

Council Members

District 1: Stuart Graham
District 2: Charlene McGriff
District 3: Billy Mosteller, Vice Chair
District 4: Jose Luis
District 5: Steve Harper
District 6: Bryant Neal, Secretary
District 7: Brian Carnes, Chair

**County Administrator**

Dennis E. Marstall

County Attorney

Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council

Sherrie Simpson

November 12, 2025

4:00 PM

LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, 101 NORTH MAIN STREET, LANCASTER, SC 29720

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Steve Harper, Bryant Neal, Brian Carnes (who entered the meeting at approximately 4:07 p.m., during agenda item **6a.**), Billy Mosteller, Jose Luis.

Council Members Absent: Charlene McGriff, Stuart Graham.

Staff Members/Others Present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; Sabrena Harris, Chief Financial Officer; Jamie Privuznak, Budget Director; Holly Furr, United Way Executive Director; the press; various elected officials; various Department Heads; various employees; and citizens.

A quorum of Lancaster County Council was present for the meeting. The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *The Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local government channel. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and also on the County website the required length of time. The PowerPoint presentation utilized during the meeting is attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Call to Order Committee of the Whole Meeting - Chairman Brian Carnes

Since Chairman Brian Carnes was running late to the meeting, Vice-Chairman Billy Mosteller called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Brian Carnes

Vice-Chairman Billy Mosteller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda

Bryant Neal moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion Passed by a

vote of 4-0-; Ayes: Harper, Neal, Mosteller, Luis; Absent: Carnes, McGriff, Graham.

Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up for and spoke during the Citizen Comments: None.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizen Comments: None.

Discussion and Action Items

a. Presentation Regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for a Homeless Shelter - Presented by Holly Furr of the United Way

Holly Furr provided an update on the Homeless Shelter via PowerPoint presentation. A copy of her presentation is attached as Schedule A to the minutes. Steve Harper was concerned that there was not enough ARPA funds left in United Way's budget to purchase the house to be used for the homeless shelter and for the upgrades needed to bring the property up to proper code standards.

Ms. Furr gave an invitation to Council for a special exhibit for the community during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. A copy of the handout is attached as Schedule B to the minutes.

Council agreed that they wanted another update from the United Way regarding the homeless shelter in April or May 2026.

b. Discussion of Online Financial Documents - Council Member Steve Harper

Steve Harper explained that he wanted the County's checkbook spending to be made available online for transparency purposes and highlighted that Richland County had a monthly financial report on their website that included their check register and Procurement Card (P-Card) program register. Jose Luis stated that this transparency and accountability was what the constituents were looking for, so he agreed with Mr. Harper's request. Dennis Marstall explained that staff would bring options to Council at an upcoming Council or Committee of the Whole meeting to review formats.

c. Review of 2026 Calendar for Council Meetings and Board and Commission Meetings

Sherrie Simpson explained that Council needed to review the 2026 meeting and holiday dates in the agenda packet so that they could vote on the schedule at the next regular County Council meeting which was scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2025.

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. Seconded by Steve Harper. There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren Hill

Approved by Council on December 8, 2025.

Lauren Hill
Deputy Clerk to Council

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary

Schedule A

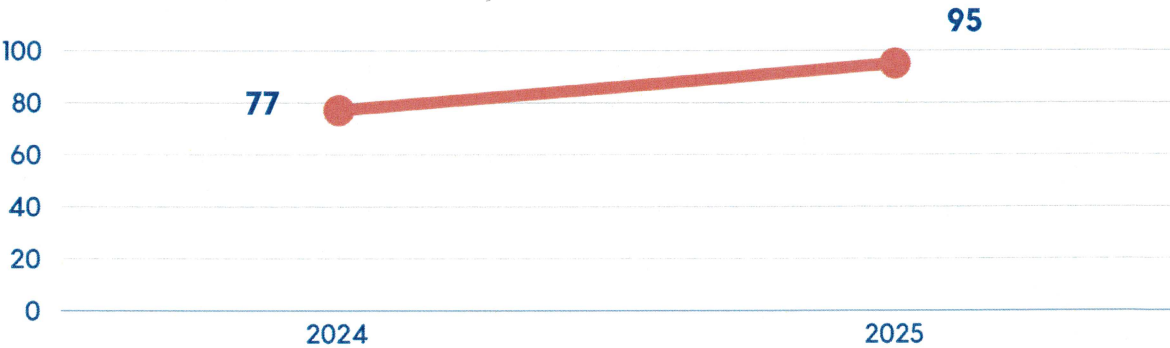


ARPA Funds Update
November 2025

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INDIVIDUALS COUNTED

This year, the Lancaster Area Coalition for the Homeless (LACH) counted **95** individuals who were experiencing homelessness or housing instability. This is a **23%** increase from 2024.



