

# Grantee: Georgia

## Grant: P-18-GA-13-MIT1

October 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021

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<b>Grant Number:</b> P-18-GA-13-MIT1	<b>Obligation Date:</b>	<b>Award Date:</b>
<b>Grantee Name:</b> Georgia	<b>Contract End Date:</b>	<b>Review by HUD:</b> Reviewed and Approved
<b>Grant Award Amount:</b> \$29,630,000.00	<b>Grant Status:</b> Active	<b>QPR Contact:</b> No QPR Contact Found
<b>LOCCS Authorized Amount:</b> \$0.00	<b>Estimated PI/RL Funds:</b> \$0.00	
<b>Total Budget:</b> \$29,630,000.00		

### Disasters:

#### Declaration Number

FEMA-4338-GA  
FEMA-4297-GA  
FEMA-4294-GA  
FEMA-4400-GA

### Narratives

#### Mitigation Needs Assessment:

2017 CDBG-MIT

In order to determine mitigation needs, DCA developed a pre-application to gather project specifics. The pre-applications serve as a tool, similar to a survey, for local governments to communicate their mitigation needs to DCA. All local governments located within the 15 eligible counties were invited to participate. DCA placed the pre-application on the official CDBG-MIT webpage and held two webinars to discuss questions related to the CDBG-MIT funding, the pre-application process, and to gather feedback. DCA staff explained topics such as eligibility, maximum application submission, leverage, the new Urgent Need Mitigation national objective, and other requirements of 84 FR 45838. Each local government could submit up to three (3) pre-applications.

A total of 54 Pre-Applications were received from the local governments within the 15 county area. These applications came from 23 local governments, with six (6) joint applications. The following table breaks down the financial section of the Pre-Applications. The total CDBG-MIT funds requested is \$149,242,775. Leverage was committed in 33 of the 54 Pre-Applications and totaled \$24,024,368. Of the Pre-Applications submitted, the average amount of leverage was 14% of the total project cost.

2018 CDBG-MIT

To determine mitigation needs in the MID areas, DCA staff created a Mitigation Needs Assessment Survey to collect data on priority mitigation activities within the communities. All MID county governments, as well local governments within the counties, were notified of this survey and received the link to the form via email. The recipients were given two weeks to complete the assessment. The survey form was prefaced with a notice describing the intent of the assessment, as well as a disclaimer stating that completion of the form would not result in funding. The survey itself was broken up into four sections, which included a contact information sheet and three sections dedicated to one mitigation activity per section. The eligible governments were encouraged to use the latter three sections to highlight priority mitigation activities. The following details were requested for each activity:

- Activity Title
- Estimated Cost of Activity
- Hazard to Be Mitigated Against (i.e., Flood, Wind, Tornado, Seismic, or Other)
- Critical Facility Status
- Activity Description
- 'Mitigation' Definition Compliance
- National Objective of the Activity (Benefit to LMI or Urgent Need)

A total of five completed survey forms were received following the two week-period, two of these forms being from Seminole County and its county seat, the City of Donalsonville. While Dougherty County has the highest cost estimate(s), this county is eligible for infrastructure funding through both the 2017 and 2018 CDBG-DR allocations. These funds, though not specifically designated for mitigation activities, may be used for such. As a result, Seminole County, which has the second highest total of \$4,075,000, was selected as the sole recipient of 2018 mitigation funding from DCA.



**Proposed Use of Funds:**

**2017 CDBG-MIT**

Using CDBG-MIT funds, DCA seeks to assist communities with undertaking activities that will reduce their risks posed by disasters. Many communities relied on local funds to recover from the storms of 2017, reducing their ability to spare the funds to prepare for the inevitable next disaster event. DCA is proposing infrastructure, planning, and administration activities in order to meet the mitigation needs within the HUD-Identified MID and Grantee-Identified MID Areas.

Admin:

\$1,334,550

As stated in Federal Register Notice 84 FR 45838, grantees can use up to 5% of the total grant award for grant administration. This allocation will cover administrative costs to run the program and is designated for the local government Subrecipients and DCA.

