



## Fulton County, Georgia

# Fifth Program Year CAPER

The CPMP Fifth Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report includes Narrative Responses to CAPER questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

The grantee must submit an updated Financial Summary Report (PR26).

### GENERAL

#### Executive Summary

##### Program Year 5 CAPER Executive Summary response:

Fulton County has successfully completed the fifth year of the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Activities undertaken during this period reflect the goals and objectives as stated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2010 to 2014. In compliance with regulations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Fulton County Department of Housing and Community Development developed the 2014 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. This performance report is required as part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Consolidated Planning process, and is outlined specifically in 24 CFR 91.520. The Consolidated Plan outlines the County's housing, community development needs and the steps the County plans to take to address identified needs using its allocation of federal formula funds. The Consolidated Plan is a three part document that has been prepared to assist the citizens of Fulton County and HUD to monitor the County's progress in implementing its Consolidated Plan. The three sections are (1) the development process (2) a five-year strategic plan that outlines the priorities, objectives, and the investment of resources to meet these goals and (3) a one-year action plan which identifies priorities and objectives during the fiscal year. Fulton County must revise the entire Consolidated Plan no less frequently than once every five years, with the Action Plan section updated annually. The Annual Action Plan also serves as the County's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the receipt of federal Consolidated Funds.

Fulton County Housing and Community Development coordinates the publication of Fulton County's Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Annual Performance Report which provide information on the County's actions to achieve the goals and objectives of the HUD programs which must be reported on pursuant to 24 CFR 91.520.

During 2014 calendar year, the period of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014, Fulton County was the recipient of three federal formula programs covered by the County's Consolidated Plan. The three federal programs include the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs. Each program section reports on the following subjects, as required by 24 CFR 91.520(a): *Each jurisdiction that has an approved consolidated plan shall annually review and report, in a form prescribed by HUD, on the progress it has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan.*

- ❖ Description of the resources made available
- ❖ Investment of the available resources

- ❖ Geographic distribution and location of investments
- ❖ Families and persons assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of persons assisted),
- ❖ Actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing
- ❖ Other actions indicated in the strategic plan and the action plan.

HUD also made available additional resources from these programs directly to individual entitlements or participating jurisdictions to address housing and community development needs within their communities. Each of these communities is required to submit a Consolidated Plan to reflect its respective housing and community development needs and strategies. Thus, Fulton County's Consolidated Plan does not govern use of local entitlement funds in these communities.

During 2014, Fulton County received its allocation in the amount of \$2,436,591 of federal fiscal year consolidated formula funds; however, funds awarded or loan commitments made during this program year may have utilized funds from previous federal funding years and program income.

NAME	CDBG	HOME	ESG	TOTAL 2014
FULTON COUNTY	\$1,676,919	\$623,396	\$136,276	\$2,436,591

In addition to the three federal programs covered by the Consolidated Plan funds, this CAPER reports on the progress of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP-1) funds authorized by Division B, Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 - Emergency Assistance for the Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes (NSP-1) and under Section 1497 of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) of 2010 (NSP- 3) (Pub. L. 111-203, approved July 21, 2010) for emergency assistance for redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes and residential properties.

### FULTON COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Demographic information for the jurisdiction is included in Appendix I: Fulton County Profile. Data was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau. The ten (10) cities in Fulton County's jurisdiction include: Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, and Union City.

#### ***Federal Programs Data Information***

The IDIS PR-03 and the PR- 23 reports are attached in Appendix E. These reports reflect the demographic data on CDBG and HOME beneficiaries, including household distributions by race/ethnicity and income group. Data is provided under the ESG narrative for those assisted with homeless assistance and under the NSP narrative for those who benefited from the program.

### AVAILABLE RESOURCES

#### ***Consolidated Funds***

##### Geographic Distribution of Assistance and Investments

Fulton County is one of the five core counties of the [Atlanta metropolitan area](#) and the most populous county. Services and program funding were provided to ten cities and

unincorporated Fulton County while the cities of Sandy Springs, Johns Creek, Roswell and Atlanta all receive entitlement funding directly from HUD. The ten cities include: Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, and Union City.

Fulton County's funds are not targeted to any particular area within the county's jurisdiction however; eligibility is based on serving low to moderate income citizens for all of the federal funded program activities. These activities are determined based upon the location within Fulton County and outside the municipal city limits of Atlanta, Sandy Springs, Roswell and Johns Creek.

**HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)**

The HOME program is designed to strengthen public-private partnerships to provide more affordable housing. HOME strives to meet both the short-term goal of increasing the supply and the availability of affordable housing and the long-term goal of building partnerships between State and local governments and private and nonprofit organizations to strengthen their capacity to meet the housing needs of low, very low, and extremely low income Georgians. Generally, the HOME program has three main purposes:

- (1) To expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing with primary attention to rental housing for extremely low and low income Americans;
- (2) To mobilize and strengthen the abilities of states and units of general local government throughout the United States to design and implement strategies to achieve an adequate supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing; and,
- (3) To provide participating jurisdictions, on a coordinated basis, with various forms of federal housing assistance, including capital investment, mortgage investment, rental assistance, and other needed federal assistance.

HUD regulations allow the HOME program to serve a variety of activities such as owner-occupied housing assistance, home buyer assistance, tenant-based rental assistance, and rental housing development assistance. Fulton County Housing and Community Development provide a variety of programs to address these main purposes.

Fulton County is one of the thirteen participating jurisdictions in Georgia that received an annual formula allocation of federal HOME funds directly from HUD. Fulton County received \$623,396 in 2014 Federal Year HOME funds during this reporting period.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

Fulton County's CDBG program assisted citizens within municipalities and through non-profits entities. The assistance provided was in compliance with HUD's three basic objectives of providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunity of low- to moderate-income residents within Fulton County. To meet this goal, a minimum of 70% of all allocated CDBG funds must benefit low- and moderate-income persons. All activities met one of the following national objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums and blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency due to existing conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

The program is a source for a broad range of community development activities including but not limited to the housing improvements, code enforcement, administrative cost, rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures and public service projects. Additional utilization of CDBG funds were for demolition, clearance, interim assistance, removal of architectural barriers, activities relating to energy conservation, public infrastructure improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, and economic development. Therefore, Fulton County's Priorities determine the type of projects receiving CDBG assistance. The priorities are from Fulton County citizen input of needs within their perspective communities, which can vary from year to year and approved by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Fulton County received \$1,676,919 in 2014 Federal Year CDBG funds during this reporting period.

**Emergency Solutions (formerly "Shelter") Grant Program (ESG)**

The ESG is designed to improve the access to quality housing and supportive services for individuals and families who experience or are at risk of homelessness. Specifically, the objectives of the program are as follows:

1. Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street;
2. Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families;
2. Help operate these shelters;
3. Provide essential services to shelter residents,
4. Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and
5. Prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

In order to achieve the goals of the program, Fulton County provided the following eligible activities for homeless head of households women with children, families, unattached women and men, and youth through the Jefferson Place and Springdale Place facilities:

1. Case Management Services;
2. Supportive Services (clothing, transportation assistance, referrals for medical care, vocational upgrade and job assistance);
3. Help operate these shelters;
4. Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (rental/utility assistance, rental/utility deposits, furniture and household items).
5. Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and
6. Prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

Fulton County is one of the nine participating jurisdictions in Georgia that received an annual formula allocation of federal ESG funds directly from HUD. Fulton County received \$136,276 in FY 2014. As mandated by HUD (24 CFR 576.51) Fulton County provided matching funds in the amount of \$136,276, bringing the total amount of funds available to support the goals of this program to \$272,552.

**OTHER MAJOR RESOURCES**

Fulton County utilized funding from the following major resource(s) to address its housing and community development needs.

- Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA)/Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP -1 Funds)

The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 enacted July 30, 2008 was designed primarily to address the subprime mortgage crisis, and was passed by the United States

Congress on July 24, 2008. Assistance funds were provided to every state and certain local communities to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes, blighted, vacant and residential properties to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes and residential properties in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes. State and local governments could use their neighborhood stabilization grants to acquire foreclosed upon residential property; to demolish or rehabilitate abandoned properties; and/or to offer down-payment and closing cost assistance to low- moderate- and middle-income home buyers (household incomes not to exceed 120 percent of area median income. The NSP funds also sought to prevent future foreclosures by requiring housing counseling for families receiving home buyer assistance. In addition, future home buyers are protected by requiring grantees to ensure that new home buyers under this program obtain a mortgage loan from a lender who agrees to comply with sound lending practices.

Fulton County received a total of \$11,060,031.86 under the Act; of the total amount granted, \$10,333,410 was funded through a direct allocation by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Fulton County and the City of Roswell through a joint application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) received \$1,447,942.86. In accordance with 24 CFR 570.206, administrative cost of the program is being paid through NSP funding.

NSP-1 Federal	\$10,333,410
NSP-1 State (Fulton)	\$726,621.86
NSP State (Roswell)	\$721,321.00
Total NSP -1	\$11,060,031.86

Under NSP-1 it was determined that the best way to delineate geographic priority areas were through the use of the existing County Commission district borders. Fulton County obligated 100% of both the federal and state awards totaling \$11,060,031.86 by the September 4, 2010 deadline.

**Definition of Blighted Structure:**

Fulton County adopted the State of Georgia definition of blighted. The State of Georgia has adopted a definition of blighted property, blighted, or blight. Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) 22-1-1 "Blighted property," "blighted," or "blight" means any urbanized or developed property. In that notice, the definition of blighted structure states a structure is blighted when it exhibits objectively determinable signs of deterioration sufficient to constitute a threat to human health, safety, and public welfare.

**Ensuring Continued Affordability:**

Fulton County uses the affordability period requirements of the HOME Program regulations as its standard for this program set forth in 24 CFR 92.252 (a) (c) (e) and (f) for rental housing and in 24 CFR 92.254 for homeownership housing. Additionally, the County adopted a more stringent approach by adding an additional year for each homeownership threshold mandated by HUD. These periods of affordability are enforced as follows based upon the level of assistance provided per unit for homeownership housing: under \$15,000, six years; \$15,000 to \$40,000, eleven years; and over \$40,000, sixteen years.

**Definition of Affordable Rents:**

The County requires the NSP program recipients to follow the HUD regulations as set forth in 24 CFR 92.25, which the Fair Market Rents (FMR) for the metropolitan Atlanta area is determined and updated by HUD each year and adjusted for utilities as the standard for rental affordability under the program.

**Meeting a 25% set-aside requirement:**

The County sold twenty-nine (29) single family properties acquired using Federal NSP-1 funds and sold six (6) single family properties acquired with State NSP-1 funds to the targeted population whose income is at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The County has met the 25% set aside for the original grant requirement and will continue to monitor the set-aside requirements as program income is returned to the County.

**Accomplishments /DRGR:**

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program continues to combat a challenging housing market that affects neighborhoods across District 7 in Fulton County. By creating high-quality, energy efficient housing and arranging for tiered subsidies based on income levels and neighborhoods, the program will re-ignite local markets, lock in affordability for buyers, and support local economic development and job growth. This will restore local confidence, protect recent and planned investments and ultimately turn around local markets. Our success with this program has helped to return vacant, blighted, foreclosures or dilapidated housing and boarded homes to the area’s housing supply.

During the program year, the NSP Grantee Status report reflects that Fulton County Government has completed the following:

Federal Grant Award	Obligated	Obligation amount	Draw	Drawn Rate
\$10,333,410	153.12% **	\$15,822,930.63	\$13,841,536.53	133.95%

*\*\*This amount includes the total grant award and the monies returned to the county from the sale of the acquired single family units. These funds are referred to as Program Income. HUD mandates that all program income generated by eligible NSP activities pursuant to HERA shall principally benefit low-, moderate-, and middle-income (LMMI) individuals and families, and limited to only those activities as described in the HUD approved Fulton County Grantee’s Application. {Specified in federal statute and regulation at Section 104(j) of the Housing and Community Development Act ("the Act"), as amended in 1992 and 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 570.489 (e)(3) and of Title III of Division B of HERA.}*

Accomplishments using the State NSP funds were reported by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs NSP staff. Fulton County and the City of Roswell through a joint application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) were awarded \$1,447,942.86. Funds have been used on the following:

State Grant Award	
\$1,447,942.86	Since the program launched, the NSP program has accomplished Thirteen homes acquired, rehabilitated and placed on the market with six (6) homes located in the City of Roswell and remaining seven (7) homes located in South Fulton. All homes have been sold to eligible homebuyers

Due to increased costs of the multi-family unit purchased with NSP-3 funding, the decision was made to utilize Federal NSP1 funds in conjunction with Federal NSP3 funds for the

rehabilitation of the twenty-four (24) unit, multifamily property named Stanton Crest Apartments.

**NSP- 2-** Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) additional Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds (referred to as NSP II) were made available for distribution via competition and pursuant to the original HERA legislation. Fulton County was not awarded NSP II funds.

**The Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP- 3)** was authorized under Section 1497 of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) (Pub. L. 111-203, approved July 21, 2010) that was originally established under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 for emergency assistance for redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes and residential properties. HUD awarded grants to 270 states and selected local governments to mitigate the negative impact of the nation's economic decline and housing market collapse and to stabilize and revitalize communities/areas hit the hardest. Fulton County received \$3,094,885 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a requirement to receive these funds all local and state entitlement jurisdictions had to submit a *Substantial Amendment* to their current HUD approved Consolidated Plan and 2013 Annual Action Plan describing their NSP 3 program.

Under NSP-3, the county secured the services of Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership after a Request for Proposal process for the acquisition, rehabilitation, housing counseling, real estate marketing and sales and asset management services for single-family and multi-family foreclosed properties.

**Meeting a 25% set-aside requirement:**

Fulton County has exceeded the required LH25 set-aside. The current percentage of NSP-3 funds that have benefited eligible low-income households is 26.2% or \$957,882.51/\$3,659,339.04.

NSP -3 Rental funds were expended by purchasing an existing two (2) building, a twenty-four (24) unit multifamily property. This property provides a rental component to the County NSP program thereby assisting families who are not yet ready for homeownership. Stanton Crest Apartments offers two bedrooms, one bath rental units for approximately \$563-\$895 per month to income qualified households. Additionally, the Developer procured the property management services of Glass Ratner, to conduct the lease-up and management of the property. To date, the property has 75% occupancy with twenty (20) tenants and is leasing additional units.

The following table highlights Performance Measure data, which has been reported in the Quarterly Performance Report (QPR), on required accomplishments as it goal (established measures in the DRGR Action Plan) has been met. The accomplishments are entered on-going and reported as HUD mandates.

**Household Benefit: 23 units (twenty units have been used with three units having multiple clients)**

All the tenants listed African American or Black as their racial category and non-Hispanic as their ethnic category. There were no special needs tenants. As noted in the chart below, 62% (sixty-two) of units were occupied by female headed households.

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UNIT #	Rent Payment	Rent vs. Income	NSP Grant Year	Borrow's Gross Annual Income	AMI	Age	Marital Status	# of People in HH	Sex-Head of HH	# of Child(s)	Move-In Date
103	\$563	0%	NSP1	\$7,260	<50%	50	S	2	F	1	4/4/14
105	\$708	32%	NSP1	\$26,624		22	S	1	M	0	11/26/14
106	\$708	23%	NSP1	\$37,180	>80	51	S	1	M	0	11/17/14
203	\$563	30%	NSP1	\$28,120	>50%	25	S	2	F	1	9/1/14
204	\$708	24%	NSP1	\$35,854	<80%	21	S	1	F	0	10/1/14
205	\$563	33%	NSP1	\$20,433	<50%	22	S	1	M	0	4/1/14
205	\$708	42%	NSP1	\$20,384	<50%	61	S	1	F	0	11/20/14
208	\$708	43%	NSP1	\$19,659	<50%	45	S	2	F		8/8/14
101	\$563	40%	NSP3	\$16,839	<50%	60	S	1	M	0	3/7/14
102	\$563	32%	NSP3	\$25,807	<50%	30	S	4	F	3	3/15/14
104	\$708	32%	NSP3	\$28,620	>50%	34	S	1	F	0	8/7/14
107	\$708	20%	NSP3	\$41,976	<80%	33	S	3	M	1	10/3/14
108	\$563	41%	NSP3	\$16,380	<50%	22	S	1	F	0	3/1/14
110	\$708	40%	NSP3	\$20,970	<50%	39	S	2	F	1	8/7/14
111	\$563	0%	NSP3	\$9,216	<50%	27	S	3	F	2	3/25/14
112	\$563	29%	NSP3	\$22,880	>50%	23	S	1	F	0	3/1/14
201	\$563	38%	NSP3	\$17,342	<50%	19	S	4	F	2	3/6/14
202	\$563	26%	NSP3	\$25,896	>50%	43	S	1	M	0	2/17/14
206	\$708	23%	NSP3	\$36,218	<80%	19	S	2	M	0	9/12/14
207	\$563	30%	NSP3	\$21,840	<50%	23	S	2	F	1	2/20/14
207	\$708	20%	NSP3	\$46,800	>80%	43	S	1	M	0	11/5/14
208	\$708	35%		\$24,310	>50%	26	S	1	M	0	12/1/14
209	\$708	22%	NSP3	\$38,605	>80%	32	S	2	M	0	4/25/14
210	\$708	32%	NSP3	\$26,000	<80%	39	S	1	M	0	5/15/14
211	\$708	24%	NSP3	\$34,070	80%	23	S	1	M	0	6/18/14
211	\$708	38%		\$23,114	>50%	23	S	1	F	0	11/20/14
212	\$708	27%	NSP3	\$30,730	<80%	35	S	2	F	1	6/1/24

The following activities were completed during this reporting period:

- Staff participated in Citizen Participation Meetings scheduled for the proposed FY2014 Substantial Amendments. The amendments are part of the 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan and Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 Annual Action Plan and citizen input on establishing priorities for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The meetings occurred: April 8, April 10, April 22, April 24, July 17, July 29, July 31, August 5, August 11, August 12, August 12, August 14, September 24, November 6, November 10, November 12, November 19, November 20 and November 24, 2014.
- Staff continued to evaluate and assess available property information in areas with high concentrations of foreclosed single-family homes to determine eligibility for acquisition based on the available funding.
- Continued participating in meetings and/or providing updates as requested under the Piece by Piece Initiative sponsored by the Atlanta Regional Commission.

