

Draft FY26-30 Consolidated Plan Goals

1. Affordable Housing Development and Redevelopment	Goal	<i>To foster an affordable housing market that meets the needs of Athens-Clarke County (ACC) residents through the creation and preservation of a variety of housing models.</i>
	Strategies	Increase access to affordable housing through the development of quality affordable rental units by supporting LIHTC or other projects that create multi-family affordable housing units, which may include mixed-income and mixed-use developments.
		Target challenged multi-family developments for major redevelopment and preserve and develop the affordability of existing rental homes while improving their quality.
		Promote low-to-moderate household homeownership through new construction or rehabilitation of affordable homebuyer single-family units and through increased homebuyer down payment assistance.
		Expand low-to-moderate household homeowner occupied rehabilitation projects through increased minimum per-project funding.
		Support training and counseling opportunities for homebuyer and downpayment assistance program participants.
		Increase fair housing education and outreach to ensure tenants understand and can communicate their rights and responsibilities.
2. Public Services	Goal	<i>To enhance the quality of life through programs/services that meet the needs of residents in Athens Clarke County.</i>
	Strategies	Homelessness (Individuals and Families): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive street outreach services • Low-barrier emergency shelter • Diversion and rapid exit programming • Supportive services • Expansion of the affordable housing market through landlord engagement programs.
		Youth Development and Violence Prevention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate, train and develop young people in Athens-Clarke County so that they will graduate from high school prepared to successfully enter the workforce, continue their education and/or enlist in armed forces to better reach their full potential • Support the development of youth literacy, math, science, social and emotional learning (SEL) skills, and build stronger connections that lead to societal contributions • Develop and expand youth development programming that is accessible and equitable. • Expand youth development programs for public safety. • Provide opportunities for students to be exposed to and interact with local, hybrid or remote career options.
		Supportive Services for Affordable Housing, Economic Development and Public Facilities and Improvements programs.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide supportive services for eligible low-to-moderate income individuals in support of affordable housing, economic development, and public facilities and improvements goal driven activities.
3. Economic Development	Goal	<i>To promote the upward economic mobility of low-to-moderate-income Athens-Clarke County residents through small business, entrepreneurship, and workforce development support.</i>
		Create incentives to encourage revitalization of neighborhoods and commercial developments.
		Provide the facilities and services necessary to attract, incubate, and grow businesses across a variety of sectors.
		Provide business planning assistance, technical assistance, and business support services to start-ups and owners of microenterprises.
		Provide financing assistance for small businesses to expand economic opportunities.
		(As a CBDO public service) Promote workforce development through ESL programs, GED programs, youth apprenticeship programs, vocational training, and job placement.
		(As a CBDO public service) Provide financial literacy training and promote financial stability of low-and moderate-income households.
4. Public Facilities & Improvements	Goal	<i>To foster public infrastructure improvements that improve the lives of low-to-moderate income residents in Athens-Clarke County.</i>
	Strategies	Improve facilities for persons with special needs such as facilities for individuals experiencing homelessness, domestic violence shelters, nursing homes, assisted living for the individuals with disabilities, or mental health facilities
		Improve parks, community centers, sidewalks or other public infrastructure that increase livability, safety, and accessibility for residents in high poverty concentration areas.