

**2025 Proposal to
Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health
& Developmental Disabilities**

Direct emergency services for people experiencing homelessness

The PAD Initiative requests \$400,000 from the Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities for calendar year 2025. These funds will allow us to provide direct emergency services for people experiencing homelessness who are diverted from law enforcement contact and jail. [PAD provides participants with care navigation/case management services, emergency respite shelter, MARTA cards, and food assistance.](#)

PAD currently employs 15 care navigators who provide community-based case management to a caseload of between 25-50 people through weekly visits for as long an individual requires support. We use a person-centered, harm reduction approach, and work with each person to develop an individual service plan (ISP) that addresses the barriers they are facing and supports their personal goals, including connections to behavioral healthcare, medical care, income/benefits, and community supports. Our goal is to increase stability and wellness, and reduce criminal justice system contact.

Approximately 90% of the individuals we serve are experiencing homelessness at the time of referral. In order to reduce the likelihood of arrest for criminal trespass or other related offenses, PAD provides emergency respite shelter, while identifying other temporary housing opportunities. For the period of January – August 2024 PAD enrolled 213 people into case management support, providing emergency respite shelter to 82 participants and temporary housing to 44 participants. Other direct barrier reduction support provided to these participants included food, clothing, transportation, and documentation assistance.

Fulton County's continued support will improve the health and well-being of people who are experiencing homelessness, mental health concerns or problematic substance use in Fulton County. PAD will continue to leverage this investment as a part of its partnership with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities which funds our street-based intensive case management program for people with severe mental illness who are unhoused. PAD's Street Wellness Enhancement & Engagement Team (SWEET) is staffed by three clinical advocates, three peer advocates and a clinical supervisor. The program also partners with Grady Behavioral Health to provide supportive services for participants to access housing vouchers through the Atlanta Housing Authority (administered by Partners for HOME, Metro Atlanta's Continuum of Care organization for services addressing homelessness). By

supporting PAD's efforts to provide [emergency respite, food, transportation and other direct service support](#), Fulton County will continue to contribute to a multi-agency effort to reduce homelessness and incarceration among the County's most marginalized and vulnerable residents.



Proposed Metrics

- By December 2025, provide housing navigation to at least 400 Fulton County citizens
 - Provide 3000 nights of emergency respite shelter for unsheltered Fulton County citizens at a cost of \$223,277.
 - Provide temporary housing for unsheltered Fulton County residents at a cost of \$107,204.
 - Provide move in assistance at a cost of \$3,127

- By December 2025, provide direct support and care navigation to at least 300 Fulton County citizens
 - By December 2025, provide transportation assistance to 550 Fulton County citizens at a cost of \$11,022
 - By December 2025, provide food assistance to 760 Fulton County citizens at a cost of \$19,006.

Proposed Budget

Category	Annual Allocation	Monthly Allocation	Detail
Emergency Housing	\$223,277.00	\$18,606.42	4,167 nights x 53.58 per night
Temporary Housing	\$107,204.00	\$8,933.67	4,288 nights x avg. \$25 per night
Move In Assistance	\$3,127.00	\$260.58	
Barrier Reduction – Transportation	\$11,022.00	\$918.50	550 citizens x avg. cost of \$20
Barrier Reduction – Food	\$19,006.00	\$1,583.83	760 citizens x avg. cost of \$25
Operational Cost	\$36,364.00	\$3,030.33	
Total	\$400,000.00	\$33,333.33	