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## News Release

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### **Durham Seeks Organizations for Emergency Solutions Grant Funds**

#### *Durham Continuum of Care Memberships Sought*

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham Community Development Department is seeking organizations to apply for \$156,024 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recently informed the department that the Durham Continuum of Care was eligible to apply for up to \$93,614 to fund operating costs of emergency shelters and at least \$62,410 to rapidly re-house people who are currently homeless. Eligible applicants must be private nonprofit organizations or units of local government.

Project applications for these ESG funds are due to the City's Community Development Department by 4 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2015. Application instructions, project application, and supporting documentation are available on the Durham Continuum of Care [website](#).

The City's Community Development Department is also seeking organizations and individuals committed to participating in community-wide efforts to address homelessness to join the Durham Continuum of Care. The Durham Continuum of Care is composed of representatives from organizations including nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless people.

The Durham Continuum of Care is organized to coordinate local efforts to address housing and homeless issues and to reduce homelessness. Membership is available at no charge. For more information about the Durham Continuum of Care, including the membership form and submittal information, visit the Durham Continuum of Care [website](#).

For more information about the ESG grant funds or Durham Continuum of Care membership, contact Lloyd Schmeidler or Matt Schnars, project managers with the City's Community Development Department, at (919) 560-4570 or by [email](#).

### **About the Community Development Department**

The City of Durham [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 provides assistance with the abatement of lead in older homes and 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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