BREVARD HOMELESS COALITION

CoC General Membership
November 4, 2026

Welcome!

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FLOOD IMPACT & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Help the CoC identify flood-related impacts affecting your organization and the people you serve.

Report:

- *Facility or property damage*
- *Service disruptions*
- *Impacts on people living unsheltered*
- *Unmet needs*

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CoC Builds

Approx. $9 Million For Brevard County!

- $8,999,760 awarded to Carrfour Supportive Housing
- Funding over the next FIVE YEARS to expand Permanent Supportive Housing

Melbourne



Heritage Park, Phase 2

Titusville



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THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVOCACY



Governor and Federal Officials



BYRON DONALDS

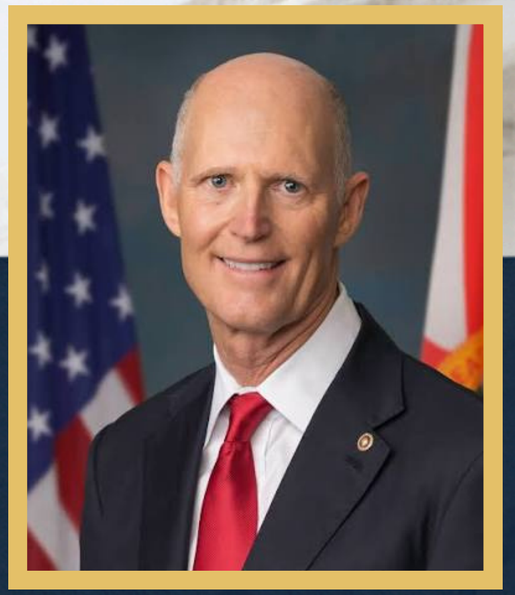
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ASHLEY MOODY

U.S. Senator

Florida



RICK SCOTT

U.S. Senator

Florida



MIKE HARIDOPOLIS

U.S. Representative

Federal District 8

State Delegates for Brevard County

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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DISTRICT # 30



MATT WOODSIDE
DISTRICT # 31



BRIAN HODGERS
DISTRICT # 32

MONIQUE MILLER

OR

DANIEL R. MCDOW

RESULTS PENDING
DISTRICT # 33



ROBERT BRACKETT
DISTRICT # 34

FLORIDA SENATE



JAKE JOHANSSON
Florida Senator
District # 8



DEBBIE MAYFIELD
Florida Senator
District # 19

Brevard County Commissioners



MICAH LOYD

DISTRICT # 1



TYLER SIRIOS

DISTRICT # 2



KIM ADKINSON

DISTRICT # 3



ROB FELTNER

DISTRICT # 4



THAD ALTMAN

DISTRICT # 5

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WHO DECIDES WHAT?

Housing & Homeless policy and funding are shaped at every level of government.

FEDERAL

- Federal legislation and national funding
- HUD programs, regulations, and guidance
- National eligibility and reporting requirements
- Research, grants, and broad policy direction

STATE

- State statutes and appropriations
- State agency rules, programs, and funding
- Affordable housing finance and statewide priorities
- Statewide administration and oversight

LOCAL

- City and county budgets
- Local zoning, land use, and shelter or housing approvals
- Local service delivery and coordination
- Community priorities and implementation

Effective advocacy starts by matching the ask to the level of government with the authority to act.

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APPROPRIATIONS & OVERSIGHT

APPROPRIATIONS
HOW MUCH MONEY IS AVAILABLE?



- Determines how much funding is available.
- Identifies which programs and services receive funding.
- May set limits on how funds can be spent during a funding cycle.

OVERSIGHT
ARE PROGRAMS WORKING AS INTENDED?



- Monitors federal agencies.
- Exposes government waste, fraud, and abuse of power.
- Uses findings to reshape federal budgets and draft new legislation.

Having decision-makers who support your cause at both is key.

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LAWS & REGULATIONS

LAW
WHAT RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED?



- Federal law applies nationwide. State law applies within that state.
- State laws may provide additional protections or restrictions, but generally cannot conflict with federal law.
- Appropriations bills become law once enacted and restrictions on funding can be binding - but only for the funding timeline.

