

Executive Order
Office of the Mayor
City of Atlanta

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023-050
BY THE MAYOR**

DIRECTING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ALLOCATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$4,000,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFORTS OF PARTNERS FOR HOME TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN MANUFACTURED STRUCTURES FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND TO FACILITATE THE CONVERSION OF THE STRUCTURES TO HOUSING AS THE INITIAL PROJECT OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S RAPID HOUSING INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE QUICK-DELIVERY HOUSING FOR THE CITY'S UNHOUSED RESIDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, I have committed my Administration to build or preserve 20,000 units of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to my commitment to build or preserve 20,000 units of affordable housing, I have begun a new initiative to support Atlanta's residents experiencing homelessness, called the Rapid Housing Initiative, an initiative to provide quick-delivery housing for Atlanta's unhoused residents; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid Housing Initiative will begin with a Phase I on certain City of Atlanta owned sites which shall be located near transit and public resources; and

WHEREAS, to expedite implementation of this project, it is my desire for the City to collaborate with Partners for HOME ("PFH") a non-profit organization which brings together nonprofit, government, business and community leaders together to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring in the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, PFH acts as the Collaborative Applicant for the Atlanta Continuum of Care, ("CoC"), and the mission of PFH is to coordinate a comprehensive response system to end homelessness in the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta CoC, led by PFH, has created an infrastructure to assess, navigate, and house individuals quickly through housing; and

WHEREAS, the City has worked closely with PFH since April 2020 to successfully coordinate a comprehensive response and recovery effort to protect and house people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, as part of its mission, PFH has expressed a desire to facilitate certain actions necessary to support the development of tiny house communities for City of Atlanta residents experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the development of quick-delivery housing to support persons experiencing homelessness is an emerging best practice to address the crisis of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta and PFH have been advised of an opportunity to acquire certain manufactured structures, which had been formerly utilized by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (“GEMA”) as temporary hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic, and which would be suitable to conversion into tiny houses; and

WHEREAS, GEMA has informed the City of Atlanta and PFH that should they desire to acquire these manufactured structures that they must act quickly to remove the structures from their current locations; and

WHEREAS, PFH desires to acquire and relocate these structures to the City of Atlanta owned property ; and

WHEREAS, in order to help ensure that PFH is able to meet the deadlines set by GEMA for the acquisition of the structures, it is my desire for the City of Atlanta to immediately donate funds in an amount not to exceed Four Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$4,000,000.00) to PFH to support their acquisition, retrofitting, and installation of the project ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-182 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, I may issue an executive order which applies to events of short duration, and which expires at the next meeting of the Atlanta City Council subsequent thereof unless ratified by a majority vote of the members present and voting; and

WHEREAS, as the Atlanta City Council shall not meet again, and could not approve the donation to PFH prior to August 7, 2023, which may be past GEMA’s deadline set to begin the acquisition of the manufactured structures, I hereby issue an executive order to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to immediately allocate an amount not to exceed Four Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$4,000,000.00) for the purpose of contributing to the efforts of PFH to acquire the manufactured structures from GEMA, transport, retrofit, and install at the City-owned property as a part of the City of Atlanta’s Rapid Housing Initiative.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ANDRE DICKENS, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, HEREBY AUTHORIZE, ORDER AND DIRECT that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby ordered to allocate an amount not to exceed Four Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$4,000,000.00) for the purpose of contributing to the efforts of Partners for HOME to acquire certain manufactured structures from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, relocate, retrofit, and install these structures on City of Atlanta owned property as a part of the City of Atlanta’s Rapid Housing Initiative.

SO ORDERED, this 31st day of July, 2023.



Andre Dickens, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Interim Municipal Clerk

A. Vanessa Waldon
Municipal Clerk