



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Durham Homeless Continuum of Care

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Agenda

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3. Other Public Funding in the Homeless System
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Overview of the Homeless System



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Durham County Homelessness Continuum of Care

The **Durham Homeless Continuum of Care (Durham CoC)** is a collaboration of homeless service providers, housing providers, funders and government agencies involved in addressing homelessness in Durham County.

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that communities create CoCs in order to receive funding to address homelessness.

The **Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC)** is the governance body for the Durham CoC. The HSAC is also tasked with advising the City and the County on the implementation of collaborative initiatives to prevent and end homelessness in Durham.

- The HSAC consists of a minimum of 19 members and a maximum of 29 members and includes four members appointed by the County and four members appointed by the City the rest of the seats are institutional seats.



HSAC Committees

Executive Committee - Sets agendas for HSAC meetings and appoints/approves members to join committees. Made up of elected HSAC officers as well as the Chairs of the Policy and Planning and the Performance Management Committees.

Policy and Planning Committee - Sets priorities for funding when appropriate, updates and approves system policies to meet needs, seeks solutions for system challenges. Two thirds of the committee is made up of HSAC members and one third are CoC Liaisons appointed by the Executive Committee based on nominations.

Performance Management Committee - Evaluates programs for effectiveness, sets performance benchmarks, as well as scores and ranks CoC and ESG projects. Two thirds of the committee is made up of HSAC members and one third are CoC Liaisons appointed by the Executive Committee based on nominations.



Useful Definitions

Coordinated Entry – Front door of the homeless system, designed to assess the needs of individuals and families seeking homeless assistance and refer them to appropriate services through a coordinated process.

Diversion – Assistance to prevent households from entering the Homeless System/emergency shelter(s); not the same thing as eviction prevention.

Emergency Shelter – Temporary housing (30 days) for literally homeless households. Extensions can be given if people are working on their housing goals.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Data system used to collect data on the provision of services to homeless individuals and families.



Useful Definitions - Continued

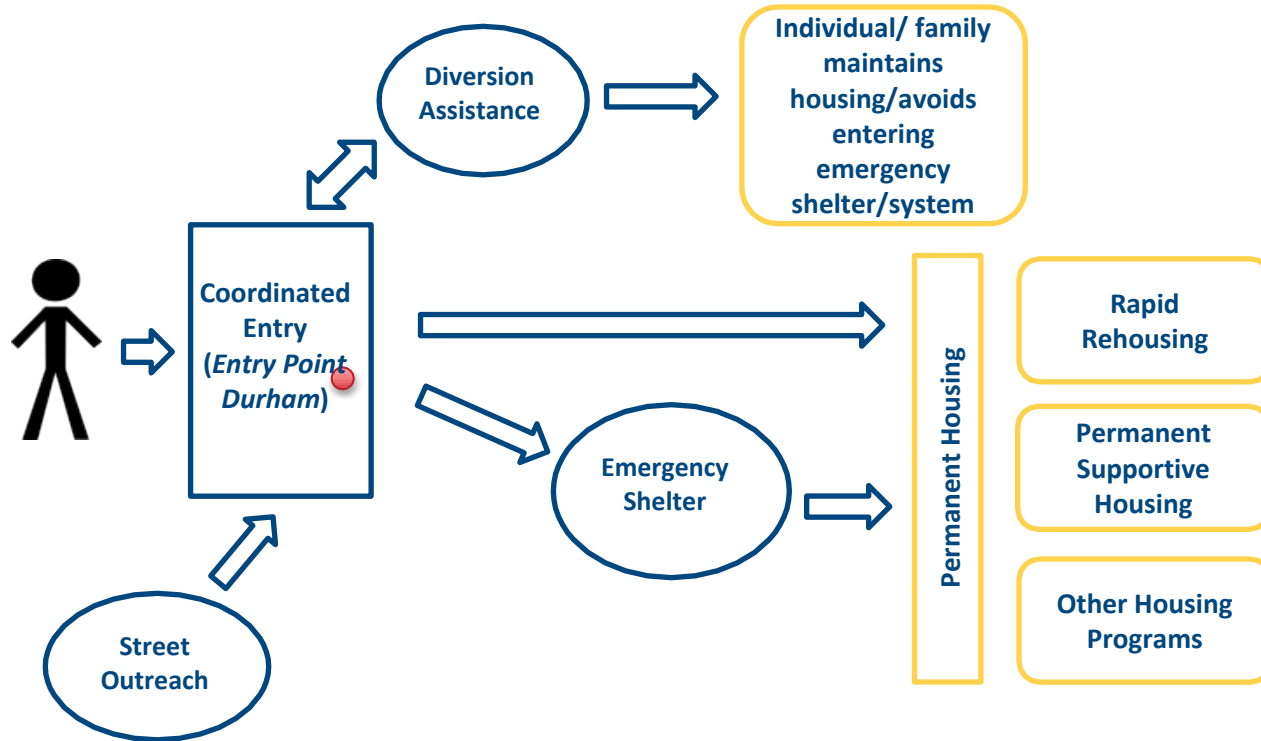
Permanent Supportive Housing – ONLY for those who are Chronically Homeless (must have a disability AND 12 months of documented homelessness). The program is a combination of permanent affordable rental housing with supportive services.

