



# Frequently Asked Questions

Mayor's Division of Strategic Partnerships and Strategic Initiatives

[ATLPartnerships.com](http://ATLPartnerships.com)

Below are responses to some of the most frequent questions we receive from potential partners. These responses are provided as general reference and may be subject to change. If you don't see your question listed below, please consider [visiting the "How Do I" section of the City's website](#) or [contacting ATL311](#).

## [Questions about How to Partner](#)

### **What's the difference between a City supplier and a City partner?**

A strategic partnership is an informal relationship between the City and one or more other entities in which resources are shared to achieve a broader social or community goal. Partnership examples may include thought-partnership, programmatic support, in-kind resources, charitable donations, etc.

A supplier relationship is a formal relationship in which the City of Atlanta purchases goods or services from your business or organization. All City of Atlanta purchases are governed by formal procurement policies and procedures. If you are interested in receiving compensation for your partnership idea, please review [ATLsuppliers.com](http://ATLsuppliers.com) to learn how you can become a registered supplier and compete for paid opportunities.

If you want to sell goods or services to the City of Atlanta, you must register with the Department of Procurement and follow all procurement regulations. [Please visit the Department of Procurement's website to learn more.](#)

## **How do I become a City vendor?**

Visit the [Department of Procurement's website](#) to learn more about becoming a City of Atlanta supplier (or vendor) and to register.

## **How do I apply for grant funding?**

The City of Atlanta's [Department of Grants and Community Development \(DGCD\)](#) was formed to strengthen the delivery of grant programs City-wide. This Department is the lead entity in preparing and implementing the City's federal entitlement programs and competitively awarded grant programs. Contact DGCD if you are interested in learning more about one of these grants (e.g., Community Development Block Grants, etc.).

Mayor Dickens also launched the Youth Development Grants program with the Urban League of Greater Atlanta in 2022. Contact the Urban League or visit [www.atlyearoftheyouth.com](http://www.atlyearoftheyouth.com) for any information about open opportunities. Please keep in mind that the program only accepts applications on a periodic basis.

If you want to learn more about local philanthropic grant opportunities, please consider visiting one of our partners' sites, such as the United Way of Greater Atlanta, the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, or the Georgia Center for Nonprofits.

## **How long does it typically take to set up a partnership?**

The amount of time required to design and implement a partnership varies depending on the content, goals, organizations involved, and regulatory requirements. We encourage you to reach out to us as far in advance of when you envision the partnership operational as possible. Complete the [Partner Interest Form](#) now to share your idea.

## **What kinds of partnerships are available?**

We develop partnerships on a case-by-case basis; each one may be unique. The most common types of strategic partnerships include program development and administration, fiscal sponsorship of a City event or initiative, in-kind contributions to the City of Atlanta, thought partnership, advisory boards, etc. Please complete the [Partner Interest Form](#) to share your idea with us!

## **Do I have to be a 501c3 nonprofit to partner with the Mayor?**

No, many different types of organizations and individuals are eligible to partner with the City of Atlanta. Complete the [Partner Interest Form](#) to share more about your idea and organization.

## **I'm a professor or represent a higher education institution. How do we partner with the City?**

The City of Atlanta welcomes partnerships with academic institutions. These partnerships often take the form of service-learning projects. Complete the [Partner Interest Form](#). Further information about the City's academic partnership program is available [here](#).

## **How do I partner with the Atlanta City Council?**

Information regarding City Council and council meetings can be found [here](#). Please reach out to Council representatives directly to discuss partnerships.

## **How do I partner with the Atlanta BeltLine?**

The [Atlanta BeltLine](#) is one of the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment programs in the United States. This network of public parks, multi-use trails, transit, and affordable housing along a historic 22-mile railroad corridor is enhancing mobility, connecting intown neighborhoods, and improving economic opportunity and sustainability. Meet the organizations moving the Atlanta BeltLine forward.

