operating costs by 67.64% and 79.81% respectively.

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	3	#	107	#	#								
Transitional Housing	10	#	66	#	#								
Permanent Supportive Housing	#	#	127	#	#								
Other Permanent Housing	#	#	74	#	#								
Sheltered Homeless						XX	178	#	#				
Unsheltered Homeless						#	199	#	#				
Current Gap										#	13	27	#

Non-Homeless Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	34,314		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	16,976		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	5,575		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		10,600	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		24,114	
Current Gaps			12,163

Suggested Data Sources: 1. American Community Survey (ACS). 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 (QP1)

The Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Continuum of Care is a tri-county continuum. Data for the 2022 Gaston County Point-In Time Count identified 199 unsheltered homeless persons within the county as of January 25, 2022. In comparison to the 2021 Gaston County Point-IN-Time Count which identified 133 unsheltered persons, there was 49.5% increase in the unsheltered population. The racial demographic of the unsheltered population for the 2022 Gaston County Point-In-Time Counts is noted however, 2021 racial demographic data was unavailable.

In 2022, just over half (51%) of those enumerated in the Point-In-Time Count identified as white while just under half (46%) identified as black, African American or African. The remaining 7% identified as either Asian or multi-racial.

Gaston County 2022 Point-In-Time County Racial Demographic	
Race	Number
American Indian, Alaska Native or Indigenous	6
Asian or Asian American	5
Black, African American or African	157
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	193
Multiple Races	16

According to data received from the Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Continuum of Care, for the period of 09/30/2021 through 10/01/2022, as reported for the 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant CAPER, a total of 1,908 Persons were served. Of the 1,908 served, 618 persons were chronically homeless with 559 experiencing homelessness for a period greater than 11 days.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 (QP2)

“At risk of homelessness” is defined by HUD as individuals or families who:

- 1) Have an annual income below 30 percent of median family income.
- 2) At risk of Homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 At risk of homelessness:
 - a. An individual or family who:
 - i. Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;
 - ii. Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “Homeless” definition in this section; and
 - iii. Meets one of the following conditions:

1. Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
 2. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
 3. Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
 4. Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
 5. Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan;
- 3) A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under this section, but qualifies as "homeless" under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(l) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(l)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or
- 4) A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under this section but qualifies as "homeless" under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him. Do not have sufficient support networks or resources to prevent them from becoming homeless. or
- a. (3) Live in unstable conditions as demonstrated by frequent moves or living in another's home due to hardship.

For the Homeless Qualifying Population youth, the Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Continuum of Care did not have data available for this population segment. 2015-2019 CHAS data concerning households ranging from 0-50% of AMI shows that 22,550 renter households are cost burdened, and of the same population group, 12,725 have at least 1 housing problem.

Characteristics attributed to housing instability and increased risk of homelessness include households with less than 30% AMI and were cost burdened where housing costs consumed more than 50% of the income. Data from the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV), supports this statistic with 40 low-income households at 50% of the

