

Community Home Investment Program grants awarded to 15 communities

ATLANTA, GA (March 5, 2018) — The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has awarded more than \$7.6 million in grants through the DCA 2018 Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) to 15 local communities around the state. The selected communities will contribute approximately \$1.9 million in matching funds to help more than 123 Georgia residents t make down payments and rehabilitate their homes. Grant amounts range from \$306,000 to \$612,000 per community.

“CHIP gives us a critical tool that lets us work with communities to increase the supply of safe and affordable housing,” said DCA Commissioner Christopher Nunn. “One of the most useful elements of this tool is that funds can be used to help with home repairs for folks who otherwise may not have the resources to get the work done.”

This program helps local governments, nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities provide safe and affordable housing in their communities. Funds may be used to provide eligible, low and moderate income households to assist with homeowner rehabilitation and to build new single family homes for resale to low and moderate income homebuyers. For instance, CHIP funds may be used to make HVAC upgrades, install a new roof, repair foundation issues, upgrade plumbing and electrical work, remove lead-based paint, or any repairs needed to make a home safe and secure. The goal of the program is to expand the supply of, and access to, safe and affordable housing in Georgia’s communities.

The 2018 CHIP grants were awarded to:

Grantee Cities	CHIP Funds Awarded
<i>Adel, City of</i>	\$ 306,000
<i>Albany, City of</i>	\$ 612,000
<i>Augusta, City of</i>	\$ 612,000
<i>Colquitt, City of</i>	\$ 306,000
<i>Commerce, City of</i>	\$ 612,000
<i>Cordele, City of</i>	\$ 306,000
<i>Dawson, City of</i>	\$ 306,000
<i>Gainesville, City of</i>	\$ 612,000
<i>Hinesville, City of</i>	\$ 571,545
<i>Pembroke, City of</i>	\$ 612,000
<i>Rome , City of</i>	\$ 612,000
<i>Sandersville, City of</i>	\$ 306,000
<i>Washington, City of</i>	\$ 612,000
<i>Waynesboro, City of</i>	\$ 612,000
Nonprofit	
<i>Thomasville Habitat for Humanity</i>	\$ 612,000

About the Georgia Department of Community Affairs

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) partners with communities to create a climate of success for Georgia's families and businesses through community and economic development, local government assistance, and safe and affordable housing. Using state and federal resources, DCA helps communities spur private job creation, implement planning, develop downtowns, generate affordable housing solutions, and promote volunteerism. DCA also helps qualified low- and moderate-income Georgians buy homes, rent housing, and prevent foreclosure and homelessness. For more information, visit www.dca.ga.gov.

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