

Draft FY21-25 Consolidated Plan Goals

1. Affordable Housing Development and Redevelopment	Goal	To increase the amount of affordable housing for low and moderate income Athens-Clarke County residents and to provide access to services that help households access and maintain affordable housing.
	Strategies	Create nodal development tied to transportation, healthcare, schools, jobs, workforce, and housing.
		Target challenged multi-family developments for major redevelopment and identify other opportunities for redevelopment.
		Create mixed-income affordable housing developments.
		Expand housing rehabilitation through: rehabilitation of dilapidated vacant residential properties, repair or rehabilitation of existing housing occupied by low and moderate income households, and support of conversion and acquisition of existing structures.
		Promote homeownership through new construction of affordable housing, homebuyer assistance and housing counseling services.
		Acknowledge and develop strategies to address issues related to gentrification and combat displacement of existing neighborhood groups.
		Provide more affordable housing options for the homeless.
		Create quality housing for seniors using innovative techniques like accessory dwelling units.
		Preserve existing housing through Code Enforcement practices and housing repairs to ensure older units remain safe and attractive.
		Educate tenants about their rights and responsibilities.
Develop zoning standards and incentives to develop and/or redevelop quality multi-family options for a diverse group.		
Establish incentives for new development to incorporate environmentally sustainable standards including, but not limited to, material re-use, responsible management of construction waste, etc.		
2. Economic Development and Workforce Development	Goal	To promote the upward economic mobility of low and moderate income Athens-Clarke County residents through small business, entrepreneurship, and workforce development support.
	Strategies	Educate, train and develop young people in Athens-Clarke County so that they will graduate from high school prepared to successfully enter the local workforce.
		Incentivize neighborhood grocery stores, farmer's markets, co-ops, etc.
		Create incentives to encourage revitalization in neighborhoods and commercial developments.
		Provide the facilities and services necessary to attract, incubate, and grow businesses across a variety of sectors.
		Continue building a comprehensive entrepreneur development program.
		Address unemployment and underemployment by training and preparing individuals for vocational success.

		Provide business planning assistance, technical assistance, and business support services to start-ups and owners of microenterprises.
		Provide financing assistance or capital loans for small businesses to expand economic opportunities.
		Promote workforce development through ESL programs, GED programs, youth apprenticeship programs, vocational training, and job placement.
		Provide financial literacy training and promote financial stability of low and moderate income households.
3. Public Services- Education and Enrichment	Goal	To support the educational development and growth of children in Athens-Clarke County through educational and supportive services.
	Strategies	Support the development of children’s literacy, math, and social and emotional learning (SEL) skills.
		Provide a variety of learning opportunities for both adult and nontraditional students’ education and development, which support a variety of learning styles and emotional/health needs.
		Provide opportunities for families to actively participate in their child’s education and help their child achieve their individual educational goals.
		Develop and expand youth development programming that is accessible.
		Expand youth development programs for public safety.
		Identify barriers to inclusion and engagement in the arts.
		Ensure children are prepared for kindergarten.
		Ensure students meet reading level goals.
		Provide opportunities for students to interact with local career options.
		Increase direct parent support to develop parenting skills.
		Provide support for traditional college.
		Provide a robust Early Childhood Education for birth to Pre-K children to help prepare them for academic success in the future.
		Provide adequate and affordable child care.
4. Public Services- Homeless Services	Goal	To prevent and end homelessness through emergency shelter, permanent housing programs, prevention programs, street outreach, and other homeless services.
	Strategies	Provide rapid rehousing for homeless individuals and families.
		Provide emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families.
		Provide supportive services homeless individuals and families.
	Monitor performance of the homeless continuum of care.	
5. Public Services- Special Populations	Goal	To enhance quality of life for: individuals with mental illness, individuals with a substance use disorder, individuals with disabilities, individuals who are formerly incarcerated, and seniors.
	Strategies	Provide supportive services for: individuals with mental illness, individuals with a substance use disorder, individuals with disabilities, individuals who are formerly incarcerated, seniors, and other vulnerable populations.
		Promote physical and mental health of: individuals with mental illness, individuals with a substance use disorder, individuals with disabilities, individuals who are formerly incarcerated, seniors, and other vulnerable populations.

6. Infrastructure and Public Facilities	Goal	To foster public infrastructure improvements that improve the lives of low and moderate income residents in Athens-Clarke County.
	Strategies	Improve parks, community centers, sidewalks or other public infrastructure to increase livability, safety, and accessibility.
		Improve sustainability of ACC park facilities and community centers through energy conservation
		Construct accessibility enhancements for the disabled
		Support bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
		Continue to build out fiber network and continually invest in new technology.