

City of Clarkston Housing Task Force

Overview

Facilitated by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Community Development Program

About the Housing Task Force

The City of Clarkston is forming a Housing Task Force to assess the city's housing needs and develop actionable strategies to address affordability, quality, and access for all Clarkston residents. This effort is supported by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) through its Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) and builds directly on the 2025 Clarkston Housing Summit.

The Task Force will include 18–24 members representing a balance of lived experience and professional expertise. Over a duration of approximately 6 months, Task Force members will:

- Review and discuss housing data and conditions in Clarkston
- Participate in 4–5 facilitated Task Force meetings
- Co-develop actionable housing recommendations organized around five thematic areas
- Contribute to a final Housing Task Force Report presented to Clarkston City Council

All Task Force meetings will have language access support, including translated materials and on-site interpreters. Stipends are available for non-institutional members to remove participation barriers.

Who Should Apply?

We are seeking applicants from two categories:

Community & Lived Experience Representatives	Technical & Institutional Representatives
· Renters across income levels and household types · Community members	· City of Clarkston Planning and Community Development staff · DeKalb Housing Authority representative

· Senior residents · Small landlords and property owners · Faith community representatives · Youth and young adults · Long-term homeowners	· DeKalb County Land Bank representative · Local non-profit housing organization representatives · Development and real estate professionals · Financial institution or CDFI representatives · Clarkston school representative · Clarkston Local Commission Boards
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Time Commitment

Task Force members should commit to 4-5 meetings from September 2026 to April 2027. This includes:

- Attendance at 4–5 Task Force meetings (every month)
- Review of meeting materials and data summaries between sessions
- Participation in 1-2 public community engagement events
- Stipends will be made available for Community and Lived Experience task force members who are consistently active during scheduled meetings and community engagement events.



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Statement of Interest Application

Section 1: Contact Information

First Name: _____	Last Name: _____
Street Address: _____	
City: _____	Zip Code: _____
Email Address: _____	Primary Phone Number: _____

Preferred Language(s) / Language Access Needs

☐ English	☐ Burmese	☐ Somali
☐ Arabic	☐ Spanish	☐ French
☐ Amharic ☐ Swahili	Other: _____	

Section 2: Stakeholder Representation Category

To ensure a balanced blend of lived experience and professional expertise per the ARC scope, please select all categories that describe your perspective (Select all that apply):

Community & Lived Experience Tracks:

- ☐ Renter (across any income level or household type)
- ☐ Long-term homeowner
- ☐ Senior resident
- ☐ Youth / young adult (ages 18–24)
- ☐ Small landlord / property owner
- ☐ Faith community representative
- ☐ General community member

Technical & Institutional Tracks:

- ☐ Local non-profit housing representative
- ☐ Development, real estate, or property management professional
- ☐ Financial institution or CDFI representative
- ☐ DeKalb Housing Authority representative
- ☐ DeKalb County Land Bank representative
- ☐ Clarkston Downtown Development Authority (DDA) representative
- ☐ Local school / educational representative
- ☐ City of Clarkston Planning and Community Development staff
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 3: Interest and Qualifications

3.1 What motivates you to serve on the Clarkston Housing Task Force, and what key housing goals do you want to see prioritized?

3.2 What personal experiences, neighborhood insights, or professional background will you share to help guide our housing decisions?

3.3 What relevant knowledge, experience, or perspective would you bring to the Housing Task Force?

3.4 Which housing topics are you most passionate about? (Select up to 3)

- ☐ Affordability and displacement
- ☐ Housing supply and zoning reform
- ☐ Economic development and homeownership

☐ Housing quality and landlord accountability

☐ Senior and special needs housing

Section 4: Availability and Accommodations

4.1 Which times of day are you available for Housing Task Force meetings?

☐ Daytime only

☐ Evening only

☐ Both daytime and evening

☐ No preference

4.2 Do you have any major commitments that may affect your participation from September 2026 to April 2027?

☐ Yes. Please describe: _____

☐ No

4.3 Do you need language interpretation support to fully participate?

☐ Yes. Preferred language: _____

☐ No

4.4 Do you require other accessibility accommodations?

☐ Yes. Please describe: _____

☐ No

Section 5: Reference

Please provide one professional or community reference who can speak to your qualifications and commitment

Reference Name: _____	Relationship to You: _____
Phone Number: _____	Email Address: _____
Organization/Affiliation: _____	

Section 6: Certification and Acknowledgement

By submitting this application, I certify that:

- All the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that serving on the Housing Task Force requires an active commitment to attend scheduled meetings and engage in good faith with all community members and perspectives.
- I understand that Housing Task Force membership does not guarantee that any individual recommendations will be adopted by the City of Clarkston.
- I consent to my name being listed as a Housing Task Force member in public documents and communications related to this process.
- I understand that Housing Task Force meetings are subject to Georgia's Open Meetings Act and may be recorded or broadcast.
- I understand that the issuance of stipends for non-institutional task force members is contingent upon active and consistent participation in scheduled meetings.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit your completed application by one of the following methods by close of business on August 21, 2026:

ONLINE: <https://www.clarkstonga.gov/community-development/economic-development/housing-task-force>

EMAIL: McKinley Jeter mjeter@cityofclarkston.com;

Subject line- Housing Task Force Application

IN PERSON: Clarkston City Hall, 736 Park North Boulevard, Clarkston, GA 30021

Questions? Contact McKinley Jeter, Economic Mobility Manager at mjeter@cityofclarkston.com or (404) 834-6707