



Department of Housing and Community Development

Homeless and Special Needs
Housing (HSNH)



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Guiding the Future: Input for Virginia's Consolidated Plan

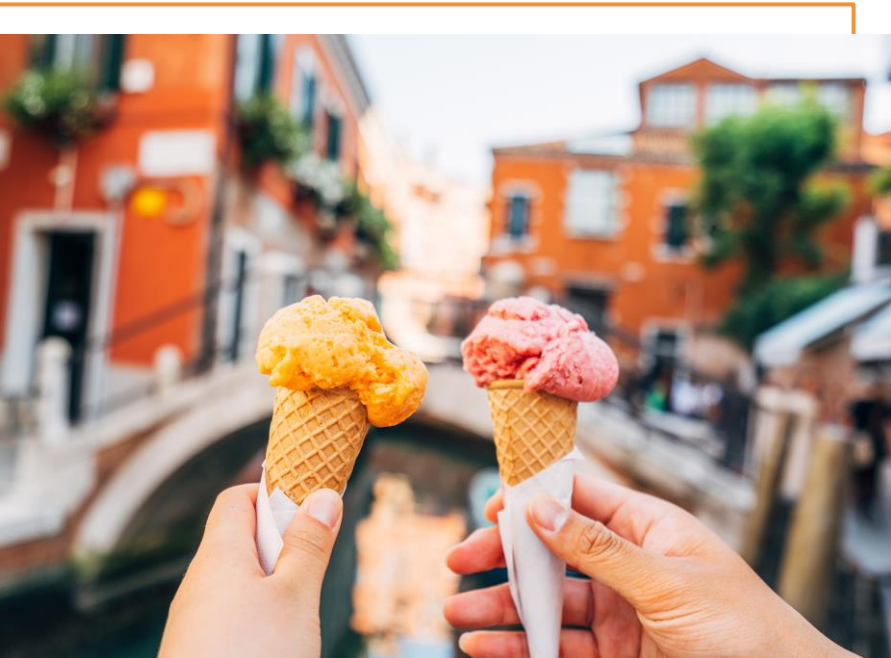


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Today's Agenda

- I. **Getting to Know You** – Amy Fottrell; Policy Analyst
- II. **The Consolidated Planning Process** – Lyndsi Austin; Associate Director, Policy
- III. **Homeless Services Needs Assessment** – Ara Mendoza; Associate Director, HSNH
- IV. **Federal Resources: ESG, HOPWA, HOME-ARP** – Ara Mendoza; Associate Director, HSNH
- V. **Your Thoughts on Homeless Services Programs** – Ara Mendoza; Associate Director, HSNH
- VI. **Comments, Questions, & Feedback!**



Practice: What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

- A. Chocolate
- B. Vanilla
- C. Strawberry
- D. Mint Chocolate Chip
- E. Cookies 'n crème
- F. Other
- G. No dairy for me!



What region of Virginia best describes where your organization is focused?

- A. Statewide
- B. Central
- C. Eastern
- D. Hampton Roads
- E. Northern
- F. Southside
- G. Southwest
- H. Valley
- I. West Central
- J. Other/Not Applicable





What type of organization do you represent?

- A. Local Government
- B. Continuum of Care Lead
- C. Housing Developer
- D. Service Provider
- E. Other (let us know in the chat!)



What is the Consolidated Plan?

- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement
- Every 5 years DHCD asks “What needs are present in Virginia?”
 - Affordable Housing
 - Homelessness
 - Non-Homeless Special Needs Housing
 - Non-Housing Community Development
- Every year DHCD submits an Annual Action Plan



Who completes the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan?

- Completed by the state or localities that receive funds directly from HUD
- DHCD completes the Virginia plan for these federal resources



What's included?

- A needs assessment, a strategic plan, and annual goals
- Focuses on housing, homelessness, and community development
- Includes public input and feedback from service providers, housing developers, other state agencies, localities and continua of care



DHCD is currently seeking input on:

- **2023 – 2028 Consolidated Plan**
- **First Annual Action Plan**
 - July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Covering the funds DHCD spends from:

- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)**
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)



Virtual Input Sessions



Monday, January 30, 2023

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Focus: Community Development (CDBG)



Tuesday, January 31, 2023

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Focus: Housing Development (HOME, NHTF)



Wednesday, February 1, 2023

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Focus: Homeless Services (HOPWA, ESG)

Consolidated Plan Timeline

January – February
2023

Focused Input Sessions

April 14, 2023

Drafts Posted for Written Public Comments

- 2023 - 2028 Consolidated Plan
- First Annual Action Plan (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

April 21, 2023

Virtual Public Hearing

May 15, 2023

Public Comment Period Closes

May 18, 2023

DHCD Submits Plans to HUD



What is the focus of this Input Session?

