

CDHS Update

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Partners for HOME's plan to stably house
1,500 households



Fundraising and Expense Report

| Funder | Award | Category | Expense |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Publix Charities | \$5,000 | Rental Assistance | 12,360,636 (63%) |
| AETNA/CVS Foundation | 25,000.00 | Outreach and Navigation | 2,339,778 (12%) |
| Wells Fargo Foundation | 25,000.00 | Emergency Shelter (Hotel) | 3,032,802 (15%) |
| Whitehead Foundation | 3,500,000.00 | Low Barrier Shelter | 1,200,000 (6%) |
| William Josef Foundation | 350,000.00 | Bridge Rapid Rehousing | 297,477 (2%) |
| City of Atlanta ESG | 901,714.00 | Administrative Expense | 377,929 (2%) |
| City of Atlanta ARP | 6,200,000.00 | | |
| City of Atlanta GF | 3,500,000.00 | | |
| City of Atlanta ARP HOME | 4,083,806.00 | | |
| TBRA | 2,208,140.00 | | |
| DCA ESG Funds | 3,547,983.00 | | |
| GA State Fiscal Recovery Funds | 6,875,000.00 | | |
| TOTAL RAISED | \$31,221,643 (93%) | TOTAL EXPENSES | 19,608,622 |
| TOTAL GOAL | \$33,613,969 | | |
| TOTAL GAP | \$2,392,326 | | |



**Contracts are pending for COA ARP HOME, ESG and TBRA funds; there is a possibility of an additional \$660K in COA funding



CLOSING ENCAMPMENTS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA

Partners for HOME believes every resident in the City of Atlanta deserves a safe and stable home. Our Encampment Closure Plan guides community stakeholders on processes and timelines related to compassionately closing encampments.

WHY DO ENCAMPMENTS EXIST?

People reside in encampments when there is a lack of shelter available to meet their needs or they have made a choice to reside in an encampment over available shelter.

WHAT DOES COMPASSIONATE CLOSING MEAN?

Encampment closings can be a traumatic experience for individuals who live within them. In addition to ongoing requests to relocate, closings can cause residents to lose personal belongings such as identification documents and medication, as well as reduce their trust in receiving assistance from outreach team members.

Partners for HOME has adopted a compassionate encampment closing plan to maintain a resident's dignity and trust, while providing clear steps to address concerns from the community.

Encampment Closure Plan

Phase 1: Identification (Days 1-15)

Convene relevant stakeholders to identify and prioritize closure.

Phase 2: Assessment (Days 15-30)

Assess encampment and engage residents about resources.

Phase 3: Resources (Days 30-60)

Coordinate resident needs with available resources.

Phase 4: Notification (Days 60-75)

Residents notified by outreach, City and volunteers about closure.

Phase 5: Transportation (Days 75-90)

Transportation offered to resources identified by outreach.

Phase 6: Cleaning (Days 90-100)

Public departments clean former encampments and mitigate returns.

Phase 6: Monitoring (Days 100+)

Police monitor former encampment sites and redirect attempts to resettle.

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| Encampment | Closure Date | Number of Individuals |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 75/85 SB @ John Wesley Dobbs | 8/1/2022 | 15 |
| Central Ave. @ MLK | 8/2/2022 | 48 |
| Pryor St. @ I-20 and surrounding | 9/8/2022, 10/13/2022, 12/8/2022 | 138 |
| 75/85 SB @ Courtland (Folk Art Park) | 10/20/2022 | 30 |
| The Hill | 11/21/2022 | 42 |
| Morosgo Dr. behind The Dump | 11/21/2022 | 5 |
| Freedom Parkway | 02/16/2023 | 10 |
| Spring Street | 02/16/2023 | 38 |
| Donald Lee Hollowell @ 285 | Official date TBD | ~20 |



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| | Central | Dobbs | Pryor | Folk Art Park | The Hill | Spring Street | Freedom Parkway |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Hotel | 29 | 12 | 41 | 16 | 35 | 21 | 4 |
| Shelter | 5 | 2 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Declined Services | 3 | 1 | 30 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 5 |
| Diverted to a housing solution | 5 | 0 | 40 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Not present on day of closure | 6 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 1 |
| Total | 48 | 15 | 138 | 30 | 47 | 38 | 10 |
| 16 not present on the day of encampment closure have been located and enrolled in services. | | | | | | | |



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HOTEL OPERATIONS

Current Hotel Status

- 106 rooms available
- 103 individuals enrolled in the hotel project
- 3 rooms vacant

