

The City moves to find affordable housing

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Bethlehem is seeking housing providers including, housing development organizations, property owners and or landlords who are compassionate and have a desire to give back to the community. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on family stability particularly related to housing. Through rental subsidies, the City has helped close to 200 families remain in their homes. However, the City still has families that need housing and families that are at-risk of being homeless this year.

Recently Mayor Donchez stated, "As a mayor, sometimes I am on the front line when it comes to efforts to prevent homelessness. It is my hope, that with the right partners and staff in place, our City will move toward effective and lasting solutions".

COVID-19 related grant funds are being used to help the City create programs and services that lead to safe environments for families in need.

The City is asking those housing providers who have the capacity to provide short-term or transitional homes for families and or individuals who are either homeless or at-risk of being homeless to submit a **Letter of Interest**. Private property owners and housing providers who own or are purchasing vacant housing units that require renovation are perfect candidates. In return, the City is providing both rental subsidies and housing rehab grants for interior and/or exterior improvements as incentive.

Please visit our website to download the program's **Letter of Interest**.
<https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Development/Housing>

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