

COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA
AND THE
GEORGIA URBAN COUNTY CONSORTIUM

2011 – 2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Cobb County, Georgia 5 Year Consolidated Plan

This document includes Narrative Responses to specific questions that grantees of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Shelter Grants Programs must respond to in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations.

GENERAL

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is required. Include the objectives and outcomes identified in the plan and an evaluation of past performance.

Executive Summary:

As recipients for federal grant funds, HUD requires Cobb County to produce a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. It also serves as the application for funding for the following federal entitlement programs that serve low-income individuals and/or families:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)
- Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

Cobb County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan identifies the community's affordable housing, community development and economic development needs and outlines a comprehensive and coordinated strategy for addressing them. The County's upcoming five-year strategy will focus primarily on devoting federal, local housing, and community development resources to areas in the county where the greatest concentration of poverty and blight exist.

HUD has established three priority goals for jurisdictions across the country to pursue as part of their consolidated planning efforts: decent housing, suitable living environment, and providing economic opportunity.

The ability of the County to attain these goals utilizing CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds can be identified through the following performance measures:

Decent housing: The provision of decent housing assists both the homeless and persons at risk of becoming homeless in obtaining housing; retains the existing units in the housing stock; increases the availability of permanent housing in standard condition and at affordable cost to low- and moderate-income families. Decent housing also increases

the supply of supportive housing with services needed to enable persons with special needs to live independently, and provides housing affordable to low to moderate income persons which are accessible to job opportunities.

Suitable living environment: The provision of a suitable living environment improves the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increases access to quality public and private facilities and services; reduces the isolation of income groups within a community or geographical area by offering housing opportunities for persons of lower-income and revitalizes deteriorating or deteriorated neighborhoods; restores, enhances, and preserves natural and physical features of special value for historic, architectural or aesthetic reasons; and conserves energy resources.

Provide economic opportunity: The provision of expanded economic opportunities creates and retains jobs; establishes, stabilizes, and expands small businesses (including micro-businesses); provides public services concerned with employment; provides jobs to low income persons living in areas affected by those programs and activities; makes available mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using nondiscriminatory lending practices; provides access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long-term economic and social viability of the community; and provides empowerment and self-sufficiency opportunities for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally-assisted and public housing.

Consolidated Plan Summary

Over the next five years, the County will continue to provide low and moderate income homeowners with housing repair assistance through the Housing Rehabilitation program and continue to allocate CDBG funds to local nonprofit organizations to provide essential social services for the non-homeless special needs population.

LIST OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

The Program Year [PY] 2011 Action Plan describes the activities the County proposes to undertake to accomplish the first year objectives of the plan and is listed below.

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program		PY 2010 Grant = \$143,429
Program Year (PY) 2011 Projects		90% Estimated PY 2010 Grant = \$ 129,086
Requesting Agency/Organization	Project Description	90% PY 2010 Preliminary
The Center for Family Resources	Emergency/Transitional Shelter-Operating and Essential Services	\$ 33,200
MUST Ministries	Emergency/Transitional Shelter-Operating , Essential Services, Homeless Prevention	\$ 35,646
Turner Hill CDC	Emergency/Transitional Shelter- Homeless Prevention	\$ 20,643
The Extension	Men's Recovery Program	\$ 33,143
Cobb County CDBG Program Office	Administration (7%)	\$ 6,454
TOTAL		\$ 129,086

