



# News Release

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## **Durham Seeks Emergency Solutions Grant Applicants**

*August 31 Application Deadline; Durham Continuum of Care Free Memberships Also Available*

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham Community Development Department is inviting interested organizations to apply for \$163,282 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 \$97,969 to fund operating costs of emergency shelters and street outreach activities, and at least \$65,313 to rapidly re-house people who are currently homeless and targeted homeless prevention. Eligible applicants must be private nonprofit organizations or units of local government.

Project applications for these ESG funds are due to the department by 3 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2018. Project application instructions, project application form, and supporting documentation are available on the [Durham Continuum of Care website](#) and on the [N.C. Department of Health & Human Services website](#).

At this time, the department also is issuing a public invitation to 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 Project Manager Lloyd Schmeidler in the City's Community Development Department at (919) 560-4570, ext. 22267 or [Lloyd.Schmeidler@DurhamNC.gov](mailto: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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