

TAKOMA PARK REIMAGINING
PUBLIC SAFETY
TASK FORCE RESOURCES



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Housing & Community Development Department

PURPOSE

The Goal of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department is to:

- Preserve and enhance Takoma Park's existing commercial and residential building stock;
- Revitalize our commercial and residential neighborhoods;
- Ensure safe, decent, and affordable homeownership and rental housing opportunities;
- Increase the capacity of our residents, neighborhood and tenant associations, and local nonprofit organizations;
- Encourage and support private and public investment; and
- Enrich the lives of our residents through the arts and humanities.

HOW IT OPERATES

There are three Divisions within HCD:

1. Housing
2. Economic Development
3. Planning and Community Development

EXAMPLES OF WORK IN THE CITY

Programs include, First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistant, Rental Assistance, Emergency Assistance, Small Business Technical Assistance, and employment support.



DATA, METRICS, & NUMBERS

- 585 rental properties
- 3209 rental units (30 pending rental licenses)
- 556 businesses included in the City business database

Assistance during COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:

- Direct financial assistance to 92 businesses
- Outreach to 556 businesses.
- 56 grants for safer operations and financial assistance for PPE, operations adjustment, and testing
- 1100 public health signs to 370 retail and service businesses with high levels of public contact
- 9 Cleaning stations installed inside of businesses to address cleaning supply needs and shortages



GOALS & INITIATIVES

WHAT ARE SOME STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND PRIORITIES YOUR AGENCY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO?

- Increasing opportunity for affordable homeownership through local non-profit development partners.
- Enhancing the facades of local businesses in the Crossroads commercial district and throughout the City.
- Redevelopment of the Takoma Park Recreation Center located on New Hampshire Ave.
- Providing additional Emergency Assistance grants to resident renters.
- Establishing new workforce development partnerships with non-profit providers to support unemployed and underemployed residents.



PUBLIC SAFETY

The Housing and Community Development Department provides safe and sustainable living environments for all residents by:

- Ensuring safe, decent, and affordable homeownership and rental housing opportunities.
- Supporting the enhancement of commercial properties and local businesses to provide safe spaces to shop.
- Engaging residents in need of employment support to improve their financial sustainability.
- Engaging residents in need of housing assistance to avoid critical housing loss and homelessness.
- Supporting resident survivors of domestic abuse through housing assistance.
- Encouraging community business leadership by including local businesses in community development activities.
- Collaborating with management companies and property owners around public health and safety.
- Collaborating with business associations and business owners around public health and safety within commercial districts and neighborhoods.



QUESTIONS?