- Primarily getting your thoughts on 'Eligible Uses' like:
 - **Rapid Re-Housing**
 - **Supportive services**
- Which Virginia funds through:
 - ESG
 - HOPWA



How can you provide input?

Today's session, and then:

- Submit Written Comments (due by May 15, 2023)
 - Submit via email: catherine.farnsler@dhcd.virginia.gov
 - Online at <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/consolidated-plan>
 - Scan the QR code to go submit comments
- Attend Public Hearing (Friday, April 21, 2023 @ 10:00 am)
- Spread the word and encourage others to provide input!





Submitting Input Online

Go to [dhcd.Virginia.gov/consolidated-plan](https://dhcd.virginia.gov/consolidated-plan)



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

DHCD values input in developing its Consolidated Planning Process. DHCD's Citizen Participation Plan is listed below, along with a link to provide input.

- [Citizen Participation Plan](#)
- [Submit Feedback](#)
- [Homeless Input Session Presentation](#)
- [Summary of Homeless Input Session Feedback](#)



Homeless Needs Assessment



Key Findings

Needs Assessment Methodology:

- HUD asks DHCD to examine data from American Community Survey (ACS), the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and other sources
- DHCD uses the data to understand the nature and extent of homeless needs in Virginia
- These findings enable DHCD to inform HUD of the needs that the federal funding will be used to address

6,529

individuals are experiencing homelessness in Virginia

50%

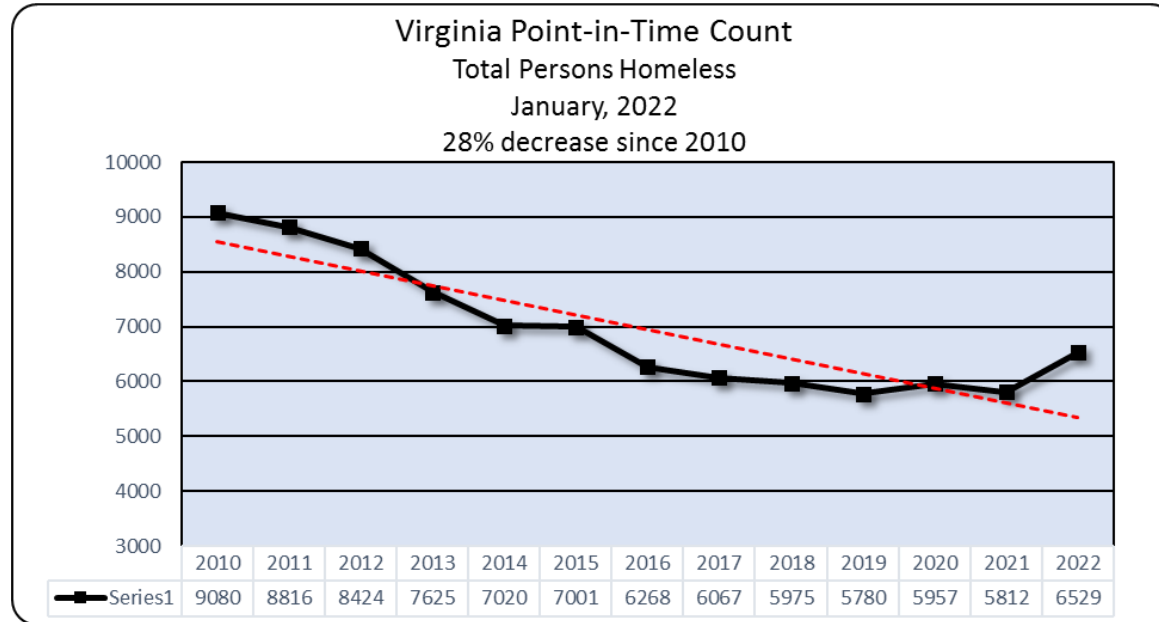
of all individuals experiencing homelessness are Black or African American

DHCD estimates that the numbers of households actually in need of housing assistance is far greater than the number served.