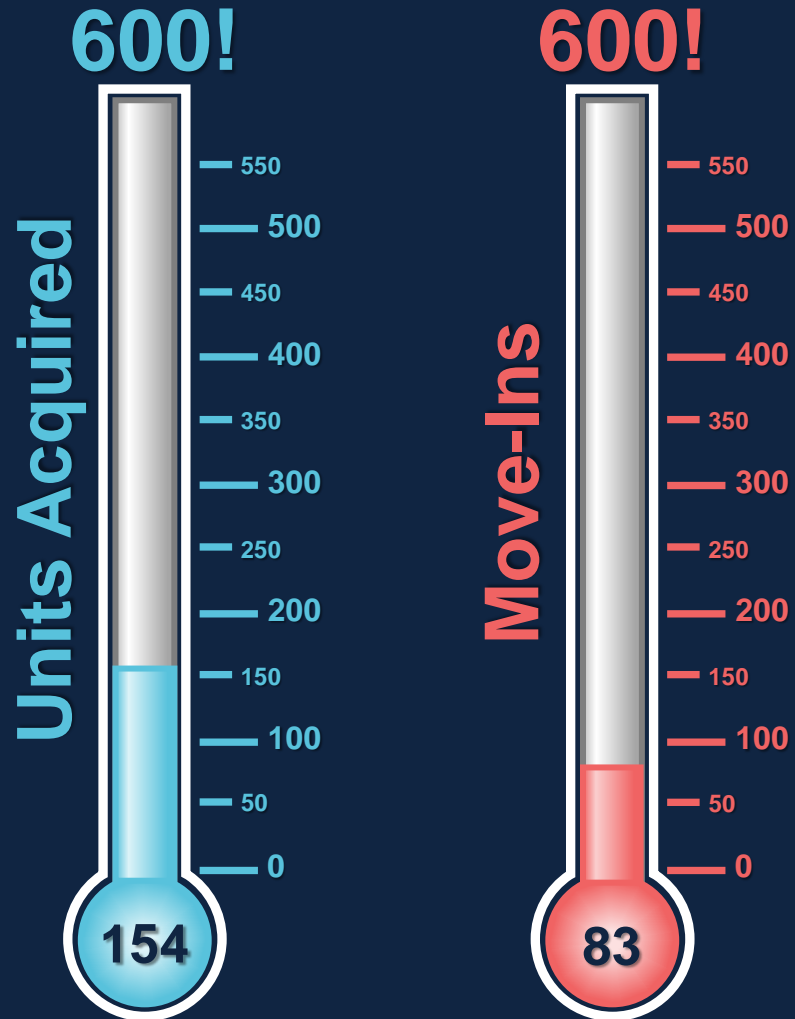
Exits from Hotel

- 125 exits
 - 73 households moved into housing
 - 24 exits with no permanent exit destination (20% of total served in the hotel)
 - 11 exits with no permanent exit destination, but still engaged in services



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Move-In Progress

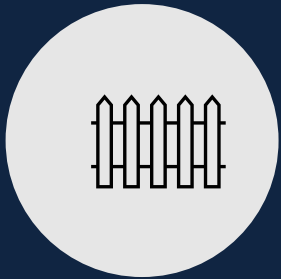


| STAGE | COUNT |
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| Move-Ins from Motel | 73 |
| Move-Ins from Encampments | 10 |
| Total Move-Ins Completed | 83 |



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Critical Needs



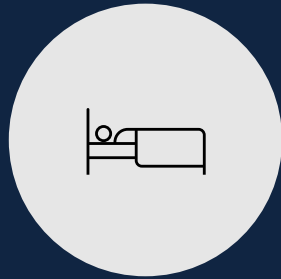
DOT/CoA (Depending on Property)

Mitigation implementation for closed encampments. Closed encampments at risk of re-encampment



DPW, PfH, APD

Closure of remaining targeted encampments to include cleaning, mitigation, enforcement. Contingent on hotel capacity or unit availability.



Open Doors/PfH

Units and/or additional hotel capacity to proceed with remaining prioritized encampments and additional encampments to be prioritized.



PfH

Service Provider capacity.

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Clearer Path

Strategic Planning Next Steps



Key Objectives to Accomplish



Reinforce continuous action planning with community



Engage with targeted stakeholders



Engage community to listen and collect input



Identify funding plan and capacity required to accomplish the plan.



Strategic Planning Process

Phase 1 – Action Planning

- Convenings and planning sessions with relevant stakeholders on chronics, youth, families and veterans
- Action plans created with performance milestones, system design and strategics

Phase 2 – System Analysis

- Examine all aspects of the current homeless response system, with an emphasis on understanding provider and lead agency capacity and experiences, & funding gaps
- Understanding experience of people with lived expertise
- Infusing diversity, equity and inclusion into all aspects of decision-making

Phase 3 – Targeted Stakeholder Listening Sessions

- February 23, 2023 - Formal kick off strategic planning process with Committee
- March 2023 - Convene targeted stakeholder sessions in four key areas: policy, housing, service coordination and encampments/unsheltered

Phase 4 – Community Listening Sessions

- March – April 2023 - Engage neighborhood groups, community members, providers and business community to listen, gather input and provide education



Targeted Stakeholder Sessions

Public Agency Leaders and Philanthropy

- System design and accelerating population-based straggles
- Define strategies to overcome constraints to effective partnerships and implementation of strategies

