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Resource Summary:

The following sources are targeted on cities in the US South. Below are resources covering the following topics: (1) funds that go to law enforcement that could go to housing; and (2) Housing and abolition resources. My sources are focused on community organizations, out of the belief that the people in the communities are who live and breathe the struggle every day. They are the most trustworthy sources.

Nashville, TN Resources

1. City budget 2022
 - a. Source: [link](#); Key points:
 - i. Of \$2.65b budget; \$315.8m to Law Enforcement and Jails; 12% of the budget. (At A - 20); \$7.8m for Affordable Housing; 0.29% of the budget. (At A - 9); \$200k Housing Incentive Pilot (At B - 16); \$12.5m Barnes Affordable Housing Trust (At B - 16) part of Affordable Housing budget.
2. Community Organization to follow - **Black Nashville Assembly**, grassroots organization in North Nashville, TN. They constantly publish city budget figures and highlight law enforcement expenditures. Another related organization, **Moving Nashville forward**, is a project to disrupt poverty through a guaranteed basic income pilot in North Nashville #37208Demonstration #MoveWithUs.
 - a. **Follow** Black Nashville Assembly twitter: <https://twitter.com/BlkNshAssembly>
 - b. **Follow** Moving Nashville Forward twitter: <https://twitter.com/nashvillefwd>
 - c. **Resource - Jan 3 2022** - Metro Nashville City council voted to grant Nashville PD an additional \$8m+ from the city General Fund for “Juneteenth Holiday Salaries and Tasers”, and \$8m+ for 125 new SUVs. (Source - [tweet graphics from BNA](#))
3. Community Organization to follow – **People’s Alliance for Transit, Housing and Employment (“PATHE”)**, grassroots organization in Nashville, TN. They are dedicated to fair housing efforts.
 - a. **Follow** their twitter: <https://twitter.com/31KHomesNash>
 - b. **PATHE 2021 Eviction Court Watch Program Summary** [here](#)

Jackson, MS

4. **Cooperation Jackson**, community organization focused on cooperative economics in Jackson, MS. They have a tenant support hotline, and plan rental assistance sign up fairs in West Jackson. NLG students volunteer at these.
 - a. Follow their twitter: <https://twitter.com/CooperationJXN>
5. **Resource - December 2021**, [Federal judge finds Mississippi eviction law unconstitutional after](#).
6. **NLG Student Chapter at MC Law** - We are starting eviction court watch in Spring 2022, in support of Eviction Defense Network.

Atlanta, GA

7. Community Organization to follow - **Community Movement Builders**, community organization focused on self-determination and cooperative economics for the working class Black community in Pittsburgh, Atlanta, GA. Founder is Kamau Franklin, an attorney and NLG member. Follow their twitter: <https://twitter.com/CommunityMvt>
8. **“Cop City”** -
 - a. “The final vote on Ordinance 21-O-0367, an ordinance originally introduced by Council Member Joyce Sheperd on June 7 to authorize the Mayor’s Office to issue a ground lease with the Atlanta Police Department for 381 acres of land in unincorporated DeKalb County to build a new police and fire training facility.” ([source](#))
 - b. Popularly referred to as “Cop City” by organizers in Atlanta, which will have a budget of \$90m+, is described from Kamau Franklin at Community Movement Builders: “[These corporations] came out with their public campaigns, supporting Black Lives Matter, saying they stand with Black people,” said Kamau Franklin of Community Movement Builders, ‘but at a moment’s notice, these same corporations ... decided to side and build out what is potentially the largest training facility in the country for police to be trained in tactics of suppression. We believe [this] is only for the interest of corporate development and protection of private property, but do nothing for issues of safety and concern for the larger community. So we think targeting these corporations is a really important next step.” (Source: [Atlantans Are Pushing to Stop 'Cop City' - The Appeal](#))
 - c. “On Oct. 7, Color of Change released a report exploring financial ties between police foundations and corporations across America, identifying connections to at least 55 Fortune 500 companies. The study features 23 cities, including Atlanta, where the police foundation’s actions in relation to the killing of Rayshard Brooks spurred Color of Change to launch the wider study.” (Source: [Atlantans Are Pushing to Stop 'Cop City' - The Appeal](#)). From report
 - i. “The Atlanta Police Foundation is footing \$60 million toward a proposed \$90 million for the controversial “Cop City,” a massive “police training center” and tactical village built on protected forest land, ignoring outcry from Atlanta residents and environmental and climate activists.
This would force Atlantans to pay \$30 million for the controversial “cop city,” which could be better invested in vital community needs.⁴⁸ For more information, see <http://nocopcity.com/>” - (At 18, Color of Change [Report on Police Foundations](#))