

Volunteer Position Opening: Housing Subcommittee Co-Chair

Closing Date: Open until vacancy is filled

PRIMARY ROLE

The Department of Human Services (DHS) through coordination with Arlington's Continuum of Care (CoC) and as the CoC's lead agency is seeking volunteer members to serve as Housing Subcommittee Co-Chairs, leading implementation of the Arlington community's strategic efforts towards ending homelessness.

The Continuum of Care is a network of programs and services working to address homelessness through our collective efforts. The Continuum of Care is responsible for a number of Federal and State requirements, to include organizing as a CoC, operating a governance structure that provides leadership and oversight of local efforts, as well as developing and following a Strategic Plan that reflects local values and needs. The Arlington Continuum of Care's mission is to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring by providing affordable and sustainable housing, tailored services, and by centering the voices and expertise of people with lived experience of homelessness.

The Housing Sub-Committee is part of the CoC's governance and is responsible for implementing an action plan to include the following:

- Facilitating access to affordable housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Increasing the supply of rental assistance provided to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Increasing the supply of housing affordable to people experiencing homelessness.

To learn more about our Continuum of Care, please click [here](#). Given the known racial disparities which are experienced by Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) and the historical context of discrimination, oppression and marginalization occurred by these groups that result in these disparities, the Continuum of Care encourages people of color to submit statements of interest. People with lived experiences of homelessness are also strongly encouraged to submit their interest. (Submission directions are found on page 2.)

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Co-chair monthly Housing Committee meetings.
2. Work with the other Co-Chair, DHS Housing Subcommittee Liaison, and Housing Subcommittee members to develop meeting agendas and disseminate information.
3. Partner with the other Co-Chair and DHS Housing Subcommittee Liaison in leading the subcommittee in achieving the CoC goals, plan and mission.
4. Support and encourage the subcommittee's role in developing and carrying out its strategic plan, work plan and goals; and
5. Attend CoC Executive Committee meetings to report on subcommittee progress.

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifying applicants must:

1. Have ties to or has a vested interest in Arlington (either as a resident or by working in Arlington).
2. Possess at least one full year of regular and active involvement (professionally, volunteerism, or personal experience) in Community Building and Engagement work, Safety Net Services, Anti-Poverty programs, Affordable Housing, and/or Homeless Services programs.
3. Have willingness to commitment to serving at least a one-year term and maintain regular attendance at CoC Committee meetings.

REQUIREMENTS

A CoC Membership Application must be submitted to DHSEID-Housing@arlingtonva.us by the preliminary closing date of this announcement. Applications may be considered on a rolling basis after the initial closing date.

Membership application can be found here:

https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/public-assistance/documents/coc-membership-application-form_7.2.24-final.pdf.

SELECTION

Applications will be submitted to the Sub-Committee's current Co-Chairs and DHS Staff Liaison for consideration. A subcommittee recommendation will be made to the Executive Committee for final approval.

If you are otherwise interested in joining and serving on the Continuum of Care and would like to learn about other ways to get involved here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/DHS/Public-Assistance/Homelessness/Arlington-County-Efforts-to-Address-Homelessness/Continuum-of-Care-Governance>.