

**DURHAM
COUNTY**



**Day Shelter and Service Center
Overview**

Monday, January 5, 2026

Presentation Overview

- > Background on the recommendation for a Day Shelter
- > Components of those recommendations
- > Durham County's RFP for a Day Shelter and Services Center
- > Intended contract recipient

Background

> Joint City, County Schools Housing Initiative

- > Formed in September 2024
- > Day Shelter recommendation came out of Pre-Housing Shelter Subcommittee

>Additional support requested from Downtown Business Community

- > In Fall and Winter 2024

>Homeless Services Advisory Committee reviewed recommendation

- > Winter 2024, requested in the 2025-2026 FY Budget Request

Components of Day Shelter Recommendations

> Joint City, County Schools Housing Initiative Recommendation

- > Design it to test effectiveness of intervention
- > Shelter neighbors from the elements during daytime hours
- > Provide a space for unhoused neighbors to navigate services like mail and getting identification documents
- > Opportunity to partner with other homeless service providers
- > Identify underutilized space for the daytime shelter

> Homeless Services Advisory Committee Recommendation

- > Access to services, mail, laundry, toilets, and showers
- > Many in business community supported the request with this recommendation

Durham County's Day Shelter and Services Center RFP

- > Provide Low Barrier daytime shelter**

- > Provide shelter from 8 AM to 6 PM

- > Connection to Activities that promote maintaining dignity**

- > Laundry, personal hygiene
 - > Receiving and sending mail
 - > Access to charging stations, the internet, and other technology
 - > Offer case management services

- > Connection to services that help promote exits from homelessness**

- > Examples are workforce development, assistance with accessing benefits, and behavioral health programming

Intent to Award

> **Contract of \$350,000 to Urban Ministries of Durham to provide the Day Shelter and Service Center**

- > Leverages UMD's existing space to provide for more unsheltered neighbors
- > Includes partnerships with other providers
- > Builds on UMD's established reputation of providing support to those experiencing homelessness

> **Services Proposed**

- > Access to showers, laundry, mail, computers, charging stations, and the internet
 - > Access to UMD's existing Clothing Closet and Food Pantry
 - > Connections with case management and resource navigation through UMD and other trusted service providers
 - > Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder supports
 - > Employment support and workforce development
 - > Outreach and Engagement Activities
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Thank you for your time.

