

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, URGING ADOPTION OF THE UNHOUSED SUPPORT AND SERVICES PLAN; ESTABLISHING IMPLEMENTATION EXPECTATIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is committed to advancing coordinated, compassionate, and effective strategies to address homelessness, housing instability, and related public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, homelessness and insecure or unstable housing impacts individuals, families, seniors, youth and pets across DeKalb County, and requires a sustained, data-informed, and collaborative response involving county, municipal, nonprofit, philanthropic, faith and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Stakeholder Group undertook the development of an Unhoused Support and Services Plan, presented to the Governing Authority on January 6, 2026, which includes recommendations designed to strengthen prevention, engagement, and service coordination for individuals and families in insecure housing or experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Unhoused Support and Services Plan includes seven (8) workgroup recommendations, each of which contains an estimated budget and projected timeline, specifically:

1. Establish a DeKalb County Unhoused Support and Services Nonprofit Collaborative;
2. Develop a DeKalb Housing & Services Access Line;
3. Consolidated Dekalb Resource Guides and Create an Update Process;
4. Develop regional resource hubs;
5. Expand Coordinated Entry access and options;
6. Increase street outreach and case management capacity;
7. Establish a low-barrier family shelter;
8. Organize shared technology, data sharing, and community-level data reporting

WHEREAS, while the next steps required to advance each recommendation vary, a consistent and critical requirement across all recommendations is the identification of organizational ownership to ensure accountability, implementation, and ongoing oversight; and

WHEREAS, several recommendations will move forward through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, while other recommendations will require a defined project management approach to convene partners and develop detailed implementation plans; and

WHEREAS, successful implementation of the Unhoused Support and Services Plan requires that each initiative:

1. Include service providers and individuals with lived experience throughout design, implementation, and evaluation;
2. Follow a defined project management structure with clear timelines, accountability, and consistent progress tracking; and
3. Include all relevant county and municipal partners involved in serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and
4. Require an implementation dashboard (public-facing or internal) be launched to support transparency; and

WHEREAS, establishing clear implementation leadership, defined timelines, and transparent progress reporting is necessary to ensure that the Plan's recommendations produce measurable outcomes and sustain improvements in housing stability and support services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, that the County urges the formal adoption of the Unhoused Support and Services Plan and affirms its commitment to advancing the Plan's eight (8) recommendations through coordinated implementation and measurable accountability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer, or designee(s), is respectfully urged to consider and implement recommendations presented by the stakeholder group, including identifying responsibility for:

- convening partners;
- advancing RFP processes where applicable;
- developing implementation workplans; and
- providing ongoing oversight and performance monitoring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County shall pursue implementation through a structured approach that includes:

- continuous engagement of service providers and individuals with lived experience;
- participation from relevant county departments, the DeKalb County Continuum of Care partners, and municipal partners; and
- defined project management practices, including deliverables, timelines, and progress tracking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County requests quarterly progress updates to the Governing Authority (or an appropriate committee of the Board), including:

- status of each recommendation;
- selection outcomes for RFP-based initiatives;
- project milestones and barriers;
- budget alignment and funding progress; and
- outcome measures and data reporting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

CHAKIRA JOHNSON
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA NORWOOD-SANDERS, CCC
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