- NSP staff participated in the Office of Housing and Community Development Information and Community Outreach Session of “Own Your Own Home and Improve Your Credit” held at the East Point Library on June, 25, 2014.
- NSP staff used internal resources to assist our Rental Developer in their marketing efforts for the acquired and rehabilitated rental property.
  - Radio interviews- WAEC on July 17, 2014. WCLK on July 18, 2014;
  - Public Service Announcement and Interview onsite with Fulton County Television (FGTV) on July 18, 2014.
  - Released a press release to several media outlets including several weeks of free advertisements in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Newspaper.
- NSP staff participated in the HUD’s Georgia all Grantee Meeting on July 25, 2014. The meeting included receiving updates and technical assistance from HUD officials, peer-to-peer best practice sessions with other local jurisdictions (Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Henry, Rockdale Counties, City of Atlanta and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs) related to programmatic Issues, proposal of celebrative efforts, and problem solving.
- NSP, HOME and ANDP staff attended a HUD sponsored HOME Rule Briefing in Atlanta, GA on September 10, 2014, to brief Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) on the new 2013 HOME Final Rule. This regionally-based briefing provided information on the changes to the HOME Final Rule, and how those changes will impact current policies and procedures. The presentations covered topics such as timeliness requirements, CHDO requirements, market assessments, rental projects, and homebuyer projects.
- Staff participated in the Grant Management Webinar - Uniform Grant Guidance: Are Your Policies Ready? On October 23, 2014.
- Staff attended the APD’s sponsored 2014 Community and Economic Development Symposium “On the Rebound: Making Progress, Scoring Economically” on October 7, 2014.
- Staff attended the HUD Building Home Training on October 21-23, 2014
- Staff participated in the Grant Management/Thompson Training “Indirect Costs and the OMB Uniform Grants Reform Guidance: What to Expect” on November 12, 2014.

### General Questions

#### **1. Assessment of the one-year goals and objectives:**

##### **a. Describe the accomplishments in attaining the goals and objectives for the reporting period.**

#### **2014 ACCOMPLISHMENT OF SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

The following reflects the 2014 expenditures including prior year funds and accomplishments from all funding sources categorized by the priorities and specific objectives identified in Fulton County’s 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan. The 2014 Year End Budget included in Attachment A, provides a detailed line-item budget for CDBG activities listed below, including the total 2014 budget for each activity and the balance of funds as of December 31, 2014.

#### **Priority #1: Homelessness**

Projects and services designed to assist the homeless with funds from the CDBG and ESG Programs, and other funding.

<b>EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING OBJECTIVE</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>2014 Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual 2014 Accomplishment</b>
	Jefferson Place (ESG and Matching Funds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Shelter Housing/Services</li> <li>• Rapid Rehousing</li> <li>• Homeless Prevention</li> </ul>	\$122,218	3,036 people
<b>EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL TOTAL</b>		<b>\$122,218</b>	<b>3,036 people</b>
<b>TRANSITIONAL HOUSING OBJECTIVE</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>2014 Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual 2014 Accomplishment</b>
1	Jefferson Place Transitional Housing Grant (Federal Funds)	\$105,741	77 People
2	Transitional Housing (County Funds)	\$122,815	Reported under JFTH Grant (Federal Funds)
3	Transitional Housing (Human Services Grants)	\$0	44,536 people
<b>TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TOTAL</b>		<b>\$228,556</b>	<b>44,613 People</b>
<b>SUPPORTIVE SERVICES OBJECTIVE</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>2014 Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual 2014 Accomplishment</b>
1	Jefferson Place Supportive Services (Other Federal Funds)	\$442,956	2,728 People
2	Supportive Services (County Match Funds)	\$198,994	Reported under SS County Match Funds
3	Homelessness Prevention Services (Human Service Grants)	\$214,500	10,932 People
4	Homeless Supportive Services (Human Service Grants)	\$353,675	193,077 People
5	Fulton County GENERAL FUNDS	\$1,136,350	Reported under JP SS (Other Federal Funds)
<b>SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,346,475</b>	<b>206,737 People</b>
<b>EMERGENCY, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OBJECTIVE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,697,249</b>	<b>254,386 People</b>

The total 2014 Homelessness Funds expended \$2,697,249 resulting in the following accomplishments:

- 47,649 homeless persons will receive shelter or be provided transitional housing.
- 206,737 homeless persons received supportive services.

Priority #2: Affordable Housing

Affordable housing activities and services funded by the CDBG Program, HOME Program, and other funding sources.

<b>SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING REHABILITATION OBJECTIVE</b>		
<b>Projects</b>	<b>2014 Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual 2014 Accomplishment</b>
Fulton County Housing Rehabilitation Program Reprog. Funds (CDBG \$20,230.21) '01/'03/'06/'07/'08/'09/'10/'11 EAG's	\$20,230.21	2 Homes
Fulton County Housing Rehabilitation Program Reprog. Funds (CDBG \$49,284.00)'12 EAG's	\$49,284.00	5 Homes
Fulton County Housing Rehabilitation (Project Delivery '13	\$92,238.56	Project Delivery
Fulton County Housing Rehabilitation Program (CDBG \$255,046+9,000)'13 EAG's	\$80,336.06	9 Homes
Fulton County Housing Rehabilitation (Project Delivery'14	\$31,114.94	Project Delivery
Fulton County Housing Rehabilitation Program (CDBG \$ 285,776'14 EAG's	\$212,014.73	22 Homes
Fulton County Housing Rehabilitation DPL (HOME)	\$333,401.99	1 home ( <i>Funds used for 8 homes with 7 homes previously reported.</i> )
<b>SINGLE-FAMILY REHABILITATION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$818,620.49</b>	<b>39 Homes</b>
<b>PUBLIC HOUSING OBJECTIVE</b>		
<b>Projects</b>	<b>2014 Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual 2014 Accomplishment</b>
1 Public Housing Operating Fund and Capital Funds (HAFC)	\$881,577	231 Units
2 FSS Coordinator (HAFC)	\$ 46,563	Family self-sufficiency services to 175 HCV and TBRA clients
<b>PUBLIC HOUSING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$928,140</b>	231 Units-Family self-sufficiency services 175 HCV and TBRA clients
<b>RENTAL ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVE</b>		

	Projects	2014 Expenditure	Actual 2014 Accomplishment
1	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (HOME)	\$336,752.32	69 Households <i>The Contract was amended to serve up to 60 clients and target was met in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014.</i>
2	Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance (HAFC – Other Federal Funds)	\$6,181,783	847 Households
<b>RENTAL ASSISTANCE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,518,535.32</b>	<b>916 Households 231 Units 175 Clients</b>
<b>DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVE</b>			
	Projects	2014 Expenditure	Actual 2014 Accomplishment
1	Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOME) <i>** There were nine (9) loans totaling \$50,735 with draw completions/expended in IDIS with three loans previously reported.</i>	\$50,735 with \$39,278 expended and \$17,457.00 previously reported	6 Households
<b>DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$39,278</b>	<b>6 Households</b>
<b>CODE OF ENFORCEMENT</b>			
	Project - <i>The project consisted of demolition of 84 unit apartments in 8 buildings plus a laundry facility.</i>	2014 Expenditure	Actual 2014 Accomplishment
1	Slum and Blight Project'03	\$5,106.08	Code Enforcement
	Slum and Blight Project'04	\$24,761.07	Code Enforcement
	Slum and Blight Project'06	\$20,236.65	Code Enforcement
	Slum and Blight Project'07	\$18,552.57	Code Enforcement
	Slum and Blight Project'08	\$10,517.31	Code Enforcement
	Slum and Blight Project'09	\$45,725.86	Code Enforcement
	Slum and Blight Project'10	\$56,946.16	Code Enforcement

2	Slum and Blight Project'11	\$9,907.66	Code Enforcement
3	Slum and Blight Project'12	\$123,217.80	Code Enforcement
4	Slum and Blight Project'13	\$38,498.84	Code Enforcement
<b>CODE OF ENFORCEMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$353,470.00</b>	<b>Demolition of 8 buildings apartment complex consisting of 84 units (approx. 168 people).</b>

The total 2014 Affordable Housing Funds expended \$8,658,043.81 resulting in the following accomplishments:

- 39 single-family, owner occupied homes rehabilitated
- 916 Households provided rental assistance
- 231 units of rehab, operating expense and capital improvements
- 175 Family self-sufficiency services provided to approximately.
- 175 HCV and TBRA clients
- 6 households were provided down payment assistance

**Priority #3: Non-Housing Community Development**

Projects and services permitted by the Public Facilities, Public Services and Economic Development activities funded through the CDBG Program and other funds.

<b>PUBLIC FACILITY OBJECTIVE</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>2014 Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual 2014 Accomplishment</b>
1	Trinity Care'09	(\$20,000.00)	Project cancelled
	<b>PUBLIC FACILITY TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$20,000.00)</b>	<b>Project cancelled</b>
<b>PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE OBJECTIVE</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>2014 Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual 2014 Accomplishment</b>
1	City of Chattahoochee Hills - Bridges Repairs'12/13	\$57,375.60	Multi-Phase project to include Fiscal Years 2012, 2013 and 2014 Project Underway
2	City of College Park – Downtown Improv.'12/13	\$110,589.95	Combined with 2014 funds Project underway
3	City of Fairburn Lightening Neighborhood	\$53,750.00	4,643 people

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	Pedestrian Sidewalk Improv.'13		Construction of 850 linear feet of new sidewalk Project Complete
4	City of Fairburn – Sidewalks improvement '14	\$55,000.00	3,850 People 350 linear feet of new sidewalk and 650 linear feet of replacement sidewalk Project complete
5	City of Hapeville – ADA Sidewalks Improv.'12/13	\$91,245.95	3,815 People 1,800 linear feet upgrade sidewalk project Project complete
6	City of Hapeville – ADA Sidewalks Improv.'12/13/14	\$67,623.83	1,275 People 1,800 linear feet upgrade sidewalk project Project complete
7	City of Union City - Waterline Improvement'13	\$51,736.00	2,619 people Replacement of approximately 100 feet of pipe Project Complete
8	City of Union City - Waterline Improvement'14	\$6,611.00	Project underway
<b>PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$493,932.33</b>	<b>16,202 approx. people projects complete project underway</b>

**PUBLIC SERVICE OBJECTIVE**

	Projects	2014 Expenditure	Actual 2014 Accomplishment
1	Africa's Children's Fund'14	\$20,000.00	66 People
2	Andrew & Walter Young Family YMCA'13	\$25,000.00	153 People
3	Andrew & Walter Young Family YMCA'14	\$20,000.00	141 People
4	Atlanta Center of Self Sufficiency'14	\$10,000.00	107 People
5	Atlanta Legal Aid Society'14	\$10,000.00	76 People
6	Families First (CDBG-PS)'14	\$10,000.00	36 People
6	Fulton County- Accountability Court'14	\$10,810.00	183 People
7	HOPE Through Divine Intervention (CDBG-PS)'14	\$10,000.00	384 People
8	Metro Fair Housing'13	\$10,958.98	160 People
9	Metro Fair Housing'14	\$18,196.17	91 People

10	North Fulton Communities Charities'14	\$10,000.00	886 People
11	Partnership Against Domestic Violence'14	\$15,000.00	107 People
12	Resources for Residents & Communities of GA Inc.'14	\$10,000.00	25 People
13	Teens at Work'13	\$10,000.00	3418 People
14	Teens at Work'14	\$10,000.00	3711 People
15	Traveler's Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.'14	\$20,000.00	228 People
16	YMCA-Ed Isakson Alpharetta'13	\$20,000.00	Previously Reported
17	YMCA-Ed Isakson Alpharetta'14	\$20,000.00	165 People
18	Young Adult Guidance Center (CDBG-PS)'14	\$10,000.00	91 People
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$269,965.15</b>	<b>10,028 People</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>2014 Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual 2014 Accomplishment</b>
1	During 2014, the county discontinued its partnership with the Economic Development of Fulton County (EDCFC) and provided business development to small businesses seeking BILP loans for the program. In 2014, no new loans were provided.	0.00	0 People
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0 People</b>

The total 2014 Non-Housing Community Development Funds expended, \$763,897.48 resulted in the following accomplishments:

- **26,230 people** were served (general)
- **2 projects were completed**
- **1 project underway**

**Priority #4: Special Needs/ Non-Homeless**

Projects and services that assist special needs populations (elderly, frail elderly, disabled, HIV/AIDS, etc.) with funds from other Federal sources.

<b>SPECIAL NEEDS/NON-HOMELESS OBJECTIVE</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>2014 Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual 2014 Accomplishment</b>
1	QLS Villa, Inc '14	\$75,500.00	22 People
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS/NON-HOMELESS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$75,500.00</b>	<b>22 People</b>

The total 2014 Special Needs/Non Homeless Funds of \$75,500.00 resulted in the following accomplishments:

- 3 story facility renovation project for single senior citizens households. Each floor consists of 22 rooms. The project was done in 3 phases to include the renovation of each floor per program year. This was phase 3 and the final phase of the project to include the remaining 22 rooms.

**Fulton County Program Administration Funds**

General management and oversight related to program administration including staff and operating costs.

<b>PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND UNPROGRAMMED FUNDS</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>2014 Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual 2014 Accomplishment</b>
1	Fulton County CDBG Program Administration'10	\$5,953.32	Administered program
2	Fulton County CDBG Program Administration'13	\$232,980.12	Administered program
3	Fulton County CDBG Program Administration'14	\$81,433.58	Administered program
4	HOME (Admin 10% + Program Income)	\$36,379.72	Administered program
5	HESG	\$0	No Admin
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>\$356,746.74</b>	

**2014 BUDGET**

**SOURCE AND COMMITMENT OF FUNDS AWARDED IN 2014**

As required in the Consolidated Plan regulations, the County prioritized its commitment of funds for 2014 based on the priorities and specific objectives outlined in the County's 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan. The following reflects the actual amount of funds received in fiscal year 2014 from federal entitlement grants, other federal funding and non-federal funding.

**2014 Funding Sources:**

	<b>Program</b>	<b>Amount of Funding</b>	
1	CDBG	\$1,676,919	
2	CDBG Program Income BILP \$31,099.13	\$31,099.13	
3	HOME	\$623,396	
4	HOME Program Income	\$37,299.18	

5	HOME Match (General Funds)	\$155,849	<i>All participating jurisdictions (PJs) must contribute or match 25 cents for each dollar of HOME funds spent on affordable housing. (24 CFR 92.218)</i>
6	ESG	\$136,276	
7	ESG Match (General Funds)	\$136,276	<i>All participating jurisdictions (PJs) must contribute or match dollar-for-dollar for each program year allocation. (24 CFR 576.51.)</i>
8	County funds to support the Supportive Services Program	\$1,136,350	
9	Other Federal Funding	\$1,971,996	
10	Other Non-Federal Funding	\$2,360,208	
	<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$8,265,668.31</b>	

**REDISTRIBUTION OF PROGRAM FUNDING**

During the calendar year, Fulton County redistributed the allocation of funding. Fulton County adhered to the criteria for amendments described in the Citizen Participation Plan. The Fulton County policy regarding amendments requires that any changes in eligible activities and distribution of funds or in the substantive language of the Consolidated Plan require public hearings, as described in §91.105 (5), and official approval by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

- Staff also conducted three (3) Technical Assistance Workshops concerning the 2015/2016/2017 multi-year funding cycle for the CDBG request for proposals.
- Staff participated in Citizen Participation Meetings scheduled for the proposed FY2014 Substantial Amendments. The amendments are part of the 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan and Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 Annual Action Plan and citizen input on establishing priorities for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The meetings occurred: April 8, April 10, April 22, April 24, July 17, July 29, July 31, August 5, August 11, August 12, August 14, September 24, November 6, November 10, November 12, November 19, November 20 and November 24, 2014.

**b. Provide a breakdown of the CPD formula grant funds spent on grant activities for each goal and objective.**

**EXPENDITURES**

***FISCAL YEAR 2014 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY SOURCE***

The following reflects the total expenditures by source that occurred in fiscal year 2014 from all available funding including federal entitlement grants, other federal funding and non-federal funding, as well as funding available from prior year allocations. The expenditures for each source type are further broken down by activity.

**FEDERAL ENTITLEMENT FUNDING EXPENDITURES**

**(1) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG):**

***Sources of Funds: (2014 and Prior Years Funding)***

CDBG Entitlement Grant	\$3,784,380.86
Business Improvement Loan Program Income	\$ 31,099.13
<b>Total CDBG Funds</b>	<b>\$3,815,479.99</b>

***Uses of Funds:***

Public Facilities and Infrastructures	\$473,932.33
Public Facility – Trinity Care (\$20,000.00)	
Public Infrastructures \$493,932.33	
Public Services	\$269,965.15
Housing	\$914,188.50
Single-Unit Residential \$361,865.00	
Special Needs/Non-Homeless \$75,500.00	
Housing Rehabilitation Admin. \$123,353.50	
Code of Enforcement \$353,470.00	
Economic Development	\$ 0.00
General Administration and Planning	\$320,367.02
<b>Total CDBG Funds Expended</b>	<b>\$1,978,453.00</b>

**(2) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME):**

***Source of Funds: (2014 and Prior Years Funding)***

HOME Entitlement Grant	\$3,989,323.35
HOME Program Income	\$ 37,299.18
HOME Match	\$ 369,405.35
<b>Total HOME Funds</b>	<b>\$4,396,027.88</b>

***Uses of Funds:***

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$336,752.32
Home Ownership Assistance (HOP)	\$ 50,735.00
CHDO	\$516,000.00
Single Family Housing Rehabilitation	\$333,401.99
HOME Administration	\$153,570.56
<b>Total HOME Funds Expended:</b>	<b>\$1,390,459.87</b>

**(3) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

**Sources of Funds: (2014 and Prior Years Funding)**

Emergency Shelter Entitlement Grant	\$136,276
County Match	\$136,276
Other Grant Sources (United Way-\$12,450- JP & \$3,225- SP)	\$ 15,675
<b>Total ESG Funds</b>	<b>\$288,227</b>

**County Funding Expenditures:**

ESG	\$0
<b>Total ESG Funds Expended</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Total Entitlement Funding Expenditures \$3,368,912.87**

**OTHER FUNDING**

In addition to the 2014 CDBG, HOME and ESG funds, funding was available and expended from the following federal and non-federal sources:

**(1) Federal Funding Expenditures:**

Transitional Housing Grant (Human Services)	\$ 367,736
Supportive Services Grant (Human Services)	\$ 675,642
Public Housing Operating Fund and Capital Funds (HAFC)	\$ 882,055
FSS Coordinator (HAFC)	\$ 46,563
HOPE VI Revitalization	\$ 0

**Total Other Federal Funding: \$1,971,996**

**(2) County Funding Expenditures:**

Jefferson Place Transitional Housing Grant Match	\$513,228
Jefferson Place Supportive Services Grant Match	\$287,571
Homeless Prevention Services Grant (Human Services)	\$214,500
Supportive Services Grant (Human Services)	\$353,675
Transitional Housing Grant (Human Services)	\$ 0

**Total County Funds: \$1,368,974**

**(3) Additional Funding:**

General Funding	\$991,234
<b>Total Additional Funds:</b>	<b>\$991,234</b>

**Total Other Federal, County & Private Expenditures = \$3,340,970**

**Total Entitlement & Other Funding Expenditures in 2014 = \$6,709,882.87**

**c. If applicable, explain why progress was not made towards meeting the goals and objectives.**

Program Year 2014 ESG funds and match funds were reallocated to nonprofit agencies in December 2014 to assist in this initiative.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Fulton County’s Program Goals are consistent with and support HUD goals identified in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (as amended). The three basic objectives of these formula programs include providing (1) decent housing, (2) a suitable living environment and (3) an economic opportunity. The outcome categories include: (1) availability/accessibility, (2) affordability, and (3) sustainability (promoting livable or viable communities). The combination of objectives and outcome categories results in a matrix of *nine* possible outcome statements that encompass the various possible program activities.

Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments (1,1)	Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing (1,2)	Accessibility for the purpose of creating economic opportunities (1,3)
Affordability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments (2,1)	Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing (2,2)	Affordability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities (2,3)
Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments (3,1)	Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing (3,2)	Sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities (3,3)

Decent housing: The provision of decent housing assists both the homeless and persons at risk of becoming homeless in obtaining housing and increases the availability of permanent housing in standard condition and at affordable cost to low- and moderate-income families. Decent housing also increases the supply of supportive housing with services needed to enable persons with special needs to live independently, and provides housing affordable to low to moderate-income persons that are accessible to job opportunities. Under this provision, Fulton County expanded both the access to affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities, made the home buying process less complicated, assisted renters become homeowners, fought practices that permitted predatory lending and increased public awareness of fair housing laws.

- The Community Development Block Grant Program can provide investments for eligible housing activities to carry out a comprehensive strategy of revitalization to stabilize and enhance clearly defined residential neighborhoods with concentrations of persons with lower incomes.
- Fulton County’s NSP Rental Program enhanced rental opportunities for low to moderate income eligible families in targeted areas where foreclosures, abandonment and reversing declines in property values existed as a result of the presence of foreclosed and abandoned properties. The program was a resource to stabilize neighborhoods.
- Fulton County’s Home Ownership Program enhanced homeownership opportunities for low to moderate income eligible families throughout Fulton County with the exceptions of area within the municipal city limits of Atlanta,

Roswell, Sandy Springs, and Johns Creek. The program was a resource to remove obstacles.

- Fulton County is dedicated to ending the practice of discrimination and promoting fair housing laws, as well as educating lenders, real estate professionals, housing providers, and residents in complying with the laws. Working with partners, as well as the private sector, Fulton County is involved in a cooperative effort to increase access to the nation's housing stock so that more Americans can choose to live where they want to live. Informing the general public and housing industry professionals of fair housing laws is an essential element of efforts to eliminate housing discrimination.
- Fulton County's Office of Emergency and Transitional Housing enhanced the continuum of care services that assist homeless and are at risk men, woman, families, and youth regain a state of independence that leads to a positive and productive reintegration into the community.

Suitable living environment: The provision of a suitable living environment improves the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increases access to quality public and private facilities and services; reduces the isolation of income groups within a community or geographical area by offering housing opportunities for persons of lower-income and revitalizes deteriorating or deteriorated neighborhoods.

- The Community Development Block Grant Program assisted in the improvement of communities. Funds are provided for a wide array of eligible activities such as new or improved water, sewer, street and drainage facilities.
- Fulton County continued to require that activities using federal HOME and CDBG funds that engage in rehabilitation activities follow HUD regulations that require the control of lead based paint hazards and safe work practices.
- Fulton County's NSP enhanced rental opportunities for low to moderate income eligible families where a blighted, foreclosed and abandoned property existed.
- Fulton County continued to focus on improving enforcement and regulatory oversight throughout our programs with monitoring compliance.

The outcomes in this system help further refine the objectives and capture the nature of change or the expected result. Availability/accessibility applies to activities that make services, infrastructure, public services, public facilities, housing, or shelter available or accessible to extremely low, low and moderate-income people. Affordability applies to activities that provide affordability in a variety of ways to extremely low, low and moderate-income people. Sustainability applies to activities that are aimed at improving communities or neighborhoods, or helping to make them livable or viable by providing benefit to extremely low, low and moderate-income people.

## **2. Describe the manner in which the recipient would change its program as a result of its experiences.**

In 2014, Fulton County was successful in entering into a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Johns Creek for Fiscal Years 2015/2016/2017 funding cycle.

3. **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing:**
  - a. **Provide a summary of impediments to fair housing choice.**

### **AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING**

Fulton County Government along with the Office of Housing and Community Development is dedicated to the objective of promoting fair housing choice in an affirmative manner. This commitment is evidenced through the establishment of policies, and the evaluation of current procedures and practices. HCD will continue to review and if necessary revise its housing programs to facilitate access to available funds and provide training and technical assistance programs to recipient of grant funds. The county performs different functions in the fair housing spectrum. Primarily, it takes action within its own programs to promote compliance with the fair housing laws. Secondly, the county takes actions to comply with fair housing laws. Third, it strives to educate and inform the citizens of Fulton County of their fair housing rights. Fourth, the county coordinates fair lending efforts through public and public/private partnerships with other governmental and quasi-governmental organizations, lending professionals and developers, to increase communication, exchange ideas to forge partnerships, provide services and information to the public. Fifth, CDBG funding of \$20,000 was provided to Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc. This agency provides fair housing services by helping all persons to understand their rights and responsibilities under Title VII of the Fair Housing Act which prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex religion, familial and handicap status. They investigate tenant/landlord and fair housing complaints and provide fair housing education. Clients are direct referrals and walk-ins. Monthly reports are obtained detailing activities, type of service provided and beneficiary information.

HUD does not require an Analysis of Impediments (AI) study to be submitted annually for review. However, the County is required, as part of receiving grant funds and the Consolidated Plan Performance Evaluation Report (CAPERS), to provide HUD with a summary of the AI identified barriers and obstacles and the jurisdiction's accomplishments in addressing them for the current reporting year.

HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity is not alone in its fight to ensure that everyone has equal access to the housing of their choice. There are a several agencies dedicated to fair housing and participates under the HUD's Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) and HUD's Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP). HUD provides FHAP funding annually on a noncompetitive basis to State and local agencies that enforce fair housing laws that are substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act. This financial assistance supplements the enforcement activities. In the State of Georgia, there is one agency for each entity that participates in the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) and conducts investigative and enforcement functions on behalf of HUD. For Fulton County this agency is Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc.

At the beginning of an agency's participation in the FHAP, HUD provides a flat amount of funds for capacity building. Following the period of capacity building, HUD provides agencies with funds for complaint processing, administrative costs, data and information systems, technical assistance, education and outreach, special enforcement efforts, training,

and other projects designed to enhance the agency's administration and enforcement of fair housing law. The intent of the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) is to build an intergovernmental enforcement effort to further fair housing at the State and local level by providing funding assistance for State and local fair housing enforcement agencies to increase administration of fair housing laws. HUD refers all complaints alleging a discriminatory housing practice within the jurisdiction of the State to the State of Georgia Civil Rights Department/Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity (GCRD-GCEO).

Fair housing organizations and other non-profits that receive funding through the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) assist people who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination. FHIP organizations partner with HUD to help people identify government agencies that handle complaints of housing discrimination. They also conduct preliminary investigation of claims, including sending "testers" to properties suspected of practicing housing discrimination. Testers are minorities and whites with the same financial qualifications who evaluate whether housing providers treat equally-qualified people differently.

There are three enforcement agencies that exist in Georgia:

1. State of Georgia Civil Rights Department/Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity (GCRD-GCEO) - A state agency established by the Georgia General Assembly as a neutral administrative agency to govern and enforce the administration of the Georgia Fair Housing Law. The principal function of the GCRD-GCEO is to receive, investigate, and pass upon charges of unlawful discrimination occurring anywhere within the State of Georgia in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations;
2. Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc. - Metro was organized in 1974 to combat blockbusting and has been in continuous operation since that time ; and
3. Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council, Inc. - The Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council is a non-profit organization that began in 1994. The mission of the organization is to provide all citizens in Savannah, Chatham and surrounding counties, within constitutional limitations, fair housing services that will result in the protection of equal housing opportunity from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or disability.

During FY 2014, Fulton County continued its implementation of the elements of the County's Fair Housing Action Plan by working with its primary fair housing service provider, Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc., (MFHS). The County annually funds MFHS through its CDBG Program. In turn, MFHS provided the following fair housing services and promoted fair housing for Fulton County in 2014:

1. Conducting complaint-based intake of fair housing and related issues for households in Fulton County, outside the City of Atlanta. Fulton County residents who filed lending complaints were assisted by Metro Fair Housing Services with referrals to Atlanta Legal Aid Society Inc.'s Home Defense Program, CredAblity/Consumer Credit Counseling Services, and alternative mortgage programs and lenders. The complaints consisted of the following:

Received Complaints: 91	
Tenant/Landlord	85
Fair Housing	6
Disabled Clients	31

2. Assisted the County in the Housing and Informational Sessions.
3. Continued outreach to the Hispanic community by providing flyers and brochures in both Spanish and English and the appearance by staff on a local Spanish radio station to describe fair housing services and answer questions from listeners.
4. Continued its predatory lending education and outreach program. Several seminars and workshops were given on fair housing and related issues including predatory lending, pre-purchase counseling, and loss mitigation. These workshops, which were held in Fulton County, outside the City of Atlanta.

Date	Collaborations	Topic	Comments
02/21/14	Fulton County Tax Assessors	Participated in Property Tax Exemptions for Seniors Seminar and Housing Counseling Services at Darnell Senior Center	39 Attendees
03/17/14	Fulton County Tax Assessors	Participated in Property Tax Exemptions for Seniors Seminar and Housing Counseling Services at Quality Living Services Center	82 Attendees
03/20/14	Fulton County Staff	Conducted Seminar on Housing Resources – Buying a Home and the Struggling Homeowner	24 Attendees
04/04/14	In conjunction with Zion Hill Community Development Corporation	Fair Housing and Landlord Tenant Workshop in East Point, GA.	8 Attendees
07/31/14	Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity, Office of the Governor, Director of Fair Housing Division	Fair Housing Workshop at Oak Hill Child Adolescent and Family Center	18 Attendees
10/07/14	City of College Park and Fulton County Staff	Conducted Seminar on First Time Homebuyer	9 Attendees
11/07/14	Fairburn-Palmetto Housing Authority	Fair Housing and Landlord Tenant Workshop in Fairburn, GA	7 Attendees
11/07/14	In conjunction with Zion Hill Community Development Corporation	Fair Housing and Landlord Tenant Workshop in East Point, GA	4 Attendees

11/13/14	College Park Housing Authority	Fair Housing and Landlord Tenant Workshop in College Park, GA.	10 Attendees
11/19/14	In conjunction with Zion Hill Community Development Corporation	Fair Housing and Landlord Tenant Workshop in East Point, GA	7 Attendees

**b. Identify actions taken to overcome effects of impediments identified.**

The County also accomplished other efforts to overcome effects of impediments to overcome effect of impediments that included:

- Offered a full time staff person to assist with counseling services. This staff person provided counselor-to-client assistance that addressed unique financial circumstances and housing issues, raised awareness about critical housing topics and focuses on overcoming specific obstacles to achieving a housing goal. Specific Housing goals included repairing credit, addressing a rental dispute, purchasing a home, locating cash for a down payment, raising awareness of predatory lending practices, fair lending and fair housing requirements, finding units accessible to persons with disabilities, avoiding foreclosure, or resolving a financial crisis. Accomplishment data has been included in [Appendix A](#).
- Distributed the Summer 2014 issue of FDIC Consumer News featuring a collection of articles entitled "Financial Tips for Seniors" to help older adults make informed decisions and protect their assets. An overview of the newsletter included:
  - Simple strategies for seniors: The newsletter starts with 15 quick tips on topics ranging from finding reliable help with finances to earning and managing money and getting organized. Additional articles provide practical suggestions for steering clear of fraud artists and thieves, what to know before agreeing to a reverse mortgage or any other loan backed by your home, and tips for seniors wanting to help relatives (including risks to avoid).
  - Preventing wire transfer scams/new protections for sending money abroad:
  - The comeback of adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs)/also known as variable-rate loans.
  - Basic points about Health Savings Accounts (HSAs): Consumers who are enrolled in a health insurance with a high deductible are probably eligible to open an HSA, a tax-preferred savings account that can be used to help pay for certain medical expenses. The newsletter covers some basic points about the benefits, the limitations and other considerations, including FDIC deposit insurance coverage if the account is at an insured bank.
- Concerted efforts continued to be made to inform local governments, nonprofits, for-profit developers, public housing authorities and others about the affirmative marketing requirements of all the federal funded programs.
- Fulton County monitors the implementation of any Affirmative Marketing Plans developed by HOME recipients to ensure full compliance with the County's affirmative marketing goals. Fulton County conducts routine site visits to funded projects. An integral part of the visit is the on-site review of documentation of the

project's participation in the Affirmative Marketing Plan. Documentation is required and submitted to confirm that the required marketing efforts are taking place.

- Continued the partnership with Atlanta Legal Aid. Atlanta Legal Aid is under contract with Fulton County's Office of Housing and Community Development to serve the needs of the citizens of Fulton County to elicit legal assistance and provide scam prevention information. Referrals are obtained through advertisement, brochures, literature, community outreach meetings, citizen public hearings, and counseling sessions.
- Participated in the Georgia DCA prepared Fair Housing webinar presented by Metro Fair Housing.
- Continued the collaborative partnership with the Center for Pan Asian Community Services in several capacities. The partnership assisted the County in efforts to expand outreach to minorities that we did not serve and those who least applies for county programs. CPACS serves as an information and referral agency providing Fulton County's Housing and Human Service information such as program information brochures, and advertise public notices and Citizen Participation Meetings.
- The County continued using Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) as information and referral agency providing Fulton County's Housing and Human Service information such as program information brochures, and advertises public notices and Citizen Participation Meetings.
- Sponsored Housing and Informational Outreach Sessions which assisted seniors and other citizens learn how to make sound financial decisions about their homes.
- Distributed the Consumer Action the Service members and Veterans Financial Empowerment Resource Sheet, which is a compiled resources sheet specifically to help military service members, veterans and their families make ends meet and weather a financial crisis. The new 15-page guide details government and non-profit programs that provide financial aid, housing assistance, discounts on essential living expenses, financial counseling, legal advice, job training and more. The guide was made available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- Distributed HUD's "It's your Right" pamphlets, which describes the law and complaint process.
- Continued to participate in the Piece by Piece Initiative with other Housing Partners and several metro Atlanta jurisdictions in regularly scheduled meetings to share best practices on foreclosure response, code enforcement and discussions on new and innovative solutions to respond to the aftermath. Piece by Piece is a Regional Foreclosure Initiative designed to spur strategic action from the many regional stakeholders who care passionately about protecting the long-term future of their neighborhoods and communities. The leadership team includes: Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, the Atlanta Regional Commission, CredAbility, Enterprise Community Partners, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association, The Home Depot Foundation, and the National Housing Conference and NeighborWorks America. Details of the initiative are located on the Atlanta Regional Commission website: [www.AtlantaRegionalHousing.org](http://www.AtlantaRegionalHousing.org). The County has committed to being an active partner. Goals of the group included the following key objectives:

- (1) Provide up-to-date status of Metro Atlanta's foreclosure crisis and ways to take action to help address it;
  - (2) Offer opportunities for coordination and best practice sharing; and
  - (3) Encourage public commitments on goals and actions that will be taken over the next three to five years to address the foreclosure crisis.
- Distributed the [Fall 2014 "Pre-purchase resources" issue of \*Consumer Action News\*](#), which gives consumers information related to making wise choices from among a vast marketplace of products and services. The new guide, a downloadable directory and review of 38 websites that provide tools, data and comparisons aimed at helping consumers narrow their options, save money and avoids buyer's remorse. The sites cover categories ranging from checking accounts and financial advisers to credit cards and automobiles.

Fulton County Government recognized the importance of assisting those who are disabled. The following efforts were completed during this reporting year: In March, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Fulton County Program Access Policy for Persons with Disabilities. The purpose of this policy is to reaffirm Fulton County's commitment to ensuring that its physical facilities, programs, services and activities are accessible to all members of the public, including qualified individuals with disabilities, in compliance with Title II of the American with Disabilities Act as amended and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Fulton County Office of Equal Employment Opportunity & Disability Affairs released a new study that evaluated Fulton County's access to programs, services and activities for persons with disabilities and overall compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The study "Full Access Ahead: Fulton County ADA Self-Evaluation, Fulton County, Georgia under the Americans with Disabilities Act", was prepared by consultant Irene Bowen of ADA One, LLC. Following updates to the Americans with Disabilities Act in 2008 and 2010, Fulton County began an in-depth evaluation of its policies, practices, and facilities, to determine whether they present any barriers to the receipt of services or participation in activities by people with disabilities. The multi-phase effort considers Fulton County's efforts to equally deliver services to individuals with disabilities, who may be more likely than others to experience challenges in day-to-day activities, unemployment, poverty, and homelessness.

Full Access Ahead reports results from the completion of the County's first phase of its ADA Self-Evaluation project describing current policies and practices for a large portion of its programs, against the backdrop of the ADA and best practices. The report considers Fulton County's efforts to remove barriers in providing services to individuals with disabilities. The study assesses the County's strengths in serving individuals with disabilities, as well as areas for future improvement. The Office of Equal Employment Opportunity & Disability Affairs is working with County departments to address areas for improved service delivery.

