



PlanFirst

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be a Qualified Local Government
- Have an approved and adopted Service Delivery Strategy
- Be current on all required reports to DCA
- Have met the Minimum Performance Standards for their region

DESIGNATION INCENTIVES

- Statewide recognition as being an exemplary PlanFirst community
- The ability to apply for CDBG annually during the designation period
- Bonus points on DCA programs such as the Redevelopment Fund or Employment Incentive Program or the Downtown Revolving Loan Fund
- Hands-on assistance from DCA staff to help implement community work program activities

Program Overview

PlanFirst recognizes and rewards communities that clearly demonstrate an established pattern of successfully implementing their Local Comprehensive Plan. Any size community is encouraged to apply, provided it has a history of public involvement with development of the plan, active engagement in plan implementation, and proven progress with achieving the community's stated vision or goals. PlanFirst designation is awarded to local governments. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) encourages joint local planning; however, each government is responsible for achieving the activities in its community-specific work program. Multiple governments within a county that plan jointly must apply for PlanFirst separately. An applicant government will be evaluated against four broad performance measures of community vision and goals, community leadership, community participation in the development of the comprehensive plan, and successful community implementation of that plan.