Business & Elected Officials

- Focus on encampments and reducing unsheltered homelessness
- Identify and prioritize strategies
- Examine role of business and elected officials

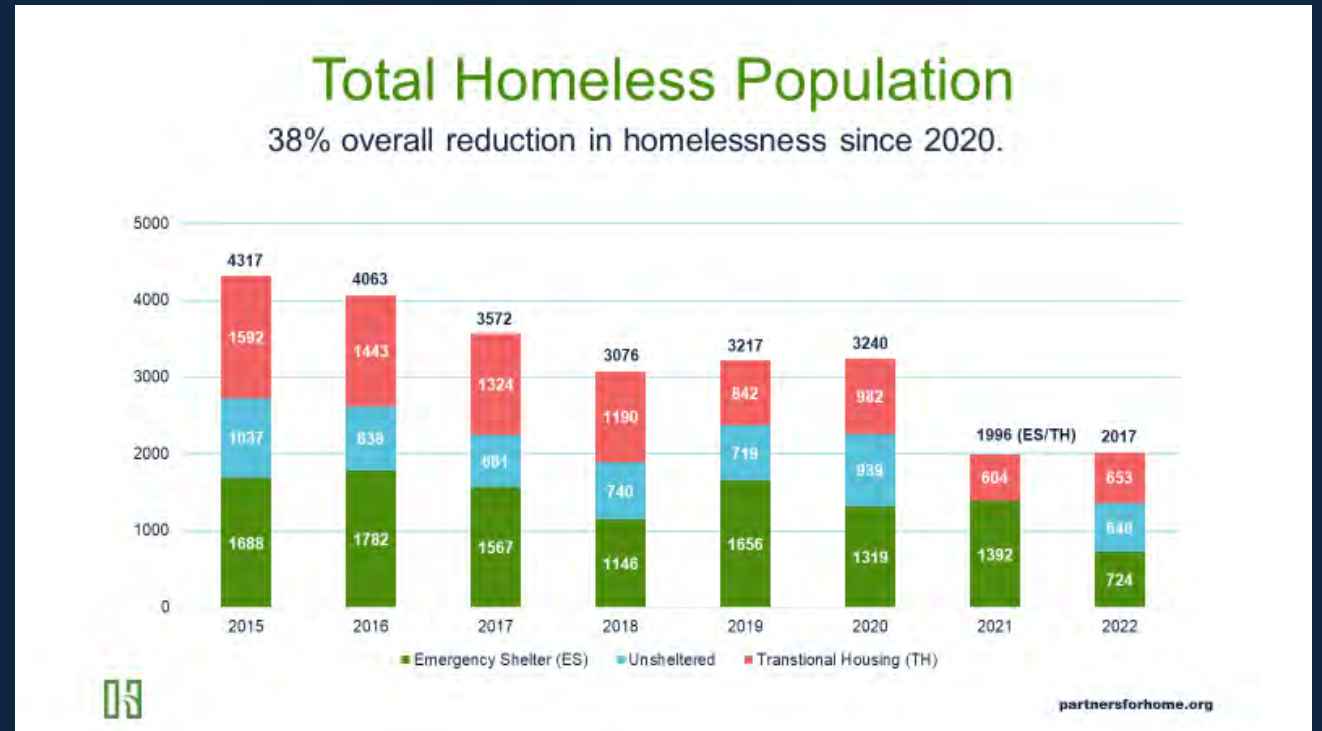
Rental and Housing Market Leaders

- Gain more access and control in the rental market
- Explore emerging models to increase access to rental units and secure units needed



PIT Count 2023

- Conducted from January 23-30, 2023
- Over 250 volunteers
- Surveyed individuals who are unsheltered, and in emergency and transitional housing
- Canvassed entire geography of the City of Atlanta plus area nonprofit agencies and service providers throughout the week to capture individuals we may have missed on the night of the count
- Data to be released late April 2023



Policy Priorities

- **Senate Bill 62 – working with partners and advocates to oppose**
 - Bill bars cities and counties from adopting or enforcing any policy prohibiting or discouraging the enforcement of any order or ordinance that prohibits unauthorized public camping, sleeping or obstruction of sidewalks. The State Attorney General is authorized to bring a civil action against any city or county that violates this and allows him to recover court costs, attorneys' fees, investigative costs and deposition costs and allows a *qui tam* cause of action to any citizen who might choose to sue the city or county for not enforcing their camping ban acting on behalf of the state.
 - Requires the state auditor to conduct a performance audit of spending on homeless programs by the state, cities and counties with “substantial homeless populations” including federal funds. The rest of Section 3 authorizes the State Properties Commission to designate state property or other property designated by DCA for encampments to homeless individuals to camp or sleep
- **Secure funding at state level for dedicated housing and supports for those with SPMI - \$825K included in the FY23 amended budget; \$12.6M ask for the FY24 budget**
- **Next session: Secure dedicated revenue stream**



Questions?

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