The Housing Authority of Fulton County as a provider of affordable housing within the state of Georgia has taken steps to implement policies and procedures to *Affirmatively Further Fair Housing*. The HAFC has identified specific steps to:

- Overcoming the effects of impediments to fair housing choice that were identified in the jurisdiction's Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice;
- Remedy discrimination in housing; or
- Promote fair housing rights and fair housing choice,

These initiatives and steps were established based on a review of the Fulton County Housing and Community Development 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan. The steps to ensure compliance included establishing a foundation for increasing housing choices for low and moderate income families and individuals. In an effort to address the impediments to Fair Housing, the Housing Authority of Fulton County is the implementing the following initiatives:

Reviewed the Fair Housing Action Plan of Fulton County and included strategies in the Agency Five Year, Annual Plan, and Strategic Agency Plans that are congruent with the Plans.

- Reviewed the Fulton County, Georgia fair housing ordinance.
- Addressed the following fair housing impediment strategies:
  - Increase public awareness of the County ordinance through workshops, training and community outreach to residents;
  - Provide affirmative marketing efforts with bilingual information;
  - Coordinate workshops with real estate agencies and financial institutions to educate residents, applicants and potential home buyers;
  - Conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effect of any impediments identified through the analysis, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions taken;
  - Participate with the County in conducting a fair housing monitoring review to determine that landlords are carrying out program activities in compliance with fair housing certifications and with other applicable laws;
  - Diversify the Agency portfolio to provide housing within economic reach of the citizens of Fulton County;
  - To help families become self-sufficient by providing multi-housing options which provides residents with opportunities to choose housing closer to their special needs while seeking employment;

#### **Assessment of Outreach to Minority and Women-Owned Businesses**

Fulton County collects information and reports to HUD on the participation of minority and women-owned businesses (MBE/WBE). The level of MBE/WBE participation varies based on the amount and type of the HOME-assisted activity during a reporting period. As stipulated by each Federal program, the County includes in its contract agreements requirements that developers make a good faith effort to involve minority and women owned businesses as contractors and subcontractors when working on federally funded projects. During 2014, Fulton County reported to HUD the total investment of \$1,272,026 in contracts for all federal programs. Over eighty three (83) percent of them were completed by

minorities. The participation of Section 3 businesses in projects receiving funding through any of the County's consolidated programs is strongly encouraged by Fulton County. The Department of Housing and Human Service staff participated in the County's Vendor Opportunity Day. This event allowed contractors, subcontractors/subconsultants and suppliers who were interested in doing business with Fulton County Government to schedule face to face, one on one meeting with key procurement decision makers from multiple departments. Representatives from other government agencies and professional organizations presented program material and were available for questions. A series of workshops were held simultaneously.

The participation of Section 3 businesses in projects receiving funding through any of the County's consolidated programs is strongly encouraged by Fulton County. Fulton County Government's internal policy mandates that small businesses, businesses owned by women and businesses owned by minorities have a fair and equal opportunity to participate in the County's purchasing process. Therefore, the Fulton County's Department of Purchasing & Contract Procurement Services Division encourages all disadvantaged businesses, small businesses, businesses owned by women and/or minorities to compete for our contracts and other opportunities. The Department offered the following services for vendors interested in doing business with Fulton County Government.

Compliance Webpage. The Webpage offers a wide array of reliable information about the County's procurement process, bid opportunities, how to become certified as a Minority or Woman Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE), web resources, vendor registration, on-line bidding, vendor relations, and training resources.

A directory for Fulton County Minority / Women Business is maintained and updated. The Directory is a tool used to provide a listing of minority and women businesses seeking to do business. The Directory is divided into three major categories; Construction; Service and Wholesale Distributors. Each listing carries the companies name, address, phone number, fax number and e-mail, principal contact, ethnicity as well as a brief description of the good or services they provide.

A Contract Compliance On-Line Application for vendors is available but prior to registering, vendors must register in the County's Vendor Self Service System (VSS). A Contract Compliance On-Line User Manual is also available to provide instructions that will assist business in registering on-line quickly and easily.

Solicits business to become a certified Minority/Female Business by registering in the county's vendor self-service. Prior to registering business through the on-line application, we encourage them to utilize the instructions in the Contract Compliance On-Line User Manual.

A Vendor Guide, "Tap into Business Opportunities with Fulton County Government" is made available. This document is a quick reference of the procurement process, designed to assist vendors in conducting business with Fulton County.

Promotes [Georgia Procurement Registry](http://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/PRsapp/PR_index.jsp) located at

[http://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/PRsapp/PR\\_index.jsp](http://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/PRsapp/PR_index.jsp): This free web-based advertising site advertise contract opportunities for state and local governments and vendors' full access and equal opportunities to complete for publicly spent dollars.

HAFC also collects information and reports to HUD on the participation of minority and women-owned businesses (MBE/WBE). The level of MBE/WBE participation varies based on availability and distribution of contracts. During 2014, HAFC reported to HUD the total investment of \$0.00 in contracts. There were no major construction contracts done by the HAFC. The participation of Section 3 businesses in projects receiving funding through any of the HAFC's programs is strongly encouraged by the Housing Authority. Consistent with Presidential Executive Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432, and Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, HAFC encourages that all feasible efforts shall be made to ensure that small and minority-owned businesses, women's business enterprises, and other individuals or firms located in or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of the HAFC project are used when possible. Therefore, the HAFC encourages all disadvantaged businesses, small businesses, businesses owned by women and/or minorities to compete for our contracts and other opportunities.

**4. Describe Other Actions in Strategic Plan or Action Plan taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.**

**Obstacles to Meet Underserved Needs**

Fulton County is committed to addressing the accessibility obstacles that prevent underserved persons from obtaining decent, sanitary and affordable housing. The County will continue to respond to underserved needs as they are identified, either through self-assessment survey, or citizen participation. The County continued to pursue all available sources of funding for affordable housing activities to reduce the gaps and barriers to affordable housing such as the lack of fair housing policies and accessibility to transitional housing options.

The Housing Authority of Fulton County will continue conducting periodic needs assessment to the persons on the waiting list(s) to ensure that the housing opportunities offered by the HAFC are consistent with those needed to address the needs of the targeted population. Other actions will include participating with the County in hosting seminars and open house directed briefings to identify need gaps of the persons needing affordable housing options within the geographic locale.

**5. Leveraging Resources**

- a. Identify progress in obtaining "other" public and private resources to address needs.**
- b. How Federal resources from HUD leveraged other public and private resources.**
- c. How matching requirements were satisfied.**

**Program Year 5 CAPER General Questions response:**

**LEVERAGING RESOURCES**

Listed below are the projects which leveraged other funds and the amount of leveraged funds. While the County itself did not use HUD program funds to leverage other public and private resources, local non-profits have reported the HUD program funds to be essential in obtaining private donations and other public and private grants. Additionally,

the County provided General funds to complement its CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.

**CDBG:**

During 2014, Fulton County received a formula allocation of federal CDBG funds totaling \$1,676,919. During this calendar year, Fulton County continued its' multi-year funding cycle of 2012, 2013 and 2014 for suitable projects which met identified needs. Due to the ongoing reduction of annual Federal funds, Fulton County required each subrecipient to leverage funds. In this funding cycle, fiscal year 2014 CDBG funds were committed. The multi-year funding cycle allows non-profit agencies and municipalities to receive funding commitments for one to three years. This type of funding reduces repetitive procurement procedures for construction projects requiring more than one year of funding. The allocation of funding for multiple years' projects/activities occurs in phases such as bid specification development and advertising for contractors. It also allows non-profit agencies more time for developing and delivering services thereby reducing time spent seeking grants and by helping to leverage other funding. Although multiple years of funding may be committed at one time, funding for reimbursement is only available on an annual basis as the County receives from HUD.

Fulton County has been successful in leveraging additional resources to maximize the impact of its CDBG funds. During fiscal year 2014, leveraging of resources funds totaled **\$226,926**.

**CDBG:**

Subrecipients	Fulton County CDBG Funds	Other Source Funds
Africa's Children Fund	\$20,000	\$10,000
Andrew and Walter Young Family YMCA	\$20,000	\$10,000
Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency, Inc. (Homeless Prevention)	\$10,000	\$5,000
Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc. (Legal Assistance)	\$10,000	\$5,000
Families First	\$10,000	\$5,000
Fulton County Superior Court (Accountability Court)	\$14,260	\$5,000
HOPE Through Divine Intervention	\$10,000	\$5,000
Metro Fair Housing	\$20,000	\$10,000
North Fulton Community Charities	\$10,000	\$10,000
Quality Living Services	\$75,500	\$35,000
Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV)	\$15,000	\$10,000
Resources for Residents	\$10,000	\$5,000
Teens at Work	\$10,000	\$5,500
Traveler's Aid	\$20,000	\$44,926
YMCA of Metro Atlanta, Inc.	\$20,000	\$22,500
Young Adult Guidance Center	\$10,000	\$40,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$284,760</b>	<b>\$226,926</b>

**ESG:**

For the year 2014, the Office of Emergency and Transitional Housing received \$136,276 in ESG funding. As required, Fulton County provided a 100% match of 136,276 in General funds. As such, the funds provided under the ESG allocation will be used to provide homeless assistance and repaid re-housing needs of the broader homeless and at risk population. The Emergency Solutions Grant is designed to improve the quality of housing and associated services that exist for individuals and families who experience homelessness. The program is the first step in our continuum of assistance to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living as well as to prevent homelessness. ESG funds may also be used to aid people who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless due to eviction, foreclosure, or utility shutoff.

**HOME:**

During fiscal year 2014, as required, Fulton County provided General funds to meet the 25% matching requirement for the use of federal HOME funds. Activities under the HOMER Program include Homeownership Program (HOP), Deferred Payment Loan (DPL/Single Family Rehabilitation), Tenant Based Rental Assistance and CHDO/Rental Development were utilized and completed activities noted on the HUD form HUD-40107-A (12/94).

**Managing the Process**

- 1. Describe actions taken during the last year to ensure compliance with program and comprehensive planning requirements.**

**Program Year 5 CAPER Managing the Process response:**

**COMPLIANCE WITH PROGRAM AND COMPREHENSIVE  
PLANNING REQUIREMENTS**

Fulton County has a Comprehensive Planning/Zoning Division, which works in consultation with the development of the Consolidated Plan. The Division oversees land use maps, comprehensive plans, zoning applications and procedures, code enforcement, and community outreach and liaison services. The Planning and Zoning Division has identified regional priorities and is implementing a plan to place Fulton County at the forefront of innovative planning and development of Smart growth to improve Fulton County communities. This division currently has drafted an adopted senior housing ordinance, which ensures developers of such units are adequate size for this specific population.

**CERTIFICATIONS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CONSOLIDATED  
PLAN**

Housing and Community Development staff reviewed projects located in Fulton County for consistency with the current adopted Consolidated Plan and for consistency. All certifications of consistency were provided to agencies requesting certifications after a fair and impartial review of the proposed activity to determine that they did indeed

further the specific goals, objectives and strategies outlined in the Five -Year Consolidated Plan. Additionally, the County reviewed the Annual and Five Year PHA Plan prepared for the Housing Authority of the Fulton County.

### **Citizen Participation**

1. Provide a summary of citizen comments.
2. In addition, the performance report provided to citizens must identify the Federal funds made available for furthering the objectives of the Consolidated Plan. For each formula grant program, the grantee shall identify the total amount of funds available (including estimated program income), the total amount of funds committed during the reporting period, the total amount expended during the reporting period, and the geographic distribution and location of expenditures. Jurisdictions are encouraged to include maps in describing the geographic distribution and location of investment (including areas of minority concentration). The geographic distribution and expenditure requirement may also be satisfied by specifying the census tracts where expenditures were concentrated.

\*Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool.

Program Year 5 CAPER Citizen Participation response:

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Fulton County has a Participation Plan that was approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners as it relates to the Community Development Block Grant Programs. Fulton County encourages citizen participation in all stages of the planning process. The County's website provided notice of the Department's solicitation on the Draft CAPER and in preparation of the County's Consolidated Plan/Action Plan Amendments. The County's staff was available to any persons or interested parties who require technical assistance in understanding the Plan, the preparation of comments and the preparation for requests of funding. This availability and responsiveness is also employed in handling and responding to whatever reasonable complaints are made concerning the Plan and its undertakings.

During the Program Year 2014 while preparing this CAPER, Consolidated Plan, Action Plan and Amendments, Fulton County published Public Notices in Neighbor Newspapers-Northside, North Fulton Neighbor and South Fulton for public review and comment. Public comments for the Action Plan Amendments were thirty days with the deadline due by 5:00 p.m. Notifications were also sent to a mailing list that includes industry professional and organizations which includes Neighborhood associations, Friends of the Disabled, Drake House, Pan Asian Community Services, Georgia House District 62 newsletter, Fulton County Facebook and Twitter accounts for posting in common places, websites and/or distribute to their mailing list. The draft documents were made available for public review on the County's web site and by request. Comments will be incorporated into Appendix C. Throughout the program year, opportunities were provided to citizens to comment on the County's programs. The sessions were facilitated with Staff, Atlanta Legal Aid and Metro Fair Housing Agency to assist seniors and other citizens learn how to make sound financial decisions about their homes. Topics included help for the struggling homeowner, credit

worthiness, homeowner education, protecting credit and homes, fair housing issues and laws, program information, how to recognize and avoid potential scam artists and other fraudulent business solicitations that citizens might receive by phone or from individuals who visit their neighborhoods. Informational packages were also available.

Fulton County encourages citizen participation in all stages of the consolidated planning process. Public meetings were conducted at the following:

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014** – Welcome All Park & Multipurpose Facility, 4225 Will Lee Rd, College Park, GA 30349, 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Thursday, April 10, 2014** – South Fulton Service Center, 5600 Stonewall Tell Rd, College Park, GA 30349, 2:00pm-4:00pm

**Tuesday, April 22, 2014** – Alpharetta Branch YMCA, 3655 Preston Ridge Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30005, 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Thursday, April 24, 2014** – Crabapple Neighborhood Center, 12624 Broadwell Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004, 2:00pm-4:00pm

**Thursday, July 17, 2014** – Fulton County Government Center, 141 Pryor Street, Assembly Hall Auditorium, Atlanta, GA 30303, 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Thursday, July 24, 2014** – John’s Creek Environmental Campus, 8100 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30022, 2:00pm-4:00pm

**Tuesday, July 29, 2014** – South Fulton Service Center, 5600 Stonewall Tell Rd, College Park, GA 30349, 2:00pm-4:00pm

**Thursday, July 31, 2014** – Oak Hill Child Adolescent and Family Center, 2805 Metropolitan Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30315, 10:30am – 12:00pm

**Tuesday, August 5, 2014** – South Fulton Service Center, 5600 Stonewall Tell Rd, College Park, GA 30349, 2:00pm-4:00pm

**Monday, August 11, 2014** – Northeast Spruill Oaks Library, 9560 Spruill Rd, Johns Creek, GA 30005, 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Tuesday, August 12, 2014** – Southwest Library, 3665 Cascade Rd, Atlanta, GA 30331, 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Thursday, August 14, 2014** – North Fulton Service Center, 5200 Roswell Rd, Atlanta, GA 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Wednesday, September 24, 2014** – Shakerag Fire Station, 10925 Rogers Circle, Johns Creek, GA 30097, 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Monday, November 17, 2014** – Dorothy C. Benson Senior Multipurpose Complex, 6500 Vernon Woods Dr, Sandy Springs, GA 30328

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014** – HJC Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility, 2885 Church St, East Point, GA 30344, 2:30-4:30pm

Copies of the Draft CAPER were made available for review at the following locations:

- Fulton County Government Website: <http://www.fultoncountyga.gov/divisions-and-programs/housing-and-community-development>
- Fulton County Housing and Community Development - 137 Peachtree Street, SW, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30303
- Atlanta-Fulton County Main Library (Central Library) - 1 Margaret Mitchell Square, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303
- Alpharetta Public Library - 238 Canton Street, Alpharetta GA 30004

- South Fulton County Service Center, - 5600 Stonewall Tell Rd., College Park, GA 30349
- Southwest Regional Public Library - 3665 Cascade Rd., S.W., Atlanta, GA 30331
- North Fulton Service Center - 7741 Roswell Rd., Atlanta, GA 30350
- East Point Branch Library - 2757 Main Street, East Point, GA 30344
- College Park Library - 3647 Main St College Park 30337
- South Fulton Library - 4055 Flat Shoals Road, Union City, GA 30291
- Fairburn Branch - 60 Valley View Drive Fairburn, GA 30213
- Fulton County Government Service Center - 5440 Fulton Industrial Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30336

**Institutional Structure**

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to overcome gaps in institutional structures and enhance coordination.

**Program Year 5 CAPER Institutional Structure response:**

**Developing Institutional Structure/Enhancing Coordination between Housing and Service Agencies**

In addressing the County’s housing and community development needs, the County coordinates the efforts of different departments and agencies. Consultation with different departments and agencies continued in 2014 to provide a comprehensive approach to addressing the County’s housing and community development needs. Gaps and overlaps in services to Fulton County’s low- and moderate-income residents were identified and the County continues the Common Ground: *Creating Equity through Public Policy and Community Engagement* approach. This is a multi-departmental approach to examine the social determinants of health and address inequities and disparities in the system that prevent or discourage health equity for certain demographic groups in the County. It is expected that the resources coming to the County through HUD will play an important role in assisting these populations as affordable housing and supportive services both continue to be critical needs for these populations.

Following is a list of some of the Fulton County departments involved in the Common Ground approach.

Housing and Community Development Department	Department of Health & Wellness
Department of Environment & Community Development	Libraries
The Housing Authority of Fulton County	Cooperative Extension Service
Department of Mental Health	Department of Parks and Recreation
Justice Department	Police and Public Safety
Housing and Human Service Department	Department of Health & Wellness

The ultimate goals of this initiative are as follows: influence change of public policies, leverage resources, increase systems of collaboration, improve/enhance communities,

enhance quality of life, change the infrastructure of a community, provide for a new way of conducting government, increase community capacity building, empower neighborhoods, increase awareness of public policies, increase fresh markets or community gardens, increase health care access and provide for safer communities.

The anticipated outcomes of the initiative are as follows: improve health outcomes, decrease chronic diseases, increase high school graduation rates, increase adult employment, increase walking and biking communities, empower neighborhood residents, increase access to health care and improve infrastructure of communities to support healthy living.

To increase coordination and encourage the formation of partnerships the County's efforts included:

Fulton County Housing and/ the County maintained membership with the National Association of Counties (NACo), which is the only national organization that represents county governments. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

The National Association of County Community and Economic Development (NACCED). NACCED purpose is to develop the technical capacity of county government practitioners to professionally administer federally-funded affordable housing, community development, economic development programs that benefit their low- and moderate-income households and is a voice in Washington on budgetary, programmatic, and regulatory issues.

