



Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority, in partnership with the Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition, seeks a strategic partner to address housing and homelessness

The Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment Authority (LCHRA) and the Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition (LCHC) are collaborating to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to address housing and homelessness across the county. Since 2017 the county has experienced an increase in homelessness with rates increasing 13.5% between January 2022 and 2023. The county also has a tight, unaffordable housing market, with extremely low vacancy rates for both renter and owner-occupied units at 3.2% and 0.6% respectively. A healthy vacancy rate generally is between 5 and 10%. Additionally, residents across the county, regardless of income, experience housing cost burden, meaning that they spend 30% or more of their monthly income on housing costs. Nearly one-quarter of all homeowners and almost half of all renters are cost burdened.

A Legacy of Service, A Focus on the Future

For over 40 years, LCHRA has provided vital programs and services to support low- and moderate-income families through affordable housing initiatives. Together, the LCHC provides quality, personalized human and housing services for individuals and families facing or experiencing homelessness to ensure homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring. Both organizations recognize the need for a well-crafted strategic plan to enhance their collective impact in the coming years.

Seeking a Strategic Planning Partner

LCHRA and LCHC are seeking proposals from experienced and qualified strategic planning consultants. The ideal partner will work collaboratively to develop a three-year plan (2026-2029) that addresses the evolving needs of the community.

Key Elements of the Plan

- A thorough assessment of Lancaster County's economic, demographic, and housing conditions, including affordability trends.
- A comprehensive evaluation of existing homelessness and housing programs and their effectiveness.
- A clear roadmap for implementation, including actionable goals, timelines, and performance metrics.
- Meaningful stakeholder engagement, including individuals with lived homelessness experience, service providers, and community leaders.

Proposal Submission Information

Interested parties are encouraged to submit proposals by January 3, 2025, to Beth Dreyer-DeGoede at bdegoede@lchra.com. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is available on the LCHRA website at lchra.com/hhsp.

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