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FAYETTEVILLE, NC — Fayetteville PACT and Southern Vision Alliance Stop Evictions Protest with Sleep in the Homeless area of Cumberland County.

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Since August 09, 2021, Press Release regarding the Rental Assistance Program in Cumberland County. There has been no resolution to accommodate those who are currently still being evicted. Fayetteville PACT has been trying to prevent the evictions while people await on Rental Assistance Program Funds. As a local, state, and national organization we are utilizing the organizations that are currently assisting with the evictions in NC. We have been canvassing the area of the city and county. We have spoken to people who are in the process of possession of property, eviction in order to leave the premises and the eviction appeals. Since we have discussed this issue with County and City Officials here, we are now, little and no progress on the \$9.58 Million Dollars only \$1.58 Million Dollars allocated. Cumberland County received more than \$12.2 million in Coronavirus Relief Funding under the first wave of the CARES Act, according to county documents. More than \$3 million of that was required to be made available to municipalities that wanted to request funding. County commissioners approved more than \$5.6 million to spend within the county under its relief plan at their meeting in September.

Currently the city only has 5 case workers with 6,811 awaiting in the queue for approval with \$4,093,825.50, obligated funds which still have not been changed as of 24th of September 2021. We also will file a complaint against the city for not having this program available for access and accessibility to apply. The City of Fayetteville has not established an accurate plan of action since Fayetteville PACT made a public comment on September 13, 2021, to the city council meeting stating no caseworkers available unless appointed on Mon-Tues. We believe if funds were distributed to nonprofit established local organizations that are grassroots with community trust to give out funding. Fayetteville PACT has sent a request to NC State Treasurer to audit the

city and county rental assistance funds, also to address the unreserved funds that are currently available now. Fayetteville PACT wants to know” Where is the Money”.

Fayetteville PACT, Southern Vision Alliance will continue to do actions against the city and county to demand that funds are allocated to the individuals who are currently awaiting funds to pay past due rent and utilities. Several individuals have been waiting over 4 months to receive funds. The process is not operational for the funds to get to those who are in the immediate process of being homeless.

Fayetteville PACT will bring awareness to this matter in front of the courthouse and will do “We are with you” and sleep in with the homeless community in Fayetteville NC.

Date: 05 October 2021

Time: 11am-1pm, 4pm-5pm

Location: Cumberland County Courthouse

Purpose: Bring awareness of the RAP program failures and possible misappropriation of funds.

Date: 05 October 2021

Time: 6pm-6am

Title: We are with you

Purpose: Sleep with the homeless community, to show solidarity with those who are struggling to find housing.

Date: 06 October 2021

Time: 11am-1pm, 4pm-5pm

Location: Cumberland County Courthouse

Purpose: Bring awareness of the RAP program failures and possible misappropriation of funds.

Date: 06 October 2021

Time: 6pm-6am

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Stories of Evictions in Fayetteville:

Joseph Wheeler – Lake in the Pines resident was served with eviction on September 12, 2021, Mr. Wheeler applied for RAP in June for \$12,335.23. Mr. Wheeler was 5,264 in the RAP queue, after he made a public comment on September 13, 2021, to the city council he received his approval on September 16, 2021. However, the queue states 6,0811 waiting. Mr. Wheeler is still awaiting funds and is scheduled to leave the premises October 21, 2021.

Carrie Williams- Army Disabled Veteran mother with 5 children who doesn't qualify for RAP because of the amount of income \$2,400 in benefits and \$490.00 in child support. She is currently in the eviction process with her landlord.

Katherine Boxwell- Has a writ of execution given 09/03/2021 currently living with friends. She has contacted legal aid several times but was never given a call back.

Monic Allen- Currently facing eviction has only 6 days to come up with \$4,000 as of 09/29/2021. She applied for the RAP in August. She was sick and had applied for unemployment, she contacted RAP and they stated they were still on June applications. She just became employed and needs to come up with funds to stay.

References:

[Letter: Fayetteville Rental Assistance Program can do more to keep people in their homes \(msn.com\)](#)

[Moratorium's end deepens ongoing eviction crisis in the South's Black communities | Facing South](#)

[Myron B. Pitts: Family of 5 facing eviction in Fayetteville, 'we have nowhere to go' \(msn.com\)](#)

[Fayetteville City Council Meeting - Sept 13 2021 - YouTube](#)

[Cumberland County has millions of dollars to help residents at risk of eviction :: WRAL.com](#)

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