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DeKalb County Launches \$7.8 Million HOME-ARP Program to Focus on Recovery from Housing Instability

DECATUR, GA – DeKalb County in conjunction with the DeKalb County Continuum of Care (CoC) is proud to announce the official launch of its \$7.8 million HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program hence known as “Project HOME-ARP”, effective July 1, 2025. Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this critical initiative is designed to expand access to safe, stable housing, by providing rental assistance and supportive services for residents experiencing Homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

“This funding allows us to directly address the needs of individuals and families who are struggling to remain housed or to exit homelessness,” said Lorraine Johnson, CEO of DeKalb County. “Through HOME-ARP, we are not only expanding access to affordable housing but also delivering the critical supportive services needed for long-term stability.”

The Project HOME-ARP” program targets qualifying populations, including:

- Individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- People at risk of homelessness.
- Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
- Other at-risk and vulnerable populations facing housing instability.

Key Services Offered Through the Project HOME-ARP program include:

- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance** – Direct rental support to help eligible households access and maintain affordable housing.
- **Supportive Services** – Including case management, housing navigation, employment assistance, behavioral health referrals, substance use counseling, childcare coordination, and transportation services to promote housing retention.

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How to Apply for the Project HOME-ARP Program

Eligible citizens must live in DeKalb County and complete a pre-screening through the DeKalb Coordinated Entry System. The intake process begins by calling the Coordinated Entry hotline Monday through Friday at **(404) 687-3500, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For more information, visit

<https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/community-development/home-arp>

or contact the **DeKalb County Community Development Department** at **404) 371-2727**.

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