REGULATIONS
HOW WILL THE LAWS BE IMPLEMENTED?



- Regulations establish requirements, procedures, and standards Government must follow
- Public comment periods allow citizen input before the rules are finalized.
- Agency review considers public feedback, and agencies may revise proposed regulations before issuing final rules.

Laws establish the rules and define how government will act.
Regulations explain how those laws will be implemented and enforced.

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INTERACTIVE - LAW OR REGULATION?

Funding Amounts for homeless funding (State or Federal)

Chronically homeless definition & documentation requirements

This was debated, voted on, and passed by members of Congress in Washington

This states that to qualify for assistance, an individual must be losing their residence within 14 days

WHY ADVOCACY MATTERS

Every funding decision and homeless policy began with advocacy. Advocacy is the engine that drives policy change, shapes funding priorities, and determines who gets housed.

Organizations that engage decision makers proactively are the ones that secure resources, influence legislation, and create lasting community impact.



WILL YOU HELP SHAPE POLICY OR JUST REACT TO IT?

ADVOCACY IS EDUCATION

Building Relationships is Key

With elections every two years and changes in representation, **ongoing education** is essential.

Make sure your elected officials understand:

- **What you do –** the people you serve
- **What solutions you provide–** the impact and value of your programs (data tells the impact story)
- **What you need –** the challenges and resources needed to be successful
- **How they can help –** advocacy, funding, policy, and community support



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TWO TYPE OF ADVOCATES

RAISE AWARENESS



- Bring attention to a concern or problem (homelessness).
- Share lived experiences and community stories.
- Educate neighbors and decision-makers.
- Build public understanding and support.

SOLVE THE PROBLEM



- Work with decision-makers.
- Shape policy and funding that make a difference.
- Support practical, proven solutions.
- Turn concern into action that creates change.

BOTH ARE ESSENTIAL. PROBLEM-SOLVING TURNS ADVOCACY INTO ACTION.

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FLORIDA COALITION ADVOCACY MODEL

A coordinated statewide model connects local needs to shared policy and funding priorities.

Homeless CoCs

Local needs + data

FCEH

Statewide consensus

Decision-Makers

Legislature + agencies

Results

Policy + funding

One coordinated voice gives priorities greater visibility & influnce

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WHY THE MODEL WORKS

Effective advocacy is cumulative: each interaction builds credibility, access, and influence.



RELATIONSHIPS

Trust creates access.



STORIES

Experience makes data real.



DATA

Evidence supports the ask.



UNIFIED MESSAGING

One voice amplifies local advocacy.



One united ask from agencies that represent the whole state is much stronger - and goes further - than a single ask.

HOW TO INFLUENCE CHANGE

Advocacy isn’t about changing minds. It’s about finding common ground.

