

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

2020 Application for Revitalization Area Strategy (RAS) Approval

<b>1. Applicant Government:</b>	
<b>2. Local Government Contact Person:</b>	<b>6. Person filling out this form (if different than 2):</b>
<b>3. Address:</b>	<b>7. Address:</b>
<b>4. Email Address:</b>	<b>8. Email Address:</b>
<b>5. Telephone number:</b>	<b>9. Telephone Number:</b>

**BONUS POINT CALCULATION:** Each application **MUST** include separate narrative pages for any of the 4 Bonus Point categories below for which credit is being requested. The narrative should be detailed and comprehensive in describing the activities that will be undertaken to be considered for the calculation of bonus points. Please indicate the bonus points for which you are applying, and how current or future CDBG projects will coordinate with this plan.

**Threshold Requirement – Five points.** Local government must establish a local redevelopment area and plan pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-61-1 et seq. Note that the RAS boundaries must be within both the local urban redevelopment area established pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-61-1 et. seq. and one or more Census Block Groups with a poverty rate of 20% or greater. Additionally, the local government **must describe the activities it will undertake to promote the substantial revitalization of the area and economic empowerment** through meaningful job creation for the unemployed and low-and moderate-income residents.

**Local Redevelopment Tools – Up to Five points.** Earned through the use of such tools as State Enterprise Zones, Opportunity Zones, Tax Allocation Districts, Community or Business Improvement Districts, Land Banks, or other geographically targeted tax or investment programs within the eligible area. Provide as proof the resolution or ordinance creating the redevelopment tools for which bonus points are sought. ***Applicants must also indicate how the tools are relevant and useful to the Revitalization Area in order to receive consideration for Local Redevelopment Tools points. See the RAS Manual for additional information.***

**Investment Partnerships – Up to five points.** Earned through the incorporation into the local program of certain job creation/retention, revitalization, residential improvement or social service funding programs geographically targeted to the areas of eligibility such as those available through various state and federal agencies. Private funds leveraged from various philanthropic, non-profit and/or faith-based organizations as well as private developers will be rewarded in this category. **The applicant must provide detailed documentation showing a firm, long-term commitment by investment partners.**

**Collaboration – Up to five points.** Demonstration that initiatives will be created and/or undertaken within the eligible area by private for-profit and not-for-profit community stakeholders. Such stakeholders may include local collaborators such as: lending institutions, housing organizations, development organizations, community development corporations or other community groups who have taken responsibility to carry out some aspect of the Revitalization Area Strategy. **Applicant must document, with written letters from each entity, that the collaborative stakeholder organizations have a firm commitment to the community, sound financial and administrative practices, and the ability to carry out the functions for which they are taking responsibility.**

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**In addition to the bonus point requirements above, check to make sure all of the following items on the checklist are included in your submission. Refer to the RAS and CDBG applicants' manuals for further information.**

The application describes activities the local government will undertake to promote economic empowerment through meaningful job creation for unemployed and low and moderate- income residents as well as activities to promote the substantial revitalization of the area.

Evidence of Citizens' Participation including, but not limited to, advertisements (newspaper "tear sheets") meeting agenda and minutes and from public meetings, advisory committee lists and minutes, letters of support from participating organizations. At a minimum, the federal citizen participation standards at 24 CFR 91.115 and 24 CFR 570.486 (a) must be met.

A copy of all of local government resolutions establishing urban redevelopment area(s), urban redevelopment plan(s) including amendments and related resolutions must be included.

A certification from the local government's attorney that the resolutions and policies and the authorizing resolutions for the urban redevelopment plan were adopted in accordance with applicable law and applicable public hearing requirements must be included. In the case of a redevelopment plan that includes multiple local governments, the local government attorney in each jurisdiction must execute a certification.

Narrative assessment of the economic conditions of the proposed area to include:

- 1) Spreadsheet showing the taxable value of property for the most recent tax year available. The spreadsheet must include totals for property tax values listed **AND the spreadsheet must be submitted electronically to [cdbg.biz@dca.ga.gov](mailto:cdbg.biz@dca.ga.gov)**
- 2) Number of business/occupational licenses issued.
- 3) Number and value of building permits issued.
- 4) Opportunities available for economic development improvement.
- 5) Problems likely to be encountered.

**Map Requirements:**

Delineates the subject 20% poverty block groups (Census data).  
Includes Urban Redevelopment Area boundaries.  
Shows the CDBG Target Area.  
Includes local government (city/county) limits.  
Identifies individual plats within the proposed Revitalization Area boundaries.

Caption includes:

- 1) county or municipal corporation.
- 2) date of map preparation.
- 3) scale, stated and shown graphically.
- 4) name, address, and telephone number of the revitalization strategy area administrator.
- 5) name, address, and telephone number of the preparer.

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Certification of Chief Local Government Elected Official

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Electronic Submission Instructions: TO BE DETERMINED***

***Paper Submission: Include this form with your RAS application and mail an original and two copies of all items  
(3 complete sets):***

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**Revitalization Area Strategies**

**Taxable value of property--Sample spreadsheet**

<b>Tax Parcel ID#</b>	<b>Parcel Street Address</b>	<b>Tax Value</b>
<b>A</b>		
<b>B</b>		
<b>C</b>		
<b>D</b>		
<b>Total tax value</b>		<b>\$</b>

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