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NATIONAL COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT WEEK

BUILDING EQUITABLE  
COMMUNITIES

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

*Celebrating National Community Development Week*



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# What is National CD Week?

**National Community Development Week** was created in 1986 to bring national attention to the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program** through grassroots support at a time when the program was facing scrutiny by Congress. The week-long celebration has expanded to include the **HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program**.

For more than 40 years, CDBG has provided Cobb County with an important source of funds to address affordable housing and community and economic development needs and for more than 30 years, the HOME program has helped Cobb County provide access to affordable housing for low-income households.

Since 1982, the CDBG and HOME Programs have brought more than \$192 million to the County and its municipalities to fund public facilities and public services to improve the social, economic and physical environment of low and moderate-income persons, as well as individuals with special needs residing in Cobb County. The County was also allocated \$8.6 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding to “prevent, prepare for, and respond” to the Coronavirus.

In partnership with the County, local nonprofit organizations utilize grant funds to provide services including after-school programs, childcare, health care, domestic violence and family crisis intervention, downpayment and rental assistance, shelter for the homeless and disabled, youth and senior services, transportation assistance, and veteran services.

Given the continued shortage of affordable housing, and the ongoing need for infrastructure and services, we're excited and proud to celebrate these programs and their extraordinary impact.





# CDBG Overview

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through the CDBG program, provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to Entitlement Communities, like Cobb County, as a means to support viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income persons.

Cobb County CDBG Allocations	
2021	<b>\$3,661,168.00</b>
2020	<b>\$3,655,771.00</b>
2019	<b>\$3,590,465.00</b>



## 3-Year Snapshot (2019-2021)

nearly  
**11.5K**  
clients served

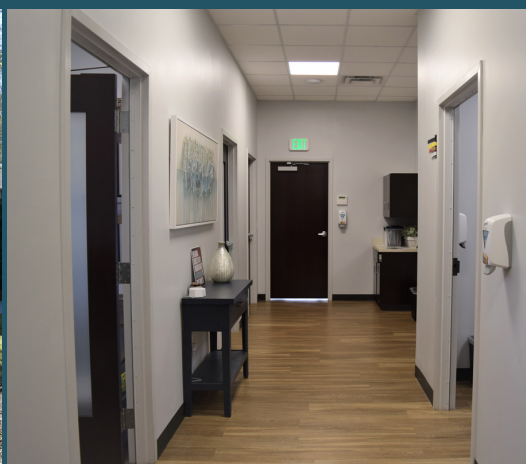
over  
**\$11.5M**  
funds expended

over  
**\$850K**  
program income earned



**Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb** is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to spread the love of Christ by providing quality healthcare to those in need. Clients can receive behavioral health, dental, and medical, services through the Center.

Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb has expended **over \$400,000** in CDBG funding to renovate the facility located at 1605 Roberta Dr, Marietta, GA 30008. Renovations included additions to the administrative building for mental health services, plumbing and electrical upgrades, exterior and interior door installations, interior and exterior painting, and a modular unit acquisition.







**SafePath Children's Advocacy Center** is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children who have been abused. SafePath's mission is to reduce the trauma to children and their families by offering a comprehensive, professional, and child-friendly approach to the allegations of child abuse.

SafePath has served over 3,500 County residents and expended **\$480,000.00** in CDBG Public Service funding for operating costs.





Special Needs Cobb<sup>®</sup>  
Resources. Respite. Residential.



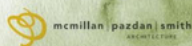
**Special Needs Cobb** is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting opportunities for all people with developmental disabilities to live full, productive and self-determined lives of the highest quality.

Special Needs Cobb expended nearly **\$300,000** in CDBG public facility funding to renovate several group homes, which house developmentally disabled adults. Renovations included roof replacements, flooring installation, interior and exterior painting, plumbing and electrical improvements.





Shelter Exterior Rendering



**MUST Ministries, Inc.** is a nonprofit organization whose vision is to restore lives one person and one community at a time. It provides food housing, clothing, employment, and healthcare to persons in need.

MUST Ministries has utilized more than **\$1,000,000** in CDBG public facility funding for the acquisition of land for the Hope House, a two-story, 136-bed shelter for inclement weather and other emergencies. The shelter includes a chapel, dining hall, kitchen, rooftop, family area, playground, medical clinic, and clothing boutique, and is located at 1260 Cobb Parkway, Marietta, GA 30062.

MUST Ministries also utilized over **\$100,000** in CDBG public service funding to staff a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program that served 110 households.



# girls inc.

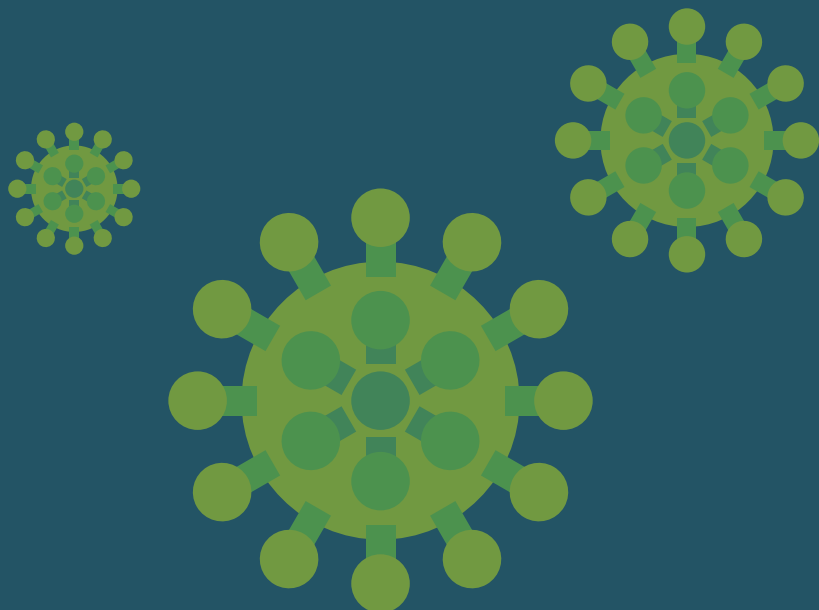
**Girls Incorporated of Greater Atlanta** offers research-based programming, which equips girls to lead fulfilling and productive lives, break the cycle of poverty and become role models in their community.

