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CITY OF RALEIGH  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR GRANTS**  
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This annual report is intended to provide information on the benefit the citizens of Raleigh have received from grants awarded to the City. The grants listed have been fully expended as of June 30, 2013, and the results provided reflect the impact those funds made in the community.

Funds listed as “from City of Raleigh” include cash match and in-kind contributions toward the grant or the overall project.

### **Overview of Grants Management Program**

In July 2012, the City implemented a citywide grants management program. The objective of the program is to strengthen the coordination of all City grant activities from grant application through grant closing. Over the last decade, the City’s grants environment has changed from mostly large federal and state grants for traditional programs like housing, transit and other capital purposes to one which includes funding opportunities for new purposes like the federal stimulus efforts, home security, and sustainability among others. All require strong monitoring efforts and have important compliance features. The grants management program was designed to incorporate best practices in the three major functions of a grant program:

- governance and budget/administration issues;
- fiscal and program compliance; and
- departmental administration.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The grants presented in this report are grouped into five thematic categories:

- Environment
- Community & Recreation
- Transportation
- Public Safety
- Housing & Economic Development

### Grants Completed in FY12-13

In fiscal year 2012-13, the City completed implementation of grants totaling \$26 million. This amount reflects grants that were awarded during the fiscal year and grants that were active over multiple years.

|                                | Grant Expenditure    | City Expenditure*   | Total                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Environment                    | \$ 4,429,992         | \$ 62,816           | \$ 4,492,808         |
| Community & Recreation         | 6,194,616            | 599,888             | 6,794,504            |
| Transportation                 | 10,335,769           | 2,192,995           | 12,528,764           |
| Public Safety                  | 181,116              | 12,080              | 193,196              |
| Housing & Economic Development | 4,872,694            | 258,141             | 5,130,835            |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 26,014,187</b> | <b>\$ 3,125,920</b> | <b>\$ 29,140,107</b> |

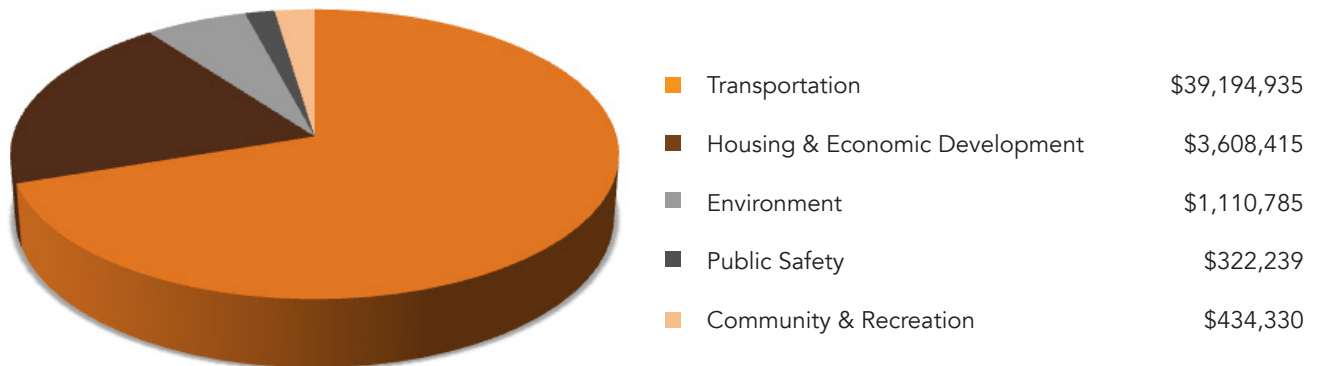
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### Grant Expenditures in FY12-13

In the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (available at [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov)), the City reports the amount of funds expended for grant projects in progress during the fiscal year. In FY 2012-2013, the City expended \$32 million in federal funds, \$15 million in state funds and \$4 million in city and local funds. The combined federal and state support of \$47 million represents the equivalent of 9 cents on the property tax rate.

