

# PARTNERS FOR

Secretary Scott Turner

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
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Washington DC 20410

Dear Scott Turner:

We write to you today to express our concern that Continuum of Care (CoC) funding recipients may not receive funding already appropriated by Congress. The Atlanta Continuum of Care, representing over 170 nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and partners, stands united in expressing deep concern over these changes through this letter. We urge you to take action to ensure the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will finish processing FY2024 funding and comply with the two-year funding cycle. As you know, the CoC program is the core federal funding stream to help communities address homelessness.

The impacts of holding on FY2024 would be devastating to the City of Atlanta. The City of Atlanta received a FY2024 award of \$14,491,078 million in essential services for our most vulnerable neighbors. These dollars go directly to supporting over 31 projects and funding over 849 total units of permanent housing for the disabled who are formerly homeless who have achieved stability and independence. These dollars support a continuum that has served 14,000 individuals and since its inception and is on track to reach functional zero for unsheltered homelessness by the end of 2026. I urge you to work with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the House and Senate Appropriations Committee to ensure funding is disbursed.

On January 17, 2025, HUD announced \$3.6 billion in CoC program awards for nearly 7,000 projects across the country. Most of this funding is for existing projects, and without the grants, these projects will expire in calendar year 2025. These projects enable homeless service providers to help veterans, families with children, youth, seniors, and vulnerable individuals access and maintain permanent and temporary housing, crisis counseling, and other supportive services.

Without these crucial dollars, several non-profit providers in Atlanta are at risk of shutting their doors; many can only operate 30-60 days if they do not receive funding. Future funding freezes would have detrimental impact on the entire City of Atlanta's Continuum of Care.

- **Services Affected:** Rapid Re-Housing for Young Adults, Veterans and Families, Permanent Supportive Housing for the Disabled, Healthcare and Wrap Around Services
- **Federal funding** makes up between 65 and 100% of all organization's service budgets.
- **Private landlords** account for the housing of between 50-100% of all clients in each organization.
- **Reduction in services:** 83% of agencies anticipate a reduction in services or delays in meeting service goals due to potential funding freezes.

The Atlanta Continuum of Care is comprised of over 170+ nonprofit, government agencies, and partners who are all impacted by these changes and have signed on to this letter to express their concern.