

PLANNING ACTIVITY REPORT

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ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
PLANNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FY23 DCA CONTRACT-See Page 4
GRANT APPLICATIONS/AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redevelopment Fund Grant (RDF) Colquitt, GA – \$1.4 M Developing application - Due 8/19/22• Rural Downtown Development Grant – Colquitt GA – Denied 3.5M – Rehabilitate buildings downtown• Housing Preservation Grant – \$200K to rehabilitate housing in the region – Deadline 7/11/22 – Submitted• Appropriations Request to Rep. Sanford Bishop for SW GA RC: Interactive Regional Tourism Site - \$537,800 Regional Housing Rehabilitation \$1M Regional Project to upgrade the communication system to Interoperable P25 for public safety and first responders - \$10M Awaiting Announcements
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2022 Deadline June 3, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arlington (Not submitted – auditing issues)• Blakely (Submitted)• Funston (Submitted – Requested Additional Information)
ENVIRONMENTAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plans Seminole County (In Progress), Grady County (New Contract), Terrell & Thomas (NEW)

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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 virtual safety-focused trainings (June 27 & 28th 2022) Conduct sidewalk inventory in two communities (In progress) Update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (In progress) Crash Screening Analysis at three locations in the Region (In progress) <p>(5304 – Rural Transit Planning) (7/1/21 – 6/30/22)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit Plan for Colquitt County (In progress) Update Regional Transit Plan (In progress) DOT Technical Assistance meetings are scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10:00 AM through 12/31/22 – Don't forget to take the survey and check out the website: https://regionaldp-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/pages/swgrc
<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EDA Applications & Projects</p> <p>The six-mile pedestrian path connecting the downtown area with ASU and Radium Springs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dougherty Co. & Albany – Radium Springs Trail Project <i>Funded – EDA - \$2,080,946 Total Project Cost - \$7,652,200</i> Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – <i>Due September 2022</i> <i>Regional Tourism Project (Submitted under Appropriations Request)</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 – (23) applications reviewed – (10) closed \$395K Total Loans, funds will be moved into revolving phase</i> EDA CARES – Regional Training for City and County staff @ Training conducted on 5/19/22 through June 17, 2022. Training posted on our website.
<p>REGIONAL PARTNERS NETWORK INC. HOUSING TASK FORCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Task Force Next Meeting – August 9, 2022 22nd Annual Housing Conference (May 10, 2023) PowerPoint presentation posted on our website - Go to www.swgrcplanning.org
<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. AWARDED - \$500,000 – Grantee Conference in August - Oklahoma
<p>Rural Partners Network</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A welcome meeting was conducted in June. A ZOOM meeting was held on July 18th and a Regional Forum is planned for September 7th in Fitzgerald Georgia. SW GA RC was selected as a facilitator and Rural Network Partner (RPN). The mission of RPN is to identify and leverage critical resources through partnerships and identify challenges that prevent rural communities from accessing federal funds.

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<p>General Contracts</p>	<p>Current Contracts: Complete (C)</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 (C) • Calhoun County – Pre-Haz Mitigation Plan – 15K (C) • 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- Completed– 12K • Thomas County-Housing Assessment (Draft Completed– 7K • City of Albany – Opportunity Zone – 8.2K • City of Albany - Update of Urban Redev. Plan (Awaiting City Commission Approval)– 8K • Worth County – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K(C) • Grady County -Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K (C) • City of Cairo – County Commission Training – 1,000 (C) • City of Arlington – County Commission Training <p>Contracts Underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan • Terrell County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan

FY 22 DCA Activities

Community Work Program (5 Year Comprehensive Plan Update)

Baker County & Newton – 10/31/22 – *Under Review DCA*

Calhoun County & Cities – 06/30/22- *Approved*

Colquitt County & Cities – 06/30/22- *Approved*

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

Lee County & Cities – 2/28/2024

Early County & Cities – 06/30/22- *Approved*

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*

Terrell County & Cities – 10/31/2024

Worth County & Cities – 10/31/2023

Plan Implementation Assessment Meetings for FY 23:

Counties and Cities –Contacts with Local Governments

Regional Plan Implementation

Annual Housing Conference (*May 2023*)

Grant Writing Workshop

Regional Work Program: *Submitted to DCA – under review*

Regional Success

Regional Success Stories:

Regionally Important Resource Plan Update – *Submitted to DCA – under review*

Regional Plan Update – *Submitted to DCA – under review. Please go to our website*

www.swgrcplanning.org *and click the Regional Plan tab to view the Draft Plan.*

Reviews

Lee County Capital Improvement Element (CIE) – 02/28/23

Thomas County (CIE) – 06/30/23