### Grants Awarded in FY12-13

In fiscal year 2012-13, the City received 29 grant awards totaling \$44.6 million.



## ENVIRONMENT

For the grants shown in this category, every \$1 of city funds was leveraged with \$71 of grant funding.

### Local Energy Assurance Plan (City Manager's Office)

\$179,496 from US Department of Energy

This grant supported the development of a Local Energy Assurance Plan (LEAP) to help the City prepare for and become more resilient against energy threats and disasters. The LEAP provides a comprehensive framework dedicated to the preparation, response, and recovery of local energy disruptions in the City of Raleigh. This grant was funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

### Energy Efficiency and Conservation (Office of Sustainability)

\$3,820,400 from US Department of Energy

These funds were used to reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce total energy use and improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building and other sectors. Specific initiatives included the development and implementation of green building training; development of a climate energy action plan; energy efficiency upgrades in government buildings; installation of energy management software and climate control technology; installation of 46 solar trash and recycling units; installation of anti-idling technology in 29 police vehicles; conversion of ten police vehicles to propane and seven vehicles to electric; installation of solar thermal water heating in fire stations; and installation of two electric vehicle charging stations. This grant was funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).



EV Charging Station

### Hazard Mitigation (Stormwater Utility Division)

\$355,846 from US Department of Homeland Security

This grant funded the acquisition and demolition of two residential structures located in the Marsh Creek floodplain. Significant development upstream has had adverse impacts to these downstream properties. They were identified from the City's repetitive loss list (amount and frequency of flood insurance claims) which is based on historical flood insurance claims. This project reduces the financial burden imposed on local, state and federal government agencies due to property damage from flooding. These properties are now deed restricted to open space, and no future development can occur on this land.



Hazard Mitigation

### Recycling Carts (Solid Waste Services Department)

\$137,066 Total: \$74,250 from NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, \$62,816 from City of Raleigh

This grant assisted with the purchase of 95 gallon recycling roll carts to be used in the third phase of the City's bi-weekly, automated recycling program.



Recycling Carts

**These additional grants, awarded in FY13 but not fully expended, will support the City's focus on the environment in the coming year:**

\$10,000 from US Department of Agriculture to complete the remaining inventory of trees in City of Raleigh rights-of-way. (Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department)

\$1,100,785 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the acquisition and demolition of buildings in the Crabtree Creek floodway and restoration of the land to a natural state. (Stormwater Utility Division)

## COMMUNITY & RECREATION

For the grants shown in this category, every \$1 of city funding was leveraged with \$10 of grant funding.

### **Foster Grandparent Program (Community Services Department)**

**\$370,936 Total: \$260,977 from Corporation for National & Community Service, \$109,959 from City of Raleigh**

During the program year, 81 volunteers served 62,304 hours. Foster Grandparents serving in an afterschool program assisted two children in meeting the academic goals outlined in their assignment plans. Grandparents in the elementary education program assisted 70 children, of which 95% showed improvement in the areas of math, literacy, and appropriate social behavior. Grandparents in pre-elementary school programs assisted 31 children with delayed motor skills, inappropriate social skills and/or delayed developmental skills; 90% showed improvement in their identified areas. In an additional program focused on developmentally disabled children, four children served by grandparents showed improvements in speech, language, motor and emotional development.



*Foster Grandparent Program*

### **Retired Senior Volunteer Program (Community Services Department)**

**\$98,497 Total: \$38,443 from Corporation for National & Community Service, \$60,054 from City of Raleigh**

In the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), 414 volunteers served 54,261 hours. In the food security program, 3,985 homebound seniors received nutritionally balanced meals. Through surveys, 96% of seniors who received nutritionally balanced meals reported they were able to continue living independently in their homes longer due to this service. In the senior citizens assistance program, 170 volunteers contributed 17,845 volunteer hours at senior centers and other community-based organizations. Of the seniors surveyed, 80% reported an improvement in their physical, social, and/or mental well-being. Approximately 3,950 seniors participated in activities such as chair aerobics, line dancing, bingo, Spanish classes, painting classes and shuffleboard. RSVP volunteers also provided computer literacy training to seniors and taught a variety of classes that covered topics such as Internet surfing, spreadsheets, Quicken, photo editing, and Microsoft Office. Twelve volunteers provided 1,676 hours of computer literacy training to 103 seniors during this past year. Eighty-two seniors who took the computer



