

The **State of Georgia** strictly follows the federal HUD guidelines for defining and documenting chronic homelessness, using specific state-level forms managed by the [Georgia Department of Community Affairs \(DCA\)](#). 

To administer permanent supportive housing and emergency resources, Georgia divides its 159 counties into two administrative categories: 

- **The Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC):** Managed directly by the DCA, this covers 152 of Georgia's 159 counties.
- **Local Continuums of Care:** Independent bodies that manage chronic homelessness tracking for individual major jurisdictions, including the **City of Atlanta, Fulton County, DeKalb County, Cobb County, Athens-Clarke County, Augusta-Richmond County, Savannah-Chatham County,** and **Columbus-Muscogee County**.  Georgia Department of ... +1

State Documentation and Verification

To qualify an individual for state-funded chronic housing programs—such as the [GHFA Permanent Supportive Housing Program](#)—providers must execute formal paperwork. The DCA requires specific documentation:  Georgia Department of ... +2

- **Chronic Homeless Certification Form:** A designated state checklist completed by intake workers to verify the applicant's exact dates of shelter stays or street outreach contacts.  Georgia Department of ... +1
- **Disability Verification:** A section within the state's verification paperwork that must be signed by a licensed professional (e.g., medical doctor, psychiatrist, or licensed clinician) confirming a long-term, qualifying disabling condition.  Georgia Department of ... +1
- **Third-Party Documentation Priority:** Georgia programs prioritize third-party written certification (such as records from the Georgia Homeless Management Information System or shelter logs). Intakers use oral or self-certification forms only as a last resort.  Georgia Department of ... +1

Key Chronic Housing Programs in Georgia

- **GHFA Permanent Supportive Housing:** A program run by the Georgia Housing Finance Authority (GHFA) that explicitly pairs rental assistance with localized supportive medical and mental health services for chronically unhoused individuals.  Georgia Department of Co...
- **HUD 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA):** A specialized cooperative effort between state agencies and private landlords to provide subsidized rental units specifically for extremely low-income individuals with disabilities.  Georgia Department of Co...
- **Stable Housing Accountability Program (SHAP):** Established by the Georgia General Assembly (under HB 1410), this program disburses state-specific funding to qualified local sponsors to support transitioning vulnerable populations into stable environments.  Georgia Department of Co...