

cost burdening for renters and homeowners alike, “elderly homeowners comprise nearly 66% of households with incomes below 30 percent AMI.”<sup>5</sup>

Cost-burdening serves as a documented housing concern that cuts across all demographics. In other words, individuals **and** families have “an imminent risk of residing in shelters or becoming [homeless]” due to “a combination of financial factors” or other issues that are not financial, such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and HIV/AIDS status. The cost of living increasing under the weight of inflation only serves to exacerbate these issues.<sup>6</sup>

### **Priorities, Goals, & Objectives**

The Consolidated Plan intends to focus on:

- Increasing and preserving the supply of affordable housing
- Increasing public services to build self-sufficiency
- Planning and administration
- Fair housing education
- Small business workforce economic development



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<sup>5</sup> City of Valdosta Consolidated Plan, page 21

<sup>6</sup> [National Home Insurance Rates on the Rise; South Georgia residents face utility hike second year in a row; Organization pushes for affordable housing solutions in South Georgia](#)