*RSVP*

literacy course reported increased comfort in working with computers. In the community policing and patrol program, volunteers provided 5,717 personal contacts with the citizens of Raleigh. These personal contacts include assisting the detectives with various burglary cases, patrolling assigned areas, helping at special events, data management, and patrolling greenway trails. The volunteers assisted the burglary unit detectives with interviewing victims and citizens. Out of 3,649 Raleigh citizens surveyed, 95% reported positively about feeling safe in their community and their experience with RSVP volunteers.

### **Juvenile Crime Prevention (Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department)**

**\$129,000 Total: \$99,000 from Wake County, \$30,000 from City of Raleigh**

The goal of this program, which served 1,024 youth, is to provide a consistent, positive alternative to negative behaviors through recreational opportunities for our youth. Although the basis for the program is recreational by nature, it also addresses the issues affecting teens, their community, and their environment with understanding and compassion. This program is designed to keep the teens in a structured environment where they can learn to become contributing members of the Raleigh community by discouraging gang participation and poor choices while emphasizing school and recreation. Funds from this grant are used to support the Teen

Outreach Program (TOP), which is a free drop-in after-school program for 13-17 year olds. TOP runs from 3:00-6:00pm Monday-Friday at Chavis, Green Road, Lions Park, Method Road, Sgt. Courtney T Johnson, Tarboro Road, and Worthdale Community Centers. The program offers teens a positive and safe environment with a focus on athletic, teambuilding, arts, and community service opportunities. A specialist also works with teens to provide information about educational and employment opportunities within the community.

**Raleigh Youth Council Teen Safe Driving Initiative  
(Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department)**

\$25,000 from Allstate Foundation

DRIFT (Drive Responsible Initiative for Teens), an initiative led by the Raleigh Youth Council, is designed to promote behaviors and attitudes in teen drivers that result in reduced risk while operating motor vehicles. Through this effort, over 10,000 teens heard the initiative's safe driving message; 74 teens participated in safe driving classes focusing on DWI, distracted driving and speeding led by the Raleigh Police Department; 2,047 signed safe driving pledges were collected from over 40 high schools; 572 surveys were conducted to find out teens driving habits and views; and two mock crash events were hosted. Participants also attended a weekend driving school to strengthen their safe driving habits. Other collaborators on this grant include the City's Police, Information Technology, and Community Service departments, local schools and external organizations.



Teen Outreach Program

**Neuse River and Walnut Creek Greenway Trails  
(Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department)**

\$5,443,321 Total: \$3,453,050 from US Department of Transportation, \$1,290,521 from NC Department of Transportation, \$349,875 NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, \$349,875 from City of Raleigh

Funds were used for land acquisition and construction of these greenway trails. The Neuse River Greenway Trail offers scenic views of the Neuse River, winding boardwalk areas through wetlands, historical sights, interpretive signs, and agricultural fields. In addition to being part of the City's Capital Area Greenway System, it is a segment of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, which is a long distance trail that runs across North Carolina from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks. The Walnut Creek Trail provides connections from the Neuse River Trail to the Walnut Creek Amphitheater, Walnut Creek Softball Complex, Walnut Creek Wetland Center, Pullen Park, Lake Johnson Park, NC State Centennial Campus, the Farmers Market, the NC Museum of Art, and Umstead State Park. A portion of the US Department of Transportation grant was funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).



