

PLANNING ACTIVITY REPORT

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ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
<p>PLANNING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY22 DCA CONTRACT-See Page 4
<p>GRANT APPLICATIONS/AWARDS</p> <p>ARPA Broadband Awards for Region: Funded: Colquitt; Early; Lee; Terrell and Thomas Not Funded: Dougherty, Worth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelopment Fund Grant (RDF) Colquitt – Developing application • CDBG Covid Relief– Dougherty County and Feeding the Valley Food Bank – Awarded - \$ 4M • City of Sylvester – Broadband Infrastructure Grant – Dept of Commerce \$1.15 M Submitted • American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA): Camilla (Infrastructure \$1.8M), Leary (Infrastructure \$4.4M), Leesburg (Infrastructure \$500K), Colquitt GA (WWT \$2 M), Attapulcus (Well \$1.15M), Sylvester (Broadband \$7.15M), Dougherty (Broadband \$13.5 M), Baconton (Impacts of COVID – \$1.8 M), Blakely (Infrastructure -\$4.6M), Coolidge (Infrastructure - \$780K) – Lee County (Infrastructure \$7.4 M), Terrell County (Broadband - \$9.6M), Arlington (Infrastructure - \$561K, Sale City (Infrastructure \$640K)- Submitted – Announcements pending • EDA – Moultrie/Colquitt Co. Dev. Authority – Food Processing Plant (Developing - Cost Unknown) • Leesburg Recreational Trails – Awaiting Announcements • CHIP Applications (Boston, Grady/Cairo, Doerun, Seminole) – Submitted • CDBG DR Infrastructure -City of Albany – Submitted 1/14/21 (\$6.7 M)

ZONING REVIEWS/INQUIRIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Cairo - Rezoning
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2022 Deadline June 3, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arlington • Blakely • Attapulcus
ENVIRONMENTAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plans Seminole County (<i>In Progress</i>), Calhoun Under Review & Mitchell County (<i>Approved pending adoption</i>), Decatur County (<i>In Progress</i>), Worth County (<i>Under Review</i>); Grady County (<i>New Contract</i>), Terrell & Thomas (<i>Contracts being developed</i>)

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<p>TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>Dept. of Transportation (DOT) FY20-B&P (State Planning & Research – SPR) (9/1/21-8/31/22) (In Progress)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update regional Bike & Pedestrian Corridors • Conduct two safety-focused trainings (In Progress) • Conduct sidewalk inventory in two communities • Update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan • Crash Screening Analysis at three locations in the Region (5304 – Rural Transit Planning) (7/1/21 – 6/30/22) • Transit Plan for Colquitt County • Update Regional Transit Plan • DOT Technical Assistance meetings scheduled the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 10:00 through 12/31/22
<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EDA Applications & Projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDA FY 21 Closeout - Submitted • EDA Planning Grant 2022 - 2024 • City of Moultrie EDA Grant – Food Processing Plant • Dougherty Co. & Albany – Radium Springs Trail Project <i>(In Progress)</i> • Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)- <i>Complete and on website</i> • <i>Regional Tourism Project (Under Development)</i>
<p>EDA Planning Grant and EDA RLF (CARES)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDA Planning Grant - \$400,000 – <i>(Strategic Plan Complete)</i> • EDA Revolving - \$500,000 – Grant Administration & Staffing Plan – <i>Completed – (21) applications reviewed – (13) approved 70% of the funds approved for disbursement (\$345K), 30% of the funds still available for lending(155K).</i> • EDA CARES – Regional Training for City and County staff – In Progress
<p>REGIONAL PARTNERS NETWORK INC. HOUSING TASK FORCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Task Force Next Meeting – March 8, 2022 • Virtual Trainings SWGA Housing Task Force– Heir Property (Jan 2022); Financial Literacy (Rescheduled); Consumer Fraud (March 2022); Tenant Rights (April 2022); 22nd Annual Housing Conference (May 2022)
<p>BROWNFIELDS GRANT For Community-Wide Assessment Grant - \$500,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regional assessment that does not identify a specific site in the grant. We will spend the funds on any eligible site in the region that qualifies. Dec. 1st – SUBMITTED Under review, Announcements SPRING 2022.
<p>STAFF TRAINING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>INTERN/VOLUNTEER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sansui Tolulope Mary (Enrolled in school, no longer volunteering)

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<p>General Contracts:</p>	<p>Current Contracts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donalsonville Zoning Contract – 6K • Sylvester Housing Projects – 23K (4) projects- Completed • Sylvester – Update of Zoning Ordinances – 7.5K • Decatur County – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K • Calhoun County – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K • Seminole County – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K • Sylvester – Personnel Policies - 3K (Completed) • City of Sylvester – Pay and Classification Plan – 3.6K • City of Moultrie – Zoning Ordinance Update – 12K • Thomas County-Housing Assessment – 7K • City of Albany – Opportunity Zone – 8.2K • City of Albany - Update of Urban Redev. Plan – 6K • Worth County – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K • Grady County -Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K <p>Contracts Underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Colquitt– Planning Consulting Contract – 8.9K • Thomas County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan • Terrell County Pre- Hazard Mitigation Plan • City of Albany – Addendum to URP contract • City of Cairo – County Commission Training -In progress

FY 22 DCA Activities

Community Work Program (5 Year Comprehensive Plan Update)

Albany/Dougherty County – 10/31/21 – *APPROVED*

Grady County & Cities – 10/31/21- *APPROVED*

Baker County & Newton – 10/31/22 - *In Progress*

Calhoun County & Cities – 06/30/22- *In Progress*

Colquitt County & Cities – 06/30/22- *In Progress*

Decatur County & Cities – 10/31/22- *In Progress*

Early County & Cities – 06/30/22- *In Progress*

Miller County & City of Colquitt – 10/31/22- *In Progress*

Mitchell County & Cities – 10/31/22- *In Progress*

Seminole County & Cities – 10/31/22- *In Progress*

Plan Implementation Assessment Meetings for FY 22:

Counties and Cities –Contacts with Local Governments (50 Contacts for FY 22)

Regional Plan Implementation

Annual Housing Conference (*May 2022*)

Grant Writing Workshop (*Conducted*)

Regional Work Program: *Due 06/31/22*

Regional Success

Regional Success Stories: *Due 3/31/22*

Regionally Important Resource Plan Update - *In Progress – Due 06/2022*

Regional Plan Update - *In Progress – Due 06/2022*

Reviews

Lee County Capital Improvement Element (CIE) – *Approved*

Thomas County (CIE) – *June 2022 (County Notified)*