

FY2022 Rural Downtown Redevelopment Grant - Project Descriptions

Recipient / Project	Amount	Description
Bainbridge, City of Park Improvement / Development	\$1,261,008	The City of Bainbridge is awarded \$1,261,008 in Rural Downtown Redevelopment Funds to assist with the expansion of Chason Park. The project will create a continuous park corridor, create a portal to the river from downtown, enhance visibility/access to downtown, and create a framework for redevelopment.
Darien Downtown Development Authority Public Infrastructure Improvements	\$1,662,510	The Darien Downtown Development Authority is awarded \$1,662,510 in Rural Downtown Redevelopment Funds to repair and rehabilitate the DDA docks, construct additional docks, and provide additional parking in the downtown area to benefit tourists as well as local commercial businesses.
Dublin, City of Streetscape	\$3,328,773	The City of Dublin is awarded \$3,328,773 in Rural Downtown Redevelopment Grant funds to execute the Madison Street Redevelopment Project, a four-block streetscape and pedestrian improvement project, reconstituting a city-owned arterial street. The project will serve as a catalytic capital injection needed to overcome private disinvestment in this portion of downtown, connect the downtown to the Oconee River and the future site of greenway trail, and create a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly corridor with enhanced traffic calming through the downtown core.
Monroe, City of Park Improvement / Development	\$2,126,340	The City of Monroe is awarded \$2,126,340 in Rural Downtown Redevelopment Grant funds for the construction of a new Downtown Green in the city center that will connect the historic commercial core of downtown to the surrounding neighborhoods and residential historic districts. The Downtown Green will create a connection point between residential areas, the historic mill district, and the central business district.
Ringgold, City of Streetscape	\$1,421,316	The City of Ringgold is awarded \$1,421,316 in Rural Downtown Redevelopment Grant funds for streetscape improvements, parking upgrades, and pedestrian connectivity enhancements. The project will provide better connectivity with downtown resources and outdoor recreation opportunities and improve walkability, grant access to the rear of buildings along Cleburne Street to open new development opportunities.
Tifton, City of Public Infrastructure Improvements	\$955,140	The City of Tifton proposes to use \$955,140 in Rural Downtown Redevelopment Grant funds to implement a redevelopment plan that includes sidewalk improvements, crosswalk improvements, and water infrastructure improvements for increased fire protection and to support future downtown development. The project also addresses safety impediments within the downtown.

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Toccoa, City of Park Development and Streetscape	\$689,042	The City of Toccoa is awarded \$689,042 in Rural Downtown Redevelopment Grant funds to redevelop the Tugalo Street Parking Lot into a greenspace as a central gathering space for community residents which currently does not exist, in addition to the creation of greenspace, other streetscape improvements and additional public restroom facilities will be constructed.
Toombs County Development Authority Workforce Development	\$4,059,474	The Toombs County Development Authority is awarded \$4,059,474 in Rural Downtown Redevelopment Grant funds for construction of a 14,200 square foot, two-story building for the Greater Vidalia Center for Rural Entrepreneurship which is a Southeast Georgia regional initiative that will stimulate the establishment and growth of entrepreneurial companies by providing coworking, mentoring, technology, tools, strategic support, and a collaborative downtown environment where entrepreneurs can develop projects.
Villa Rica, City of Street Improvements	\$1,746,397	The City of Villa Rica proposes to use \$1,746,397 toward the Villa Rica Transportation Reunification Program which will connect roadway networks between the Mirror Lake Community and downtown Villa Rica. The connector project will benefit the residents of the Cleghorn Anderson Community, a low-income minority neighborhood providing a direct linkage to the downtown. The new connector will include dedicated bike/pedestrian access and link to the City's current path system.