National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA). NCSHA represents its members before Congress, the Administration, and several federal agencies concerned with housing, including HUD and the Treasury, and with other advocates for affordable housing.

National Community Development Association (NCDA) is a national nonprofit organization comprised of more than 550 local governments that administer federally-supported community and economic development, housing and human service programs, including programs of the HUD, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. The Association provides timely, direct information and technical support to its members on federal housing and community development programs.

Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). ACCG is a nonprofit instrumentality of Georgia's county governments. ACCG serves as the consensus building, training, and legislative organization for all 159 county governments in the state.

- **Housing and Human Service Department Interagency Collaborative efforts:**

Fulton County Department of Housing and Community Development continued to participate in the Fulton Family Care Network, which consisted of 21 other organizations including several Fulton County Departments that are dedicated to the single goal of providing comprehensive wrap-around services to children and youth in Fulton County. Below is a list of partners in the network:

1. **Fulton County Schools** - Fulton County Schools works with children to learn their full potential, engage parents in the educational process, and teach every student to be responsible and productive.
2. **Atlanta Public Schools** - the Atlanta Public Schools is committed to see all students graduate ready for success in college and life through providing high-performance learning environments and excellent teachers.
3. **Atlanta Fulton Family Connection (AFFC)** - part of the Georgia Family Connection partnership, is a collaborative authority in Fulton County designed to convene various partners (government, private business, non-profit, family, etc) to leverage resources to improve social services, and to develop strategies to address community concerns that affect families and children.
4. **The Jane Fonda Center** - the mission is to advance scientific knowledge about adolescence with an emphasis on adolescent reproductive health. Activities of the Center include education and training, research, evaluation, policy development, patient care, as well as program and materials development.
5. **Sheltering Arms** - an early childhood education program that provides affordable childcare and comprehensive family support, including parent education and advocacy.
6. **Bagley Youth Development** - provides a wide array of comprehensive services to address and support the needs of youth and their families.
7. **Family Ties** - provides intensive home-based counseling and community integrated services to impact and achieve positive family centered outcomes.
8. **Georgia Center for Child Advocacy** - provides collaborative services to champion the needs of sexually and severely physically abused children under the age of 17 through prevention, intervention, and therapy. The services are offered for free to children and families that either reside or were abused in Fulton or DeKalb County. This agency also assists in the investigation of abuse cases.
9. **Hillside** - provides integrated services to address the complex needs of children and families, including counseling, support, education, and housing services.
10. **Georgia Parent Support Network** - provides support, advocacy, and education for families that have children (youth) with mental illness or emotional disturbances and behavioral differences.
11. **CHRIS KIDS** - delivers a broad continuum of services to children, youth and families that allows them to reach their natural potential for success, happiness, and health.
12. **East Point Community Action Team (EP-CAT)** - empowers the community to take action by building partnerships that develop resources in the community, and connects residents to resources.
13. **The Center for Health & Rehabilitation/Office of Children & Youth** - offers a wide variety of health services for children and youth.

**Fulton County Departments of -**

14. **Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities** - provides mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities services to Fulton County residents of all ages.
15. **Health & Wellness** - offers public health services for Fulton County residents.
16. **Juvenile Court** - the Court is dedicated to care, safety, guidance, development, and accountability of children and their families.
17. **Police Department** - the Department's mission is to preserve lives, protect property, and maintain order.
18. **District Attorney's Office** - the mission of the Fulton County District Attorney's office is to prosecute all felony crimes on behalf of Fulton County residents in efforts to make a safe community.
19. **Department of Housing and Community Development** - the objective of this agency is to establish suitable working conditions and provide safe, affordable housing opportunities to the citizens of Fulton County.
20. **Department of Family & Children's Services (DFCS)** - provides numerous support services and innovative programs to help abused children and troubled families.
21. **Department of Juvenile Justice** - provides supervision, detention, and a wide range of treatment and educational services for youth referred to the department by the Juvenile Court. This agency also

- provides assistance or delinquency prevention services for at-risk youths through collaborative efforts with other public, private and community entities.
22. **Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System** - the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System provides free access to various resources, ideas, programs and information.
  23. **The Fulton County Oak Hill Child, Adolescent & Family Center** continued their collaborative partnership with the Fulton Family Care Network ([www.fultoncare.org](http://www.fultoncare.org)). The center provides child and adolescent behavioral health services for youth ages of 0 to 21 years old. Families with children can receive the following types of assistance: Behavioral health/substance abuse screening, assessment and treatment, Immunizations & Well Child Visits, Early childhood prevention, intervention and treatment services, Youth leadership and parent support, After-school and summer programming, Educational support & IEP Planning support and Library services.
  24. **The Housing and Community Development** staff continued to utilize the Communication staff to promote programs, and expand its Internet web site to increase access to information on Fulton's affordable housing and community development needs and to promote the availability of its programs with its current and future partners.
  25. Continued to provide Fulton Industrial Boulevard (FIB) Safe Streets Resource Guides The FIB Safe Streets Resource Guide is a pocket sized quick reference guide to Fulton County services that are available and it includes contact information for Housing, Health and Environmental Health Services, Library, Police, Fire, and Code Enforcement Services.
  26. **Collaborative Efforts For Down Payment Assistance, Housing Assistance and Housing Counseling:** The County worked closely with the private lending community to connect low and moderate-income persons with home mortgages for those who qualify. The County maintained ongoing relationships with lenders throughout Metro Atlanta to ensure that home buying opportunities are available to those seeking to purchase a HOP program home in Fulton County outside the municipal city limits of Atlanta, Sandy Springs, and Johns Creek.
  27. **The County Housing** staff continues to participate in the Atlanta Regional Housing Forums. The Forums are a gathering of nonprofit, business, governmental, educational and grassroots organizations to discuss matters related to affordable housing, transportation and land use.

Fulton County continued other marketing and outreach efforts by distributing materials, presenting at community events, conducting informational campaigns such as public service announcements (PSAs), advertisements, or other forms of media campaigns, and advocating with lenders and other industry partners

Fulton County continued to provide Housing and Credit Informational and Outreach Sessions. These sessions were implemented in an effort to bring visibility to the department's housing services and programs. Since the inception of the Housing and Information and Outreach calendar, many strides have been made to collaborate with other County entities and particular non-profit groups who deal in partnership with the County to provide a myriad of services to Fulton County citizens. Program informational packages and Consumer Action, FDIC and HUD financial resources were made available during each of these sessions. The ten meetings with 208 attendees were facilitated with Program Management Staff, Atlanta Legal Aid and Metro Fair Housing Agency. Topics included Tax exemption for seniors, tips to avoid foreclosure, avoiding financial scams, Tenant Rights and Responsibilities, overview of transitional housing, dreaming of owning a home, home repairs and senior scams. Appendix G reflects the calendar and the evaluation of these sessions.

**Describe efforts noted for other funded grants:**

Fulton County Housing and Community Development applied and received funding under the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Housing Counseling Program. The Grant

from DCA covers the period of October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015. Fulton County was awarded \$10,240 to provide housing counseling services in accordance with the HUD Handbook. In 2014, all funds awarded were expended. The funds provided pre- and post-purchase, foreclosure prevention, and reverse mortgage counseling in group or individual counseling sessions. The following chart required by HUD 9902 outlines clients that were served by Fulton County H & CD. Accomplishment data is located in Appendix F.

• **Other County Departmental Efforts:**

<b>Fulton County Cooperative Extension</b>
<p>Fulton County Cooperative Extension offers assistance to concerned homeowners to identify potential harm from the dangerous radioactive gas. According to the University of Georgia College of Family &amp; Consumer Sciences, although radon is present throughout the environment, when high levels of radon enter a home or building, people are exposed to more of its radiation and their risk of cancer increases. Such a situation can easily be discovered and corrected.</p> <p>The GREP recommends that all Georgia homeowners test their homes for radon. The results of a properly performed radon test will help homeowners determine for themselves if they need to take further action to protect their family from the health risks of radon in the home. Concerned homeowners were offered an opportunity to request a free radon assessment by calling 770.535.8290. Representatives explained radon; answer questions and arrange to test your home</p>
<b>Fulton County Government</b>
<p>Fulton County Department of Housing and Community Development conducted three (3) Technical Assistance Workshops for the upcoming 2015/2016/2017 Application Funding Cycle. The Public Notice was issued in April 2014 advertising the Request for Proposals with an application deadline for submittal of June 13, 2014. The workshops were held at the following locations::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:00am Monday, April 12, 2014 – Fulton County Government Center</li><li>• 6:00pm Monday, April 28, 2014 – South Fulton Service Center</li><li>• 6:00pm Monday, May 5, 2014 – Alpharetta YMCA</li></ul> <p>A total of 41 applications were received as a result of the NOFA.</p>
<p>The County continued serving on the McPherson Planning Local Redevelopment Authority (MPLRA) to assist in the economic-impact plans for future re-use of the Fort McPherson property located in East Point, Georgia. Fort McPherson was closed under the federal government’s Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) of 2005. The proposed plan comprised of rezoning and a partnership with private developers, the state of Georgia and the city of East Point to create 150 acres of green space, with 30 acres set aside for a festival and event grounds. The Redevelopment Authority plan received approval from the Housing and Urban Development Department.</p>
<p>Continued participating in The Regional Transit Committee, which is a policy committee of the Atlanta Regional Commission that focuses on issues of regional transit planning, funding and governance. The RTC builds upon the work of its predecessors, the Transit Implementation Board (TIB) and the Transit Planning Board (TPB).</p>

Continued being a part of the 24-member Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC), which is responsible for providing technical advice to the Transportation & Air Quality Committee (TAQC) regarding metropolitan or multi-jurisdictional transportation-related matters potentially affecting the 18-county Atlanta Metropolitan Planning Organization area. TCC members work closely with the Atlanta Regional Commission Transportation Access & Mobility Division staff.

**The Office of Workforce Development (OWD)**

The Fulton County Workforce Partnership Collaboration members have been offered the opportunity to participate in the Money Smart Train-the-Trainer sessions to educate themselves about financial literacy and to assist these workforce agencies/programs in their own organizational capacity building and development. The Development also supported employee development and encouraged certification upgrades through the Georgia Work Ready initiative. The County operated four (4) testing locations to offer easy certification access. Georgia Work Ready was launched by the Governor's Office of Workforce Development to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and enhance future economic growth for the state.

The Office of Workforce Development (OWD) continues their relationship with FDIC's Community Affairs Office to assist in staff training, innovative facilitation ideas, and material acquisition. The Housing and Community Development Department and Office of Workforce Development have partnered with Capital City Bank to offer free checking accounts to customers that successfully complete the Money Smart modules.

**The Office of Aging**

Collaborates with the Housing and Community Development Department/Housing Division directing home repair projects to the program best suited to meet the needs of the seniors.

Partnering with the Atlanta Regional Commission in a Care Transitions program funded by the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services. The program provides limited services for those discharged from the hospital to decrease the number of re-admissions.

Participated in Older American's Month. The annual commemoration of Older Americans Month is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of older citizens and joining them in providing services.

The Housing and Community Development Department's Office of Aging, in Partnership with the Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority, provided seniors 65 years or older who are Fulton County residents the opportunity to register for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Enrollment applications were accepted at four Senior Multipurpose Facilities

Fulton County Commissioners voted to continue a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta (JFGA) for East Point's Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) Initiative. The MOU provided \$23,852 in support from the Federation for

project management oversight and the provision of services from Fulton for the East Point NORC. The Federation’s funds are derived from the Georgia NORC initiative.

Fulton County’s required a funding match, which involved an in-kind donation of services provided by existing Housing and Community Development Department staff and the fair rental value of space utilized by the NORC program at the H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility. The program provided transportation, nutrition education, vision screenings, health and wellness education and exercise programs. Services also included \$17,500 in voucher booklets of which \$1,500 includes participant fees managed/processed by Jewish Family and Career Services.

Fulton County’s Housing and Community Development Department, Office of Aging and Bank of America volunteers hosted five Financial Literacy Seminars. The seminars were developed in partnership with the National Council on Aging, a nonprofit service and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of millions of older adults, especially those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged. Topics included:

- US Treasury Check Delivery Changes – A discussion on the new US Treasury law,
- Enhancing older adult’s money management skills to further their greater economic security,
- Avoiding Scams,
- Introduction to Bank Services – A discussion designed to provide adults of all ages with an overview of basic financial topics,
- Bank without Limits - Solutions and services for customers with disabilities, and
- Mortgage Assistance - A discussion on Mortgage and Foreclosure Assistance.

**The Office of Grants and Community Partnership**

Continued obtaining input from each Division Manager of a direct service division that also serves one of the Community Development Grant targeted populations. That input helped guide funding priorities of the upcoming grant application in an effort to direct grant funds in an efficient and effective manner.

F.R.E.S.H. Grant dollars allocated ensured Fulton County youth from birth to adulthood, experience healthy growth, positive development and are prepared to achieve their full potential. This was achieved throughout Fulton County’s Districts:

**FRESH Grant – District 3**

<b>Clients Projected to be Served by the FRESH Grant</b>	<b>729</b>
<b>Clients Served by the FRESH Grant</b>	<b>940</b>
<b>Performance Indicators (10 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>
Number of youth who demonstrate academic achievement or related progress	<b>444</b>
Number of participants who report or demonstrate increased self-efficacy, perceived control over one’s own future; self-esteem and / or confidence in ability	<b>512</b>
Number of youth diverted from criminal behaviors	<b>42</b>
Number of youth involved with or at risk for involvement with the Juvenile Justice System who demonstrate decreased or no delinquent behaviors	<b>55</b>

Number of youth who report increased knowledge of reducing the risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV / AIDS	3
Number of youth provided access to nutritious food during non-school hours	73
<b>FRESH Grant – District 4</b>	
<b>Clients Projected to be Served by the FRESH Grant</b>	729
<b>Clients Served by the FRESH Grant</b>	1,232
<b>Performance Indicators (11 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>
Number of youth who demonstrate academic achievement or related progress	896
Number of participants who report or demonstrate increased self-efficacy, perceived control over one’s own future; self-esteem and / or confidence in ability	750
Number of youth diverted from criminal behaviors	157
Number of youth involved with or at risk for involvement with the Juvenile Justice System who demonstrate decreased or no delinquent behaviors	209
Number of youth provided access to nutritious food during non-school hours	144
<b>FRESH Grant – District 5</b>	
<b>Clients Projected to be Served by the FRESH Grant</b>	1,315
<b>Clients Served by the FRESH Grant</b>	1,378
<b>Performance Indicators (10 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>
Number of youth who demonstrate academic achievement or related progress	817
Number of participants who report or demonstrate increased self-efficacy, perceived control over one’s own future; self-esteem and / or confidence in ability	898
Number of children and youth that have experienced abuse, neglect or other forms of violence who receive safety, stabilization and emotional / behavioral interventions to prevent further harm	72
Number of youth diverted from criminal behaviors	294
Number of youth involved with or at risk for involvement with the Juvenile Justice System who demonstrate decreased or no delinquent behaviors	328
Number of youth educated about the risk factors related to acquiring or transmitting HIV / AIDS	231
Number of youth who report increased knowledge of reducing the risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV / AIDS	157
Number of youth provided access to nutritious food during non-school hours	404

<b>FRESH Grant – District 6</b>	
<b>Clients Projected to be Served by the FRESH Grant</b>	<b>1,114</b>
<b>Clients Served by the FRESH Grant</b>	<b>1,284</b>
<b>Performance Indicators (10 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>
Number of youth who demonstrate academic achievement or related progress	<b>837</b>
Number of participants who report or demonstrate increased self-efficacy, perceived control over one’s own future; self-esteem and / or confidence in ability	<b>788</b>
Number of youth diverted from criminal behaviors	<b>322</b>
Number of youth involved with or at risk for involvement with the Juvenile Justice System who demonstrate decreased or no delinquent behaviors	<b>359</b>
Number of youth educated about the risk factors related to acquiring or transmitting HIV / AIDS	<b>124</b>
Number of youth who report increased knowledge of reducing the risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV / AIDS	<b>25</b>
Number of youth provided access to nutritious food during non-school hours	<b>543</b>
<b>FRESH Grant – District 7</b>	
<b>Clients Projected to be Served by the FRESH Grant</b>	<b>977</b>
<b>Clients Served by the FRESH Grant</b>	<b>1,705</b>
<b>Performance Indicators (10 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>
Number of youth who demonstrate academic achievement or related progress	<b>825</b>
Number of participants who report or demonstrate increased self-efficacy, perceived control over one’s own future; self-esteem and / or confidence in ability	<b>1,009</b>
Number of youth diverted from criminal behaviors	<b>259</b>
Number of youth involved with or at risk for involvement with the Juvenile Justice System who demonstrate decreased or no delinquent behaviors	<b>41</b>
Number of youth educated about the risk factors related to acquiring or transmitting HIV / AIDS	<b>171</b>
Number of youth who report increased knowledge of reducing the risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV / AIDS	<b>72</b>
Number of youth provided access to nutritious food during non-school hours	<b>721</b>
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**Human Services Grant – Aging Funding Category**

<b>Clients Projected to be Served - Aging Funding Category</b>	<b>4,065</b>
<b>Clients Served - Aging Funding Category</b>	<b>7,663</b>
<b>Performance Indicators (7 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>
Number of seniors who report or demonstrate improved or maintained optimal health	<b>362</b>
Number of seniors who report or demonstrate increased independence or maintained optimal levels of independence	<b>2,890</b>
Number of seniors who report or demonstrate increased civic engagement	<b>306</b>
Number of seniors who report or demonstrate increased mobility due to senior transportation services	<b>150</b>
Number of seniors who report the ability to stay in residence because of Home modification services	<b>15</b>

**Human Services Grant – Disability Funding Category**

<b>Clients Projected to be Served - Disability Funding Category</b>	<b>941</b>
<b>Clients Served - Disability Funding Category</b>	<b>1,555</b>
<b>Performance Indicators (6 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>
Number of participants with disabilities or their families who report gaining protection against discrimination, unequal opportunities and social exclusion	<b>311</b>
Number of hospitalizations resulting from mental or physical health difficulties potentially prevented	<b>96</b>

**Human Services Grant – Employment Funding Category**

<b>Clients Projected to be Served - Employment Funding Category</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>Clients Served - Employment Funding Category</b>	<b>1,149</b>
<b>Performance Indicators (9 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>

Number of persons who report gaining or demonstrate knowledge and skills that increase chances for employment and promote self-sufficiency	871
Number of participants placed in Employment	202
<b>Human Services Grant – HIV/AIDS Funding Category</b>	
<b>Clients Projected to be Served – HIV/AIDS Funding Category</b>	<b>935</b>
<b>Clients Served - HIV/AIDS Funding Category</b>	<b>1,998</b>
<b>Performance Indicators (9 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>
Number of persons who report increased knowledge around reducing the risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV	<b>1,043</b>
Number of persons who report or demonstrate improved health-related outcomes or other “quality of life” measures	<b>724</b>
<b>Human Services Grant – Homelessness &amp; Housing Funding Category</b>	
<b>Clients Projected to be Served – Homelessness &amp; Housing Funding Category</b>	<b>190,267</b>
<b>Clients Served - Homelessness &amp; Housing Funding Category</b>	<b>193,077</b>
<b>Performance Indicators (24 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>
Number of potential instances of homelessness prevented	<b>10,932</b>
Number of persons experiencing homelessness whose basic survival and immediate safety needs are met	<b>43,518</b>
Number of persons experiencing homelessness stabilized, exhibiting behavioral change and improved personal functioning leading to permanent transition out of homelessness	<b>2,156</b>
<b>Human Services Grant – Youth and Families Funding Category</b>	
<b>Clients Projected to be Served – Youth and Families Funding Category</b>	<b>5,516</b>
<b>Clients Served - Youth and Families Funding Category</b>	<b>15,863</b>
<b>Performance Indicators (23 funded programs)</b>	<b>Number of Persons Impacted by performance Indicator</b>
Number of youth who demonstrate academic achievement or related progress	<b>2,912</b>
Number of participants who report or demonstrate increased self-efficacy, perceived control over one’s own future; self-esteem and / or confidence in ability	<b>3,583</b>
Number of children and youth that have experienced abuse, neglect or other forms of violence who receive safety, stabilization and emotional / behavioral interventions to prevent further harm	<b>2,240</b>
Number of youth diverted from criminal behaviors	<b>522</b>
Number of youth involved with or at risk for involvement with the Juvenile Justice System who demonstrate decreased or no delinquent behaviors	<b>249</b>
Number of youth educated about the risk factors related to acquiring or transmitting HIV / AIDS	<b>121</b>
Number of youth provided access to nutritious food during non-school	<b>764</b>

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**Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness (FCDHW)**

Offered the largest testing site in the state of Georgia. The FCDHW HIV Primary Care Clinic is a Ryan White funded program that provided a range of services. Enrollment in the HIV Clinic offers an individual a full service outpatient clinic with a TEAM approach to educate and support the patient and families living with HIV. Services that county provided were Medical Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Dental Services, Case Management and Health Education.

