

Department of Grants and Community Development

CDHS Update
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DGCD

We are DGCD:

Doing good in our community

Grounded in service

**Committed to Moving Atlanta
Forward**

Dedicated to excellence



Key Programs

1. HUD Entitlement Grants

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

2. Section 8 Moderate Rehab Program (project-based rental assistance)

3. Federal Recovery Funds (Neighborhood Stabilization Program)

4. Competitive Grants (non-HUD federal grants, state grants, philanthropic grants)



DGCD Key Facts

1. Serves the City's most vulnerable residents and outcomes include:
 - In PY2022, served 1573 residents with CDBG funding, expended \$3,594,545 in CDBG funding
 - Assisted 1215 HOPWA households, expended \$12,619,642 HOPWA funding
 - Assist with approximately 50 home purchases
 - Assisted more than 1000 persons with homeless prevention services, expended \$6,059,176 in ESG funding for PY2022
2. Grant administration aligned with Mayor's four pillars:
 - Affordable Housing Supply and Support
 - Safe, Sanitary, and Low-Barrier Housing and Support Services for People Living with HIV/AIDS
 - Assistance for Currently Homeless Persons and Families
 - Aid to Public Facilities, Facility Improvements, and Public Infrastructure
 - Blight Reduction and Neighborhood Cleanups
 - Economic Development and Small Business Incentives
 - Fair Housing, Housing Counseling, and Legal Services
 - Public Services
3. Deployed more than \$22M in entitlement grant funds for PY 2022
4. Competitive grants – Assisted departments with more than 30 grant applications



DGCD Metrics cont.

CDBG Priorities:

- 100% Low Income Benefit (Public Services)
- 51% Low Income Benefit (Capital Projects)
- Area Benefit (Capital Projects)
- Presumed Benefit (Public Services or Capital Projects)
- Job Creation/Retention for Low Income Individuals
- Slum/Blight Elimination

ESG Priorities:

- Housing Relocation & Stabilization plan
- Rapid Rehousing
- Rental Assistance



DGCD Metrics concl.

HOPWA Priorities:

- Promote affordable, accessible, available, and adequate housing
- Increase housing options by targeting HOPWA resources and connection to non-HOPWA housing resources
- Promote increased housing stability and maximum independence
- Ensure adequate supportive services that promote housing stability and ongoing access to care and support
- Leverage HOPWA resources to connect to existing systems of healthcare, supportive services, and affordable housing

HOME Priorities:

- Permanent or Transitional Housing
- Affordable Housing via gap financing for acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation
- Multi-family development
- Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)



Competitive Grants Update

Competitive Compliance Grant Reporting FY 2023, Quarter 4

Number of Applications/Awards	Total	Fund Amount
Grant Opportunities Considered	17	
Grant Applications Pending Submission	6	
Applications Submitted	5	
Grants Awards Received	4	
Estimated Fund Amount to be Awarded of the Pending Application Submissions	11	51,003,234.00
Total Fund Amount Awarded to-Date		\$33,891,930.00



Payment updates – ESG

ESG AP PAID INVOICE 01/01/23-07/03/23	
Sum of Distribution Amount	
Vendor Name	Total
24/7 Gateway, LLC	\$15,542.02
Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, Inc	\$64,879.75
Covenant House Georgia	\$263,624.04
Grady Health System	\$73,489.11
Our House, Inc	\$37,971.46
Partners For Home	\$8,260.67
Project Community Connection, Inc	\$468,958.68
The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation	\$9,647.04
Travelers Aid Of Metro Atlanta	\$190,445.79
Zaban Paradies Center	\$91,529.06
Grand Total	\$1,224,347.62



Payment updates cont. -CDBG

CDBG AP PAID INVOICE 01/01/23-07/03/23	
Sum of Distribution Amount	
Vendor Name	Total
24/7 Gateway, LLC	\$30,000.00
ALM GLOBAL, INC.	\$85.00
Caringworks, Inc	\$49,912.87
Central Outreach & Advocacy Center, Inc	\$15,241.77
Cohnreznick	\$170,805.10
Covenant Community	\$106,932.14
Covenant House Georgia	\$36,098.78
Cox Enterprises D/B/A Atlanta Journal/Constitution	\$5,359.00
Essence of Hope, Inc	\$3,900.00
Families First, Inc	\$2,848.34
Georgia Superior Court Clerks Cooperative Authority	\$292.39
Gilgal, Inc	\$23,246.34
Internal Reflections, LLC	\$11,375.00
Marta	\$350.00
Metro Fair Housing Ser, Inc	\$15,194.08
Midtown Assistance Center, Inc.	\$41,893.40
Mundo Hispanico	\$1,125.00
Nan Mckay & Associates, Inc	\$975.00
Nehemiah Project Community Development Corporation	\$182,801.81
Nicholas House	\$109,118.40
Nicole's House Of Hope	\$2,600.00
Operation P.E.A.C.E., Inc	\$4,400.00
Partners For Home	\$107,071.67
Partnership Against Domestic Violence	\$50,000.00
Peachstate Psychiatric Services, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Perimeter Office Products	\$1,199.86
Positive Transition Services, Inc.	\$1,644.00
Quality Living Services, Inc.	\$50,000.00
Rebuilding Together Atlanta, Inc	\$141,888.15
Rubio & Son Interior Inc	\$204,761.00
Samantha Robertson	\$415.50
Society Of St. Vincent De Paul Georgia	\$12,630.84
Standard Of Care Psychological Services	\$7,800.00
Summech - Community Dev Corp	\$245,113.88
Utaco Boatwright	\$591.78
Verizon Wireless C/O Pnc (Ibas Billing)	\$11,252.53
Grand Total	\$1,656,423.63



