

Gwinnett County Human Services Advisory Board**Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 5:30pm**One Justice Square – Conference Room 106
446 West Crogan Street, Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Present: Shameka Allen, Melanie Conner, Aisha DeBerry, Paul Epperson, Dr. Jeffree Fauntleroy, Tina Fleming, Marlene Fosque, Barry Henson, Janice Jackson, Tracy Joseph, Regina Miller, Maria Najlis, Brianna Paredes, Kim Phillips, Randy Redner, Michelle Vereen, Justin Wilson

Absent: Matt Elder, Andy Harrell, Victoria Huynh, and Monica Martinez

Via Teleconference: Babak Mostaghimi

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Announcements
3. Approval of Agenda
{Action: Approved; Motion: Miller; Second: Joseph; Vote: 16-0: Allen-Yes, Conner-Yes; DeBerry-Yes; Epperson-Yes; Fauntleroy-Yes; Fosque-Yes; Henson-Yes; Jackson-Yes; Joseph-Yes; Miller-Yes; Najlis-Yes; Paredes-Yes; Phillips-Yes; Redner-Yes; Vereen-Yes; Wilson-Yes}
4. Approval of Minutes: April 18, 2024
{Action: Approved; Motion: Fauntleroy; Second: Fosque; Vote: 16-0: Allen-Yes, Conner-Yes; DeBerry-Yes; Epperson-Yes; Fauntleroy-Yes; Fosque-Yes; Henson-Yes; Jackson-Yes; Joseph-Yes; Miller-Yes; Najlis-Yes; Paredes-Yes; Phillips-Yes; Redner-Yes; Vereen-Yes; Wilson-Yes}
5. Presentation by **Housing and Community Development Division** – Erik Osetkowski
 - a. HUD Grant Funding Cycle
 - b. 2024 Point in Time Count
6. Proposed By Laws Discussion
{Action: Approved; Motion to approve By Laws: Fauntleroy; Second: Epperson; Vote: 16-0: Allen-Yes, Conner-Yes; DeBerry-Yes; Epperson-Yes; Fauntleroy-Yes; Fosque-Yes; Henson-Yes; Jackson-Yes; Joseph-Yes; Miller-Yes; Najlis-Yes; Paredes-Yes; Phillips-Yes; Redner-Yes; Vereen-Yes; Wilson-Yes}
7. 2024 Work Group Discussion
8. Comments from Audience

9. Adjournment

{Action: Approved; Motion: Fauntleroy; Second: Allen; Vote: 16-0: Allen-Yes, Conner-Yes; DeBerry-Yes; Epperson-Yes; Fauntleroy-Yes; Fosque-Yes; Henson-Yes; Jackson-Yes; Joseph-Yes; Miller-Yes; Najlis-Yes; Paredes-Yes; Phillips-Yes; Redner-Yes; Vereen-Yes; Wilson-Yes}



HUD Grant Funding Cycle and 2024 Point-In-Time Count

Gwinnett County Housing and
Community Development Division

HUD Grant Funding Cycle

Application Launch

- May 15, 2024
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)



Application Review

- Completeness Check and Competitive Scoring
- Each Application is Scored Twice
- Scores are Averaged Together



Applications Due

- Due: July 12, 2024
- GovGrants -
 - Grant Information;
 - Application Submissions;
 - Application Reviews;
 - Funding Awards; and
 - Reimbursement/Reporting

Funding Recommendations

- All Scored Applications are Considered for Funding
- Funding Recommendations at 80% of Previous Year
 - CDBG - \$5,740,923
 - HOME - \$2,199,792
 - ESG - \$475,845
 - **Total - \$8,416,560**

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

All Applicants

- Must have one full-time paid employee for at least 12 months prior to applying for funding;
- Must have a current written Strategic or Business Plan covering at least 24 months, including the entire current fiscal year; and
- Must have a Board of Directors with representation from the community served, and the necessary mix of skills to succeed.

Nonprofit Requirements

- Minimum 2-year operating history after the date of 501(c)(3) determination from the IRS; and
- Annual operating budget of more than \$100,000.00 as reported in the most recently filed Form 990 or 990EZ.

Strategic Priorities

- Applications for funding must adhere to the Strategic Priorities laid out in the Consolidated Plan.
- FFY 2025 is a Consolidated Planning year which means that the priorities, goals, and strategies identified as part of this funding cycle will remain in place for the next five years.
- In addition to the application cycle, public input will be solicited through need assessment hearings, a public survey, and consultation interviews.



Overview of HUD Grant Programs

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Public Facilities
- Public Services
- Economic Development

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

- Affordable Housing Development
- Tenant Based Rental-Assistance

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Homelessness Prevention
- Street Outreach

CDBG Eligibility Overview

Proposed activities must meet one or more National Objectives:

- Benefit low- to moderate-income persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; or
- Meet an urgent need.

Project eligibility is determined by adherence to the following Consolidated Plan Goals:

- Increase housing options for the homeless or those at risk of homelessness;
- Reduce substandard housing;
- Increase housing and supportive services for special-needs populations; and
- Affirmatively further fair housing choice.

CDBG Eligible Activities

Public Facilities

- Public Infrastructure
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Acquisition of Real Property
- Facilities for Special Needs Populations

Public Services

- Operating Costs; and/or
- Equipment Purchases

Economic Development

- Job Training Programs
- Microenterprise Development
- Technical Assistance



HOME Eligibility Overview

All projects must meet one or more of the following HOME Program Objectives:

- Increase safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities for low-income households;
- Expand the capacity of non-profit housing providers; or
- Increase housing and supportive services for targeted populations.

HOME requires 25% match of all awarded funds. Match contributions can be made by state, local, or private funds. Matching funds must be spent on HOME-approved activities.

HOME Eligible Activities

- New Construction of Affordable Housing
- Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing Development
- Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Disposition of Single-Family Homes
- Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Disposition of Multi-Family Homes
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance



ESG Eligibility Overview

All ESG projects must increase housing options for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness by meeting at least one of the following ESG Program Priorities:

- Support emergency housing and supportive services; and,
- Increase permanent supportive housing to homeless and at-risk of homelessness populations.

ESG requires 100% match of all awarded funds. Match contributions can be made by federal, state, local, or private funds. Matching funds must be spent on ESG-related activities.

The use of the Coordinated Entry is required for all ESG funded subrecipients.

ESG Eligible Activities

Emergency Shelter

- Shelter Operating
- Hotel/Motel Vouchers
- Essential Services

Rapid Re-Housing

- Rental Assistance up to 24 Months
- Rental Arrears up to 6 Months
- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services

Homelessness Prevention

- Rental assistance up to 24 Months
- Rental Arrears up to 6 Months
- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services

Street Outreach

- Essential Services

2024 Point in Time Count

- The 2024 Point in Time Count was held from January 22 - January 28
- 151 locations were visited across the County



- Final data will be public later this year
- Early indication: Significant Increase

