

# Key Aspects of COVID Homelessness Response



# Atlanta has made great progress in its response to assisting individuals experiencing homelessness

## Priorities

### A Housing and isolation



- Isolation hotel for up to 170 guests who are homeless or displaced and COVID +; partnership with Fulton Co. BH to provide virtual and onsite case management and BH supports
- Non-congregate hotel (NCH) for up to 250 guests experiencing homelessness who are high risk for the effects of COVID; partnership with Hope Atlanta to provide onsite case management and housing navigation

### B Food insecurity



- Partnership with ACFB/WCK and Proof of Pudding/Empire State South to deliver over 1500 meals daily to unsheltered PEH and shelters in need.
- Created food war room to coordinate support, create system for rapidly responding to needs, and transport food to unsheltered homeless

### C Outreach/encampment coordination



- Educating unsheltered homeless on how they can prevent disease spread and how to seek help
- Provide sanitation supplies and connect to testing (*see priorities E and F*)
- Identifying high risk individuals and connecting them to the NCH

### D Transportation



- Dedicated EMT driver and van from Grady
- Working with hospitals and outreach team to connect homeless with isolation beds, discharge support and linkage to the NCH

### E Testing



- Mercy Care and CDC deployment led a community-based testing sites (first at largest shelters), then at all shelters and transitional housing throughout the City; ongoing testing being stood up now.
- Local board of public health assisted with additional testing and ongoing
- Tested over 3000 individuals to date

### F Cleaning and sanitation supplies



- Provided over 8000 masks to shelter providers and clients
- Purchased 465 gallons of sanitizer and disseminated to PEH and providers across metro Atlanta

# HomeFirst PSH Pipeline Program

- Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA): Permanent Supportive Housing Pipeline Program: <https://partnersforhome.org/pshpipeline/>
- Braided Funds: Capital (up to \$40k/unit), Operating (PBRA via AH), Supportive Services (Fulton)
- Relevant Links:
  - NOFA: [https://partnersforhome.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/NOFA-Atlanta-HomeFirst-\\_-final-10.25.18.pdf](https://partnersforhome.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/NOFA-Atlanta-HomeFirst-_-final-10.25.18.pdf)
  - Application Form: <https://partnersforhome.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/HF-Atlanta-Application-Forms-update-4.22.19-1.xlsx>
  - Latest FAQ (including Atlanta Housing HomeFlex Information): <https://partnersforhome.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/HomeFirst-FAQ-Apr2019.pdf>

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## PSH Pipeline Applications Received as of 5/14/2019

Name	Developer	Project Type	Location	Total Units	Total PSH	Notes
Thrive Sweet Auburn	PCCI/Mercy Housing	New Construction	Old Fourth Ward	117	23	Submitted April 2019/Projected Spring 2020
Capitol View	Columbia	Preservation/Rehab	Pittsburgh	120	24	Submitted April 2019/Projected Spring 2020
Abbingtion at Ormewood Park	Rea Ventures	New Construction/Rehab	Ormewood Park/East Atlanta	42	8	Submitted April 2019/Projected Fall 2021
The 1300 - A Beloved Inspired Community	City of Refuge	New Construction	Westside	47	27	Submitted May 2019/Projected Winter 2020
Fort McPherson Supportive Housing	Tapestry Development Group	Adaptive Reuse	Fort McPherson	70	70	Submitted May 2019/Projected Spring 2021
				<b>396</b>	<b>152</b>	

## PSH Support in the 2020 DCA Qualified Allocation

- PFH is recommending updates to the 2020 Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Qualified Allocation Plan
  - policy guiding the allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits in Georgia

We would love your support! Please contact Chelsea Arkin [carkin@partnersforhome.org](mailto:carkin@partnersforhome.org) to talk about how you can participate in these efforts.

### PFH Recommendations

- Providing points in the competitive tax credit application in an effort to incentivize developers to include PSH in their developments (not including the current 811 mandate)
- Require referral into PSH units through the local CoC coordinated entry system, which will ensure housing is reserved for the most vulnerable homeless in our CoC's
- Increase references in the QAP for creating units for individuals experiencing homelessness (there is currently very little reference to this now)
- Creating a dedicated PSH set aside for at least two developments in the annual allocation