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Durham Continuum of Care Providers Win HUD Funding to Help Homeless

\$968,945 Awarded to Local Projects Supporting Homeless People

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham projects serving the needs of people without homes have received \$968,945 in grant funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Program.

The [City of Durham Community Development Department](#) has been notified that HUD has awarded [\\$968,945 to 12 Durham projects](#). The competitively awarded grants will help fund permanent and transitional housing for homeless persons and families, short-term rental subsidies, and Durham's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is a common database of the confidential records of Durham's homeless people. Included in the total also is a "Durham Continuum of Care Planning Project" grant of \$37,565 that will be used by the City's Community Development Department to improve the department's ability to measure and evaluate Durham's progress toward meeting the federal government goals of reducing and ending homelessness.

In announcing over \$1.6 billion in Continuum of Care awards nationwide, HUD Secretary Julian Castro said, "A safe, stable home is the foundation for opportunity in all of our lives. That's why we're continuing to challenge communities to deploy proven strategies to help people experiencing homelessness find a place to call home. Through unprecedented partnership among every level of government and private, non-profit and philanthropic organizations, we know this goal is not just aspirational – it's achievable."

According to Director Reginald J. Johnson with the City's Community Development Department, new for this year is a Continuum of Care Planning Grant. "For the first time, we are pleased to receive funds that will help the department and the Durham community solidify coordinated intake and assessment processes for people experiencing homelessness, improve performance measurement analysis and reporting, and analyze how we can use federal assistance more effectively. As in previous years, these grants primarily provide operating subsidies to projects offering permanent supportive housing," said Johnson. "We also received operating support for our confidential database of Durham's homeless people, which showed that over 1,200 people were sheltered in the last reporting year. We continue to be grateful that the federal government partners with Durham to address homelessness, and that our community has wonderful organizations helping homeless people get back into and maintain permanent housing."

The following organizations and programs received [funding](#):

- Housing for New Hope's Andover Apartments (permanent supportive housing for individuals): \$55,611
- Durham Housing Authority's Home Again Program (permanent supportive housing for individuals and families): \$110,673
- Housing for New Hope's Dove House (transitional housing for single adult women in recovery from addictions): \$50,719
- Housing for New Hope's Streets-to-Home I & II Initiative (permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families): \$355,541
- Housing for New Hope's William Square Apartments (permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals with disabling conditions): \$56,743
- Housing for New Hope's Sherwood Park Apartments (permanent supportive housing for individuals): \$25,917
- The North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness' NC Homeless Management Information Network project (Durham's HMIS): \$55,752
- Housing for New Hope's Rapid Rehousing I, II & III Projects (short-term rental assistance to homeless households): \$220,424
- City of Durham Community Development Department (Continuum of Care planning): \$37,565

HUD expects to award approximately \$300 million in "Tier 2 grants" later in the spring to support several more Durham projects and hundreds more around the nation. For a complete listing of

the grants, visit HUD's [website](#). For more information about Durham's Continuum of Care Program, visit the program's [website](#).

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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