Fulton County Health and Wellness has partnered with representatives from Toys 4 Tots and Santa in a campaign to encourage 60 children and their families to exercise and eat healthy. Fulton County is an active participant in First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" initiative, which is dedicated to solving childhood obesity. The event "partying for a purpose" was held December 19, 2014 at Oak Hill Child, Adolescent and Family Center.

**Fulton County Housing Authority Initiatives:**

Fulton County Housing Authority, property owners and managers, several other area Housing Authorities and private landlords, utilized the Georgia Department of Community Affairs sponsored GeorgiaHousingSearch.org. This online listing and locator service for affordable rental housing provides an opportunity to market affordable rental units free of charge, provides a convenient resource to prospective renters to locate affordable and accessible housing and obtain community resource links along with locating housing information. Property owners and housing authorities can register and manage their listings online or via phone and fax. Specific property information may highlight amenities, accessibility features for individuals with physical disabilities, acceptance of Housing Choice Vouchers and the distance to recreation, shopping and public transportation. It also allows prospective tenants to access directions. Many listings also feature photographs. This website is free, searches can be conducted in both English and Spanish, and the site is updated by owners/property managers at least bi-weekly with vacancy information.

Fulton County Housing Authority utilized GoSection8.com. Gosection8.com provides an enhanced program to list rental properties on line. Listings are available to potential Housing Choice Voucher tenants seeking apartment units, duplexes, single-family homes or townhomes in the private market.

**Office of Children and Youth**

Continued the following programs under the Office of Children and Youth to reach a wide array of needs from childhood development, inclusion programming and youth advocacy, counseling, and conflict resolution. Each program coordinates with other mainstream housing and supportive services resources, which may include the use of committee leveraging from public and private resources including Atlanta Habitat for Humanity, Atlanta Public Schools, Apex Museum, Atlanta Metropolitan College, Atlanta Technical College, Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta, Camp Village, Creditability, Faith based organizations, Fresh Grant Recipients, Fulton County District Attorney's Office, Fulton County CASA, Fulton County Charter Schools, Fulton County Cooperative Extension, Fulton County Department of Family and Children, Fulton County Health and Wellness, Fulton County Human Service Grant recipients, Fulton County Government Libraries, Fulton County Office of Workforce Development, Fulton County Marshall Department, Fulton County Parks & Recreation, Fulton County Police Department, Fulton County Private Schools, Fulton County Public Schools, Fulton County

Sheriff Department, Georgia Association on Youth Children, Hapeville Police and Fire Department, Herzing University, Metro Financial Capability Network, Metropolitan/Atlanta Violence Prevention Partnership, New Calvary Missionary Baptist church, Nonprofit organizations, Project Community Connections, Inc., Our House, Inc, Salvation Army-Faqua Unit, Stable Families Community Coalition (SFCC), University of Georgia Fulton County, and Visions, Inc.

### **Kinship Care Program:**



The Fulton County Kinship Care Program addresses the unique needs and challenges that Fulton County children and youth face when they are raised by relatives. The goal of the program is to enhance the opportunities of Fulton County children and youth to succeed in society through the provision of supportive services and activities. The program provides resources to reduce educational, emotional, psychological and financial challenges children face while under the care of relatives.

### **Impact:**

64 children and youth received services,

15-20 youth were provided weekly homework assistance in math, science, and reading to improve their grades.

32 high school and middle school participants and 22 elementary school participants received back to school supplies.

7 youth completed the Summer Job Placement Training Program and were taught work skills that can be transferred to part-time or full-time jobs.

19 middle and high school youth participated in a self-expression writing workshop with VOX Teen Communications. Their stories will be published on the VOX website or in an upcoming edition of the VOX magazine.

### **Partnership on Youth**



This is a partnership on children and youth that consists of non-profit agencies who receive either a Human Services Grant or FRESH Grant. This program is a bridge between Fulton County Government and Fulton County Children and Youth that receive services. The program provides monitor services provided by agencies to ensure compliance with their scope of duties, safety of facilitates and ensure funding is used for the purposes stated in the grant application. These agencies meet quarterly and participate in trainings utilizing guest speakers on topics that enhance the delivery of services.

### **Impact:**

- 50 performance standard audits on Fulton County Human Services Grantees.
- 260 high risk youth and 30 parents during a conference were provided information about the

law and consequences of breaking the law.

**S.T.A.R.T. (Services to Advance, Reach and Teach Youth)**



**START** is a System of Care that promotes family stability through services to enhance educational objectives and improve family relationships. The program refers children and families to community resources. **START** works in collaboration with public agencies, community partners and the faith-based community to ensure the development of successful families.

**Impact:**

- **START** currently provided services to 65 program participants and their families.  
100% of children received financial literacy  
100% participants completed enhanced training for early childhood education.  
100% of participants completed expanded food and nutritional education program.  
100% of teens obtained summer employment via Fulton County Workforce Development  
30% of participants completed training for CPR and healthcare.

**Priceless University**



Priceless University is a “college prep” program centered on self-enrichment and self-development courses that will equip participants with the tools to reach their priceless potential outside of academics. The program emulates a college university system as participants take courses on various topics that address self-esteem, self-confidence, public speaking and an array of other courses in an attempt to identify the natural gifts and talents of participants. The program also places a focus on college readiness through resume writing workshops, business etiquette alongside career placement assessments. Priceless U is designed to impact female youth through a curriculum with weekly classes that will ultimately enhance the knowledge and skill sets of participants while exposing their priceless qualities. The program includes Tuesday classes during the academic school year, special events and summer experience.

**Impact:**

- Served 26 participants that received college preparation classes, career development, character development, healthy social relationships, financial literacy, public speaking, and STEM activity.

**Youth Leadership Academy – Boys**



This program empowers young males to become socially responsible and effective leaders capable of positively transforming and serving their communities as they grow personally in character and spirit. The mission is to provide comprehensive leadership and entrepreneurial skills to Fulton County's emerging youth leaders to ensure they can successfully navigate the challenges and opportunities of our increasingly changing society. The program motto is Leadership, Service, and Excellence.

**Impact:**

Served 59 young males between the ages of 8 - 16.

Served over 100 young males ages of 8 – 16 with 375 non-school hours of mentoring, tutoring, service opportunities and leadership and professional training, which include financial and business literacy, character development, cultural awareness, and etiquette

Served over 400 individuals at the Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless for their YLAB Feed the Homeless Project

100% of Leadership students were recognized with multiple outstanding performance awards in community leadership, scholastic achievement, community service, and entrepreneurship

100% of High School students have started and continue to operate their own small business.

**Fulton County Youth Commission**



The Fulton County Youth Commission is a leadership and community service program that encourages Youth to become involved in government. The Youth advocate on behalf of children and youth to address the issues of violence, health, education and safety. The Youth Commissioners present issues to Fulton BOC, citizens of Fulton County, City of Atlanta School Board and State Legislature. The group served in the areas of protecting the environment, health and nutrition, participated in community services.

**Impact:**

1. 3,500 homeless and low-income families received HOPE Boxes which included non-perishable foods, toiletry items and FREE resources for health, shelter, employment, and more.
2. Hosted an annual "Anti-Bullying Rally" all 4,100 attendees received information on violence prevention and Georgia law.
3. 2,800 Students received digital Youth Commission Law Books/tip sheets.
4. 1,700 Youth received Youth Commission Cookbooks/participated in cooking demonstrations.
5. 1,100 students received information regarding drug prevention and health effects through NEO (Not Even Once) drug prevention tour.

### Youth Leadership Academy – Girls



The Call to Womanhood program is designed to engage rising third grade female youth through a comprehensive project based leadership curriculum in a Saturday Academy Format. Students meet for a five (5) hour Saturday session twice a month; academy includes delivery of a structured leadership curriculum, hands-on activities, and a monthly Leadership Speaker Series. Students will also have special events and field trips throughout the year. The academic year program will also be augmented by a six (6) week Summer Camp. Leadership participants participate in a rigorous, structured program that focuses on developing the next generation of female leaders by exposing young girls to nontraditional career fields and roles for women in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Youth Leadership Academy cultivates necessary social etiquette skills, and encourages economic literacy and entrepreneurial drive. Furthermore, the Fulton County Youth Leadership Academy for Girls will provide participants the opportunity to hear stories and lessons of accomplished businesswomen and civic leaders, in addition to a plethora of civic engagement activities, site visits, and field experiences.

#### Impact:

1. Served 37 participants received STEM Training, Public Speaking, Community Service, Etiquette, Self Esteem, Spanish, Forensics, and Engineering.

#### Monitoring

1. Describe how and the frequency with which you monitored your activities.
2. Describe the results of your monitoring including any improvements.
3. Self Evaluation
  - a. Describe the effect programs have in solving neighborhood and community problems.
  - b. Describe progress in meeting priority needs and specific objectives and help make community's vision of the future a reality.
  - c. Describe how you provided decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunity principally for low and moderate-income persons.
  - d. Indicate any activities falling behind schedule.
  - e. Describe how activities and strategies made an impact on identified needs.
  - f. Identify indicators that would best describe the results.
  - g. Identify barriers that had a negative impact on fulfilling the strategies and overall vision.
  - h. Identify whether major goals are on target and discuss reasons for those that are not on target.
  - i. Identify any adjustments or improvements to strategies and activities that might meet your needs more effectively.

Program Year 5 CAPER monitoring response:

## MONITORING

### Standards

Monitoring encompassed compliance with applicable Federal and state laws and regulations, including but not be limited to: 24 CFR Part 570 (Entitlement Grants Regulations, OMB Circular A-87, OMB Circulars (OMB) Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations," and with OMB Circular A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Universities, Hospitals and Other Nonprofit Organizations". Performance was measured against project timetables and objectives specified in contracts or cooperation agreements executed between the County and each sub-recipient.

### Monitoring Plan

The Office of Housing and Community Development staff have developed and put into place a complete system for monitoring its sub-recipients for all programs. In general, monitoring emphasizes the evaluations of progress, performance, and compliance with applicable regulations and procedural requirements. The County carried out housing rehabilitation, homeownership and homeless assistance programs. At every step of the process, HCD staff provided hands-on assistance to program recipients, answered questions and helped solve problems.

### Monitoring System

Annually, monitoring is tasked as an assignment of each individual Project Manager of a sub-recipient in receipt of the County's Federal Program funds. The staff members are under the supervision of a Community Development Manager, Deputy Director, and Director of the Housing and Human Service Department. Fulton County requires sub-recipients to submit monthly status reports on their projects. The County also conducts an annual internal audit of the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs. These audits are coordinated through the County's Finance department.

The monitoring system included:

- (1) **Risk Analysis of Sub-recipient:** Staff analyzes existing and new sub-recipients of Fulton County Federal program funds to determine strengths and weaknesses in the administration and implementation of grant allocations. Areas to be analyzed include, but are not limited to: program management capabilities, grants administration, financial reporting, and record maintenance; prior experience with the Federal program administration, progress of previously funded Federal projects, knowledge of CDBG, HOME and ESG program regulations; and level of technical assistance needed to carry out proposed funding activities.
- (2) **Annual Monitoring Schedule:** Each project manager develops a monitoring schedule for each project assigned and coordinates this schedule with the sub-recipient. Each project manager develops a monitoring schedule for their respective sub-recipient project/activity. It is required that sub-recipients be monitored on-site at least once per program year.
- (3) **Performance Reports:** Sub-recipient performance reports are routinely required in all written sub-recipient agreements. CDBG project managers require reports on a monthly basis from all sub-recipients. When performance reports are not

received as scheduled, the staff will contact the sub-recipient directly, both verbally and in writing, to request the applicable report.

Additionally, the Department of Housing and Community Development staff maintains monthly project management reports. The monthly project management report contains current information on the activity of each federally funded project. Staff compiles and maintains the information on a consistent and regular basis.

- (4) **Procedures for Reviewing Financial Management and Procurement:** The Housing and Community Development staff utilizes a monitoring check-list form to review how sub-recipients are managing the financial aspects of projects for which the County disburse funds. Special attention is given to program income guidelines, administrative cost expenditures, identifying needs for and provision of technical assistance, financial analysis capabilities, receipt and review of the A-128 and A-133 audit reports, as well as monitoring of sub-recipient procurement practices.
- (5) **Training and Technical Assistance:** An individual or group training and/or technical assistance session is provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development staff to sub-recipients who are receiving CDBG and HOME funds for the first time, as well as for those identified as high risk. High risk sub-recipients may include new and/or familiar grantees. This program specifically addresses the needs of federally funded sub-recipients in the administration of grants or loan funds and the understanding of relevant Federal regulations and requirements governing the use and management of these funds. All sub-recipients and applicants receive, as a reference tool, a Program Manual outlining program procedures, requirements and regulations.
- (6) **Procedures for Correcting Deficiencies:** Monitoring results of all sub-recipients occurs through formal letters. The letters will inform the sub-recipients of areas of concern or non-compliance and recommendation or suggestion methods of correction.

### **Program Specific Monitoring**

#### **CDBG**

Under the CDBG Program, Fulton County Housing and Community Development enters into binding Cooperative Agreements with several local jurisdiction in the County (except for the Cities of Atlanta, Johns Creek, Roswell, and Sandy Springs) for participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Such agreements are useful tools for insuring compliance with program provisions by the County and the Cities. Additionally, these agreements provide a basis for enforcing program requirements and for identifying remedies in the event of a breach of the provisions. Elements contained in these agreements are inclusive of, but not limited to:

- Rules and Regulations
- Project Implementation Schedule
- Type of Activity
- Terms and Conditions
- Program Requirements

Procurement  
Budget – Office of Management and Budget (OMB Circulars)  
Scope of Services/Statement of Work  
Reporting Requirements  
Reimbursement Requests  
Section 3  
Fair Housing  
Environmental  
Citizen Participation

Fulton County Community Development staff also completes on-site monitoring of its CDBG projects at a minimum of one time per year. Some projects require additional on-site technical assistance during implementation. The project manager assigned to the individual project determines the need for additional monitoring or technical assistance. Activities that are determined to be high risk are monitored more regularly. Policies established are to ensure compliance with regards of applicable project eligibilities and national objectives. All sub-recipients (participating partners) will provide the County vouchers, invoices, progress reports, and any statistical data required to obtain reimbursement. All materials must be project specific to include invoices for materials purchases, labor records, scope of the work performed and data to evidence project costs. Documentation will also include performance status reports, a description of the services performed and a breakdown of project beneficiaries by income, age, residence ethnic background, and disability.

A monitoring report is completed for the following compliance areas:

- Environmental;
- Eligibility;
- Fair Housing;
- Immigration
- Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity;
- Minority Women and Business Enterprises
- Financial and Audit;
- Federal Labor Standards;
- Acquisition and Relocation, Section 104(d);
- Interim and Final Audit;
- Final Benefit Count/Beneficiary Information;
- Housing Rehabilitation Standards and Policies;
- Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Regulations, and
- Citizen Participation

In additional, staff conducts onsite technical assistance visits at a minimum of three (3) a year with each recipient of funds. If during the monitoring of expenditures, funds are not disbursed timely, funds may be reprogrammed during the year to meet the timeliness of funds. CDBG Projects were monitored in accordance with the execution of contractual agreements.

**HOME**

Monitoring is conducted either annually, bi-annually or every three years based upon the number of units to ensure that HOME funds are used in accordance with all applicable Federal requirements. The scope of monitoring depends on the type of the activity and all activities that are operated under HOME maintain a separate monitoring schedule.

The primary goals for monitoring include:

- Ensure production and accountability;
- Ensure compliance with HOME and other Federal requirements; and
- Evaluate organizational and project performance.
- Responding to community needs, and
- Maximizing the use of resources

An additional goal for monitoring is the collaboration of Fulton County with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to conduct monitoring visits on those projects that have both HOME and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits funds.

