

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA
REGIONAL
COMMISSION
REGIONAL PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION
RESOLUTION & PLAN
2018-2022**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
REGIONAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

WHEREAS, the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) is required to annually review and update the Regional Plan and;

WHEREAS, a copy of the Southwest Georgia RC's Regional Plan Implementation Program Annual Report has been submitted and approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Commission Council is required to officially adopt the Regional Plan Implementation Program after its approval by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission does hereby adopt the Regional Plan Implementation Annual Report and will submit this resolution along with a final copy of the report within 7 days of adoption.

This 13th day of December 2018.

By: 
Glenda Battle, Chairman

Attest: 
Robert McDaniel, Executive Director

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Regional Work Program 2018-2022

HOUSING Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing
Lack of safe, decent, affordable housing.	Educate housing stakeholders in the region.	Work with community partners to conduct an annual housing conference.	SW GA HTF, GA DCA, Various Housing stakeholders	Year 1-2 \$5,000		
		Work with housing stakeholders to plan, organize conduct regional housing events on state and federal programs to preserve housing and increase the supply of affordable housing.	SW GA HTF, GA DCA, SW GA RC and Various housing stakeholders	Years 1-5 \$7,000		
	Identify housing as a goal in the Comprehensive Plan	Work with housing stakeholders through community meetings to determine housing goals and priorities for inclusion in local and regional plans	SW GA HTF, GA DCA, SW GA RC and Various housing stakeholders USDA, SOWEGA CAC			Ongoing \$5,000 annually
Resource Development	Identify housing resources and other tools that build capacity and support housing development that meets current need.	Provide education to municipalities, developers, nonprofits and community-based organizations on state and federal housing programs and grants.	SW GA RC, DCA	Years 1-5 \$4,000		
		Provide housing information and resources on disaster relief as requested by local communities.	SW GA RC, DCA	Years 1-5 \$3,000		

TRANSPORTATION Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing
Lack of transportation	Develop a plan to improve transportation alternatives.	Update bicycle and pedestrian plan that reflects changes in region.	RC Dues, Fee For Service, DCA Contracts, GDOT Planning			Ongoing \$7,000 Annually
Lack of connectivity within the region	Develop and support complete streets design in communities and neighborhoods.	Respond to requests from local governments for technical assistance with transit/transportation plans.	SW GA RC			Ongoing \$5,000 Annually
		Work with local governments and other stakeholders to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the coordinated transit program to provide increased access to medical/healthcare services and employment work sites.	SW GA RC, GA DOT, Local Subcontractors, Local agencies and transportation providers			Ongoing \$6,000 Annually
		Educate local governments on complete street design and provide ordinances and best practices for infrastructure improvements.	SW GA RC, Local governments and other stakeholders	Years 1-5 \$10,000		

PERSISTENT POVERTY	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing
Resource & Service Coordination	Develop a comprehensive approach to transforming communities through partnerships with human service and health care organizations.	Facilitate meetings with local governments and community-based organizations, nonprofits through RPN to increase service coordination.	Southwest GA RC, Local Governments, Community Health, Horizons Solutions \$1,000	Years 1-5 \$2,000		
		Provide education to local governments, community based organizations and nonprofits on health disparities issues in the region.	Department of Public Health, Community Health, Horizons Solutions, Local Hospitals \$2,000	Years 1-5 \$2,000		
Lack of public and private community investment .	Provide education to public and private stakeholders on best practices in community development/ community investment.	Provide technical and educational assistance to local governments in the developing resources and other tools to address growth and development.	SW GA RC, Local governments \$2,000	Years, 1-5 \$2,000		
		Provide technical assistance, information and resources to communities to address issues and opportunities identified in local/comprehensive plans.	SW GA RC, Local governments \$6,000		Years 6-10 \$15,000	

ECONOMIC VITALITY PRIORITY	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing
Lack of jobs that pay a living wage	Connect employers with skilled and dedicated employees	Publish materials to educate local governments on the types of incentives available for business expansion and start up.	SW GA RC, EDA, DCA	Years 1-5 \$5,000		Ongoing Ongoing \$3,000 Annually
Economic Mobility	Develop and build human capital and capacity to meet job market demand.	Host regional event to address economic development and leadership opportunities for youth.	SW GA RC, EDA, DCA, Various local, regional and state organizations	Yr 1-5 \$10,000		
		Provide training and education to local governments and community organizations to increase capacity to undertake projects that encourage and stimulate economic development and agritourism	SW GA RC, EDA, DCA, Various local, regional and state organizations			Ongoing \$5,000 Annually
		Provide technical assistance as requested to prepare EIP, SBA and RLF Applications	SW GA RC, EDA, SBA			Ongoing \$7,000 Annually

EDUCATION Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing
Lack of digital access	Work with governments to develop a method for the sharing of information between local governments	<p>Conduct quarterly meetings with City and County leaders and managers to share best practices and exchange information</p> <p>Include broadband as a part of the Comprehensive Planning Process</p>	<p>Local Governments, SWGA RC</p> <p>Local Governments, SWGA RC, DCA</p>			<p>Ongoing Annually \$10,000</p> <p>Ongoing Annually \$10,000</p>
Lack of trained leadership	Promote opportunities for leadership training	<p>Conduct annual meeting with designated governments to review performance standard to ensure minimum standards are being met</p> <p>Provide training, information and resources to governments not meeting the minimum standards or as requested</p> <p>Work with local government officials to identify training opportunities to enhance leadership skills and meet and achieve performance standards.</p>	<p>Local Governments, SW GA RC, UGA (Carl Vinson), GMA, ACCG, GA DCA</p> <p>Local Governments, SW GA RC, UGA (Carl Vinson), GMA, ACCG, GA DCA</p>			<p>Ongoing Annually \$5,000</p> <p>Ongoing Annually \$2,000</p> <p>Ongoing Annually \$2,000</p>
Lack of collaboration	Regional Approach to comprehensive collaboration	<p>Educate local governments, nonprofits, schools and businesses on the Regional Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and how these tools can be utilized in service provision and community development.</p> <p>Work with local governments as they collaborate with nonprofits, businesses, healthcare agencies, and local school systems in service provision and planning for growth and development.</p>	<p>Local Governments, RC, Nonprofits, Schools, Businesses</p> <p>Local Governments, RC, Nonprofits, Schools, Businesses</p>			<p>Ongoing Annually \$5,000</p> <p>Ongoing Annually \$3,000</p>

Acronyms

1. ACCG- Association of County Commissioners of Georgia
2. DARTS- Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study
3. DCA/ GA DCA - Georgia Department of Community Affairs
4. EDA- Economic Development Administration
5. GDOT- Georgia Department Of Transportation
6. GMA- Georgia Municipal Association
7. HPD- Historic Preservation Division
8. RPN- Regional Partners Network Inc.
9. SBA- Small Business Administration
10. SOWEGA CAC- Southwest Georgia Community Action Council
11. SWGA HTF- Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force
12. SWGRC/RC- Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
13. UGA- University Of Georgia
14. USDA- United States Department Of Agriculture