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Homelessness in Durham

Needs and Solutions

December 10, 2024

Agenda

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Overview of the Homeless System



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Useful Definitions

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

Rapid Exit – Funds to pay security deposit/arrears/first month rent if no other funds are available to help people exit homelessness.

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



Useful Definitions - Continued

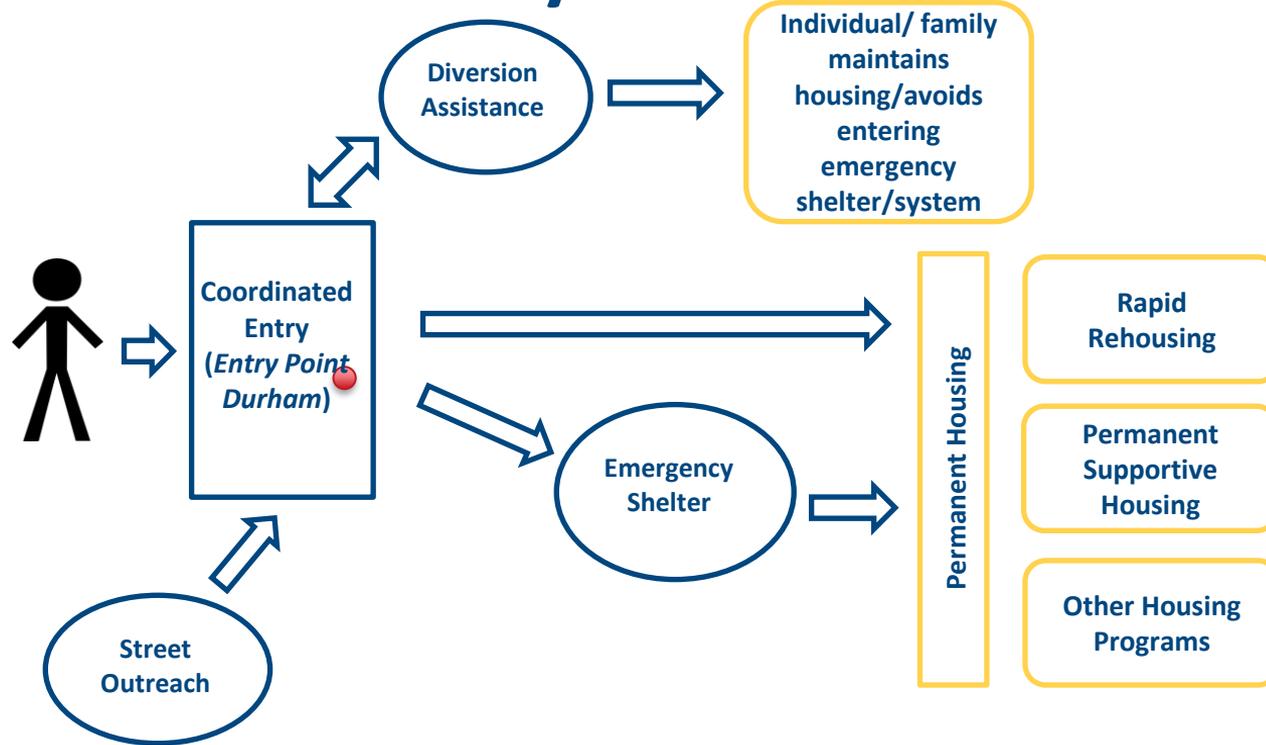
Permanent Supportive Housing – ONLY for those who are Chronically Homeless (must have a disability AND 12 months of documented homelessness). The program is a combination of permanent affordable rental housing with supportive services.

Rapid Rehousing – Short term financial assistance and supportive services (up to 24 months) for households who are homeless to 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 Homelessness 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:

- Coordinated Entry, Landlord Engagement, Street Outreach, HMIS lead agency, emergency shelter and rapid rehousing.



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Public Funding for the Homeless System



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City Funds Recurring-

City Dedicated Housing Funds – \$1,310,998 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
- Coordinated Entry with Diversion - \$477,500
- HMIS - \$78,498
- Landlord Engagement- \$150,000
- White Flag Shelter- \$190,000



Federal Entitlement Funds – Recurring

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Funds- approximately \$475,000 annually

- **Emergency Solution Grant (ESG):** City receives approximately \$175,000 annually (amount increases/decreases modestly annually).
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** City currently allocates \$300,000 in CDBG to support supportive services in Emergency Shelters and Permanent Supportive Housing Programs.
 - \$100,000- Housing for New Hope for Case Management of Permanent Supportive Housing
 - \$120,000- Urban Ministries for Case Management
 - \$80,000- Families Moving Forward for Case Management



HUD CoC Funding

Annual competition for funding:

- FY23-24 amount- \$2,017,549
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)- \$929,064
 - Rapid Rehousing (RRH)- \$1,032,733 (\$525,798 is prioritized for DV Survivors)
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)- \$55,752
- 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 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Activity	2023 funding amount	2024 funding amount
Emergency Shelter	\$0	\$64,600.00
Street Outreach	\$85,937.50	\$0
Rapid Rehousing	\$85,937.50	\$105,660.00
Total	\$171,875.00	\$170,260.00



Recurring Public Funding*, Annual Estimate

Source	Annual Amount
City of Durham Total	\$1,785,998
<i>ESG</i>	<i>\$175,000</i>
<i>CDBG</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>
<i>DHF</i>	<i>\$1,310,998</i>
HUD CoC Grant	\$2,017,549
State ESG	\$170,260
TOTAL Fed, State, & City	\$3,973,807

* Does not include Durham County.