Raleigh Youth Council

**House Creek Greenway  
(Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department)**

\$650,000 Total: \$600,000 from US Department of Transportation, \$50,000 from City of Raleigh

This grant supported construction of the House Creek Greenway, which follows House Creek along the I-440 beltline between the Crabtree Creek Trail at Crabtree Valley Mall and Reedy Creek Trail at Wade Avenue. The greenway allows users to traverse the city by connecting the Walnut Creek greenway system and the Crabtree Creek greenway system.



Neuse Trail



House Creek

**Digital Connectors  
(Information Technology Department)**

\$77,650 from US Department of Commerce

This grant was awarded by One Economy and funded by the US Department of Commerce. Since 2010, Raleigh Digital Connectors have delivered 2,775 hours of community service and 2,072 trainings to help spread digital literacy in their Raleigh communities. Digital Connectors have refurbished 310 computers that were awarded to individuals and families through the Kramden Institute and United Way's Teaming 4 Technology.



*Digital Connectors*

***The following grants were awarded in FY13 to continue to support the City's focus on community and recreation:***

\$49,253 from the Corporation for National & Community Service for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. (Community Services Department)

\$260,977 from the Corporation for National & Community Service for the Foster Grandparent Program. (Community Services Department)

## TRANSPORTATION

For the grants shown in this category, every \$1 of city funding was leveraged with \$5 of grant funding.

### **Travel Demand Management Program (Transit Division)**

**\$109,668 Total: \$53,754 from NC Department of Transportation, \$55,914 from City of Raleigh**

This grant, awarded by Triangle J Council of Governments and funded by the NC Department of Transportation, supports one position to operate the City's Travel Demand Management Program. Under the GoPass program, which provides transit passes to employees, a total of 459,700 trips were taken by employees of the four participating employers: City of Raleigh, Meredith College, NC State University, and Wake County. As of December 2012, the NC State Government cancelled their GoPass program for their employees – from July to December they had 52,061 riders (not included in trips above).

The Emergency Ride Home program, which provides commuters who regularly vanpool, carpool, bike, walk or take transit with a ride home if an unexpected emergency arises, saw 30 new commuters join the program. Share the Ride NC, a statewide rideshare matching service, added 187 new registrants to the database for downtown Raleigh. Zipcar, a carsharing program, was launched with two vehicles in February 2013. As of June 30, 2013, we had 64 members who had used the vehicles 1,127 hours.



*Capital Area Transit*

### **Transit Planning and Capital Maintenance (Transit Division)**

**\$6,554,858 Total: \$4,793,938 from US Department of Transportation, \$1,760,920 from City of Raleigh**

During the program year, funds were used to support transit planning activities and expenses related to staff positions as well as the preventive maintenance of fleet, vehicle replacement, replacement radios and shop tools, and bus shelter equipment. Tasks completed by transit planning staff included research and development of the unified planning work program and transportation improvement program, monitoring and updating Title VI and environmental justice plans, and annual collection of transit system data needed for national transit reporting and for safety and security reporting. In addition, long range planning elements were developed for the Capital Area Transit System. These include financial, population, and employment forecasts. These funds also provided support for transit planning efforts associated with student populations.



*Transit Passenger Amenities*

### **Transit Operations (Transit Division)**

**\$2,564,562 from NC Department of Transportation**

The State Maintenance Assistance Program is designed to assist urban, regional and small urban areas in funding the non-federal share of net operating costs of public transportation systems operating fixed routes in urban, small urban and regional areas. Funds are used to offset the general fund contribution to Transit's operating budget.

### **Metropolitan Transportation Planning (CAMPO)**

**\$2,004,473 Total: \$1,559,368 from US Department of Transportation, \$175,514 from City of Raleigh, \$269,591 from municipal CAMPO members**

These grant funds coordinated transportation planning in all the areas that will be part of the "Raleigh urbanized area" within the next twenty five years. The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) serves as the coordinating agency between local governments, NC Department of Transportation and the US Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. The annual work program of CAMPO includes updating the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (a seven-year project programming schedule) and the Long-Range Transportation Plan (a minimum twenty-year forecast of projects and programs).



