

Project Homeward Bound

February 20, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR: Raymond A. Harris, Regional Administrator-
Regional Housing Commissioner, 4S

FROM: Anna Kondratas, Assistant Secretary for
Community Planning and Development, C \s\

**SUBJECT: Eligibility Determination: Project Homeward Bound
Atlanta, Georgia**

This is in response to your memorandum of December 3, 1990, requesting an eligibility determination on the "Project Homeward Bound" (PHB) proposal submitted by the City of Atlanta, Georgia. In this program, Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc. will provide transportation assistance to individuals who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. This assistance will help them return to their home communities or to employment opportunities elsewhere. PHB will target individuals living in shelters who have recently come to Atlanta and who have been unsuccessful in their efforts to resettle in Atlanta. PHB will evaluate these homeless individuals to determine who will be appropriate for travel assistance because of a desire to relocate to a stable environment.

This activity may be eligible in the CDBG program as a public service activity (24 CFR 570.201(e)) depending on the manner in which it is carried out. The program must be designed and carried out in a way that provides a benefit to the participating homeless individuals, and not as a method to empty the City's shelters and streets of homeless persons. The City would have to maintain evidence that this program is being limited to those homeless persons who want to leave Atlanta and, for example to return to their previous home, family members, or a job. The City must maintain documentation that the participants are voluntarily using this service.

If you have any questions on this determination, please contact the Entitlement Communities Division on FTS 458-1577.