

# RECOVERY WEEKLY CHECK-IN

## WITH DMPED

# Economic Recovery Updates

March 30, 2021

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GOVERNMENT OF THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR**

# Welcome

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**Deputy Mayor John Falcicchio,  
Planning and Economic Development (DMPED)**

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**Rev. Georgia M. Clay-Davis, Minister of  
Congregational Care, Metropolitan Baptist Church in  
Washington**

# Remarks

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**Polly Donaldson**, Director, Department of Housing  
and Community Development (DHCD)

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## *Women's History Month*

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March 30, 2021

Polly Donaldson, Director

DC Department of Housing and Community Development

## COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)

- 312 Female Head of Household
- 542 Applications Total

## Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP)

- 190 Female Borrowers compared to 120 Male Borrowers

## Employer Assisted Housing Program (EAHP)

- 39 Female Borrowers compared to 27 Male Borrowers\*

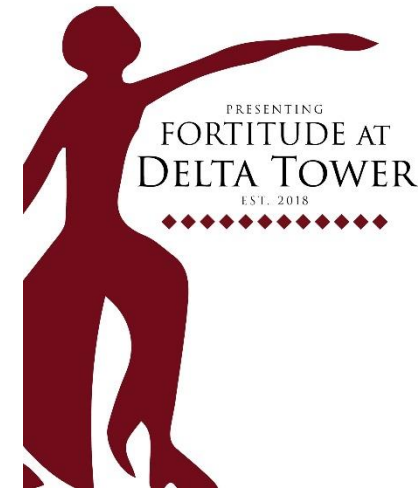
\*some overlap with HPAP

## Recent/Upcoming Projects

- Delta Towers (HPTF)
- Mary's House (Predevelopment w/ HPTF and 9% LIHTC in pipeline)
- Hyacinth's House (Predevelopment)
- Diane's House (9% LIHTC)

## Previous Projects

- N Street Village
  - 1333 N Street ,NW and Miriam's House
- Phyllis Wheatley



Visit: [dchousingsearch.org](http://dchousingsearch.org) to locate affordable housing

## American Rescue Plan Funding for the District

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- \$152M in Rental Assistance
- \$50M in Homeownership Assistance
- \$44M in Emergency Rental Vouchers
- \$15M in LIHEAP

Visit [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov) for existing resources.



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# Questions? Thank you

## Website – [dhcd.dc.gov](http://dhcd.dc.gov)

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# Remarks

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**Laura Zeilinger, Director, Department of Human Services (DHS)**



# Weekly Recovery Check-In

Deputy Mayor for Planning and  
Economic Development

Department of Human Services  
March 30, 2021

# Agenda

- Eviction Prevention and Emergency Rental Assistance
- Public Benefits
- In-Person and Virtual Access Points
- District First Mobile App
- Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

# Eviction Prevention—New Funding

## Eligibility

- Qualified for unemployment benefits
  - Experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the pandemic.
  - Demonstrated risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability (rent and utility arrears are themselves sufficient).
- \*There are no restriction on those who have housing subsidies or those who are undocumented.

## Documentation

- Proof of identity
- Proof of income,
- Proof of lease

# Public Benefits

## *Services and Supports for Families and Individuals in Need*

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assistance with rental arrears</li></ul>	<b>Online Access</b> <a href="http://erap.dhs.dc.gov/">erap.dhs.dc.gov/</a>
Temporary Emergency Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Short Term Family Housing and Low Barrier Shelter</li></ul>	<b>Phone Access</b> 202.399.7093
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Short-term cash assistance and support</li></ul>	<b>Online Access</b> <a href="http://dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov">dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov</a>
Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program (SNAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Food and nutrition supports for individuals and families</li></ul>	<b>Online Access</b> <a href="http://dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov">dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov</a>
Medical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assistance with hospital and doctor bills and visits</li></ul>	<b>Online Access</b> <a href="http://dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov">dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov</a>

# Public Benefits Access

## *In-Person and Virtual Access Points*

### Service Centers

Monday - Friday  
7:30am-4:45pm

*Pick-up/Drop-off only*

#### **Taylor Street**

*1207 Taylor Street NW*

#### **H Street**

*645 H Street NE*

#### **Congress Heights**

*4049 South Capitol Street SW*

**Anacostia (temporarily closed)**

*2100 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE*

**Fort Davis (temporarily closed)**

*3851 Alabama Avenue, SE*

### Applications & Verifications

#### **Mobile Phone**

District First (formally DC  
Access) Mobile App

#### **Online**

[dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov](https://dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov)

#### **Mail**

Department of Human Services Economic  
Security Administration  
Case Record Management Unit  
P.O. Box 91560  
Washington, DC 20090

#### **In Person**

Pick-up or drop-off at an open  
Service Center

### ESA Call Center

Monday - Friday  
7:30am-4:45pm

**(202) 727-5355**

Customers can request an  
application be mailed

### EBT Distribution Centers

Monday through Friday  
7:30am-4:45pm

#### **Good Hope Road**

*1649 Good Hope Road SE*

#### **H Street**

*645 H Street NE*

# Public Benefits Access

A promotional graphic for the District First Mobile App. It features a blue background with white text. At the top, the title "District First Mobile App" is in large white font. Below it, a subtitle says "Download the District First Mobile App from the Google Play or Apple App Store today!". To the right, there is an illustration of a hand holding a smartphone displaying the app's login screen. On the left, there are eight icons arranged in two columns, each with a corresponding text description of a feature.

**District First Mobile App**

Download the District First Mobile App from the Google Play or Apple App Store today!

- Apply for food, cash and medical assistance
- View benefit payment information
- Recertify your food and cash benefits
- Update household and personal information
- Upload verification documents
- View push notifications for notices
- View the app in English, Spanish, and Amharic

The DC First Mobile App offers various self-service capabilities for DC residents. Customers can now apply for SNAP, Cash, and Non-MAGI Medicaid benefits and upload verification documents using the app.

For assistance: ESA Call Center (202) 727-5355 Mon – Fri, 7:30 AM – 4:45 PM



# Pandemic Benefits

**Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)** Food benefits to children who normally receive free or reduced-priced meals at schools or child care centers if not for the pandemic.

## Eligibility:

- Enrollment in a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program AND approved by their school for Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARM) or are part of a SNAP household, OR
- Enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school, OR
- Part of a SNAP household and were under the age of 6 on October 1, 2020

## Enrollment:

- Benefits are issued automatically on EBT cards as a separate benefit; no action is required to receive benefits
  - Existing EBT cards for SNAP/TANF customers or previous P-EBT recipients
  - EBT cards mailed to newly eligible children

## How much will eligible children receive?

- \$122.76 per month from October 2020 to January 2021
- \$73.66 or \$122.76 per month for February through June 2021 depending on the status of the school (virtual vs hybrid)

# Special Guest Remarks

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**Dionne Bussey- Reeder, Executive Director, Far  
Southeast Family Support Collaborative**



*Where Community and  
Family Come First*

# FAR SOUTHEAST FAMILY STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIC VISION FY-21

DIONNE BUSSEY-REEDER,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Where Community and  
Family Come First

# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY, CULTURE, AND COLLABORATION!

For twenty-five (25) years, Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative (FSFSC) has worked to strengthen children and families' lives across Ward 8 Washington DC. Our community-driven approach allows us to coordinate alongside residents to address immediate needs while tackling the systemic causes of poverty, violence, and inequitable resource distribution. By developing impactful partnerships and the cultivation of critical resources and assets, we have worked to promote optimal economic, civic, and social well-being for thousands of children and families.



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# 2020 IN REVIEW

What we heard?



## LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY

Distance Learning | Accessing Virtual Help | Digital Divide



## ECONOMIC IMPACT

Employment | Finances | Housing | Utilities



## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Education | Parent & Youth Resources | Food

# 2,147

RESIDENTS ENGAGED DURING FY-20

## \$550,000 CASH

Distributed to families via our THRIVE program

## 50,000 MEALS

Served to seniors, children & families

## 1,500 BACKPACKS

Distributed to students filled with supplies.

## 600 SWEET TREATS

Distributed during our Popsicle Popsups

## 150 LAPTOPS

Distributed to Ward 8 students

## 100+ COVID TESTS

Administered in the community

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*It's so hard to stay positive, it really is.  
I'm doing bad, so is my family. What  
really hurts, it not being able to help  
them. So, I thank God for Far Southeast.  
You all have been a blessing and now I  
can be a blessing to others. Because  
that's what you do.. you help others  
when somebody helps you.*

-W.B.

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# 2021 PRIORITY AREAS



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT

# Special Guest Remarks

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Sasha- Gaye-Angus, President and CEO, MANNA Inc.

# Open Discussion

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## Q & A



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