

Examples of projects constructed with CDBG Program funds



Partnership Against Domestic Violence
Gwinnett Shelter Ribbon Cutting



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



Gwinnett Children's
Shelter • Buford



Creative Enterprises, Day
Habilitation Center • Lawrenceville



Gwinnett County Senior Center,
Bethesda Park • Lilburn



Norcross Human
Services Center

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

CDBG Week: 40th Anniversary Edition



Gwinnett County Senior Services Center
Lawrenceville

"I am pleased to present this report summarizing the successful 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 years, and CDBG will continue to play an important role in serving the residents of Gwinnett County."

Charlotte Nash, Chairman
Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners

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 2014 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 Housing and 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.

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners

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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 expanded 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.

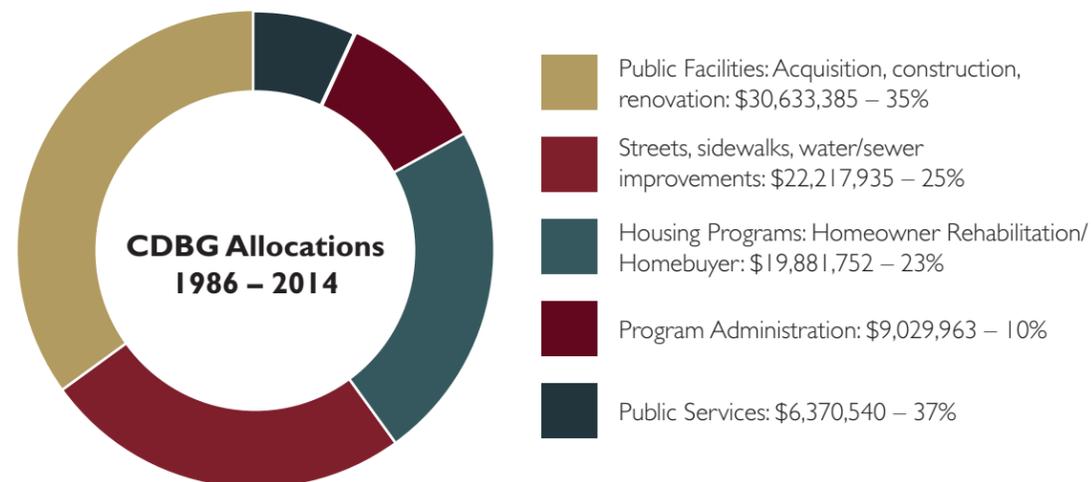
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How has Gwinnett County used CDBG funds?

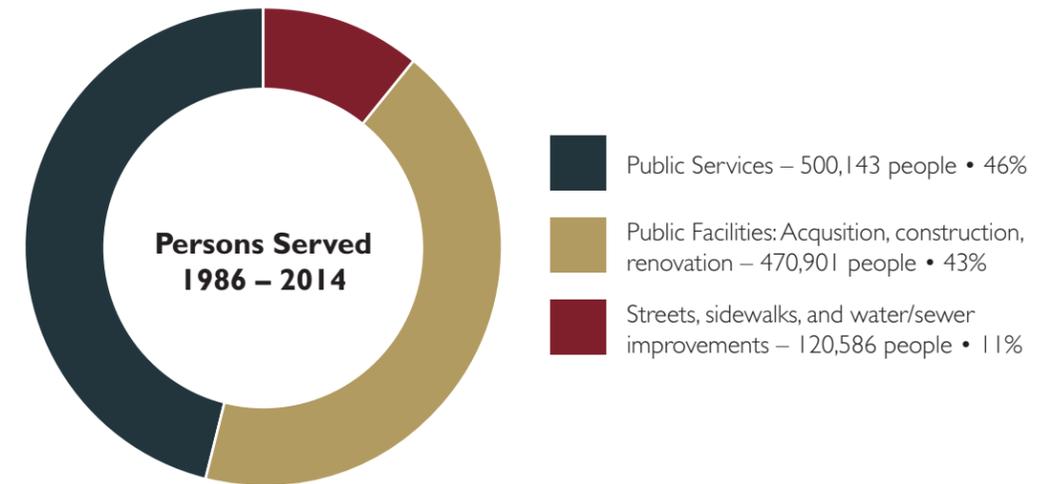
Gwinnett County first qualified to receive CDBG funds in 1986 under the leadership of then-Commission Chairman Lillian Webb, who was instrumental in recognizing the possibility of Gwinnett County as an entitlement community. During the past three decades, the County has received more than \$90 million from the CDBG Program that was invested in more than 750 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 and abused and neglected children
 - 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 employment 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 pie chart displays funding allocations for CDBG activity types 1986 – 2014:



The funding allocations 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 past 28 years.

Gwinnett County has awarded more than \$14 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	\$3,034,463.48	Parks, streets, sidewalks, water, and sewer
Dacula	\$2,159,802.00	Drainage, streets, sidewalks, and water
Duluth	\$1,406,219.72	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	\$551,080.00	Accessibility improvements, parks, streets, and sidewalks
Loganville	\$935,917.00	Drainage, streets, water, and sewer
Norcross	\$1,976,608.50	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	\$1,181,814.00	City hall and community center accessibility, drainage, parks, streets, and sidewalks
Suwanee	\$361,488.91	Parks, sidewalks, and water
Total	\$14,008,141.03	