Key Findings

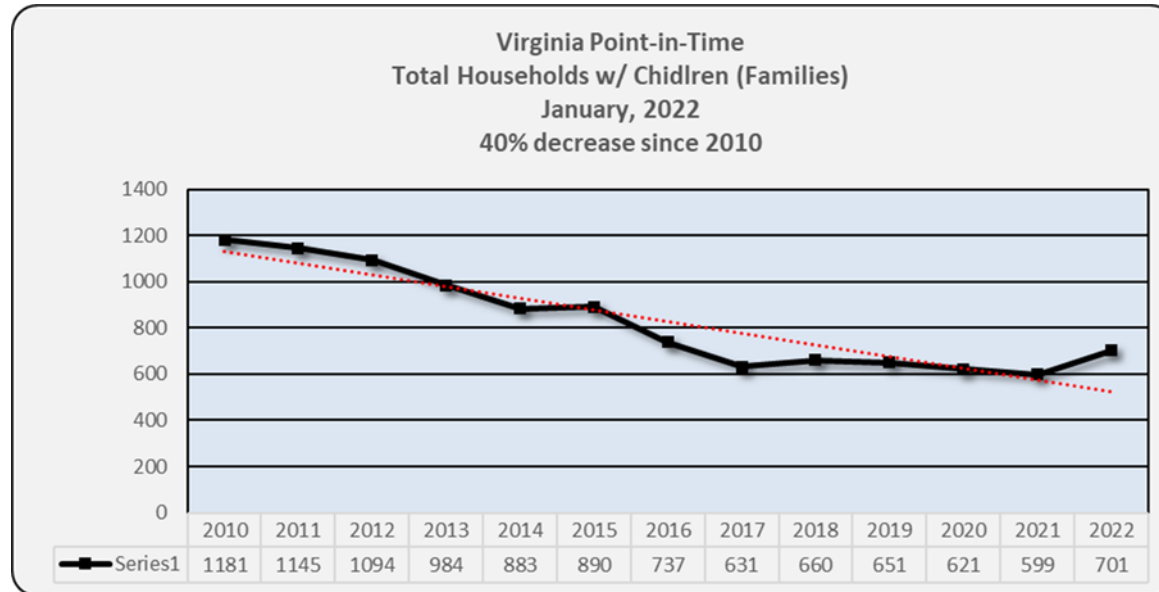
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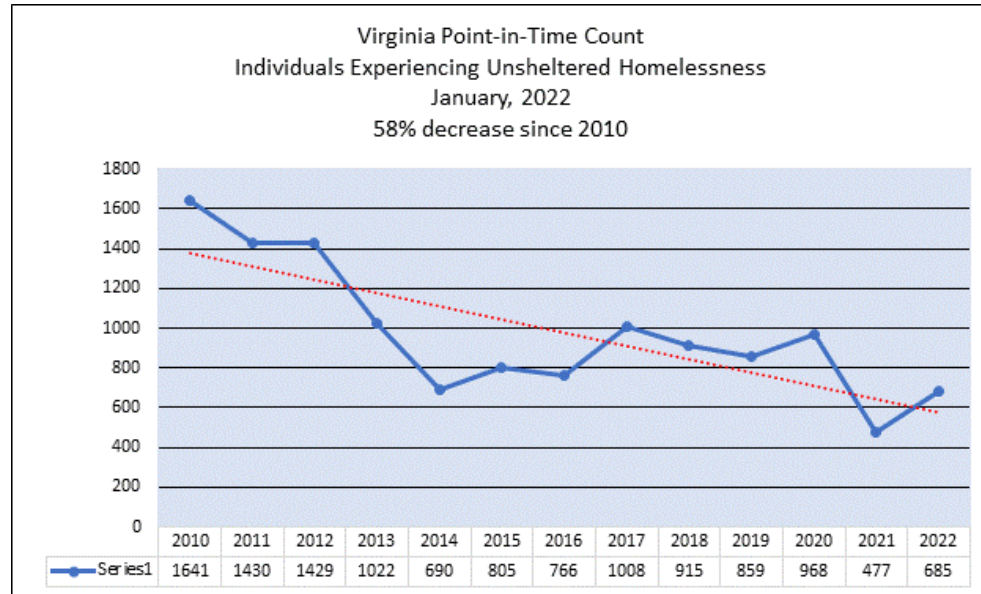
families experiencing homelessness