### **Commuter Transit (Transit Division)**

\$197,035 from US Department of Transportation

This grant provided express park and ride services to towns in eastern Wake County (Knightdale, Wendell & Zebulon) during commuter hours. Services were provided by Triangle Transit.

### **Handicap Travel Services (Transit Division)**

\$44,160 from US Department of Transportation

This grant funded a travel training program that goes beyond the requirements outlined in ADA standards and provided door to door transportation service for qualifying individuals under the Accessible Raleigh Transportation program. This service was provided for those that need assistance beyond the normal curb to curb service.

### **Replacement Buses (Transit Division)**

\$800,908 Total: \$640,726 from US Department of Transportation, \$80,090 from NC Department of Transportation, \$80,092 from City of Raleigh

This grant purchased two new buses to replace buses that had reached their useful lives according to FTA regulations.

### **Sidewalks (Public Works Department)**

\$74,096 Total: \$59,277 from US Department of Transportation, \$14,819 from City of Raleigh

This grant provided construction of approximately 3.3 miles of sidewalk in high priority areas along Wake Forest Road, Falls of Neuse Road, Wade Avenue, Lake Boone Trail, Poole Road, Fox Road, New Hope Church Road and Calvary Drive.



*I-440 Ramp Curbs & Pedestrian Refuges*

### **Bicycle Lanes (Public Works Department)**

\$64,019 Total: \$51,215 from US Department of Transportation, \$12,804 from City of Raleigh

This grant funded the striping of approximately 9.6 miles of bicycle lanes identified in the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan. Striping occurred on streets near NC State University, Cameron Village, North Hills, and downtown.

### **Wade Ave Pedestrian Improvements (Public Works Department)**

\$464,668 Total: \$371,734 US Department of Transportation, \$92,934 from City of Raleigh

This grant provided pedestrian improvements along Wade Avenue between Ridge Road and Faircloth Street. Improvements included curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and crosswalks.



*Wade Avenue*

### **The following grants were awarded in FY13 to continue to support the City's focus on transportation:**

\$2,594,400 from the US Department of Transportation to provide sidewalk improvements along Six Forks Road, pedestrian improvements at I-40 Overpass locations, design of major street improvements along Capital Boulevard, and pedestrian signal improvements in downtown Raleigh. (Public Works Department)

\$5,010,000 from the US Department of Transportation for preventive maintenance of the bus fleet, supervisor vehicle replacement, radios and shop tools replacement, ADA software enhancements, and passenger amenities (shelters, trash receptacles and signs). (Transit Division)

\$1,344,000 from the US Department of Transportation to use towards renovations to Moore Square transit station and the purchase and installation of passenger amenities at various bus stop locations. (Transit Division)

\$323,532 from the US Department of Transportation for commuter bus route service and transit services for disabled riders. (Transit Division)

\$68,785 from the NC Department of Transportation for the purchase and installation of 89 handheld receivers and related equipment on CAT transit buses and three years of monitoring service. The wireless receivers will send legally mandated pre- and post-trip fleet data to an automated program allowing for the quick identification of operational issues. (Transit Division)

\$26,500,000 from the US Department of Transportation for Union Station. (Planning Department)

## PUBLIC SAFETY

For the grants shown in this category, every \$1 of city funding was leveraged with \$15 of grant funding.

### Fire Equipment Grant (Fire Department)

\$51,429 from US Department of Homeland Security

This grant was awarded by NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and funded by US Department of Homeland Security. Procured items included equipment that assists in identifying unknown liquids and solids during hazmat responses; the purchase of suits that protect from flash fires and toxic chemicals; a trailer to transport fire suppression foam for responses to overturned tankers or railcars; and a specialized nozzle that allows the rapid application of fire suppression foam from a safe distance from the actual spill or fire.



