

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Silver Anniversary Report 1986 – 2010

Other examples of projects constructed with CDBG Program funds



Gwinnett County Senior Center,
Bethesda Park • Lilburn



James F. Pack Teen Center,
Lawrenceville Boys and Girls Club



Gwinnett Children's
Shelter • Buford



Creative Enterprises, Day
Habilitation Center • Lawrenceville



Gwinnett County Senior
Services Center • Lawrenceville



Norcross Human
Services Center



George Pierce Park Senior Center • Suwanee



"I am pleased to present this report summarizing the successful 25-year history of Gwinnett County's CDBG Program. Gwinnett County has used CDBG funds to serve working families, elderly persons, adults with disabilities, abused children, and other special populations. Gwinnett County has been well served by the CDBG Program over the past 25 years, and CDBG will continue to play an important role in serving the citizens of Gwinnett County."

Charlotte Nash, Chairman
Gwinnett County Board of Commissioner

Future CDBG activities

Although Gwinnett County has many unmet CDBG needs in its strategic plan for 2010 – 2014, Congress acted in 2011 to reduce the CDBG award to Gwinnett County and all cities, counties, and states by nearly 16 percent from their 2010 grants. The prospects for 2012 and beyond are still unknown at the time this report was prepared. However, Gwinnett County will use any CDBG funds received by the U.S. Department of Urban Development to address its priority housing and community development needs with activities that serve low- and moderate-income families, and special populations including the elderly, the homeless, adults with severe disabilities, and abused women and children.

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What is CDBG?

The United States Congress passed the Housing and Community Development Act in 1974, resulting in the creation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The CDBG Program was the first block grant from the federal government to cities, counties, and states.

The **primary objective of the CDBG Program** is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expended economic opportunities, principally for persons with low and moderate incomes.

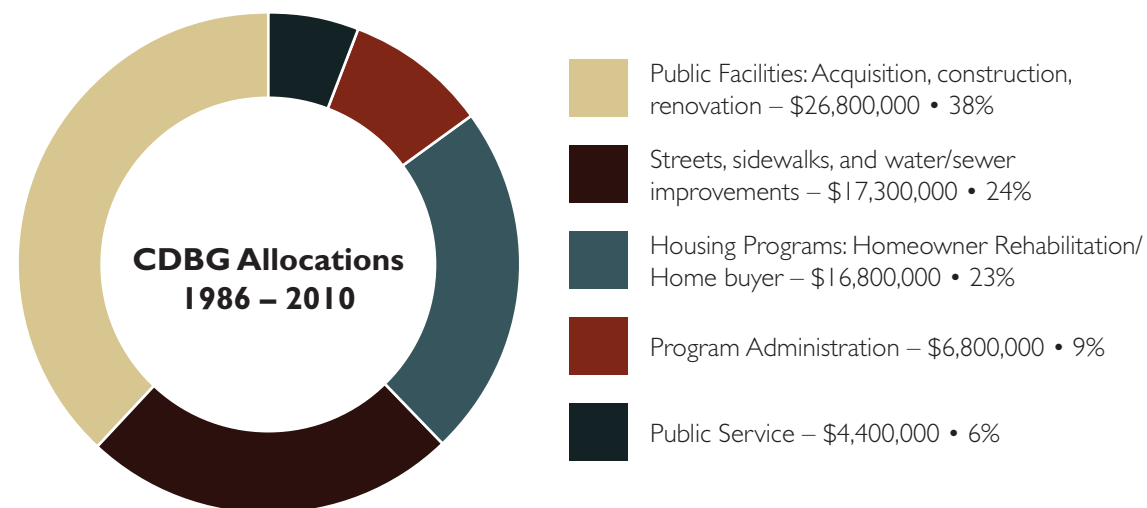
The investment of CDBG Program funds is guided by a strategic plan [Consolidated Plan] and Annual Action Plans for each year's use of funds. These documents contain HUD-required data that documents housing and community development needs to be addressed through the investment of CDBG funds.

How has Gwinnett County used CDBG funds?