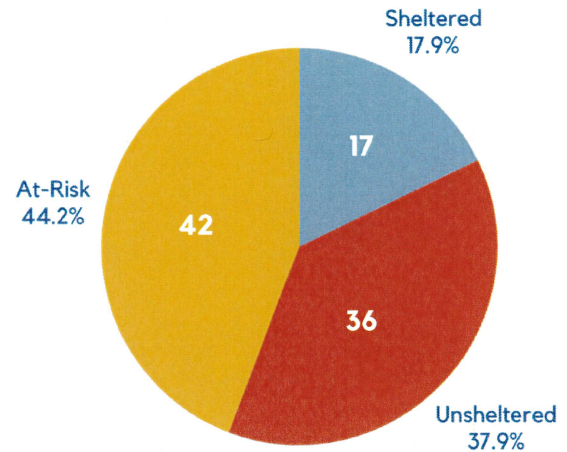
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HOMELESS CLASSIFICATION

Sheltered: Individuals staying in an emergency shelter, transitional home, in a hotel/motel paid for by a voucher, or in an institutional setting.

Unsheltered: Individuals staying outside, in their vehicle, or in a place not meant for human habitation.

At-Risk: Individuals staying with a friend/family member or in a hotel/motel they paid for themselves.



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LACH
Lancaster Area
Coalition for the
Homeless

51

Clients served in our New LACH Warming Center, including **43** adults and **8** children

LACH
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Homeless

10

Rapid Re-Housing Slots through HUD grant with CACH
Currently have **5** clients placed

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Timeline of United Way of Lancaster County ARPA Funds

- Award date and amount - November 2021 \$ 334,213.00
- Amendment on Project after the closing of Carriage Inn May 2022
- Zoning from City September 2022
- Code Architect work for building, meetings with contractors, utilities, zoning, city.
- Donation of building denied December 2024
- Building request from State February 2025
- Change in zoning, re-submit plans to City
- Occupancy Requirements

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Original Budget

Building Costs	\$250,000
Case Manager	\$34,100
Health Insurance	\$6,050
FICA	\$2,433
Direct Client Support	\$7,700
Mileage	\$3,000
Cell Phone	\$2,400
Tablet/Hot Spot	\$2,460
Administrative Costs	\$3,300
Legal Services	\$7,700
Insurance	\$550
Law Enforcement	\$7,000
Shower Truck	\$3,000
Meals	\$4,520
TOTAL	\$334,213

Remaining Budget

Building Costs	\$195,563
Case Manager	\$0
Health Insurance	\$0
FICA	\$0
Direct Client Support	\$7,700
Mileage	\$3,000
Cell Phone	\$0
Tablet/Hot Spot	\$0
Administrative Costs	\$0
Legal Services	\$6,800
Insurance	\$0
Law Enforcement	\$7,000
Shower Truck	\$0
Meals	\$4,520
TOTAL	\$224,581

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Moving Forward

- Resubmission to City Zoning to accommodate multi-family dwelling
- Renovate and Purchase Building under new Guidelines
- Continue to Assist Clients
- Warming Center will open December 1
- Money spent on purchase/renovations with safety at the utmost importance
- Programmatic opportunities continue
- Continue conversations about another location to be donated to UWLC for additional shelter

Schedule B

You are formally invited
to join us for an exhibition on

Hunger & Homelessness titled

Homeless Voices: Beyond the Streets

November **17** at 1:00 PM

1352 Reece Road
Lancaster, SC 29720



RSVP by November 13 to
exec.director@uwaylsc.org or 803-283-8923



**HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS
WEEK IS NOVEMBER 16 THROUGH 22.**

**NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO WORRY
WHETHER THEY WILL HAVE FOOD ON
THEIR PLATE OR A ROOF OVER THEIR
HEAD. BUT THE REALITY IS THAT HUNGER
AND HOMELESSNESS ARE WIDESPREAD
PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT FAR TOO MANY
PEOPLE.**

Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

Nov. 16-22, 2025



17-18 Homelessness Exhibit in Lancaster

Nov

An exhibit titled "Homeless Voices: Beyond the Streets" will be shown to the public 5 to 7 PM inside the Bowling Alley at Christian Services, 1352 Reece Road, Lancaster.

18 Poverty Simulation in Indian Land

Nov

A Poverty Simulation will take place at 10 AM and 1:30 PM at the Del Webb Library, 7641 Charlotte Hwy, Indian Land.

19 Poverty Simulation in Lancaster

Nov

A Poverty Simulation will take place at 10 AM and 1:30 PM at the Lancaster County Library, 313 S White St, Lancaster.

