City of Knoxville
Mayor’s Monthly Leadership Team Meeting
March 18, 2021

Housing and Neighborhood Development Department
Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)

- Partnership with Knox County
- U.S. Treasury funds through the Federal COVID Relief Act (December 2020)
- Addresses needs of low income households impacted financially by the coronavirus
- First Round - $14.1M focus on rent and utility assistance up to 12 months in arrears
- Second Round - $16M may pay for prospective rent and utilities
Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)

• Assistance is paid to landlords and utility company on behalf of tenants
• March 15 Program Launch
  [KnoxHousingAssistance.org](http://KnoxHousingAssistance.org)

• Our goal is to use the City’s HUD CARES Act funding to help meet program gaps, such as:
  • Housing Stabilization Counseling
  • Rental and Utility Deposits
  • Relocation Expenses
Affordable Rental Development Fund (ARDF)

Started in 2017, the ARDF provides gap funding for the development of new rental units to serve low income households.

• To date, the City has allocated $12.6M to the Fund
• Twelve projects, totaling 902 new apartments across the city, are complete or under construction
• $10.28M of ARDF has been committed.
Affordable Rental Development Fund (ARDF)

Southside Flats
172 apartments

Middlebrook Gardens
10 apartments
Affordable Rental Development Fund (ARDF)

Two projects in the planning phase include:

• Inskip Flats – 66 apartments and
• The Ammons – 80 apartments.
Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF)

- The City is developing an ordinance to support affordable housing over the next ten years.
- The ordinance should be ready for Council review by the end of this fiscal year.
- The Affordable Rental Development Fund will be an important component of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
Homelessness

COVID-19 Response

• Street Outreach Expansion
• COVID-19 Guest House
• Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Alterations
• Hotel/Motel Vouchers – Families and Unaccompanied Youth experiencing homelessness
• Data Management
• COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program
As of 12/31/2020:

- **325 households** have received rental or mortgage assistance
- Hundreds of additional households received case management, financial counseling, and/or **warm** referrals to appropriate resources
Homelessness

Major Providers/Stakeholders

CAC - Knox County Community Action Committee
Knoxville - Knox County

KNOX AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES
Restoring Lives in Jesus’ Name

KNOX COUNTY
TENNESSEE
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

KNOXVILLE
KCDC
Community Development Corporation

KNOXVILLE
Police

KNOXVILLE LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION
Weaving the fabric of a strong community

Tennessee Housing
Development Agency

McNabb Center

THE SALVATION ARMY
KNOXVILLE
Area Command

DOING THE MOST GOOD

SWORPS

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Volunteer Ministry Center
Commission - Accountability - Results

Volunteers of America

YWCA
Knoxville & the Tennessee Valley
Office on Homelessness

Priorities to Address Gaps in Services or Resources

#1: Street Outreach Coordination
#2: Non-congregate Shelter (NCS)
#3: Robust Rapid Re-Housing Program
#4: Increase Permanent Supportive Housing
#5: Expand Behavioral Health
#6: Increase City and County Collaboration