

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Report of Accomplishment 2020-2024

HOUSING Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing	Status
Lack of safe, decent, affordable housing.	Educate housing stakeholders in the region.	Work with housing stakeholders to plan, organize conduct regional housing events on state and federal programs to preserve housing and increase the supply of affordable housing.	SW GA HTF, GA DCA, SW GA RC, and Various housing stakeholders	Years 1-5 \$7,000			Underway 2021
	Identify housing as a goal in the Comprehensive Plan	Work with housing stakeholders through community meetings to determine housing goals and priorities for inclusion in local and regional plans	SW GA HTF, GA DCA, SW GA RC and Various housing stakeholders USDA, SOWEGA CAC			Ongoing \$5,000 annually	Underway 2022
Resource Development	Identify housing resources and other tools that build capacity and supportive housing development that meets the current need.	Work with communities to provide education to municipalities, developers, nonprofits, and community-based organizations on state and federal housing programs and grants.	SW GA RC, DCA	Years 1-5 \$4,000			Underway 2025
		Collaborate with regional, state, and federal agencies to 'provide housing information and resources on disaster relief as requested by local communities.	SW GA RC, DCA	Years 6-10 \$5,000			

TRANSPORTATION Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing	Status
Lack of transportation options.	Develop a plan to improve transportation alternatives.	Work with community stakeholders to update bicycle and pedestrian plan that reflects changes in the region.	RC Dues, Fee For Service, DCA Contracts, GDOT Planning			Ongoing \$7,000 Annually	Underway 2025
Lack of connectivity within the region	Develop and support complete street design in communities and neighborhoods.	Respond to requests from local governments for technical assistance with transit/transportation plans.	SW GA RC			Ongoing \$5,000 Annually	Underway 2025
		Work with local governments and other stakeholders to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the coordinated transit program.	SW GA RC, GA DOT, Local Subcontractors, Local agencies, and transportation providers			Ongoing \$6,000 Annually	Underway 2025
		Educate local governments on complete street design and provide ordinances and best practices for infrastructure improvements.	SW GA RC, Local governments, and other stakeholders	Years 1-5 \$10,000			Underway 2023

PERSISTENT POVERTY	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing	Status
Resource & Service Coordination	Develop a comprehensive approach to transforming communities through partnerships with human service and health care organizations.	Facilitate meetings with local governments and community-based organizations, and nonprofits to increase service coordination.	Southwest GA RC, Local Governments, Community Health, Horizons Solutions \$1,000	Years 1-5 \$2,000			Underway 2025
		Work with stakeholders to provide education to local governments, community-based organizations, and nonprofits on health disparities in the region.	Department of Public Health, Community Health, Horizons Solutions, Local Hospitals \$2,000	Years 1-5 \$2,000			Underway 2025
		Survey local community agencies, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop a regional resource directory	SWGA RC, Local Governments, Nonprofits, Community/Faith-based organization, Stakeholders	Years 1-5 \$6,000			Underway 2022
Lack of public and private community investment	Provide education to public and private stakeholders on best practices in community development/ community investment.	Provide technical and educational assistance to local governments to develop resources and other tools to address growth and development.	SW GA RC, Local governments \$2,000	Years, 1-5 \$2,000			Underway 2025
		Provide technical assistance, information, and resources to communities to address issues and opportunities identified in local/comprehensive plans.	SW GA RC, Local governments \$6,000		Years 6-10 \$15,000		Underway 2025

ECONOMIC VITALITY PRIORITY	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing	Status
Lack of jobs that pay a living wage	Connect employers with skilled and dedicated employees	Work with communities to publish materials to educate local governments on the types of incentives available for business expansion and start-up.	SW GA RC, EDA, DCA	Years 1-5 \$5,000		Ongoing \$3,000 Annually	Underway 2022
Economic Mobility	Develop and build human capital and capacity to meet job market demand.	Host regional events to address economic development and leadership opportunities for youth.	SW GA RC, EDA, DCA, Various local, regional, and state organizations	Yr 1-5 \$10,000			Postponed Pandemic
		Provide training and education to local governments and community organizations to increase capacity to undertake projects that encourage and stimulate economic development and agritourism	SW GA RC, EDA, DCA, Various local, regional, and state organizations			Ongoing \$5,000 Annually	Underway 2025
		Provide technical assistance as requested to prepare EIP, SBA, and RLF Applications	SW GA RC, EDA, SBA			Ongoing \$7,000 Annually	Complete

EDUCATION Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing	Status
Lack of digital access	Work with governments to develop a method for the sharing of information between local governments	Conduct quarterly meetings with City and county leaders and managers to share best practices and exchange information	Local Governments, SWGA RC			Ongoing Annually \$10,000	Underway 2025
		Include broadband element as a part of the Comprehensive Planning Process	Local Governments, SWGA RC, DCA			Ongoing Annually \$10,000	Underway 2025
Lack of trained leadership	Promote opportunities for leadership training	Conduct annual meeting with designated governments to review performance standard to ensure minimum standards are being met	Local Governments, SW GA RC			Ongoing Annually \$5,000	Underway 2025
		Provide training, information, and resources to governments not meeting the minimum standards or as requested	Local Governments, SW GA RC, UGA (Carl Vinson), GMA, ACCG, GA DCA			Ongoing Annually \$2,000	Underway 2025
		Work with local government officials to identify training opportunities to enhance leadership skills and meet and achieve performance standards.	Local Governments, SW GA RC, UGA (Carl Vinson), GMA, ACCG, GA DCA			Ongoing Annually \$2,000	Postponed Pandemic
Lack of collaboration	Regional Approach to collaboration	Educate local governments, nonprofits, schools, and businesses on the Regional Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and how these tools can be utilized in service provision and community development.	Local Governments, RC, Nonprofits, Schools, Businesses			Ongoing Annually \$5,000	Underway 2025
		Work with local governments to collaborate with nonprofits, businesses, healthcare agencies, and local school systems in service provision and planning for growth and development.	Local Governments, RC, Nonprofits, Schools, Businesses			Ongoing Annually \$3,000	Underway 2025

Acronyms

1. AARP- American Association of Retired Person
2. ACCG- Association of County Commissioners of Georgia
3. DARTS- Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study
4. DCA/ GA DCA - Georgia Department of Community Affairs
5. EDA- Economic Development Administration
6. DOT/GDOT- Georgia Department Of Transportation
7. GMA- Georgia Municipal Association
8. HPD- Historic Preservation Division
9. RPN- Regional Partners Network Inc.
10. SBA- Small Business Administration
11. SOWEGA CAC- Southwest Georgia Community Action Council
12. SWGA HTF- Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force
13. SWGRC/RC- Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
14. UGA- University Of Georgia
15. USDA- United States Department Of Agriculture