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Portion of stimulus money to be used against homelessness

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Spreading the Wealth:

North Carolina State Program \$22,157,468

Charlotte \$1,930,217

Durham \$789,101

Fayetteville \$589,648

Greensboro \$781,141

Raleigh \$991,091

Wake County \$582,164

Winston-Salem \$748,097

CHARLOTTE – About \$1.5 billion of economic stimulus money is set aside for homeless prevention. Some \$22 million of that is allocated to North Carolina.

Stanly County's Community Inn, an emergency housing program that will open soon to provide a warm, safe place for the homeless, is the type of program that would like to take advantage of the economic stimulus funding designated for preventing homelessness. North Carolina is getting around \$22 million of the money, but can apply for more than \$29 million designated for homelessness prevention but designed to stimulate the economy.

"Stimulate the economy in the fact that these folks, instead of being homeless, will be able to pay for rent and buy groceries and things like," said Skeet Ayscue, director of Homes of Hope Transitional Housing. "So, I think overall it helps the economy in Stanly County a lot."

The homelessness prevention funds aren't just a one-time deal. It's a long-term process to really help people get back on their feet.

"This is a three-year program, and by that time we hope the economy is turned around a little bit and these families can remain stable and remain in their homes and continue to be good tax base for the county and city," said Ayscue.

Want more information?

Applications for funds from the North Carolina allotment of the homeless prevention funds are due by Friday, August 7. For more information, check out the organization's [Web site](#).