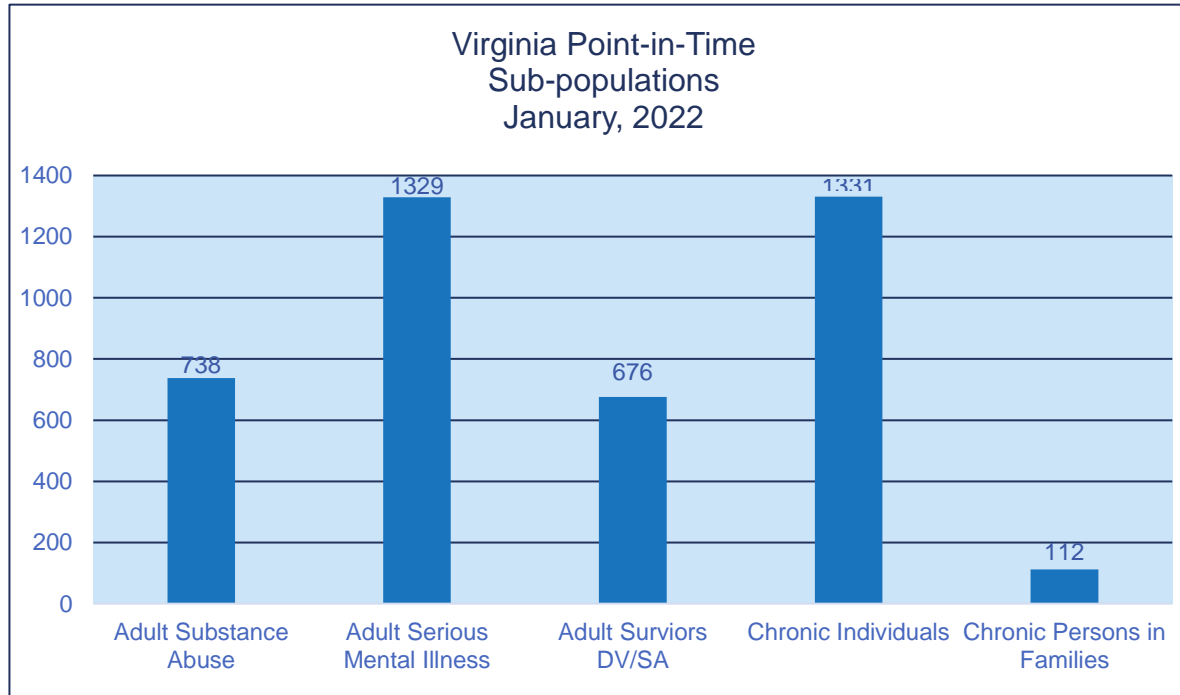
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