19 Youth Poverty Simulation (ages 13-18)

Nov

A Poverty Simulation for ages 13-18 will take place 5:30-7:30 PM inside the Lancaster County Historic Courthouse, 100 N Main St, Lancaster

20 Homelessness Exhibit in Kershaw

Nov

An exhibit titled "Homeless Voices: Beyond the Streets" will be shown to the public 5 to 7 PM inside the Kershaw First Baptist Church gym, 210 N Matson St, Kershaw.

21 Kershaw Community Support Day

Nov

From 12 to 2 PM at Kershaw Second Baptist Church, 7737 Kershaw Camden Hwy, Kershaw, local agencies will be on-site offering giveaways, helpful resources, and support.

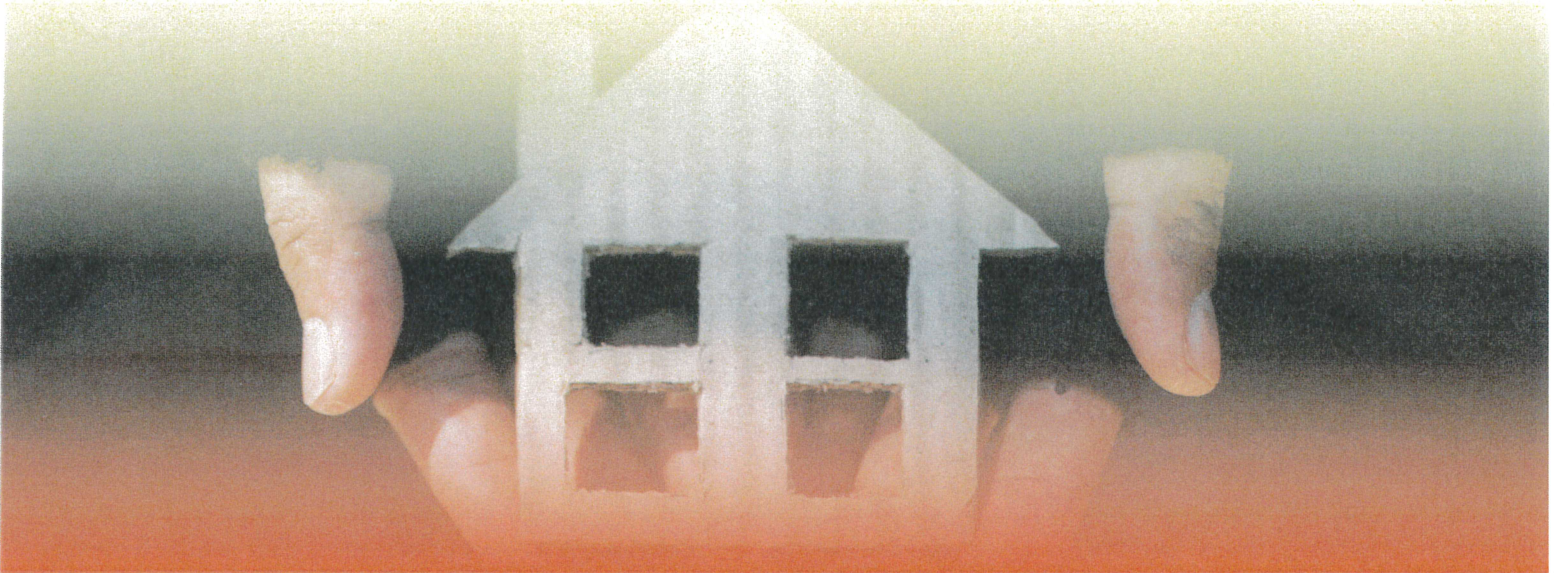


Walk a Mile in Their Shoes