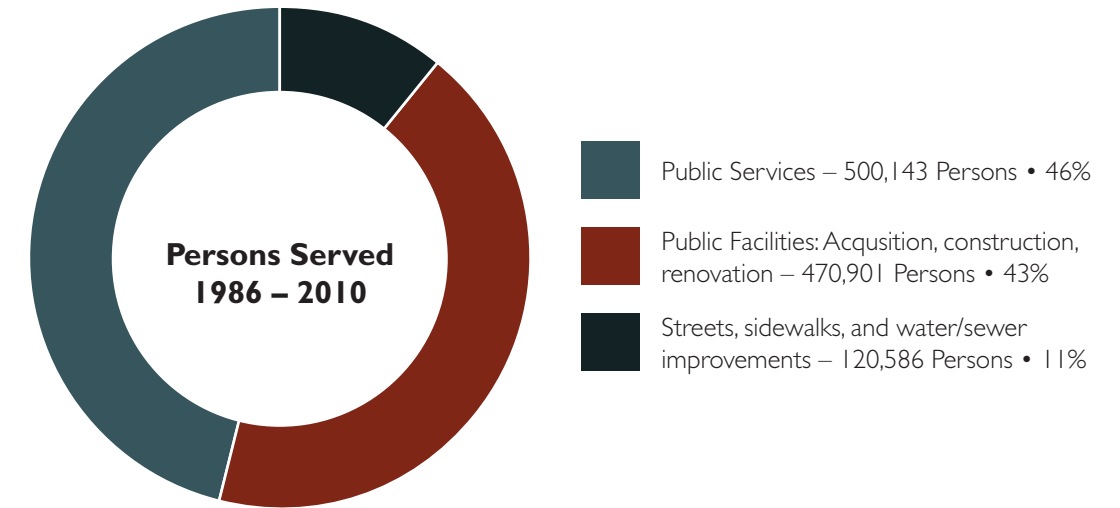
Gwinnett County qualified to receive CDBG funds in 1986. During the past 25 years, the County has received over \$72 million from the CDBG Program that was invested in more than 700 projects and activities such as:

- Streets, sidewalks, and water/sewer improvements
- Acquisition, construction, and renovation of public facilities
 - Senior citizens centers
 - Public and nonprofit health clinics
 - Mental health facilities
 - Facilities serving adults with disabilities
 - Homeless shelters
 - Boys and Girls Clubs and other facilities that serve children and youth
 - Accessibility improvements to public facilities
- Housing programs
 - Rehabilitation of homeowner-occupied housing
 - Downpayment assistance to first-time homebuyers
- Public services activities
 - Housing counseling for homeowners and homebuyers
 - Purchase of vans and buses to transport special populations – elderly, adults with disabilities, abused and neglected children, and homeless women and their children
 - Playground equipment for nonprofit organizations serving children who are low-income, homeless, or abused
 - Medical equipment for public and nonprofit clinics serving low-income families
 - Computers for use by children and youth served by nonprofit organizations
 - Computers for job training and search for adults
 - Fair housing activities
 - Accessibility equipment to serve adults with severe disabilities
 - Operating costs for centers serving the elderly, adults with severe disabilities, and abused/neglected children
 - Equipment to serve elderly persons at senior centers
- Program administration

The following graph displays funding allocations for CDBG activity types since 1986:



The funding allocation identified in the previous graph resulted in the following number of persons served:



Housing rehabilitation for homeowners and downpayment assistance to first-time homebuyers have assisted 1,277 families during the 25-year period.

Gwinnett County has awarded over \$10 million from its CDBG funds to municipalities located in the county as identified in the following table:

Name of city	Total award amounts	Types of projects funded
Buford	\$1,562,077.40	Parks, streets, sidewalks, water and sewer
Dacula	\$1,690,023.00	Drainage, streets, sidewalks, and water
Duluth	\$1,197,504.29	City hall accessibility improvements, drainage, parks, streets, and sidewalks
Grayson	\$302,400.00	Senior center, drainage, sidewalks, and water
Lawrenceville	\$1,075,793.00	Parks, sidewalks, water and sewer
Lilburn	\$401,080.00	Accessibility improvements, parks, streets, and sidewalks
Loganville	\$250,500.00	Drainage, streets, water and sewer
Norcross	\$1,273,810.00	Accessibility improvements, senior center, drainage, streets, and sidewalks
Snellville	\$1,022,554.42	Accessibility improvements, senior center, parks, buses, and equipment for seniors
Sugar Hill	\$981,475.00	City hall and community center accessibility, drainage, parks, streets, and sidewalks
Suwanee	\$361,488.91	Parks, sidewalks, and water
Total	\$10,118,706.02	