Girls, Inc. has utilized nearly **\$750,000** in CDBG public facility funding for renovations to the center located at 461 Manget Street, SE, Marietta, Georgia. Renovations included outdoor playground improvements, basketball goal replacement, security upgrades, interior and exterior painting, plumbing upgrades, flooring installation, and bleacher replacements. Girls, Inc. also expended **\$40,000** in CDBG public service funding to serve over 100 youths.





# CDBG-CV Overview



Cobb County CDBG-CV Allocations	
<b>\$2,150,898.00</b>	<i>CDBG-CV1</i>
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<b>\$3,228,311.00</b>	<i>CDBG-CV3</i>

In 2020, Congress provided \$5 billion in the CARES Act for the CDBG program to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus. The County received allocations from the first and third tranches of CARES Act funding from HUD. Funds were utilized for public service activities to mitigate the effects of the Coronavirus, provision of emergency housing assistance to households experiencing financial difficulties, and to rehabilitate community facilities to establish infectious disease treatment areas and accomodate social distancing requirements.

## 2-Year Snapshot (2020-2021)

nearly <b>90K</b> clients served	over <b>\$2.5M</b> public services funds expended	over <b>700</b> households assisted	over <b>\$1.5M</b> rental assistance funds expended
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**COBB & DOUGLAS  
PUBLIC HEALTH**  
*Healthier lives. Healthier community.*

**Cobb & Douglas Public Health** is committed to improving quality of life by promoting health and safety through education and communication, providing access to exceptional medical services, tracking and preventing the spread of disease, and ensuring that our community is prepared for public health emergencies.

Cobb & Douglas Public Health utilized over **\$250,000** in CDBG-CV public service funding to provide COVID-19 vaccines for Cobb residents. The organization purchased a van for off-site testing and vaccine clinics, along with other COVID-19 supplies and equipment, resulting in over **100,000** vaccinations throughout the County.





**The Extension, Inc.** seeks to empower chemically dependent men and women to become sober, accountable members of society and to serve as a recovery resource for the community.

In response to COVID-19, The Extension, Inc. utilized nearly **\$200,000** in CDBG-CV public facility funding to renovate the Men's Campus, located at 1507 Church Street Extension in Marietta, Georgia. In addition, the organization converted administrative offices to isolation rooms.

The Extension, Inc. expended nearly **\$50,000** to acquire a vehicle to minimize client exposure to COVID-19 and safely transport clients to appointments.



# CDBG Minor Home Repair Grant Overview

CDBG Minor Home Repair Grant [MHRG] Program provides a one-time grant of up to \$10,000 for income-eligible homeowners to correct code deficiencies or energy conservation issues that represent conditions that could pose a threat to the immediate health, welfare, and/or safety of the homeowner occupants.

Grants are provided for repairs such as roof repairs, HVAC or furnace replacement, electrical and plumbing repairs, water heater replacement, and window/door replacement. This program also provides assistance for mitigating lead paint and asbestos hazards.



## 3-Year Snapshot (2019-2021)

over  
**\$500K**  
 funds  
 expended

**45**  
 homes  
 repaired

# HOME Program Overview

The HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program was created by the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990. The primary purpose of the HOME Program is to expand affordable housing options for persons of low and moderate-income by providing decent affordable housing to low-income residents, expanding the capacity of non-profit housing providers, strengthening the ability of state and local governments to provide housing, leveraging private sector participation.

In collaboration with nonprofit organizations, the County supported affordable housing initiatives through the acquisition of rental housing, acquisition, and new construction of single-family homes, tenant-based rental assistance, and down-payment assistance.

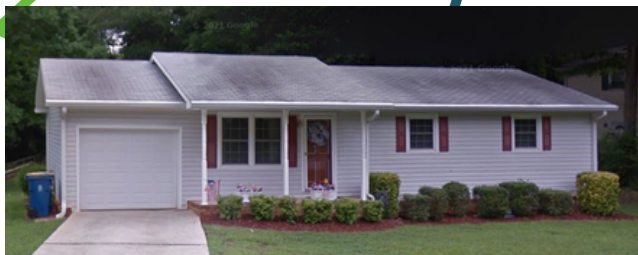
Cobb County HOME Allocations	
2021	<b>\$1,531,624.00</b>
2020	<b>\$1,532,824.00</b>
2019	<b>\$1,439,077.00</b>



## 3-Year Snapshot (2019-2021)

<p>over</p> <p><b>\$2.1M</b></p> <p>funds expended</p>	<p><b>422</b></p> <p>TBRA households assisted</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>affordable homes constructed</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>households assisted w/ downpayments</p>
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**Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta** expended over **\$250,000** in HOME Program funding to construct four affordable single-family homes for first-time home buyers.

**Cole Street Development Corporation**, Cobb County's HOME Program Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) expended over **\$750,000** in HOME Program funds to acquire two single family rental homes to be set-aside for low income households.



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