As allowed under the Notice governing these funds, DCA is authorized to use administrative funds appropriated by any of the acts listed below without regard to the particular disaster appropriation from which such funds originated. These acts include: Public Laws 114-113, 114-223, 114-254, 115-31, 115-56, 115-123, and 115-254. DCA will ensure that the amount of grant administration expenditures for each of the aforementioned grants will not exceed 5 percent of the total grant award for each grant (plus 5 percent of program income), review and modify its financial management policies and procedures regarding the tracking and accounting of administration costs, as necessary, and address the adoption of this treatment of administrative costs in the applicable portions of its Financial Management and Grant Compliance submissions.

Planning:

\$4,044,150

DCA is allocating \$4,044,150 or 15% of the overall CDBG-MIT allocation for planning activities. This includes planning at the state and local level, all of which will impact the HUD-Identified MID and Grantee- Identified MID areas. DCA seeks to collaborate with other state agencies and will also work with local governments to build on-going resiliency strategies for a more targeted investment. All planning activities with both state and local partners will fit within the guidelines proposed in Federal Register Notice 84 FR 45838. The proposed activities will incorporate, where applicable, appropriate mitigation measures and floodplain management. The activities will also promote sound, sustainable long-term recovery planning informed by a pre and post-disaster evaluation of hazard risk. In addition, planning activities will include construction standards and land-use decisions that reflect responsible floodplain and wetland management and consider continued sea level rise. The following sections detail proposed planning activities and DCA’s collaboration with other state agencies, local governments, and non-profit organizations.

Competitive Infrastructure Application for Units of General Local Governments (UGLG):

\$21,582,300

DCA will use a competitive model and solicit applications for funding. The Georgia CDBG-MIT program is designed to do the following: address community priorities, ensure fairness in the treatment of all applications, and assist communities in preserving and developing basic infrastructure and public facilities for increased resiliency to better recover from disasters. The HUD-Identified MID Areas will compete amongst themselves for funding. Likewise, the Grantee-Identified MID Areas will also compete amongst themselves for funds.

**2018 CDBG-MIT**

Admin:

\$133,450

As stated in Federal Register Notice 86 FR 561, grantees can use up to 5% of the total grant award for grant administration. This allocation will cover administrative costs to run the program and is designated for the local government Subrecipients and DCA.

As allowed under the Notice governing these funds, DCA is authorized to use administrative funds appropriated by any of the acts listed below without regard to the particular disaster appropriation from which such funds originated. These acts include: Public Laws 114-113, 114-223, 114-254, 115-31, 115-56, 115-123, and 115-254. DCA will ensure that the amount of grant administration expenditures for each of the aforementioned grants will not exceed 5 percent of the total grant award for each grant (plus 5 percent of program income), review and modify its financial management policies and procedures regarding the tracking and accounting of administration costs, as necessary, and address the adoption of this treatment of administrative costs in the applicable portions of its Financial Management and Grant Compliance submissions.

Direct Allocation to Seminole County for Infrastructure Mitigation:

\$2,535,550

As demonstrated by the data collected through the Mitigation Needs Assessment Survey, a majority of the MID counties and the local governments within them, specifically Seminole County, have various mitigation needs for public infrastructure, including facilities, communications, roads and bridges, stormwater, and water and sewer. These activities will be eligible under DCA’s 2018 CDBG-MIT Infrastructure Program. As a note, these activities are also listed as eligible activities in the 1974 Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA). Due to the limited amount of funding available and the high concentration of damage, DCA will directly allocate the 2018 CDBG-MIT Infrastructure funding to Seminole County.

<b>Overall</b>	<b>This Report Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Total Projected Budget from All Sources</b>	\$2,535,550.00	\$29,496,550.00
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$0.00	\$26,961,000.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$2,535,550.00	\$2,535,550.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$2,535,550.00	\$29,496,550.00
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$0.00	\$26,961,000.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$2,535,550.00	\$2,535,550.00
<b>Total Obligated</b>	\$273.00	\$26,961,000.00
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$273.00	\$26,961,000.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Funds Drawdown</b>	\$17,544.89	\$77,462.00