Payment updates cont. HOPWA

HOPWA AP PAID INVOICE 01/01/23-07/03/23

Sum of Distribution Amount	
Vendor Name	Total
Affordable Housing Solutions Inc	\$539,591.77
Africas Children Fund	\$612,946.21
Aid Atlanta Inc	\$4,826,569.99
Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc	\$194,027.08
Atlanta Legal Aid Society Inc	\$155,020.98
Carahsoft Technology Corp	\$26,748.75
Caringworks, Inc	\$27,026.43
Cohnreznick	\$33,467.50
Dekalb County Board of Health	\$178,481.94
Dove Mailing, Inc	\$136.50
FURNITURE BANK OF METRO ATLANTA INC	\$75,736.31
Here'S To Life Inc	\$293,598.26
Naesm, Inc	\$562,914.79
Project Open Hand	\$696,420.69
Southside Medical Center, Inc	\$18,376.43
Status: Home, Inc. (formerly) Jerusalem House	\$1,907,894.98
Travelers Aid Of Metro Atlanta	\$1,279,483.32
United Way Of Greater Atlanta	\$348,421.25
Verizon Wireless C/O Pnc (Ibas Billing)	\$5,626.29
Grand Total	\$11,782,489.47



Draw downs as of 7/7/23

FY 15	ALLOCATION	CURRENT BALANCE AS OF 7/7/2023
CDBG	\$ 6,721,270.00	\$ -
HOME	\$ 1,475,293.00	\$ 512,013.17
HESG	\$ 611,614.00	\$ -
HOPWA	\$ 18,078,087.00	\$ -

FY 16	ALLOCATION	CURRENT BALANCE AS OF 7/7/2023
CDBG	\$ 6,703,852.00	\$ 830,372.55
HOME	\$ 1,532,314.00	\$ 1,331,091.00
HESG	\$ 605,049.00	\$ -
HOPWA	\$ 17,939,490.69	\$ -

FY 17	ALLOCATION	CURRENT BALANCE AS OF 7/7/2023
CDBG	\$ 6,613,822.00	\$ 1,326,515.20
HOME	\$ 1,525,065.00	\$ 1,379,620.84
HESG	\$ 886,082.21	\$ -
HOPWA	\$ 23,085,738.00	\$ -

FY 18	ALLOCATION	CURRENT BALANCE AS OF 7/7/2023
CDBG	\$ 7,185,087.00	\$ 1,575,638.02
HOME	\$ 2,136,864.00	\$ 1,851,211.00
HESG	\$ 547,300.23	\$ -
HOPWA	\$ 23,101,950.00	\$ -

FY 19	ALLOCATION	CURRENT BALANCE AS OF 7/7/2023
CDBG	\$ 7,139,553.00	\$ 2,004,376.40
HOME	\$ 1,967,828.00	\$ 1,967,828.00
HESG	\$ 609,670.00	\$ -
HOPWA	\$ 23,000,301.00	\$ 8,870,809.66

FY 20	ALLOCATION	CURRENT BALANCE AS OF 7/7/2023
CDBG	\$ 7,155,196.00	\$ 4,044,900.09
CDBG-CV	\$ 7,913,409.00	\$ 4,661,902.67
HOME	\$ 2,112,709.00	\$ 2,112,709.00
HESG	\$ 627,336.00	\$ -
HESG-CV	\$ 14,878,413.20	\$ 4,220,068.69
HOPWA	\$ 22,795,464.00	\$ 13,746,598.88
HOPWA-CV	\$ 3,317,389.00	\$ 1,573,952.97



Draw down updates

FY 21	Allocation	Current Balances as of 4.7.2023
CDBG	\$7,084,844.00	\$7,084,844.00
HOME	\$2,204,974.00	\$2,204,974.00
HOME ARP	\$7,991,553.00	\$7,991,553.00
ESG	\$610,308.00	\$610,308.00
HOPWA	\$22,712,066.00	\$22,712,066.00

FY 22	Allocation	Current Balances as of 4.7.2023
CDBG	\$7,004,069.00	\$7,004,069.00
HOME	\$2,515,212.00	\$2,515,212.00
ESG	\$595,555.00	\$595,555.00
HOPWA	\$12,997,884.00	\$12,997,884.00



DGCD's Updated Plan of Action

Hire and retain qualified staff

- Ongoing efforts to recruit candidates for key vacancies

Resolve backlog of reimbursements

- Paid all properly submitted outstanding 2020 and 2021 reimbursement requests
- Transitioned to a monitoring-based approach for reimbursement requests
- Reimbursement process reduced from 144 days to less than 30-day average

Conduct ongoing training for service providers

- Leveraged HUD TA, contractors, and City experts to conduct reimbursement and contract management trainings for grant service providers on a monthly basis for staff and quarterly basis for service providers; Ongoing comprehensive training for staff with required certifications of completion

Regularly conduct subrecipient monitoring

- Conduct desk monitoring and full monitoring as mandated by HUD



DGCD's Updated Plan of Action Concl.

Issue improved notices of funding availability (NOFA)

- Conducted separate NOFAs for CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA
- Streamlined process for awarding grants, targeting service providers with proven capabilities that will meet top priorities as identified in CoA's Consolidated Plan
- Most recent NOFA recommendations and AAP currently before Council

Conduct monthly draw downs to meet federal deadlines

- Conducting timely draws of entitlement funds

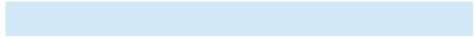
Purchase and implement an improved grant management system

- Utilized ARPA funds to implement new grant management software system that is integrated with HUD's grant management system

Increase engagement with CoA departments in the area of competitive grants

- Assisted with application submissions totaling approximately \$34 millions
- Submitted application for \$4.4 million for Lead Hazard Reduction Grant

Preparations for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan



Questions