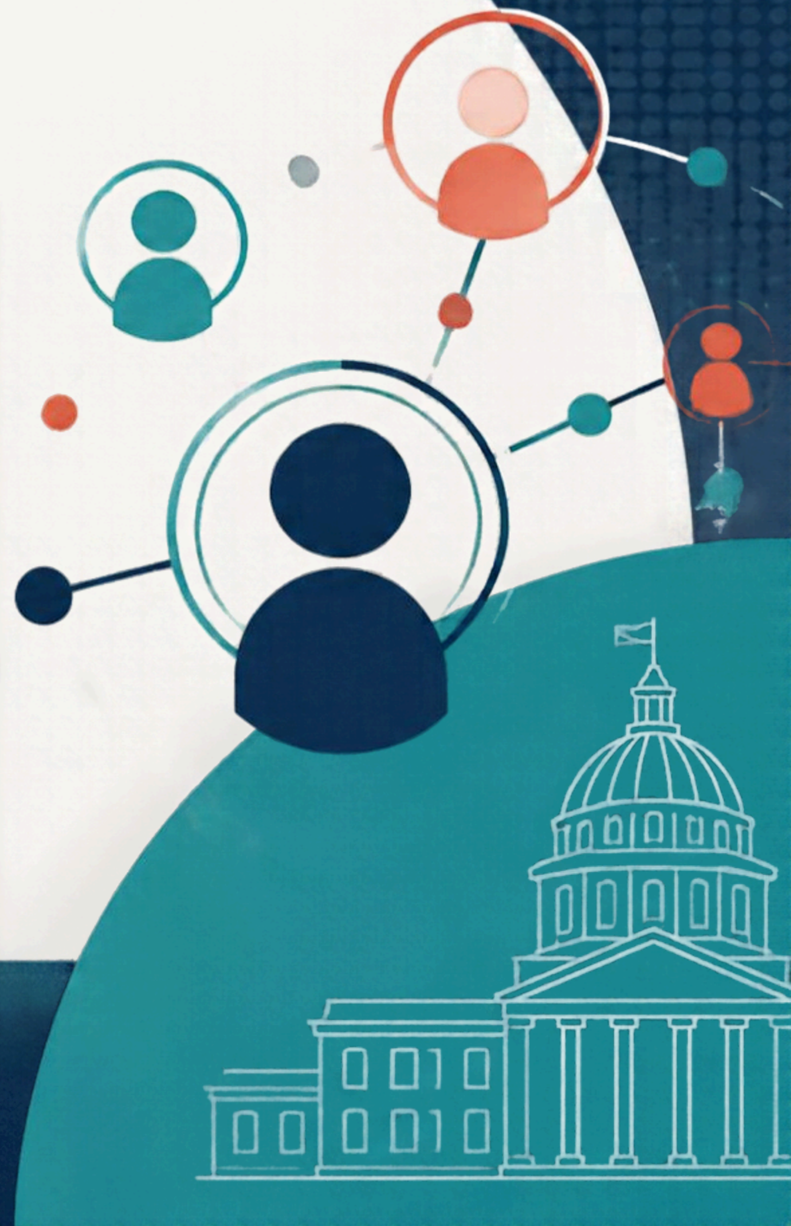
- Listen First
- Find Common Ground
- Focus on workable solutions
- Be the trusted resource in the room
- Don’t forget to make your ask
- Make your leave behind memorable
- Make it easy to follow up

Join the CoC Advocacy Committee

What will we do?

- Track federal, state and local decisions that affect our work
- Educate community members and decision-makers
- Share lived experience and elevate community voices
- Advocate for effective policies, funding, and housing solutions
- Mobilize supporters to take meaningful action

Your voice can help move solutions forward.



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CoC Advocacy Committee

Interested in Joining?

Click Here!

First Advocacy Committee Meeting

November 10 at 9:30 AM

Sign up today to receive the invitation and learn more.

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2027 Point in Time Count

January
20

Bag Build

- Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church
- Noon to 7 PM
- Sign Up for a Shift!

January
25

Day of Count

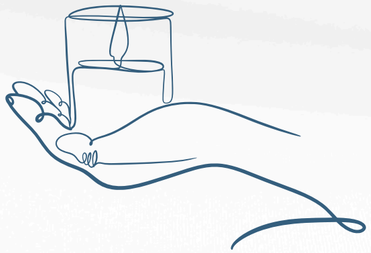


Sign up coming soon!

Homeless Persons Memorial Day

December 21, 2026

Help us honor those who lost their lives while living unsheltered in 2026.



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STRENGTHENING OUR HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM

CoC Data Quality & Performance Plan

DATA & PERFORMANCE MEASURES COMMITTEE

SETTING EXPECTATIONS

Establishing consistent standards for data quality and program performance.

MEASURING PROGRESS

Using annual Project Report Cards to evaluate results across program types.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

Celebrating strong performance and encouraging continued improvement.

Recognizing Our Top-Performing Projects



STREET OUTREACH



EMERGENCY SHELTER



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



RAPID RE-HOUSING



PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

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Housed and Healthy Brevard

Florida Community Development Association (FCDA) is bringing its 2026 Regional Summit to the Space Coast on November 13!



Community Announcement

CoC General Membership Meetings

WHEN



Wednesday, February 3, 2027
Wednesday, May 5, 2027 *Annual Meeting*
Wednesday, August 4, 2027 *Agency Resource Fair*
Wednesday, November 3, 2027

WHERE

- *Meetings will be held at the Center for Collaboration*
- *Agency Resource Fair location TBD!*

Thank you for coming!

See you in 2027!

Wednesday, February 3, 2027

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