*Hazmat Equipment*

### Prescription Drug Diversion (Police Department)

\$48,320 Total: \$36,240 from US Department of Justice,  
\$12,080 from City of Raleigh

This grant, awarded by the NC Department of Public Safety and funded by the US Department of Justice, addressed the illegal sale of prescription drugs, including prescription forgery, straw purchases, and doctor shopping. Detectives conducted 17 investigations, conducted two pill-drop events to collect unwanted or expired prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications, and distributed information about how to prevent prescription drug diversion. The pill drop off events resulted in the collection of nearly 150,000 pills. Grant funding also paid for equipment to enhance the detectives' investigative efforts and improved their safety.



*Pill Drop Event*

### Homeland Security Equipment (Police Department)

\$93,447 US Department of Homeland Security

This grant provided funds to purchase specialized equipment for the department's tactical team when working to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

### ***The following grants were awarded in FY13 to continue to support the City's focus on public safety:***

\$108,923 from the US Department of Justice for overtime for officers to identify solutions to crime problems in the city. (Police Department)

\$16,062 from the Office of National Drug Control and Policy to assist the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the North Carolina Triangle High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force to investigate violations of federal and state drug laws in conjunction with money laundering. (Police Department)

\$57,000 from the NC Department of Public Safety for training and equipment for hazardous material response services. (Fire Department)

\$15,265 from US Department of Justice to reimburse 50% of the purchase price of bullet proof vests employing the latest technology and materials. (Police Department)

\$80,000 from the US Department of Homeland Security for urban search and rescue (USAR) training. (Fire Department)

## HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

For the grants shown in this category, every \$1 of city funding was leveraged with \$19 of grant funding.

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (Community Development Department)**

\$2,962,944 from US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
CDBG funds are used to provide decent housing, suitable living conditions, expanded economic opportunities for low and moderate income families and to eliminate slum and blight. Activities include acquisition of property, demolition of dilapidated structures, relocation of tenants to standard units, provision of loans to rehabilitate owner occupied structures, provision of funds to local non-profits for home ownership counseling and other social services, and provision of construction trade training for low and moderate income people. Specific details on the numerous achievements of this grant during the fiscal year are provided in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation and Report available at [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov). (Community Development Department)



*Affordable Housing*

### **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (Community Development Department)**

\$1,979,079 Total: \$1,720,938 from US Department of Housing and Urban Development,  
\$258,141 from City of Raleigh

HOME program funds provide housing rehabilitation loans to low and moderate income homeowners, and gap financing to nonprofit developers to build affordable rental units increasing the City's housing stock. Specific details on the numerous achievements of this grant during the fiscal year are provided in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation and Report available at [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov). (Community Development Department)

### **Homeless Services and Homelessness Prevention (Community Development Department)**

\$188,812 from US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Known as the Emergency Solutions Grant program, these funds were used for shelter support, homeless prevention, and rapid re-housing activities. Grant funds were passed through the city to the South Wilmington Street Center, a homeless shelter for men run by Wake County, and nonprofit community partners that were selected via request for proposal to provide homelessness prevention activities for very low income families facing homelessness and rapid re-housing activities for homeless families. Wait lists for services continue to reach record levels.

### ***The following grants were awarded in FY13 to continue to support the City's focus on housing and economic development:***

\$2,452,706 from US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Program. CDBG funds are used to provide decent housing, suitable living conditions, expand economic opportunities for low & moderate income families and eliminate slum and blight. Activities will include acquiring property, demolishing dilapidated structures, relocating tenants to standard units, providing loans to rehabilitate owner occupied structures, providing funds to local non-profits for Home Ownership counseling and other social services, and providing construction trade training for low and moderate income people. (Community Development Department)

\$960,306 from US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the HOME program which provides housing rehabilitation loans to low and moderate income homeowners and gap financing to nonprofit developers to build affordable rental units increasing the City's housing stock. (Community Development Department)

\$195,403 from US Department of Housing and Urban Development for homeless services and homelessness prevention. This grant provides funds for the Wake County S. Wilmington St. men's homeless shelter and homelessness prevention and provision of permanent housing and supportive services for chronically homeless households provided by nonprofit community partners (selected via RFP). (Community Development Department)