B-18-DP-13-0002	\$17,544.89	\$77,462.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Funds Drawdown</b>	<b>\$17,544.89</b>	<b>\$77,462.00</b>
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$17,544.89	\$77,462.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Income Drawdown</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Income Received</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Funds Expended</b>	<b>\$17,544.89</b>	<b>\$77,462.00</b>
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$17,544.89	\$77,462.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>HUD Identified Most Impacted and Distressed</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Non-Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

## Funds Expended

Overall	This Period	To Date
Georgia Department of Community Affairs	\$ 17,544.89	\$ 77,462.00

## Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

Requirement	Target	Projected	Actual
<b>Overall Benefit Percentage</b>			
B-18-DP-13-0002	50.00%	45.32%	.00%
B-19-DT-13-0001	50.00%	100.00%	.00%
<b>Overall Benefit Amount</b>			
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$10,784,400.00	\$9,775,680.00	\$ .00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$1,334,500.00	\$2,535,550.00	\$ .00
<b>Limit on Public Services</b>			
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$4,044,150.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$400,350.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
<b>Limit on Admin/Planning</b>			
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$5,392,200.00	\$5,392,200.00	\$68,815.90
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$533,800.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
<b>Limit on Admin</b>			
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$1,348,050.00	\$1,348,050.00	\$66,997.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$133,450.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
<b>Most Impacted and Distressed</b>			
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$13,480,500.00	\$12,908,008.00	\$ .00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$1,334,500.00	\$2,535,550.00	\$ .00

## Overall Progress Narrative:

This Quarterly Performance Report (QPR) describes the CDBG-MIT activities taking place in Quarter 4 of 2021 (October 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021). The state of Georgia has allocated funds to mitigative planning, as well as competitive and noncompetitive infrastructure program for the 2017 and 2018 allocations, respectively.

2017 CDBG-MIT (Planning): Planning funds in the amount of \$4,044,150 will be used by the state for planning purposes internally. In addition, an application cycle was held for all eligible 2017 counties to apply for mitigation planning funds to support planning for future natural disasters. DCA has awarded five local government subrecipients, totaling \$2.7 million. In Quarter 4 of 2021, Georgia Heirs Property Law Center (GHPLC), a nonprofit subrecipient and partner of DCA, began training sessions with the 2017 communities. This training covers mitigative legal topics, such as the importance of



homeowners having a clear property title and participating in effective estate planning.

2017 CDBG-MIT (Infrastructure): DCA has obligated a total of \$21.5 million of its mitigation funding towards an infrastructure program. This program will assist communities within the 2017 impacted areas with enhancing infrastructure in order to mitigate against future natural disasters. Previously, in Quarter 3, DCA awarded As of Quarter 4 of 2021, bank accounts for the ten local government subrecipients have been set up and subrecipients have continued their procurement period for needed services. Monthly project update meetings have also been established by the Infrastructure Project Coordinator, which allows DCA to be maintain ongoing knowledge of the status of the infrastructure projects.

2018 CDBG-MIT (Infrastructure): DCA has obligated \$2,535,550 to this noncompetitive infrastructure program, which will directly provide funding to Seminole County, Georgia. This county sustained incredible damage during Hurricane Michael in 2018, and due to its economic state, has been recovering more slowly than the other MID areas and affected counties. In Quarter 4 of 2021, DCA formally notified Seminole County of the award and has scheduled meetings with county officials to begin the award and Subrecipient Agreement (âSRAâ) process after the holidays in Quarter 1 of 2022.

## Project Summary

Project #, Project Title	This Report	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
01-Administration, Administration	\$17,544.89	\$1,481,500.00	\$66,997.00
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$17,544.89	\$1,348,050.00	\$66,997.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$133,450.00	\$0.00
02-Planning, Planning	\$0.00	\$4,044,150.00	\$1,818.90
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$0.00	\$4,044,150.00	\$1,818.90
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03-Infrastructure, Infrastructure	\$0.00	\$21,568,800.00	\$8,646.10
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$0.00	\$21,568,800.00	\$8,646.10
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-MID Infrastructure (2018), MID Infrastructure (2018)	\$0.00	\$2,535,550.00	\$0.00
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$2,535,550.00	\$0.00
9999, Restricted Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-18-DP-13-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DT-13-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