Cobb County CDBG Program

Program Year (PY) 2011 Projects

PY 2010 Grant = \$4,286,408
90% PY 2010 Grant = \$3,857,767

Requesting Agency/ Organization	Project Description	90% PY 2010 Preliminary
Cooperating Cities		
City of Acworth	Infrastructure and Trailway System	\$ 77,726
City of Austell	Legion Park Renovations	\$ 31,034
City of Kennesaw	Woodland Acres Storm Water System Upgrade	\$ 125,519
City of Powder Springs *	Reallocation to Cobb Project	\$ -
City of Smyrna	Sewer System Renovations	\$ 237,424
City of Marietta	YWCA Renovation/Expansion	\$ 250,000
City of Marietta	Franklin Road Y.E.L.L.S Program	\$ 60,000
City of Marietta	Weed and Seed	\$ 32,780
City of Marietta	Omosaze	\$ 11,000
City of Marietta	Marietta Redevelopment Corporation	\$ 130,000
City of Marietta	Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 59,724
City of Marietta	The Edge Connection - Microenterprise Technical Assistance	\$ 20,000
City of Marietta	Administration and Planning	\$ 115,000
Total-Cooperating Cities		\$ 1,150,207
County Agencies		
Cobb County Property Management	ADA	\$ 335,383
Cobb County CDBG Program Office	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 300,000
Cobb County CDBG Program Office	Administration and Planning	\$ 635,852
Cobb County*	Austell Neighborhood Senior Center	\$ 72,277
Cobb County	Austell Neighborhood Senior Center	\$ 351,047
Total-County Agencies		\$ 1,694,559
Non-Profit Organizations		
MUST Ministries ¹	Pre-Award- Year 3 Acquisition	\$ 250,000
Friends of Disabled Adults & Children	Ramps for Champs & other home modifications	\$ -
Kennesaw Museum Foundation	Education Program for Youth	\$ -
SafePath, Inc.	Abused Children Services - Operating	\$ 74,000
Omosaze, Inc.	Reading/Literacy Services - Reading Saturday	\$ 30,000
Community Health Center	Community Health Center Services - Renovation/Expansion	\$ 75,000
The Edge Connection	Microenterprise Technical Assistance - Operating	\$ 30,000
The Extension, Inc.	Women's Recovery Program - Operating	\$ 50,000
Marcus Jewish Community Center	Housemate Match for Senior Adults - Operating	\$ 30,000
The Edge Connection	Microenterprise Technical Assistance - GOE	\$ -
Georgia Community Support & Solution	Project Mobility	\$ -
Tommy Nobis Center	Recycletronics - Recycling Program	\$ 75,000
Turner Hill CDC	Harmony House - Operating	\$ 47,500
Zion Baptist Church	Zion Prison Ministry -Operating	\$ 47,500
Girls, Inc.	Van Acquisition	\$ 60,000
Cobb Senior Services	Van Acquisition	\$ 44,000
YWCA of NW Georgia ²	YWCA - Building Renovation [Year 2 of 5]	\$ 200,000
Total-Non-Profit Organizations		\$ 1,013,000
TOTAL		\$ 3,857,766
Estimated Program Income		\$ 25,000

* City of Powder Springs will allocate its full Fair Share allocation to Cobb County as reimbursement from PY 2004 through 2013.

¹ Pre-Award Amount (100% Year 3 of 4)

² Pre-Award Amount (100% Year 2 of 5)

GUCC - HOME Program Recommendations

PY 2010 Grant = \$2,172,318

Program Year (PY) 2011 Projects

90% Estimated PY 2010 Grant = \$1,955,086

Requesting Agency/ Organization	Project Description	90% PY 2010 Preliminary
Cobb County		
Cole Street Development Corp.	CHDO (15%)--Project Cobb	\$ 195,431
Cole Street Development Corp.	CHDO Operating (5%)	\$ 65,144
Cole Street Development Corp.	Acquisition and Rehab- Walton Lakes	\$ 211,872
NW GA Habitat for Humanity	First Time Homebuyer	\$ 100,000
NW GA Habitat for Humanity	New Construction - Infrastructure	\$ 200,000
YWCA of NW Georgia ¹	Transitional Housing - Renovation	\$ 200,136
Cobb County CDBG Program Office	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 200,000
Cobb County CDBG Program Office	Program Administration (10%)	\$ 130,287
Total - Cobb County		\$ 1,302,870
City of Marietta		
CHDO - Uncommitted	CHDO (15%)--Project MINT	\$ 60,617
CHDO - Uncommitted	CHDO Operating (5%)	\$ 20,205
Uncommitted	Acquisition and Development	\$ 282,883
Cobb County CDBG Program Office	Program Administration (10%)	\$ 40,411
Total - City of Marietta		\$ 404,116
Cherokee County		
North Central Georgia Habitat for Humanity	CHDO (20%)--Project Cherokee	\$ 49,620
North Central Georgia Habitat for Humanity	CHDO Operating (5%)	
Cherokee County ²	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 173,670
Cobb County CDBG Program Office/Cherokee	Program Administration (10%)	\$ 24,810
Total - Cherokee County		\$ 248,100
TOTAL		\$ 1,955,086
Estimated Program Income		\$ 50,000

¹ Pre-Award Amount Year 1 of 5 (\$1,000,000 total over 5 years - Yr 1 - \$100,000; Yr 2 - \$200,000; Yr 3 - \$200,000; Yr 4 - \$250,000; Yr. 5 - \$250,000)

² Due to an excessive backlog of HOME Program funds allocated for Cherokee County dating back to PY 2005, Cobb County will not enter into a formalized subrecipient agreement until previous years' funding is expended and performance is improved