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Durham Continuum of Care Providers Win HUD Funding *Over \$1.6 Million Awarded to Local Projects Supporting Homeless People*

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham projects serving the needs of people without homes have received over \$1.6 million in grant funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program](#).

The City of Durham Community Development Department has been notified that HUD has awarded \$1,602,906 to twelve Durham projects. The grants will help fund permanent supportive housing for homeless persons and families, short-term rental subsidies, Durham’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is a common database of the confidential records of Durham’s homeless people, and the City’s Community Development Department in its work as the Durham CoC’s Lead Agency.

In announcing over \$2.5 billion in awards to 6,597 programs across the nation on January 29th, including the grants in Durham, Acting HUD Secretary Matt Ammon said, "HUD wants to ensure that thousands of local homeless assistance providers continue to receive federal funds needed to provide stable housing for people experiencing homelessness during these trying times. Renewing these grants not only offers relief to our local partners but it allows Continuums of Care to continue their work to end homelessness and help keep our most vulnerable neighbors off the streets."

According to Director Reginald J. Johnson with the Community Development Department, these funds are vital to Durham’s efforts to help people experiencing homelessness during the pandemic, "The pandemic has presented an unprecedented challenge to Durham’s homeless housing system. But our homeless shelter and housing providers have worked closely with Durham County and the City to prevent homelessness when we can, and to help people return to safe and secure housing as quickly as we can when homelessness cannot be avoided. Continuum of Care funds are used to help house people, and that is vitally important," Johnson said. "We appreciate all that is being done to shelter people who are homeless and all the community partnerships that are effectively ending homelessness for hundreds of people in Durham every year."

The following organizations and programs received FY2020 CoC funding:

- Housing for New Hope’s Andover Apartments (permanent supportive housing): \$66,954
- Housing for New Hope’s Streets to Home Projects I and II (permanent supportive housing): \$411,077
- Housing for New Hope’s William Square Apartments (permanent supportive housing): \$68,319
- North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness’ NC Homeless Management Information Network project (Durham’s HMIS): \$55,752
- Housing for New Hope’s Rapid Rehousing Projects I and III (short-term rental assistance): \$242,516

- Urban Ministries of Durham’s Fresh Start project (short-term rental assistance) \$221,951
- Durham Housing Authority’s Home Again project (permanent supportive housing) \$133,125
- Alliance Health’s DASH project (permanent supportive housing): \$185,500
- Durham Crisis Response Center’s Housing First project (short-term rental assistance targeted towards survivors of intimate partner violence): \$167,147
- The City’s Community Development Department for CoC planning and leadership: \$50,565

The City’s Community Development Department serves as the Durham CoC’s lead agency, staffing the collaborative effort to address homelessness and facilitating the development of the community’s annual CoC grant application to HUD.

For a complete listing of the grants, visit [HUD’s website](#). For more information about Durham’s Continuum of Care Program, visit the [website](#) or contact Senior Analyst Lloyd Schmeidler with the City’s Community Development Department at (919) 560-4570, ext. 22267 or Lloyd.Schmeidler@DurhamNC.gov.

About the City of Durham Community Development Department

The [Community Development Department](#) is responsible for coordinating the City’s housing resources and various housing assistance programs as well as promoting affordable housing by working with investors and community housing development organizations. The department also administers the City’s entitlement programs from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Guided by the City’s [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps to ensure that the City has thriving, livable neighborhoods by enhancing housing quality and affordability for Durham residents.

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