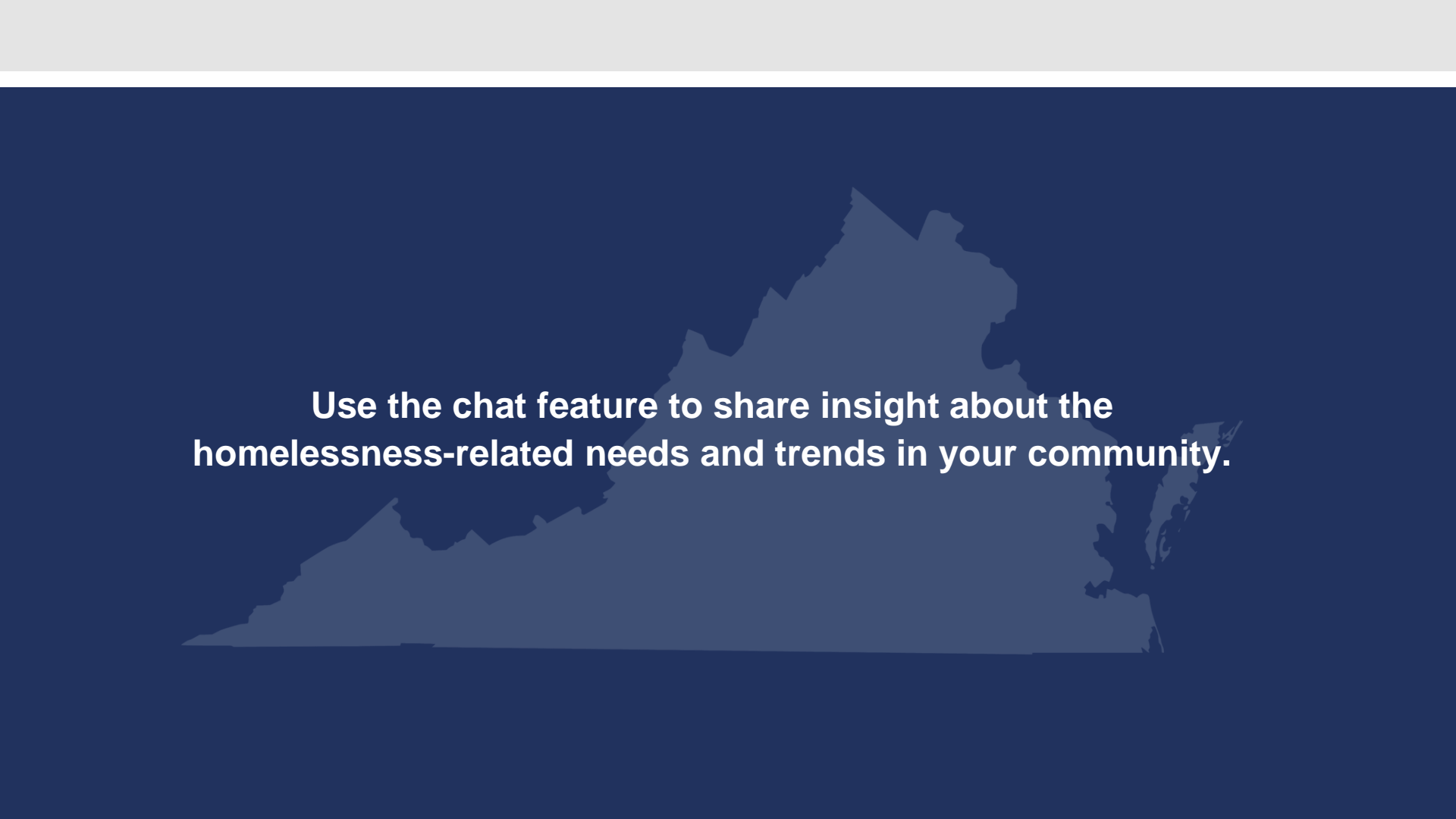
individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness





