

HUD Cuts to Ohio's Homeless Funding

Sudden federal policy shifts will increase homelessness in Ohio

HUD's last minute changes to the Continuum of Care (CoC) program will result in Ohio losing \$80 million for housing formerly homeless people.

Today

Ohio currently receives \$114 million for permanent housing



14,000 households housed

FY 2025 CoC policy changes

Tomorrow

Ohio will receive \$34 million for permanent housing

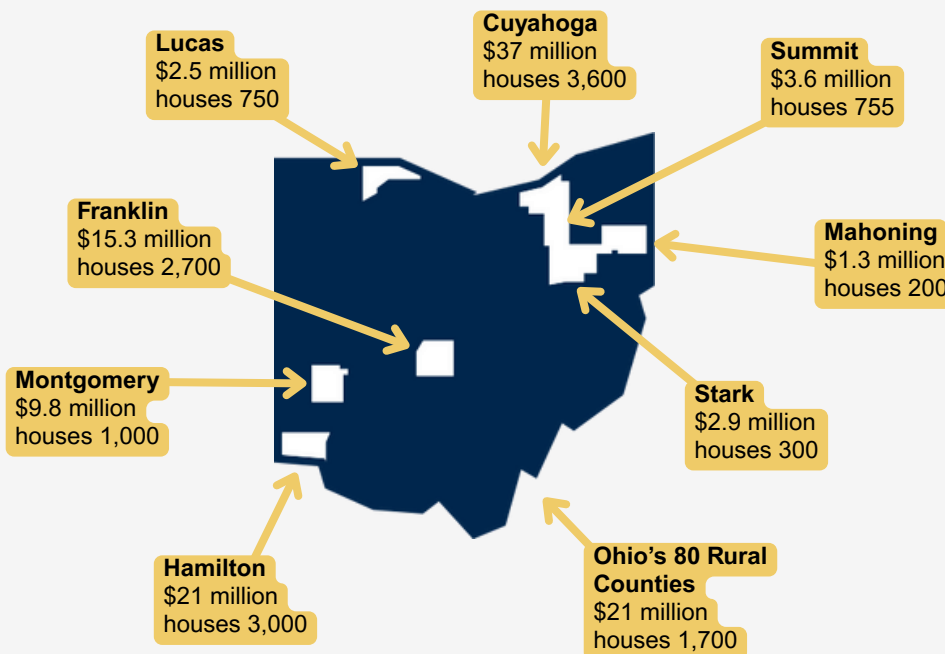


4,000 housed

10,000 unhoused

Statewide Impact

CoC funds currently support vulnerable people in communities throughout Ohio. If HUD's planned changes take effect, 10,000 households, including children, veterans, and people with disabilities, will lose their housing



CoC Cuts Make No Cents

Federal CoC funds provide homes and services to keep Ohioans affordably housed.



Supportive Housing = \$72/day per household

Without stable housing, people cycle through emergency rooms, shelters, and jails.



Hospitalization = \$1,200/day per person



Incarceration = \$131/day per person

HUD must renew existing CoC grants to protect ongoing housing and supportive services in Ohio 

Understanding HUD's Pending Changes to the CoC Program

1. What is HUD's Continuum of Care Program?

- The largest federal grant funding source for homelessness services and housing
- HUD administers the CoC program to fund: Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Transitional Housing, and supportive services to move people out of homelessness
- Up to 90% of CoC funding renews ongoing projects that serve people with disabilities and households experiencing homelessness

2. Recent Administrative Streamlining

- In 2024, Congress approved a two-year funding cycle to reduce local agencies' administrative workload and maximize assistance to clients
- Highly ranked homeless projects were supposed to auto-renew the second year—no full re-application would be required
- Under this newly streamlined process, in January HUD awarded \$178 million in CoC funding for Ohio

3. What Happens Next?

- HUD recently indicated plans to overhaul the CoC Program by issuing a last-minute FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- The upcoming NOFO will likely cap permanent housing assistance at just 30% of a CoC's previous allocation; most communities are currently at 85% - 90%
- If allowed to take effect, HUD's changes will amount to an \$80 million cut in federal funding that currently houses formerly homeless Ohioans
- Ohio providers could run out of money in the first quarter of 2026

4. Why It Matters

- CoC funds are Ohio's largest source of funding for supportive housing and rapid rehousing; most programs will be forced to shut down
- Most residents have disabilities, including mental health and addiction issues; many will return to homelessness
- Ohio communities will see more street homelessness and increased demand for shelter, emergency, and public safety services