

# PLANNING ACTIVITY REPORT

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ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
<b>PLANNING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>FY22 DCA CONTRACT</b>-See Page 4</li></ul>
<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS/AWARDS</b>           <b>ARPA Broadband Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Redevelopment Fund Grant (RDF)</b> Colquitt – <i>Developing application</i></li><li>• <b>CDBG Covid Relief– Dougherty County and Feeding the Valley Food Bank –</b> <i>Awarded - \$ 4M</i></li><li>• City of Sylvester – Broadband Infrastructure Grant – Dept of Commerce \$1.15 M <i>Submitted</i></li><li>• <b>American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA):</b> <i>Awarded:</i> Leary (Infrastructure \$4.4M), Attapulugus (Well \$1.15M), Coolidge (Infrastructure - \$780K) Terrell County (Broadband - \$9.6M), <i>Announcements pending</i> Baconton (Impacts of COVID –\$1.8 M)</li><li>• <b>EDA – Moultrie/Colquitt Co. Dev. Authority –</b> Food Processing Plant (Developing - Cost Unknown)</li><li>• <b>Leesburg Recreational Trails –</b> <i>Approved to move forward with PHASE II</i></li><li>• <b>CHIP Applications</b> (Boston, Grady/Cairo, Doerun, Seminole) – <i>Submitted</i></li><li>• <b>CDBG DR Infrastructure -City of Albany –</b> <i>Submitted</i> 1/14/21 (\$6.7 M)</li></ul>

<p><b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2022 Deadline June 3, 2022</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arlington</li><li>• Blakely</li><li>• Funston</li></ul>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plans Seminole County (<i>In Progress</i>), Calhoun Under Review &amp; Mitchell County (<i>Approved</i>), Decatur County (<i>Approved</i>), Worth County (<i>Approved</i>); Grady County (<i>New Contract</i>), Terrell &amp; Thomas (<i>NEW</i>)</li></ul>

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<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<p><b>Dept. of Transportation (DOT) FY20-B&amp;P (State Planning &amp; Research – SPR) (9/1/21-8/31/22) (In Progress)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update regional Bike &amp; Pedestrian Corridors</li> <li>• Conduct two safety-focused trainings (April 26<sup>th</sup>; May 17<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Conduct sidewalk inventory in two communities</li> <li>• Update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan</li> <li>• Crash Screening Analysis at three locations in the Region</li> </ul> <p><b>(5304 – Rural Transit Planning) (7/1/21 – 6/30/22)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transit Plan for Colquitt County</li> <li>• Update Regional Transit Plan</li> <li>• <b>DOT Technical Assistance meetings scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 10:00 through 12/31/22</b></li> </ul>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EDA Applications &amp; Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDA Planning Grant 2022 - 2024</li> <li>• City of Moultrie EDA Grant – Food Processing Plant</li> <li>• Dougherty Co. &amp; Albany – Radium Springs Trail Project <i>(In Progress)</i></li> <li>• Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Due September 2022</li> <li>• <i>Regional Tourism Project (Under Development)</i></li> </ul>
<b>EDA Planning Grant and EDA RLF (CARES)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDA Planning Grant - \$400,000 – <i>(Strategic Plan Complete)</i></li> <li>• EDA Revolving - \$500,000 – Grant Administration &amp; Staffing Plan – <i>Completed – (22) applications reviewed – (14) approved 77% of the funds approved for disbursement (\$385K), 23% of the funds still available for lending(115K).</i></li> <li>• EDA CARES – Regional Training for City and County staff – RFQ issued – Due – April 1, 2022</li> </ul>
<b>REGIONAL PARTNERS NETWORK INC. HOUSING TASK FORCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Task Force Next Meetings – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Housing Conference (May 10, 2022)</li> </ul>
<b>BROWNFIELDS GRANT For Community-Wide Assessment Grant - \$500,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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. 1<sup>st</sup> – SUBMITTED Under review, Announcements SPRING 2022.</li> </ul>
<b>STAFF TRAINING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022 AG Tech Summit (Beka Shiver)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>General Contracts:</b></p>	<p><b>Current Contracts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Donalsonville</b> Zoning Contract – 6K</li> <li>• <b>Sylvester</b> Housing Projects – 23K (4) projects- Completed</li> <li>• <b>Sylvester</b> – Update of Zoning Ordinances – 7.5K</li> <li>• <b>Decatur County</b> – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K</li> <li>• <b>Calhoun County</b> – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K</li> <li>• <b>Seminole County</b> – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K</li> <li>• <b>Sylvester</b> – Personnel Policies - 3K (Completed)</li> <li>• <b>City of Sylvester</b> – Pay and Classification Plan – 3.6K</li> <li>• <b>City of Moultrie</b> – Zoning Ordinance Update – 12K</li> <li>• <b>Thomas County</b>-Housing Assessment – 7K</li> <li>• <b>City of Albany</b> – Opportunity Zone – 8.2K</li> <li>• <b>City of Albany</b> - Update of Urban Redev. Plan – 8K</li> <li>• <b>Worth County</b> – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K</li> <li>• <b>Grady County</b> -Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K</li> <li>• <b>City of Cairo</b> – County Commission Training – 1,000</li> </ul> <p><b>Contracts Underway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thomas County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan</b></li> <li>• <b>Terrell County Pre- Hazard Mitigation Plan</b></li> <li>• <b>City of Arlington – County Commission Training</b></li> </ul>

## **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)*