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Durham Offering Grant Funds to Help Homeless Residents

August 30 Application Deadline; Durham Continuum of Care Free Memberships Now Available

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham organizations that help homeless residents are now invited to apply for more than \$780,000 in grant funds to help support their local efforts.

The City of Durham Community Development Department is inviting local organizations to apply for approximately \$780,278 from the following sources:

- State of North Carolina Emergency Solutions Grant Funds: \$169,278
- City of Durham Emergency Solutions Grant Funds: approximately \$234,000
- City of Durham Dedicated Housing Funds: \$200,000
- City of Durham Community Development Block Grant Funds: \$177,000

Depending on the specific funding source, these funds may be used to support to assist people experiencing homelessness through street outreach, emergency shelter operations and services, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) implementation.

Project applications for these funds are due to the City's Community Development Department by 3 p.m. on Friday, August 30. Project application instructions, project application, and supporting documentation requirements and information are now available [online](#). A workshop to review the eligibility requirements, application process, and online application requirements is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. in the City's Community Development Department, located at 516 Rigsbee Ave. in downtown Durham.

The department also is inviting the community to join the Durham Continuum of Care. The Durham Continuum of Care is composed of representatives of 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 continuum is organized to coordinate local efforts to address housing and homeless issues and to reduce homelessness. Membership is available at no cost.

For more information and to access a membership form, visit the [Durham Continuum of Care 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.

