



Emergency Rental Assistance Program

CDHS – March 16, 2021





Current ERA Program

- City entered into an agreement with United Way of Greater Atlanta, Inc. for **\$22M** for an Emergency Housing Assistance Program
- Recap of assistance from August 21, 2020 – February 26, 2021
 - Over **5,900 households** approved and provided funding support
 - Over **\$17.4M Disbursed**
 - \$15.6M for rental assistance
 - \$755k for mortgage assistance
 - \$1M for utilities
 - \$95k for security deposits
 - **All funds** will be disbursed before March 31, 2021





Lessons Learned

- An on-line solution only works for a segment of the population
- In-person outreach is important
- A smaller cohort of nonprofit partners are essential to reaching families and coordinate services
- Ramp up time must not be underestimated
- Eligibility requirements varied across jurisdictions and the stringent documentation requirements were barriers to families who needed the resources
- Eligibility and documentation needs must be finalized before the program begins
- Begin Compliance early on in the program





The “New” ERA Program

- City received **\$15.2M** for the United States Department of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- Program limits eligibility to households with income that does not **exceed 80% of AMI**

| Maximum Income Limits – 80% AMI (HUD FY2020) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| # of persons in household | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Maximum annual income limits | \$46,320 | \$52,960 | \$59,600 | \$66,160 | \$71,520 |
| Est maxi monthly income limits | \$3,860 | \$4,413 | \$4,966 | \$5,513 | \$5,960 |

- Residents affected by unemployment for 90 days or more, and households with incomes at or below the **50% of AMI, will be prioritized**





The “New” ERA Program

- Continue the partnership with United Way of Greater Atlanta (and they will partner with 8 Service Providers)
- Program Period: April 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021
- Launch of in-person applicants April 1
- Launch of the online portal May 1
- Providers will target **4,000 Applicants** @ \$3,000 average payment with a max of \$15,000





The “New” ERA Program

- ERA funds may be used for **rent and rental arrears** back to March 13, 2020
- Landlords can apply directly
- Mortgage assistance is not permissible
- ERA funds may be used for utilities (water, gas, power) and home energy costs
- Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility companies





Thank You!

Q&A