**Program Information**

Q: What is the program designed to do?

A: The program is designed to protect existing homeowners residing in the English Avenue, Vine City, Ashview Heights (which includes the Historic Booker T. Washington and Just Us neighborhoods), and the Atlanta University Center neighborhoods who may be at risk due to increases in property taxes.

Q: Who is paying for the Fund?

A: As part of its mission to ensure that current homeowners will be able to stay in their communities, the Westside Future Fund will provide all funding for the program, sourced from philanthropic contributions.

Q: How will homeowners receive the funds?

A: All tax payment will be made directly through the Fulton County Tax Commissioner’s office.

Q: How long will the program last?

A: The program is currently designed to last 20 years. After 20 years, the program will be reevaluated.

Q: How are you informing homeowners of this program?

A: The Westside Future Fund (WFF) is launching a community outreach program to reach as many homeowners as possible. Planned outreach includes: attendance at community meetings and events, direct mailings, in-person home visits and public information sessions WFF will also be partnering with other community organizations, resource centers and service providers, such as Westside Works, the Westside Communities Alliance, On the Rise Financial Capability Center, Atlanta Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity, to help disseminate information. To recommend additional outreach opportunities, please contact WFF at 678-902-7889 or via email at [info@westsidefuturefund.org](mailto:info@westsidefuturefund.org)

Q: Who developed the program?

A: The Anti-Displacement Tax Fund is one of many strategies initiated by the Westside Community Retention Collaborative, which was created to address Westside resident concerns on displacement.   
The Collaborative is driven by the City Department of Planning and Community Development, the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, Atlanta Housing Authority, Invest Atlanta, Atlanta Beltline, Atlanta Habitat for Humanity and the Westside Future Fund. The Collaborative is managed by the WFF and receives guidance and input from members of the community.

Q: Were residents involved in the development of the program?

A: Residents from the program area’s four target neighborhoods, including leadership from each of the four neighborhood and community associations, were involved in the process and provided valuable insight and input at each stage of the program’s development, which is reflected in the current version of the program.

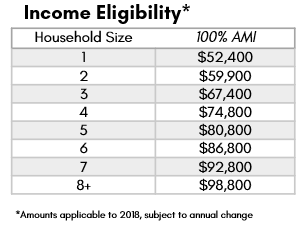
**Eligibility**

Q: Do you have to have a (City of Atlanta/Fulton County) homestead exemption to participate in the program?

A: Yes. If you are not receiving homestead exemptions, you may be paying too much on property taxes. We can help you apply for all homestead exemptions that you may qualify for as part of the program enrollment.

Q: What are the income requirements?

A: Households must make less than 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for their respected household size to qualify for participation. Please see table below to confirm eligibility.



Q: Do I have to live in my property to be eligible?

A: Yes, the property must be the applicant’s primary residence to be eligible and you must have lived in the property as a homeowner prior to March 2017.

Q: If I inherit my property in 2018 or later would I qualify for this program?

A: Only if the property was part of the program already, and you meet the eligibility criteria. An application will still need to be submitted for consideration.

Q: I plan on buying a home in these neighborhoods in 2018 or later. Would I qualify for this program?

A: Not unless you are buying or inheriting a property that was already enrolled in the program and you meet the eligibility criteria. An application will still need to be submitted for consideration.

Q: What if I owe back taxes on my property?

A: It will be important for you to become current on your property taxes. If there are extenuating circumstances prohibiting you from paying your bills and taxes, please inform the program manager of this when you apply.

Q: What if my home has title issues?

A: A companion program is currently being created to provide legal aid to homeowners to clear any title problems that may be present at the time of the application.

Q: Do I have to pay back the fund?

A: No, the received funds operate as a grant. The homeowner will be responsible for paying their tax amount that was billed the year prior to applying for the program. The Anti-Displacement Tax Fund will pay any increases to your taxes beginning with the year application was approved.

Q: Does this program apply to water and sewage liens, or other city services?

A: No. The fund only applies to property taxes levied by the City of Atlanta, Atlanta Public Schools, and Fulton County.

Q: Do I have to apply to the program every year?

A: No, however; the program manager may contact you in the future to request current documents to update your status.

Q: What if I own more than one property in the program area, can all my properties participate in the program?

A: No, the only property that would be eligible is the property that you are living in and have homestead exemption.

Q: What if my property is still in a deceased family members name?

A: If you own the property and the property never went through Probate, we may have a program that can assist you with the Probate process, so make sure to still submit an application.

**Application**

Q: How can I participate?

A: Fill out the [Pre-Registration Form](mailto:Pre-Registration%20Form) and send it to P.O. Box 92273, Atlanta, GA 30314 or fax to 678-705-1944 or email it to [info@westsidefuturefund.org](mailto:info@westsidefuturefund.org). Once this information is received, an application will be mailed to you with next steps.

Q: When are applications due?

A: Residents can apply each year from October through March of the following year. Payments will occur the following tax period of each application date once all the required information has been verified and the resident is approved for the program.

Q: Will someone be available to help me with the application?

A: Yes, please call 678-902-7889 to set up an appointment to review the application.

Q: If I don’t apply in 2018, will I be able to apply at a later date?

A: Yes, an annual enrollment period will start in October of each year and end March 30 of the following year for all eligible homeowners who qualify but were unable to submit an application during the initial enrollment period.

Q: How will I know when the payment has been made to the Tax Assessors office on my behalf?

A: We will contact you by phone and mail to confirm the amount that was paid by the WFF and with your remaining balance that you will have to pay.

Q: Who can I contact if I have additional questions:

A: Call us at 678-902-7889 for program inquiries or email us at [info@westsidefuturefund.org](mailto:info@westsidefuturefund.org).