The Poverty Simulation Experience



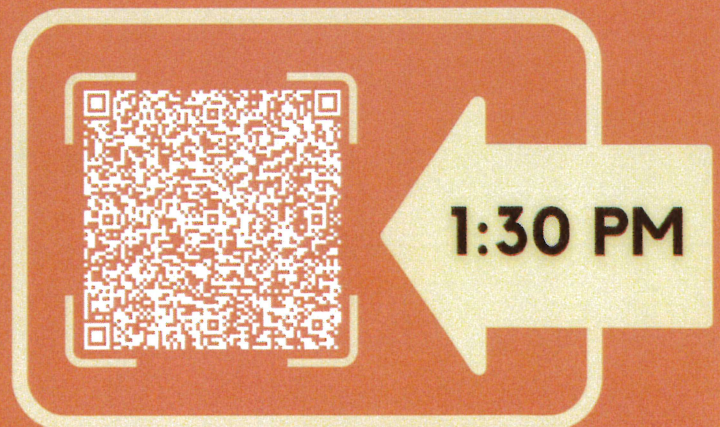
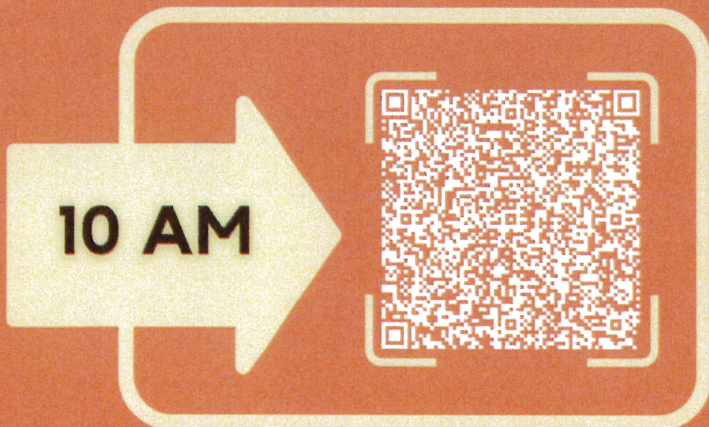
November 18, 2025
10 AM and 1:30 PM



Del Webb Library
7641 Charlotte Hwy, Indian Land

Navigate life on a limited income and see poverty through a new perspective.

Scan one of the QR codes to register:

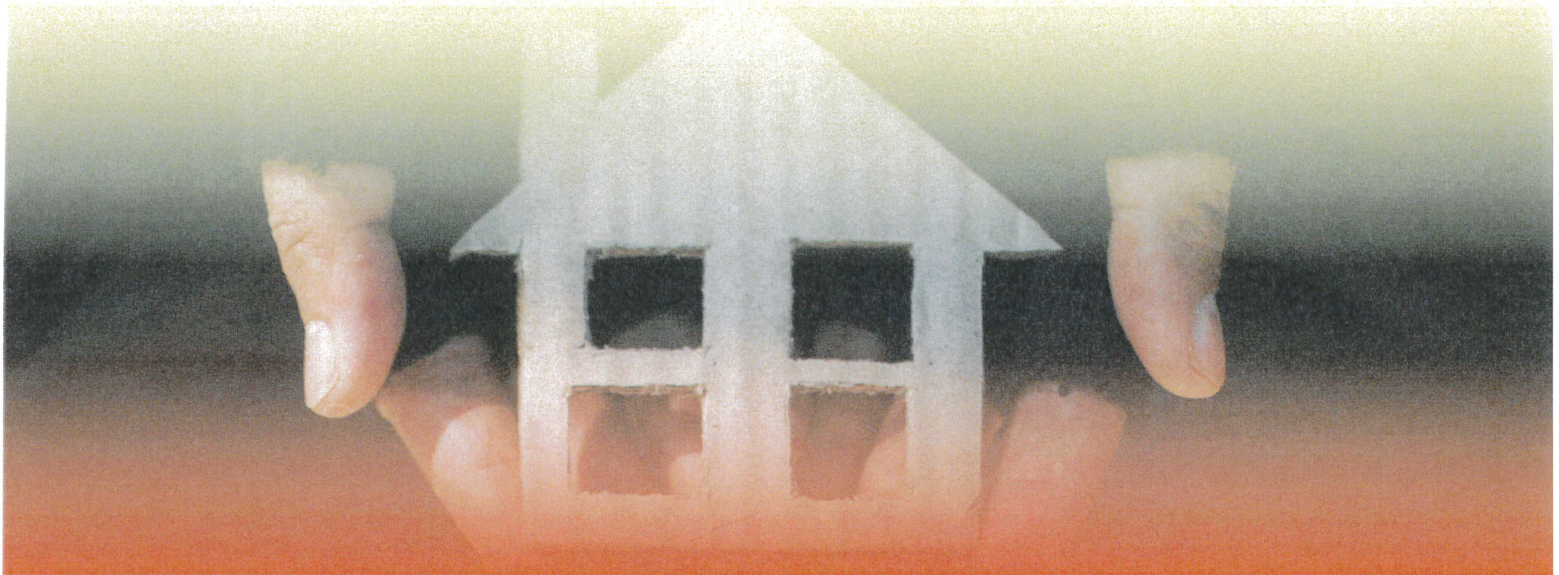


Walk a Mile in Their Shoes

The Poverty Simulation Experience



November 19, 2025
10 AM and 1:30 PM



Lancaster County Library
313 South White St, Lancaster

Navigate life on a limited income and see poverty through a new perspective.

Scan one of the QR codes to register:

