RECOVERY WEEKLY CHECK-IN WITH DMPED

Economic Recovery Updates

March 30, 2021

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Welcome

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

Polly Donaldson, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
Recovery Weekly Check-in w/ DMPED  
*Women’s History Month*

March 30, 2021  
Polly Donaldson, Director  
DC Department of Housing and Community Development
Gender Statistics by Program in FY 20

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
Development Finance Projects

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: dchousingssearch.org to locate affordable housing
American Rescue Plan Funding for the District

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

Visit coronavirus.dc.gov for existing resources.
Questions?
Thank you

Website – dhcd.dc.gov

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Remarks

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)**
  - Assistance with rental arrears
  - Online Access: erap.dhs.dc.gov/

- **Temporary Emergency Housing**
  - Short Term Family Housing and Low Barrier Shelter
  - Phone Access: 202.399.7093

- **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)**
  - Short-term cash assistance and support
  - Online Access: dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov

- **Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program (SNAP)**
  - Food and nutrition supports for individuals and families
  - Online Access: dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov

- **Medical Assistance**
  - Assistance with hospital and doctor bills and visits
  - Online Access: dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov
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](http://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
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
  o Existing EBT cards for SNAP/TANF customers or previous P-EBT recipients
  o 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

Dionne Bussey-Reeder, Executive Director, Far Southeast Family Support Collaborative
FAR SOUTHEAST FAMILY STRENGTHENING
COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIC VISION FY-21

DIONNE BUSSEY-REEDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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.
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 Popups

150 LAPTOPS
Distributed to Ward 8 students

100+ COVID TESTS
Administered in the community

It's so hard to stay positive, it really is. I'm doing my best, 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.
2021 PRIORITY AREAS

- FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
- LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY
- SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT
Special Guest Remarks

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

Q & A
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