Key Findings





Use the chat feature to share insight about the homelessness-related needs and trends in your community.



Fundamental Priorities

- **Reduce number of individuals experiencing homelessness**
- **Reduce length of homeless episodes**
- **Reduce number of individuals returning to homelessness**
- **Reduce unsheltered homelessness**
- **Increase housing stability for at-risk individuals and families**
- **Support populations in need of specialized services**
 - Individuals with severe mental illness, substance use disorders and those who are experiencing chronic homelessness



Federal Resources

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

HOME-ARP



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)



- Administered through Virginia Homeless Solution Program (VHSP)
- Community-based (CoC/Local Planning Group) combined application process
- Two-year funding cycle
- ESG eligible activities:
 - **Rapid Re-Housing**
 - Shelter Operations
 - Prevention
 - Outreach
 - Rehab/New Construction



Which ESG Eligible Activity could your community benefit most from?

- A. Rapid Re-Housing
- B. Shelter Operations
- C. Prevention
- D. Outreach
- E. Rehab/New Construction

If you selected an activity that is not currently funded under ESG, please provide further insight into your community's needs the chat



Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids (HOPWA)

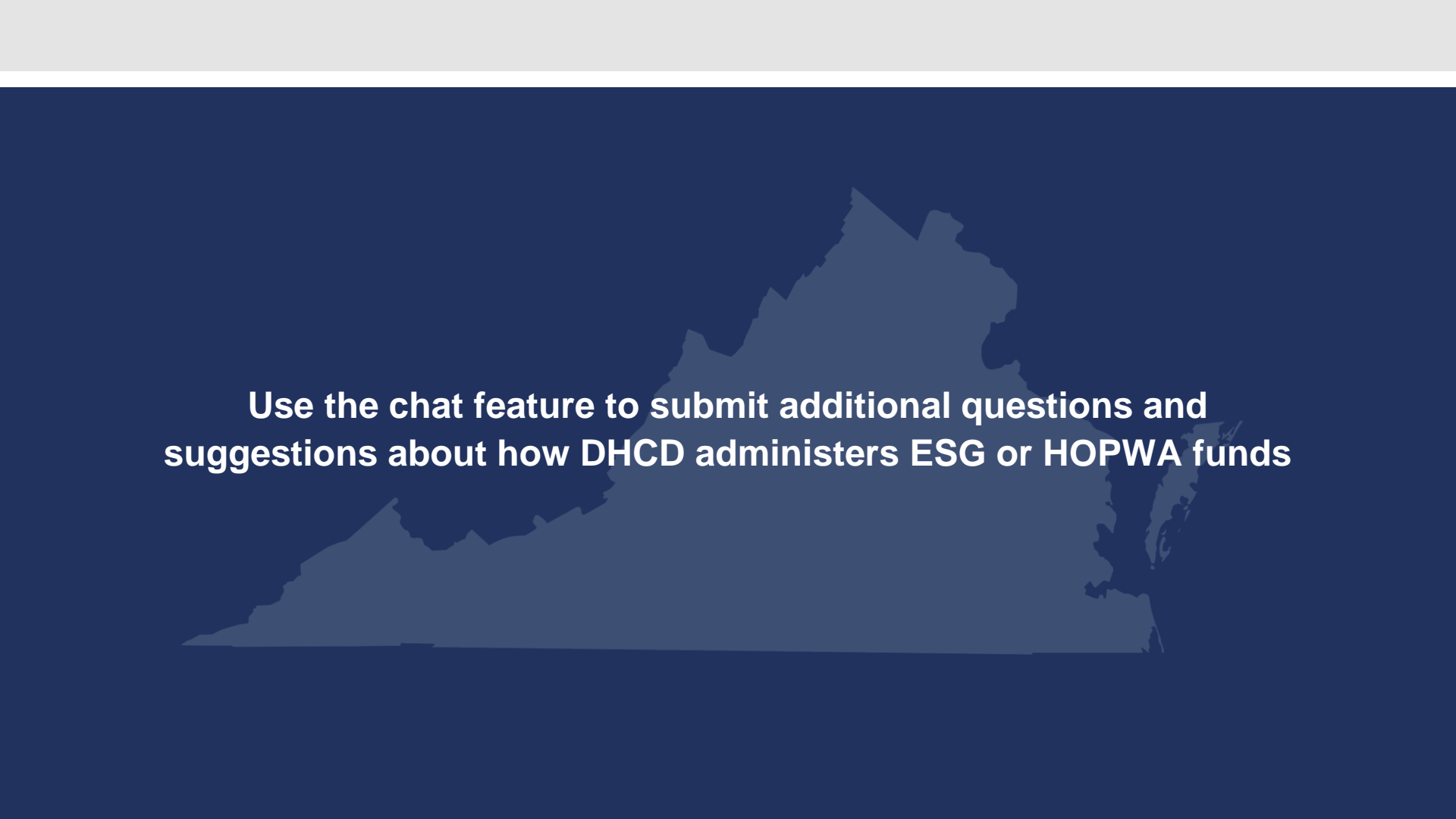
- Allocated through the Community-Based Process
- Two-year funding cycle
- HOPWA eligible activities:
 - **Short-term rent mortgage assistance**
 - **Tenant-based rent assistance**
 - **Support services**
 - **Resource Identification**
 - Development and Rehabilitation
 - Facility based operations





Which HOPWA Eligible Activity could your community benefit most from?

- A. Short-term rent mortgage assistance
- B. Tenant-based rent assistance
- C. Support services
- D. Resource Identification
- E. Development and Rehabilitation
- F. Facility based operations



Use the chat feature to submit additional questions and suggestions about how DHCD administers ESG or HOPWA funds



New Federal Resources

HOME-ARP



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN HOME FUNDS (HOME-ARP)



- Development of new rental housing units
- Rental assistance made available to households experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless

If you did not provide comments in the previous series of consultations or comment periods, please share brief ideas or questions in the chat



Thank you for participating in today's virtual input session!

Interested in providing additional feedback?

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