



# Eviction Prevention Initiative

Partnership with the Georgia  
Department of Community  
Affairs



# Program Structure

- \$1 million/month for 2 years
- \$3,777,128.94 as of November 17
  
- Yes: rental arrears, future rent, utility arrears, future utilities
- In some cases: moving expenses
- No: court costs, late fees >8% of arrears, debt to former landlord
  
- Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton, Cobb, Gwinnett
- Maximum assistance: 18 months



- Step 1: Intake
  - Step 2: Advice and placed on waitlist (keep us updated)
  - Step 3: Taken off waitlist to begin application process
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- Yes: Housing instability + Hardship since March 13, 2020
  - No: Housing co-ops, subleasing

# Required Documents

- Photo ID
- Lease
- Proof of housing instability
- Proof of income
- Past-due utility bills

Appeal process  
Recertification (every 3  
months)







**THANK YOU!**

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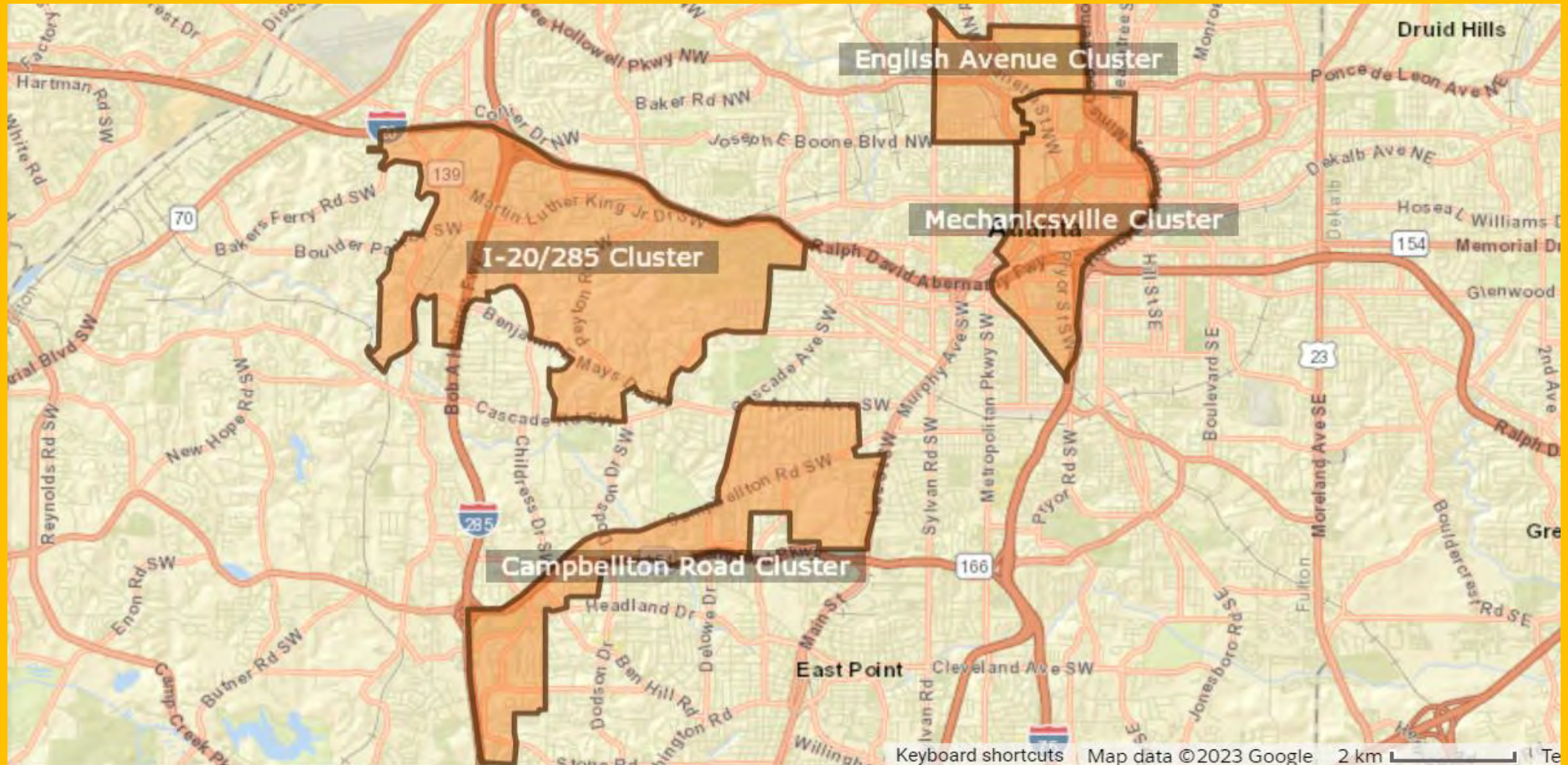
**Atlanta Legal Aid Society  
54 Ellis St. NE | Atlanta, GA 30303  
[www.atlantalegalaid.org](http://www.atlantalegalaid.org)**