Rapid Rehousing – Short term financial assistance and supportive services (up to 24 months) for households who are homeless to to transition from homelessness to permanent housing.

Street Outreach – Supportive services and outreach to households experiencing unsheltered homelessness with the goal of connecting them to appropriate services if wanted and needed.



How the Homeless System Works



Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Role of the City in the Homeless System



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Role of the City in the Homeless System

The City is the **Lead Agency** for the Durham CoC, which includes:

- Organizing HSAC meetings and serving as staff for the HSAC and Committees
- Coordinating and writing the CoC applications for the annual HUD CoC funding competition and for the annual State Emergency funds
- Preparing required HUD reports, such as the annual Point-in-Time Count
- Coordinated Entry Administrator (ensuring the system follows policies and procedures)

The City is also a **funder** of the homeless system:

- The City funds key infrastructure of the homeless system, including Coordinated Entry, street outreach and the HMIS lead agency, as well as funding delivery of services such as emergency shelter and rapid rehousing.



City Funding – Recurring

1. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Funds:

- **Emergency Solution Grant (ESG):** City receives approximately \$175,000 annually (amount increases/decreases modestly annually).
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** City currently allocates \$177,000 in CDBG to support Emergency Shelters.
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA):** For persons living with HIV who are low income and/or homeless in the Eligible Metro Statistical Area (EMSA) that includes Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange and Person Counties, approximately \$900,000/yr.

2. City Dedicated Housing Funds – approximately \$952,500 annually

- Rapid Rehousing as a match for HUD ESG Funds - \$200,000
- City's half of the Unsheltered Coordinating Agency Contract (County pays the other half) - \$215,000 (currently)
- Coordinated Entry with Diversion - \$477,500
- HMIS - \$60,000



City COVID-Related One Time Funding

1. ESG- CV - \$2,662,668

- Rapid Rehousing- \$511,681
- Homeless Prevention- \$580,491
- Emergency Shelter- \$1,304,229
- Administration- \$266,267

2. HOPWA-CV: \$70,340

- Used for short term rent, utility and mortgage assistance (not for homeless assistance)

3. City Dedicated Housing Funds - \$1,329,800

- Landlord Engagement began 11/1/2022 (renewable for 2 additional years) - \$150,000
- White Flag Shelter began 11/1/2022 - \$200,000
- Rapid Rehousing began 7/1/2022 - \$350,000
- Emergency Shelter (non-congregate and COVID+) 7/1/2022 - \$629,800



Other Public Funding for the Homeless System



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HUD CoC Funding

Annual competition for funding:

- FY22-23 amount- \$1,898,618
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)- \$905,913
 - Rapid Rehousing (RRH)- \$936,953
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)- \$55,752
- Priority is given to renewal projects
- Funds may be reallocated from underperforming projects or agencies not wishing to continue a project. Reallocated funds can be used to expand existing projects or create new projects.



State ESG

Activity	2021 funding amount	2022 funding amount
Emergency Shelter	\$51,938	\$51,677
Street Outreach	\$25,750	\$51,676
Rapid Rehousing	\$93,816	\$68,902
Total	\$171,504	\$172,255



State ESG-COVID

- ESG-COVID
 - Emergency Shelter- \$666,660
 - Rapid Rehousing- \$623,853
 - Total: \$1,290,513

- This was one time funding to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID.



Durham County

- County funds 50% of Unsheltered Coordinating Agency contract - \$215,000 per year.
- Coordinated Entry – County provides office space and funds two FTEs to work on as part of a joint coordinated entry team.
- County provides additional funding for emergency shelter and funds for the COVID response including non-congregate shelter and housing for homeless persons testing positive for COVID.



Recurring Public Funding*, Annual Estimate

Source	Annual Amount
City of Durham Funding	
<i>ESG</i> \$175,000	
<i>CDBG</i> \$177,000	
<i>HOPWA**</i> \$900,000	
<i>DHF</i> \$952,500	
City of Durham, Total	\$2,204,500
HUD CoC Grant	\$1,898,600
State ESG	\$172,000
TOTAL	\$4,275,100

* Does not include Durham County.

** For EMSA; not limited to homeless population.



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Public Funding by Activity*, Recurring and One Time

July 2020 - June 2022

Activity	Total Amount	# Of Households Served
Street Outreach	\$885,750	141
Emergency Shelter	\$2,304,958	1,105
Rapid Rehousing	\$2,596,602	253
Permanent Supportive Housing	\$1,873,906	318
Homeless Prevention	\$624,028	238

* Does not include Durham County, HOPWA, Coordinated Entry, or HMIS



Questions?



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