

Bridget Engleman

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Professional Summary

Accomplished and community-focused leader with over 23 years of experience in local government and nonprofit management. Proven track record in housing and community development programs, including oversight of federal grants such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG). Passionate about developing collaborative, sustainable solutions to homelessness through partnerships with local governments, nonprofit organizations, and the business community.

Professional Experience

- Executive Director
 - Homeless Coalition of Polk County (HCPC) — Polk County, FL
 - 2021 – Present
 - Provide strategic leadership and oversight for all Coalition programs and initiatives addressing homelessness across Polk County.
 - Collaborate with government agencies, community organizations, and private-sector partners to develop effective, compassionate, and sustainable responses to homelessness.
 - Represent the Coalition publicly, advocating for policy, funding, and community engagement to support homeless individuals and families.
 - Oversee day-to-day operations, budgeting, and staff management to ensure mission alignment and program efficiency.
- Community Development Program Manager / Finance Officer
 - Local Government – BoCC Polk County – City of Lakeland
 - 2002 – 2021
 - Managed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, directing federal and local resources toward infrastructure projects, neighborhood revitalization, and public service initiatives.
 - Administered the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program, coordinating with community partners to support emergency housing and shelter services.
 - Oversaw funding for municipal partners and nonprofit agencies, ensuring compliance with HUD regulations and timely project completion.
 - Led cross-departmental collaboration on community improvement initiatives and capital projects.

Core Competencies

- Community Development & Housing Programs
- Grant Management (CDBG, ESG)
- Strategic Leadership & Organizational Management
- Program Design & Evaluation
- Government & Nonprofit Partnerships
- Public Relations & Community Engagement
- Budget Administration & Compliance