Are you interested in partnership opportunities related to the Atlanta Beltline? Ways to get involved with their work are catalogued [here](#). or complete the [Partner Interest Form](#) to be connected with the BeltLine team.

## **How do I partner with Invest Atlanta?**

[Invest Atlanta](#) is the official economic development authority for the City of Atlanta. Its purpose is to strengthen Atlanta's economy and global competitiveness to create increased opportunity and prosperity for the people of Atlanta.

Invest Atlanta is a government authority comprised of the Urban Residential Finance Authority, Downtown Development Authority and the Atlanta Economic Renaissance Corporation. We're governed by a nine-member board of directors, chaired by the Mayor of Atlanta. Current Requests for Proposals and other opportunities are available [here](#). [Learn more about Invest Atlanta](#) online or complete the [Partner Interest Form](#) to be connected with the Invest Atlanta team.

## **How do I partner with Atlanta Housing (the Atlanta Housing Authority)?**

The [Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia](#) (AH), is the largest housing authority in Georgia and one of the largest in the nation. AH provides and facilitates affordable housing resources for nearly 27,000 low-income households comprised of approximately 45,000 people, including AH-owned residential communities, tenant-based vouchers, supportive housing, and homeownership opportunities. Programs are funded and regulated by the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development. [Click here to learn more about Atlanta Housing](#) or complete the [Partner Interest Form](#) to be connected with the AH team.

### **How do I partner with Atlanta Public Schools?**

While the City of Atlanta and Atlanta Public Schools are close partners, Atlanta Public Schools is an independent government entity led by the Atlanta Board of Education and the school superintendent. Atlanta Public Schools Office of Partnerships and Development is well equipped to help you determine the best way to partner with their schools. [Visit them here to learn more.](#)

## **Questions about Requesting Mayoral Meetings or Documents**

### **How do I schedule a meeting with the Mayor or request his attendance at my event?**

All scheduling requests for the Mayor must be submitted using the [online scheduling portal](#). This policy applies to both event and meeting requests. Complete the online request form as far in advance of your event as possible. [Learn more online here.](#)

### **How do I request a ceremonial letter or document from the Mayor?**

The City of Atlanta ceremonial document highlights achievements, charitable events, civic-minded individuals and/or memorable occasions. Ceremonial Documents are given in the form of a letter. Ceremonial documents are prepared by the Mayor's Office of Communications and include the Mayor's signature. [Click here to learn more about the process and to request a letter.](#)

### **How do I request a City proclamation?**

Proclamations are issued by the Atlanta City Council to recognize outstanding local events, programs and nonprofit organizations that make Atlanta a great and viable city. [Visit the Atlanta City Council's website to learn more about requesting a proclamation.](#)

## **Questions about City Services**

### **How do I get help with a City service?**

[Contact ATL311](#) for help with City services or a non-emergent issue. You can reach 311 via phone, text, online, or via social media. Not sure when to call 311? Learn [when to make the right call here.](#)

## **I'd like to work for the Mayor. How do I get a job with the City of Atlanta?**

The City of Atlanta Department of Human Resources manages recruitment and hiring across City departments. [Visit their website to review current openings and learn how to apply.](#)

## **How do I participate with my Neighborhood Planning Unit?**

All Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) meeting schedules, agendas, and zone information can be found [here](#).

## **Can you help me find housing?**

Yes! The Mayor has launched the Housing Help Center to help vulnerable City of Atlanta residents find and stay in safe and affordable housing. Every household's situation is unique. Contact the [City of Atlanta's Housing Help Center](#) team today to get help with your housing needs.

## **Can you help me find a safe space for my child during out-of-school hours?**

Yes! Refer to the Mayor's [Safe Spaces Guide](#) to learn more about City and partner programs.

## **Can you help me with other social services?**

Yes. Reach out to the [Mayor's Office of Constituent Services](#) or the United Way of Greater Atlanta's [211 network](#) to learn about local social services and resources.

## **Need help with something else?**

We're happy to help! Reach out to us using the [Partner Interest Form](#).