

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 - NSP)

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



About DGCD

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 CoA departments with 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 2024, Quarter 1		
Number of Applications/Awards	Total	Fund Amount
Grant Opportunities Considered	28	
Grant Applications Pending Submission	14	
Applications Submitted	6	
Grants Awards Received	4	
Estimated Fund Amount to be Awarded of the Pending Application Submissions		\$920,712,132
Total Fund Amount Awarded to- <u>Date</u>		\$11,534,364



Payment updates – ESG

ESG AP PAID INVOICE 01/01/2023-10/16/2023

Sum of Distribution Amount	
Vendor Name	Total
24/7 Gateway, LLC	\$582,652.65
Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, Inc	\$64,879.75
City of Refuge, Incorporated	\$229,704.37
Covenant House Georgia	\$263,624.04
Grady Health System	\$73,489.11
Our House, Inc	\$142,304.62
Partners For Home	\$137,533.91
Project Community Connection, Inc	\$468,958.68
The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation	\$684,106.93
Travelers Aid Of Metro Atlanta	\$210,796.61
Zaban Paradies Center	\$91,529.06
Grand Total	\$2,949,579.73



Payment updates – CDBG

CDBG AP PAID INVOICE 01/01/2023-10/16/2023

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	\$265,420.85
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	\$15,585.05
Georgia Superior Court Clerks Cooperative Authority	\$509.95
Gilgal, Inc	\$30,000.00
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	\$238,700.88
Nicholas House	\$149,285.14
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	\$56,771.99
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	\$205,796.59
Rubio & Son Interior Inc	\$204,761.00
Samantha Robertson	\$1,143.03
Society Of St. Vincent De Paul Georgia	\$12,630.84
Standard Of Care Psychological Services	\$7,800.00
Summech - Community Dev Corp	\$286,102.64
Utaco Boatwright	\$591.78
Verizon Wireless C/O Pnc (Ibas Billing)	\$16,919.97
Grand Total	\$1,984,877.28



Payment updates - HOPWA

HOPWA AP PAID INVOICE 01/01/2023-10/16/2023

Sum of Distribution Amount	
Vendor Name	Total
Affordable Housing Solutions Inc	\$539,591.77
Africas Children Fund	\$963,202.38
Aid Atlanta Inc	\$10,889,771.25
Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc	\$267,792.74
Atlanta Legal Aid Society Inc	\$155,020.98
Carahsoft Technology Corp	\$26,748.75
Caringworks, Inc	\$48,233.74
Cohnreznick	\$52,397.00
Dekalb County Board of Health	\$217,744.07
Dove Mailing, Inc	\$136.50
FURNITURE BANK OF METRO ATLANTA INC	\$75,736.31
Here'S To Life Inc	\$377,076.80
Naesm, Inc	\$806,205.57
Project Open Hand	\$1,018,141.97
Southside Medical Center, Inc	\$18,376.43
Status: Home, Inc. (formerly) Jerusalem House	\$10,388,763.70
Tammy Alvarado	\$2,050.03
Travelers Aid Of Metro Atlanta	\$2,004,295.67
United Way Of Greater Atlanta	\$559,085.67
Verizon Wireless C/O Pnc (Ibas Billing)	\$8,460.01
Grand Total	\$28,418,831.34



HUD draw downs as of 10-21-23

FY 16	ALLOCATION	BALANCE REMAINING
CDBG	\$ 6,703,852.00	
HOME	\$ 1,532,314.00	\$ 1,331,091.00
HESG	\$ 605,049.00	\$ -
HOPWA	\$ 17,939,490.69	\$ -

FY 17	ALLOCATION	BALANCE REMAINING
CDBG	\$ 6,613,822.00	\$ 1,225,232.87
HOME	\$ 1,525,065.00	\$ 1,379,620.84
HESG	\$ 886,082.21	\$ -
HOPWA	\$ 23,085,738.00	\$ -

FY 18	ALLOCATION	BALANCE REMAINING
CDBG	\$ 7,185,087.00	\$ 1,545,638.02
HOME	\$ 2,136,864.00	\$ 1,851,211.00
HESG	\$ 547,300.23	\$ -
HOPWA	\$ 23,101,950.00	\$ -

FY 19	ALLOCATION	BALANCE REMAINING
CDBG	\$ 7,139,553.00	\$ 1,759,857.44
HOME	\$ 1,967,828.00	\$ 1,962,960.15
HESG	\$ 609,670.00	\$ -
HOPWA	\$ 23,000,301.00	\$ 6,068,856.20

FY 20	ALLOCATION	BALANCE REMAINING
CDBG	\$ 7,155,196.00	\$ 3,797,651.08
CDBG-CV	\$ 7,913,409.00	\$ 4,658,609.41
HOME	\$ 2,112,709.00	\$ 2,112,709.00
HESG	\$ 627,336.00	\$ -
HESG-CV	\$ 14,878,413.20	\$ 1,594,507.92
HOPWA	\$ 22,795,464.00	\$ *Ongoing Closeout
HOPWA-CV	\$ 3,317,389.00	\$ -

FY 21	ALLOCATION	BALANCE REMAINING
CDBG	\$ 7,084,844.00	\$ 6,544,197.42
HOME	\$ 2,204,974.00	\$ 2,204,974.00
HOME ARP	\$ 7,991,553.00	\$ 7,991,553.00
HESG	\$ 610,308.00	\$ 610,308.00
HOPWA	\$ 22,712,066.00	\$ 22,691,681.00



CoA's Most Recent Allocations

FY 22	Allocation	Current Balances as 10/21/23
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

FY23	Allocation
CDBG	\$6,971,235
HOME	\$2,506,025
ESG	\$615,584
HOPWA	\$14,690,757



DGCD's Updated Plan of Action

Hire and retain qualified staff

- Ongoing efforts to recruit qualified candidates and retain current talent

Resolve backlog of reimbursements

- Paid all properly submitted outstanding 2020, 2021, and 2022 reimbursement requests
- Transitioned to a monitoring-based approach for reimbursement requests
- Reimbursement process reduced from 144 days to 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.

Improved notice of funding availability (NOFA) process

- 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 adopted by Council
- Progressing toward more efficient contracting process

Conduct monthly draw downs to meet federal deadlines

- Conducting timely draws of entitlement funds and closeouts

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
- Preparing application for \$10 million Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO) grant

Preparations for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan



Questions