The basic elements of the monitoring visit include sending a formal notification letter, confirmation of monitoring dates, scope of the monitoring and information needed for review during the monitoring visit. Fulton County carries out on-site monitoring for all rehabilitation projects on a random basis preferably three to four times during rehabilitation work depending on the scope of the job. Monitoring for all programs should be directed to but not limited to:

Management system for oversight of HOME-assisted multifamily properties

Monitoring includes a review of the management and operation of each HOME assisted project. Certification Statements verifying compliance with the income targeting requirements for tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and HOME-assisted multifamily properties have been developed. These statements will be signed and enclosed in each project file. Copies of Land Use Restriction Agreements (LURA) and Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) for multifamily projects will also be in the files. The HOME Final Rule (24CFR part 92) and the Code of Federal Regulations regulate the financial management and administration of HOME projects.

Income targeting requirements

Documentation under regulations 92.216, 90% of the total households assisted through the rental or TBRA program have incomes that do not exceed 60 percent of the area median income. Twenty percent of the HOME-assisted rental units must be occupied by families who have annual incomes that are 50% or less of median incomes. Documentation for the applicants to insure that they were low-income and eligible for HOME funds will be in each file. The County will include a certification statement in all project files.

Site and neighborhood standards

Documentation under regulations 92.202, in carrying out the site and neighborhood requirements with respect to new construction of rental housing, the County will make the determination that proposed sites for new construction meet the requirements in 24 CFR 983.6(b). Documentation will be in the file indicating findings. The County will comply with the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, The Fair

Housing Act, E.O. 11063, and HUD regulations to promote greater choice of housing opportunities.

Maximum per-unit subsidy

Documentation under regulations 92.250(a); all HOME assisted units do not exceed 221(d)(3) limits for elevator type housing and the Field Office of HUD may increase per-unit subsidy limits to 240% on a program-wide basis. Fulton County will comply with the applicable maximum per-unit subsidy standards.

Property standards

Documentation will be in the file indicating that the projects have been inspected by the County's inspectors and/or a third party inspector. The County will include a certification statement in all project files to certify compliance with the applicable property standards.

1. Lead-Based paint poisoning prevention act 42 U.S.U. 4831-5 et al and HUD implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 35
2. Historic Housing Rehabilitation and new construction in historic districts
3. Accessibility: Must meet regulations referred in 24 CFR Part 5.015(a).
4. Easy living standard: applicants are encouraged to apply this standard

HOME rents limits

In accordance with regulations 92.252, rent cannot exceed 30% of the adjusted income of a family whose annual income equals 65% of the median income for the area, and if the unit receives Federal or State project-based rental subsidy the family must be very-low income (not to exceed 50% of the median income for the area), and the family must pay no more than 30% of adjusted income for rent. Documentation will be in the file indicating applicants are eligible for HOME funds.

Maximum sales price

Documentation under regulations 92.254(a)(2)(i), in the case of acquisition of newly constructed housing or standard housing, the purchase price for the type of single-family housing, cannot exceed 95% of the median purchase price for the area. The County will keep documentation of each home sold that will be occupied by low- to moderate-income families.

Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan

All applicants seeking funding proposing four or more units must have an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan (AFHMP) prepared in compliance with Fair Housing Laws, and HOME requirements.

An opportunity for prospective buyers to indicate how they became aware of the affordable housing opportunity;

The owner must display the fair housing opportunity logo or slogan in a high traffic area of its central office;

The applicant must develop or assign for the development of communications materials.

Fair Housing, Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Laws

Applicants must comply and certify with any and all federal, state and local laws relating to fair housing and equal opportunity, including but not limited to those listed below:

- The Federal Fair Housing Act 42 U.S.C. §3601 et seq. (1968))
- The Georgia Fair Housing Act O.C.G.A. §8-3-200 et seq, section 804(a-e), 805, 806
- Title VI Civil Rights Act - 1964 42 U.S.C. 2000d)
- Title VIII Civil Rights Act - 1968 42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.
- Minority Business Enterprise Executive Orders 11625, 12432, and 12138
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975 42 U.S.C. §6107
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 29 U.S.C. §794
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) 42 U.S.C. §12116 et seq.
- Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 12 U.S.C. 417 1 U et seq.
- Executive Order 11063 as amended by Executive order 12259
- Affirmative Marketing in accordance with HOME Final Rule at 24 CFR 92.351
- The Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 (HOPA) final regulation 1999 effective on May 3, 1999.
- Executive Order 12138-("National Women's Business Enterprise Policy")
- Executive Order 12432: National Priority to Develop Minority and Women Owned Businesses of Oct. 13, 1971, appear at 36 FR 19967, 3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp., p. 616
- Executive Order: 11625, "National Program for Minority Business Enterprise.
- Executive Order 13166 "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency" August 11, 2008..
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
- Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity

Record keeping requirements

Documentation for the applicants, under regulations 92.508(a) (3), demonstrating that they were low-income and eligible for HOME funds, will be contained in each file. The County will include a certification statement in all project files to certify the applicant's income status and acknowledge that they are eligible for HOME funds.

Davis-Bacon

Every project approved that includes 12 or more units assigned with HOME funds must contain a provision requiring payment of not less than the wages prevailing in the locality to all laborers and mechanics employed in the development of any part of the housing.

Financial Management: Federal OMB Circulars A-133, A-87, A-122

**ESG**

There are no sub-recipients of ESG funds. The Fulton County Department of Community Development will administer the ESG funds which are used for physical improvements to the Jefferson Place Emergency Shelter and the provision of essential services to homeless individuals and families residing in emergency shelters. All activities will be carried out in compliance with applicable Federal regulations.

**NSP**

Fulton County performs in-depth, limited, remote, on-site monitoring or a combination of monitoring types at least as necessary to ensure that NSP funds are used for authorized purposes in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of any partner agreement and those performance goals are achieved. In general, monitoring will emphasize evaluations of progress, performance, and compliance with applicable regulations and procedural requirements. Monitoring shall encompass compliance with applicable Federal and state laws and regulations, to include but not be limited to: 24 CFR Part 570 (Entitlement Grants Regulations, OMB Circular A-87, OMB Circulars (OMB) Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations," and with OMB Circular A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Universities, Hospitals and Other Nonprofit Organizations". Performance will be measured against project timetables and objectives specified in contracts or cooperation agreements executed between the County and any sub-recipient, developer and/or Housing Partner. Effective monitoring ensures contractual compliance, highlights areas of concern, and provides assistance as needed. If the identification of problem areas occurs, the NSP staff provides technical assistance to improve performance. Substandard performance as determined by the Fulton County Housing and Community Development Division and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will constitute non-compliance with this Agreement.

During this reporting year, the NSP Monitoring Guide was updated and distributed to the Development Partners. The guide referenced the following: Purpose: Each activity, except planning and administrative activities, must benefit - LH 25 and LMMI households

Requirements: Laws and Regulations- elements related to the following: Rules and Regulations, Project Timetable, Type of Activity, Terms and Conditions and Program Requirements: Site Inspections are conducted in two phases

Prior to acquisition, the Development partners submit a request for acquisition request. The County reviews the request and conducts site visits to determine if the unit is eligible based on the County preferred design and appeal, marketability, location, price and estimated Performa of work. After rehabilitation work has been completed: NSP staff ensures that the rehabbed work is to the County's satisfaction.

- Budget
- Scope of Services/Statement of Work
- Reporting Requirements
- Reimbursement Requests
- Certification:

Record keeping requirements: Documentation for the applicants, demonstrating that they were low-middle to moderate -income and eligible for NSP funding, are contained in each file. The County also maintains both an income eligible worksheet and a certification statement in all project files to certify the applicant's income status and acknowledge that they are eligible for NSP funds.

Property standards: Documentation is in the file indicating that the projects have been inspected. The County includes a certification statement in all project files to certify compliance with the applicable property standards.

1. Process: The basic element of the NSP monitoring strategy is as follows:
  - Pre-monitoring preparation:
  - Conducting the Monitoring:
    - Notification- Once a date has been set, a formal notification letter including the confirmation of monitoring dates, scope of the monitoring/areas of review, the schedule is sent. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the letter is sent at least two weeks prior to the monitoring. For remote monitoring, the letter identifies specific information to be submitted by the program participant and a timeframe for submission.
    - Entrance Conference- The purpose of the entrance conference is to explain how the monitoring will be conducted. and ensures that all staff has a clear understanding of the purpose, scope, and schedule of the monitoring from the very beginning; identify/confirm key program participant staff who will assist during the monitoring; set up or confirm meeting or interview times, schedule physical inspections; verify the programs/activities to be reviewed and, if on-site, how access to files and work areas will be granted.
    - Assessment Process./ Documentation and Data Acquisition:
      - Staff interviews
      - Reviewing all relevant records/ file reviews to verify and document compliance and performance. The Exhibit questions are designed to assess and document compliance with program requirements. Document the responses to the questions. The Exhibits form the basis for monitoring conclusions and are supplemented by program participant records copied or reviewed during the monitoring.
      - Clear written record of the steps followed and the information reviewed during the visit. Documenting any conversations conducted with the program staff, statistics and/or financial figures, on-site inspection of projects, and the written policies that are obtained from the file reviewed.
    - Provide a copy and obtain signatures for the Fulton County NSP Confidentially Statement
  - Exit Conference: At the end of the monitoring review, NSP staff conducts an exit conference with the appropriate participant officials or staff to discuss

preliminary brief notes conclusions. In part, this serves to confirm the accuracy and completeness of the information used to form the basis for the monitoring conclusions. It may also highlight areas of disagreement/misconceptions or misunderstandings between Fulton County NSP and the participant. Additionally, the Development Partner may clarify or support their position and acknowledge the deficiency and provide an opportunity to report on steps they are already taking to correct the matter

- **Monitoring Conclusions:** A written record is created detailing the steps followed and information reviewed during the compliance monitoring visit. All conclusions, whether positive or negative are supportable, defensible, and adequately documented. Fulton County uses the following decision categories:
- An official Monitoring Letter is sent will be mailed within two weeks after the exit conference describing all deficiencies, recommendations for improvements and time frame to reply.

#### **Results of monitoring activity in 2014:**

During the reporting year, NSP staff conducted a follow up financial desk audit. Performance was measured against financial project timetables and objectives specified in the Partner agreement executed between the County and one of the Development Partners. The monitoring was based on reviewing internal procedures and financial recordkeeping. The following areas were assessed to confirm that the NSP was being carried out in accordance with the federal requirements: Tracking of Expenditure of Funds and Receipt and Tracking of Program Income

All items were addressed and the desk audit closed.

All of the sub-recipients of HUD program Funds were determined to be compliant with federal, state and local regulations and Fulton County's internal processes.

#### **SELF-EVALUATION**

Due to continual cuts in federal funding, Fulton County has limited resources; it is unlikely that each goal can be addressed in any single program year. In most cases, the approved funding levels for specific activities are considerably lower than the amounts requested. This, in turn, limits the impact of the proposed activities on the low- and moderate-income persons they are designed to serve. Although Fulton County has continued to make progress in meeting the priority needs and specific objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Activities undertaken in 2014 have aided in the development of viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

The following occurred in carrying out the activities under each program:

#### **CDBG**

There were no major obstacles hindering Fulton County's ability to carry out the CDBG activities in 2014. The utilization of funding provided activities that benefited low- to moderate-income persons and families, including economic development, public service, and neighborhood improvement needs. Activities included, fair housing, housing

counseling, services for seniors and youth, housing rehabilitation, facility and infrastructure improvements.

#### HOME Program

HOME has made a substantial contribution to Fulton County's housing efforts. Even though the housing and foreclosure crisis continued to be prevalent with more stringent lending requirements and tightened credit requirements, which created an additional barrier of potential homeowners to meet qualifications. HOP assisted many borrowers with down payment assistance and closing cost. HOP increased neighborhood stability and generated economic growth. The County's Rehabilitation program sustained existing housing stock and assisted the elderly age in place. The TBRA funds obverted homelessness and reliance on substantial government assistance.

Fulton County continued efforts to promote and enhance its existing programs and partnerships and establish and develop new partnerships and initiatives. There is an ongoing effort to establish new and continue existing partnerships with the local lending institutions and other programs and foundations.

#### ESG Programs

As the County faces continued budgetary cuts, our ability to supplant lost HUD funding has diminished however Fulton County Housing and Community Development intends to continue to use ESG funding to provide needed shelter and essential services to 150 men and 150 women and children as we continue to reduce homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless. The County continues to maintain and provide emergency housing and essential services to homeless seniors, veterans, and other individuals experiencing homelessness in a manner consistent with our consolidated plan. As a shrinking government entity, our resources are limited due to the economy. But the demands for homeless services are increasing tremendously. Private and foundation funding sources are not positioned to fund local government projects.

#### Lead-based Paint

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards.

Program Year 5 CAPER Lead-based Paint response:

#### **Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards**

HUD regulations regarding lead based paint apply to all federally assisted housing. Exposure to lead-based paint represents one of the most significant environmental threats from a housing perspective. Many residential properties built before 1978 contain lead-based paint. Unfortunately, it is difficult to measure the exact number of housing units with lead-based paint hazards. Lead is a toxic metal that was used for many years in products found in and around our homes. Although lead improves paint performance, it is a dangerous substance and may lead to a number of health problems. It is especially damaging to children under age six whose bodies are still developing. Lead causes nervous system damage, stunted growth, delayed development behavioral problems, learning disabilities, seizures. At high levels, lead can cause coma, convulsions, and in extreme cases, death. It can cause [kidney](#) damage and

affects every organ system of the body. It also is dangerous to adults, and can cause reproductive problems for both men and women. Most people poisoned by lead occur in and around their home when they are exposed the harmful levels of lead contaminated dust, deteriorated lead-based paint, and lead-contaminated soil.

According to Scorecard, which provides a web’s based resource for information about pollution problems, toxic chemicals and other relevant information about a variety of [lead hazard indicators](#). Scorecard provides maps at the national, state, county, and census tract level that spotlight areas with housing that is at high risk of lead contamination. Scorecard uses housing and demographic measures from the [2000 Census](#) as indicators of potential lead hazards. Other sources are used to characterize lead hazards include the CDC report Surveillance for Elevated Blood Lead Levels Among Children - US, 1997-2001 (Sept. 2003) and The Second National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals.

*NOTE: Potential hot spots of lead hazards in housing are identified based on hazard indicators, not lead monitoring data. Because local data on lead contamination are generally unavailable, Scorecard relies on housing and demographic indicators to identify areas with housing that has a high risk of lead hazards. Scientific studies have demonstrated that housing built prior to 1950 and households with income below the poverty threshold have an elevated risk of lead contamination. Scorecard uses data from the 2000 U.S. Census for both of these risk factors to estimate potential lead hazards in housing.*

As noted below, Fulton County has ranked in the highest US number of housing units with potential hazards and hazard indicators.

**Number of Housing Units with High risk of lead hazards:**

Rank	County	Number of housing units	Percentile
1.	<a href="#">FULTON</a>	6,900	90-100 % High Hazard Indicator
Number of housing units built before 1950:		49,000	90-100 % High Hazard indicator
Number of housing units with low income: 45,000		45,000	90-100 % High Hazard indicator
Number of children under 5 living below poverty:		17,000	90-100 % High Hazard indicator
		30%	50-60 % Medium Hazard Indicator

*Scorecard Pollution Locator: Lead Hazard County Report*

When compared to other counties in the United States, Fulton County data reflects that 2% of the units may contain some type of hazard.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, blood lead concentrations have decreased in US children, but approximately 25% still live in housing with deteriorated lead-based paint and are at risk of lead exposure with resulting cognitive impairment and other health issues. Lead screenings are mandated across the United States. A lead screening is conducted by a simple blood test. Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness collects samples of paint and dust in the homes of children diagnosed with elevated lead blood levels and analyzed for lead content. If there is lead present in the home, the property owner is advised of mitigation methods to reduce the exposure of children to lead in the home.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has lowered their level of significance to 5 micrograms of lead in a deciliter of blood and recommends public health actions be initiated, including environmental investigations to determine the source of exposure when 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood is reached. Below is a chart indicating that Fulton County has the highest in metro Atlanta area of the number of children exposed to lead hazards.

Number of Children exposed in Fulton County		
County	Total Number Screened (2014)	$\geq 10$ ug/dL
Fulton	13,794	49

As a result, Fulton County Housing and Community Development has incorporated its' lead base paint program in accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. All federal funded activities covered by the HUD Lead Safe Home regulations were carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Final Rule, including the Uniform Relocation Act. The Department will continue to strive toward lead-safe housing where these sources of funds are used. Housing Rehabilitation Senior Housing Inspectors have completed Lead-Based Paint training and obtained Certification. The inspectors continue to have their certifications renewed periodically. For activities involving housing rehabilitation Fulton County Housing inspects all units subject to the Final Rule for lead-based paint hazards. Where lead-based paint is found, actions are taken to eliminate the hazards. Under the Home Ownership Program (HOP), lead-based paint inspections were conducted in accordance to Housing Quality Standards (HQS) protocol. Where chipping or peeling paint is present that exceed the de minimis levels is found on homes being purchased that were built before 1978, the eligible home buyer and the seller are notified in accordance to Title X, Sec. 1018. Owners and buyers participating in the Housing Rehabilitation Emergency Assistance Grant and Home Ownership Programs signed lead-based paint hazard forms and each party received a lead hazard information pamphlet, evaluation results and disclosure information. The seller also received the seller's certification form.

In addition, the Housing Authority of Fulton County (HAFC) conducts lead-based paint inspections in conjunction with Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections on all new units available under Section 8. In 2014 HAFC continued to make these inspections a mandatory component of HQS procedures.

Additional information about lead-based abatement is available in through the federal Environmental Protection Agency, HUD, and the National Paint and Coating Association at

www.leadstetraining.org or the National Lead Information Clearinghouse at www.epa.gov/lead.