** For EMSA; not limited to homeless population.



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Homelessness in Durham by the Numbers



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Coordinated Entry Numbers

For the week of December 2, 2024:

- 51 families reported being unsheltered
- 50 single adults reported being unsheltered
- 20 families reported being at risk of homelessness in 14 days
- 20 singles reported being at at risk of homelessness in 14 days

- Clients exited from shelter and called to return get back into shelter: 2
- Clients exited from Durham Rescue Mission and called Entry Point: 1
- Clients that called seeking shelter in Durham from other counties: 5
- Clients that arrived from another Country and called Entry Point for Shelter: 0



Numbers of People Served FY 24

	July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024	# of new admissions
Street Outreach	375 People	246 People
Emergency Shelter	867 People	757 People
Rapid Rehousing	269 People	104 People
Permanent Supportive Housing (includes VASH)	443 People (219 HUD PSH) (224 VASH)	114 People (65 HUD PSH) (49 VASH)



Point in Time Count By Location (2016-2024)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Unsheltered	32	60	53	81	77	118	144	158	172
Transitional	106	54	45	44	33	28	29	34	10
Emergency Shelter	216	250	240	236	239	250	286	183	223
Total	354	354	338	361	349	396	459	375	405



Exits To Permanent Housing

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Street Outreach	9 (53%)	22 (50%)	19 (17%)	70 (34%)	72 (24%)	75 (23%)
Coordinated Entry w/ Diversion	X	X	X	X	587 (19.3%)	720 (23.3%)
Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, & Rapid Rehousing	558 (54%)	575 (60%)	263 (38%)	296 (40%)	360 (40%)	273 (34%)
Total	567	597	282	366	1,019	1,068



Emergency Shelter Inventory

- Urban Ministries- 50 beds recently increased to 62 beds for men
 - (80 beds pre-pandemic)
- Urban Ministries- 15 beds for women
 - (30 beds pre-pandemic)
- Urban Ministries- 8 rooms for families
- Families Moving Forward- 21 rooms for families
- Durham Rescue Mission is not part of the Homeless System as Homelessness is not a requirement to enter their program.



Current Gaps in the System

Project	Durham CoC Inventory	Durham CoC Utilization	Units Available	Gap / Waiting / Eligible	New Units Needed	Cost
Coordinated Entry with Diversion	\$477,000 (\$177,000 Direct)	\$50,000 left until June 30, 2025	\$0	\$200,000	Up to 233 more households could be helped	\$200,000
Emergency Shelter: Singles	110 beds 80M; 30F	77 beds 62M; 15F	33 beds 18M; 15F	50 beds 25M; 25F	17	\$620,000 for motel rooms
Emergency Shelter: Families	30 rooms	29 rooms	1 rooms	51 rooms	50	\$1,825,000 for motel rooms



Current Gaps in the System

Project	Durham CoC Inventory	Durham CoC Utilization	Units Available	Gap / Waiting / Eligible	New Units Needed	Cost
Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	81 units	81 units	0 Units	87	87	\$1.3M
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	116 beds	110 units	6 units	36	36+	\$700,000



Challenges

- Durham Rescue Mission-
 - 63 calls to Entry Point (7/1/24-11/25/24)
 - 12 had been from Durham prior to entering DRM
 - 11 were from other states prior to entering DRM
 - 29 were from other counties in NC prior to entering DRM
 - Average 3 households per week
- Temporary reduction in affordable housing units available due to redevelopment of Durham Housing Authority Sites and development of new units
- Reduction in Emergency Shelter beds post-pandemic
- Not enough long-term rent subsidies that can be paired with supportive services



Solutions



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Proposed Request to the City from HSAC

- \$1.2 Million
 - Increase funds for Diversion including Rapid Exit Funds:
 - \$200,000 to assist up to an additional 233 households
 - Increase Street Outreach Capacity (currently 5 people managing 73 active encampments and 100 others that may pop back up in addition to supportive services for those who are unsheltered)
 - \$300,000 hire up to four additional outreach workers and supplies
 - Flexible housing subsidies and funds for supportive services
 - \$700,000- serve up to 35 households with rental assistance and appropriate supportive services



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Proposed Request to the County from HSAC

- \$1.2 Million
 - Expand Emergency Shelter Capacity – Exact amount to be determined via RFP to serve more than 15 women, more than 18 men, and additional families with children and/or couples
 - Provide Day Center and Supportive Services – Exact amount to be determined via RFP.



Questions?



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