# Access to Counsel PILOT

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# Access to Counsel PILOT Clusters



# PILOT Program Design

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- 200% of federal poverty level
- 4 geographic clusters
  - I-20 West/I-285, Campbellton Road, Mechanicsville, English Avenue
- Facing eviction or threat of eviction
- Legal issues preferred (failure to repair, retaliation, property damage, other counterclaims)
- Limited rental assistance (<\$2000)



# PILOT Program Design

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**\*\*Apply through ARCHI website\*\***

## **Documents needed:**

- Lease
- Late Notice or Notice to Vacate
- Ledger
- Eviction documents (if served)

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## **Outreach**

- Neighborhood canvassing with Housing Justice League
- Non-profit organizations and governmental partners
- Housing Court Assistance Center (HCAC)
- Targeted monitoring of eviction filings

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## **Pre-Hearing Resolution**

- Opportunities for negotiation and mediation
- Attorney representation as needed
- Eviction Phone Bank (brief advice & counsel)

## **Hearing representation**

- Attorney representation
- Defenses and counterclaims



# **City of Atlanta Eviction Diversion Webinar**

**November 21, 2023**

**Hosted by Star-C**



# City of Atlanta Assistance Providers:



City of Atlanta  
Housing Help Center

Apply online at: <https://archicollaborative.org/research-resources/help/>

# Outside the City of Atlanta Assistance Providers:

## Assistance Provider:

Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb,  
Fulton, Gwinnett



→ Apply online at: <https://archicollaborative.org/research-resources/help/>

## Assistance Provider:

All other Georgia counties

Georgia Legal  
Aid

→ Please call: 1-844-779-3278 on Monday or Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, except holidays  
visit [www.glsp.org](http://www.glsp.org) for more information



## City of Atlanta Eviction Diversion Program

- \$2 million in funding for rental/eviction diversion assistance
- City of Atlanta renters with household income up to 60% of AMI
- Assistance capped at \$7,000
- Prioritizes 3 key demographics, but will serve all rental households under 60% AMI:



**Parents of APS Students**



**Young Adults 18-25**



**Seniors 65+**



## City of Atlanta Eviction Diversion Program



- **What we'll pay:**
  - **Rent arrearage or emergency rent assistance due to hardship:**
    - Income reduction due to job loss, reduction of hours, etc.
    - Emergencies relating to critical life requirements, such as
      - Transportation, medical situations for you or household member





## City of Atlanta Eviction Diversion Program

### Frequently Asked Questions



- Our contact email: [ATLRentSupport@star-c.org](mailto:ATLRentSupport@star-c.org)
- Initial applications must be made through ARCHI portal
- Applications must be submitted online
- Covers rent only
- Payments made to landlords only; no direct tenant payments
- Will cover tenant portion of subsidized rent
- Doesn't deduct past assistance received from other programs



## City of Atlanta Eviction Diversion Program

### Frequently Asked Questions



- Basic documentation required:
  - Valid Photo ID for applicant
  - Birth certificates for any children in the household
  - Social security #'s for all residents named on lease (options are available for undocumented residents)
  - Children enrollment evidence (i.e. report card, email communication that includes child's name and parent's name, etc.) for enrollment in an Atlanta Public School.
  - Contact information including your email and phone number
  - Proof of income (wage statement, 2022 taxes, W-2, unearned income, etc)



## City of Atlanta Eviction Diversion Program

### Frequently Asked Questions



- Basic documentation required cont'd:
  - Copy of the Lease Agreement
  - Eviction notice or dispossessory (if applicable)
  - Documentation of unemployment or hardship and/or loss of income (medical emergency, loss of employment, fire/natural disaster, or other emergency).

# Where to Apply for City of Atlanta Assistance?



- **Online:** <https://archicollaborative.org/research-resources/help/>
- **In Person at City of Atlanta Recreation Centers:**
  - **MLK Recreation Center:** 110 Hilliard St SE 30312
  - **CT Martin:** 3201 ML King Dr SW 30311
  - **Rosel Fann:** 365 Cleveland Ave SE 30354
  - **Dunbar:** 477 Windsor St SW 30331
  - **William Walker:** 2405 Fairburn Road SW 30331
- **For housing needs beyond financial rental assistance?**
  - **Housing Help Center:** 2 Peachtree Street [www.housinghelpcenter.com](http://www.housinghelpcenter.com)