## HOUSING

### Housing Needs

**\*Please also refer to the Housing Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.**

#### **1. Describe Actions taken during the last year to foster and maintain affordable housing.**

##### **Program Year 5 CAPER Housing Needs response:**

#### **Other Actions 91.220(k)**

##### **Foster and Maintain Affordable Housing**

All of Fulton County Housing and Community Development programs are designed to serve all Fulton County Citizens including the underserved, children and youth, economically disadvantaged, elderly, seniors, female headed households, homeless, those threatened with homelessness, all ethnicities, minorities, all special needs populations. Other supported programs promote other community amenities which add to the quality of life. All recipients of federal program funding are mandated to collect beneficiary information. This collection of data allows the County to verify the level of services, calculate those that are served, measure progress of which we are serving and refine programs and services based on the data analysis. All programs and services offered under the County's HOME Program are directed at providing and maintaining safe, decent, and sanitary affordable housing. Additionally, the program continued to focus on four principal areas: Homeownership, Tenant Based Rental, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)/Rental Development; Housing Rehabilitation with loans to promote the improvement for low and very low-income families and rental assistance through a contract with the Fulton County Housing Authority to avert homelessness. In addition funding beyond the scope of the three HUD formula programs covered by the Consolidated Plan assist in fostering and maintain housing. In 2014, Fulton County provided the following:

Sponsored housing workshops for homeownership and foreclosure prevention.

The HAFC prioritized programs and activities that support Fulton County's Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan. Through the administration of the Conventional and Housing Choice Voucher Programs units are affordable. Further, through its modernization program, units are maintained to a high standard, which ensures that the County has qualifies affordable rental units. The HAFC provided a listing of affordable housing developments on their website. None of the developments listed have any organizational connection with the authority.

##### **Specific Housing Objectives**

- 1. Evaluate progress in meeting specific objective of providing affordable housing, including the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income renter and owner households comparing actual accomplishments with proposed goals during the reporting period.**

## PROGRAMS SPECIFIC NARRATIVE

### HOME PROGRAM

#### **Meeting Affordable Housing Priority Needs and Specific Objectives of the Consolidated Plan**

HOME funds are targeted exclusively to goals and objectives under the Affordable Housing Priority. HOME is authorized under [Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act](#), as amended. HOME funds can be used in a broad range of eligible activities, all with the general purpose of providing affordable housing. Fulton County receives entitlement funds under a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the HOME Program. From 1992 through 1999, the County received HOME funding as a member of the Georgia Urban County Consortium. Effective January 1, 2000, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved the County as a participating jurisdiction, after which it began operation as the Fulton County Consortium. Fulton County Housing and Human Services entered into a Performance Agreement between Cobb County, Georgia and Fulton County regarding the expenditure of HOME Program Funds.

#### **Design**

The Fulton County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) is designed with the overall goal of creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income households. Beginning in 2000, Fulton County has been allocated Federal funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Planning and Development Office (HUD) with the mandate to utilize \$1 of County resources for every \$4 of Federal HOME funds awarded to preserve or create affordable housing opportunities. HUD establishes HOME Investment Trust Funds and provides Fulton County a line of credit that may draw upon as needed. The combined County and Federal funds have been vital in sponsoring, creating, and sustaining partnership with housing providers, local nonprofit groups and local activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership. The HOME funds also have the flexibility to provide direct rental assistance or security deposits to low-income people which averts homelessness as well as creates affordable housing opportunities.

#### **Eligible Beneficiaries**

The eligibility of households for HOME assistance varies based on the nature of the funded activity and the based upon the additional funding leveraged to solidify the activity. The incomes of households receiving HUD assistance must not exceed 80 percent of the area median. HOME income limits are published each year by HUD.

#### **Impact**

The HOME program's impact on the local community increases the local tax base, increases economic development, preserves existing housing stock, decrease cases of homelessness and over-crowded households, as well as bolsters the local community's investment in their citizen's quality of life.

HOME is the second largest Federal block grant to State and local governments and its flexibility empowers numerous jurisdictions across the nation such as Fulton County to design and implement strategies tailored to their own housing needs and priorities. Moreover, HOME's emphasis on consolidated planning expands and strengthens partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector in the development of affordable housing.

HOME funding was utilized on four key eligible activities during calendar year 2014 with this and previous years' allocations of HOME funds.

**Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Payment Loan Program:** This program assists low to moderate income Fulton County residents make needed home improvements for the correction of health, safety code violations through Deferred Payment Loans (DPL).

*Rehabilitation Cost*

Funds expended for the Housing Rehabilitation Program in program year 2014 totaled \$333,401.99 for 7 loans previously reported draw completion and 1 loan completed during the program year. The average assistance totaled \$42,577.94 per rehabilitation project. The projects addressed housing concerns and building code violations related to roofing, electrical, plumbing, heating and air ventilation deficiencies. The rehabilitation efforts resulted in an economic boost for local MBE construction companies.

*Rehab by Participating Fulton Jurisdictions*

Fulton County Community	Completed HOME Projects	Percent of Total Completed Projects
Unincorporated Fulton County	0	0%
City of College Park	1	100%
City of East Point	0	0%
City of Fairburn	0	0%
City of Palmetto	0	0%
City Of Riverdale	0	0%
City of Union City	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA):** Fulton County Housing and Community Development Division partners annually with the Housing Authority of Fulton County (HAFC) to provide rental assistance for low and extremely low households. The \$180,000 contract was amended to \$1,296,000 to support the housing authority's vision to make quality affordable housing an engine for change in the County. The HAFC serves as a Fulton County subrecipient to provide temporary rental assistance to eligible families who are on the Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV former Section 8) program or require immediate rental assistance due to mitigate an emergency situation. During this past year, the HAFC reported that initiatives to increase home buying activity were continued. The HAFC encouraged cooperative efforts between builders, developers, non-profits, and participating lenders. The HAFC works to increase

assisted housing choices by providing voucher mobility counseling; conducting outreach efforts to potential landlords and implementing homeownership programs. HAFC promotes homeownership and open market rental opportunities for current HAFC program participants through specific partnerships and community programs.

**CHDO/Rental Development:** The Development Programs administer funding to qualified agencies to assist with the development of affordable rental properties through acquisition and rehabilitation activities. A 64 unit complex was acquired and rehabilitation has been ongoing. As of December 31, 2014, the occupancy rate is at ninety-three percent (93%). Since the new management has taken over the property, the property has experienced over seventy five percent growth in new tenants. There has been \$516,000 expended for this rental unit.

**Home Ownership Program (HOP):** This program assisted approved homebuyers with a deferred payment soft second mortgage loan for down payment assistance and closing cost. Fulton County directly administers the program through a network of participating lenders, who are responsible for originating, underwriting, closing, and funding mortgage loans. Applications are reviewed following standard insuring underwriting criteria, and Fulton County compliance guidelines based on HOME regulations found at 24 CFR Part 92. Funds are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, and all HOP borrowers must complete a pre purchase home ownership counseling workshop or individual counseling. Post Counseling may be required. Housing counseling activities must be facilitated by a HUD approved counseling agency.

a. **Eligibility Criteria:**

- i. The home to be purchased must be located in Fulton County outside of the city limits of Atlanta, Roswell, Sandy Springs, and Johns Creek.
- ii. The maximum purchase price of existing homes cannot exceed \$124,000 for existing homes and \$196,000 for new constructions
- iii. Annual household income must not exceed the limits based upon family size as established by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for metro Atlanta and adjusted annually.
- iv. The homebuyer must have completed a pre-purchase housing counseling class from a HUD-approved housing counseling agency within the last year. A certificate of completion will be maintained in the project file.
- v. A potential buyer must apply for their mortgage through one of the program's participating lenders for pre-qualification and to begin the mortgage loan process for the first mortgage financing.
- vi. Potential homebuyers must be a first time homebuyer or have not purchased a home within the past three years.
- vii. Property must meet home inspections requirements.

*HOP Funding Availability*

There were nine (9) loans totaling \$50,735 with draw completions/expended in IDIS with three loans previously reported. Six beneficiaries benefitted from HOP Down payment assistance during the program year.

*See the attached IDIS PR23 in Appendix C for demographic breakdown.*

***HOP Program Integrity***

HOP’s design and compliance requirements make it extremely difficult for fraudulent activity for real estate investors and speculators to abuse the available federal funding. The loans are underwritten as soft second deferred payment loans with a funding recapture clause that safeguards the program’s mission to enhance homeownership opportunities for low to moderate income households.

***HOP Housing Cost***

The homes secured through the program assisted both single individuals as well as families. The program aligned with HUD’s goal of providing safe, decent and sanitary housing. The sales prices of the homes secured through the assistance of the program averaged \$98,868. The individual loans averaged \$6,981 per household.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Average</b>
Sales Price	\$98,868.78
1 <sup>st</sup> Mortgage Amount	\$89,751.25
Avg Down Payment Assistance	\$7,316.44
Total HOP Assistance	\$65,848

***HOP Participating Lenders***

During this past year, the County continued initiatives to increase home buying activity. The county encouraged cooperative efforts between builders, developers, non-profits, and participating lenders. County staff members provided training and technical support to Fulton County’s lending community in an effort to encourage operational efficiency. The County utilized print advertising, brochures, and housing fairs in order to promote greater awareness across the county. County staffed worked with thirteen participating lenders that support affordable housing for working families.

<b>Participating Lenders</b>		
Academy Mortgage	First Community Mortgage, Inc.	Real Estate Mortgage Network
America’s Choice Home Loans	Guild Mortgage	Silverton Mortgage
Bank of America	Highland Mortgage Group, Inc.	Southeast Mortgage of Georgia
Community Capital Bank	Home Star Financial Services	South Point Financial Services
Element Funding	Loan Depot.	Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
Evolve Bank & Trust	Network Funding	WR Starkey Mortgage

**HOME Program Income and Recaptured Funds**

Program income was generated from repayment of loans and nominal application fees for the home buyer program.

Program Income received in 2014: \$350.

PI disbursed in 2014 (*includes Program Income from previous years and received for the year of 2014*): \$40,462.96.

Recaptured Funds received in 2014: \$46,929.34.

**HOME Match Report**

The HOME Program’s match log verifies that Fulton County has exceeded its match requirements for previous years and continues to accumulate funds. Though the PR33 Match Liability Report does not yet reflect the match requirement for FFY 2014, based on disbursements tracked, the match liability amounts to \$248,008.84

**HOME Federal Disaster Counties:**

The County was not eligible for reduction of its match requirement.

The following charts below highlights HOME beneficiary households by racial and ethnicity status and income category of completed projects entered into IDIS during FY 2014.

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>HISPANIC</u>	<u>ASIAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDER</u>	<u>NATIVE AMERICAN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>ELDERLY</u>
Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Payment Loan	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	0	69	0	0	0	0	3
HOP	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Rental Development/C HDO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	0	76	0	0	0	0	4
<u>PROGRAM</u>				<u>0-30</u>	<u>31-60</u>	<u>61-80</u>	
Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Payment Loan				0	0	1	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance				69	0	0	
HOP				3	3	0	
Rental Development/CHDO				0	0	0	
Total:				72	3	1	

- Evaluate progress in providing affordable housing that meets the Section 215 definition of affordable housing for rental and owner households comparing actual accomplishments with proposed goals during the reporting period.

### **Affordable Housing Progress in Meeting the Objective to Provide Affordable Housing**

In 2014, Fulton County approached the objective of providing affordable housing to its citizens from a multi-program point of view. CDBG funds made available from HUD and limited prior year HOME funding was allocated to activities that promoted affordable housing for low-income families and individuals.

#### **CDBG**

For the 2014 reporting period, the CDBG program supported the following affordable housing activities: Fulton County residents in need of emergency housing rehabilitation were provided CDBG funds in the form of Emergency Assistance Grants (EAG). The Fulton County Housing Rehabilitation Program administers these housing rehabilitation activities. In 2014, the County assisted 38 households serving 57 persons with EAGs.

#### **HOME**

In 2014, the County undertook a limited number of affordable housing activities with prior year HOME funding. The activities that were undertaken to support this objective and the funds expended by the activities are as follows:

- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program**: Fulton County provided rental assistance payments to 69 families expending \$336,752.32 in HOME funds.  
**Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOP)**: Ongoing efforts continued in 2014 to establish new partnerships and continue existing ones with local lending institutions and other assistance programs. A total of 6 households received financial assistance through this program, to purchase homes in Fulton County in 2014.

#### **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY**

For the 2014 reporting period, the Housing Authority of Fulton County (HAFC) supported the following affordable housing activities:

Public Housing Operating/Capital Funds	\$882,055
Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator	\$46,563
Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance	\$6,181,783

### **3. Describe efforts to address “worst-case” housing needs and housing needs of persons with disabilities.**

#### **Assisting Other Special Need Households**

Most of the County’s Grant programs do not dedicate a set amount of funding to target special need populations; however, these citizens were eligible and were encouraged to reside in HOME and NSP funded projects, and benefit from both ESG and CDBG initiatives and services. While not solely dedicated to assisting special need households, any of our Fulton County Government programs, services or activities may assist individuals or households that include an individual who is elderly or has a disability along with those who have a household member who is disabled. The County administered several programs during 2014 to benefit special need households. Accessible, available, and affordable housing is the key to independence and the participation of County residents with disabilities in the

life of their communities. Throughout this fiscal year, the County continued to expand opportunities in this area using funding beyond the scope of the three HUD formula programs covered by the Consolidated Plan.

### **Public Housing Strategy**

#### **1. Describe actions taken during the last year to improve public housing and resident initiatives.**

##### **Program Year 5 CAPER Public Housing Strategy response:**

#### **Public Housing Improvements and Resident Initiatives**

Fulton County Housing and Community Development does not operate, own, or manage any public housing units. In Fulton County, a separate agency owns and manages public housing developments. As such, the County does not undertake public housing resident management or ownership initiatives. Instead, Fulton County Housing and Community Development continues to support, through financing or technical assistance, the efforts of local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) within the County's Consolidated Planning Area that are consistent with the objectives of Federal programs that encourage homeownership, self-sufficiency, and Youth development. Fulton County and the Housing Authority of Fulton County continue to strengthen their partnership as they work together in addressing the county's housing needs.

In 1937, the Georgia General Assembly enabled each county and city to establish functioning public housing authorities within their jurisdiction upon a declaration of need. The unannotated Code 8-3-11 declares the policy of Georgia that each housing authority shall manage and operate its housing projects or, in the event of its use of a private enterprise agreement, shall cause each housing project subject thereto to be managed and operated in an efficient manner so as to enable it to fix the rentals for dwelling accommodations for persons of low income at the lowest possible rates consistent with its providing decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income, and that no housing authority shall construct or operate the dwelling accommodations in any such project that are occupied or reserved for occupancy by persons of low income for a profit or as a source of revenue to the city or the county.

The Housing Authority of Fulton County (HAFC) operates as a quasi-governmental agency. The (HAFC) was created in 1972 after the County Commissioners of Fulton County determined that a need existed to oversee issues relating to housing units for low-income residents of the County by Fulton County legislation {resolution (Item #12, Special Meeting 1/19/72)}, to address the need for decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing in unincorporated Fulton County. HAFC is subject to enabling legislation authorizing the creation of the Housing Authority, and must comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, including the specific HUD rules and regulations governing public housing authorities. By administering and developing housing opportunities for citizens of low to moderate incomes, the Authority has been able to provide not only housing stock, but also essential self-sufficiency skills crucial to assisting residents in moving up and out of public housing. Policy for the Authority is set by a nine-member board of commissioners who are

appointed by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Additionally, the HAFC Board is charged with providing guidance to the Authority. In keeping with its strong belief in resident participation and empowerment, two members of the Board are residents of the Authority. The HAFC receives funding from HUD for capital improvements, operating, housing, and resident supportive service activities. These resources, as well as others, are utilized to increase the number and quality of affordable housing units available to eligible low and moderate-income families within Fulton County through proactive management, operational and development-related activities.

**Public Housing Authority Action Plan**

Each year, Housing Authorities must complete a PHA Action plan. This Plan is a comprehensive guide to public housing agency (PHA) policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. Annually, the HAFC adheres to this regulation.

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Some of the goals and objectives identified for the 2012 -2014 HAFC Plan included:

1. Implementing practices and procedures conducive for effective agency administration.
2. Expanding the supply of assisted housing through applying for additional rental vouchers; leveraging private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities; and acquiring or building units in non-impacted areas throughout Fulton County.
3. Increasing assisted housing choices by providing voucher mobility counseling; conducting outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords; increasing voucher payment standards as applicable; and implementing homeownership programs. Promote home ownership and open market rental opportunities for current HAFC program participants through specific partnerships and community programs.
4. Providing an improved living environment by implementing measures to deconcentrate poverty; implementing public housing security improvements; and designating developments or buildings for particular resident groups (elderly, persons with disabilities).
5. Promoting self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households by increasing the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families; provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability; and provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
6. Ensuring equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing by undertaking affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing, a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing and accessible housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability.
7. Developing additional affordable housing opportunities for the community by continuing to expand HAFC's public housing inventory through new construction as part of mixed-income developments (including HOPE VI), development of replacement housing units and/or acquisition of existing rental housing.

8. Developing and maintaining affordable housing programs such as HAFC's Rental Assistance Payment Programs (i.e. Housing Choice Vouchers, TBRA, etc.) by aggressively pursuing all federal, state and local funding announcements and actively promoting the participation of Fulton County's rental property owners in these programs. Continue to maximize full lease-up and program utilization in all programs to ensure HAFC is serving the maximum number of families. Recycle a percentage of the families in HAFC's Rental Assistance Program (HCV) per year through resident job training and educational programs so that others on our waiting list can access our Assistance programs.
9. Utilizing local foundations, corporation and other private entities to expand housing and revenue sources not generally available to, nor specifically designed for, "public" housing authorities. Assist local non-profit agencies who serve special needs populations in developing affordable housing for their clients.

Planned specific initiatives that are a continuation of existing strategies included:

1. Implementing a comprehensive capital and redevelopment investment strategy to coordinate and prioritize the expansion, modernization and redevelopment of the HAFC asset inventory in coordination with other County revitalization efforts, including consideration of the feasibility of disposing Belle Isle properties and utilizing the proceeds to undertake affordable housing development in other areas of the County.
2. Continuing to implement the HUD approved Family Self Sufficiency Program which provides case management for Housing Choice Voucher families, to include increased economic independence opportunities for special and targeted populations, and work with the COC, Inc. who will secure the partnerships necessary for service coordination for the benefit of these families.
3. Providing in-kind support (non-financial) to Community Opportunity Centers, Inc., (COC) an affiliate non-profit of the HAFC who will facilitate the provision of resident services and self-sufficiency initiatives for HAFC residents. The COC is structured as a "fundraising arm" to secure resources to sustain services and programs to include, but not be limited to, providing resident services.
4. Continuing to manage all properties to uphold the strategic goal of the Authority of ensuring quality affordable housing within Fulton County.

#### **Troubled Public Housing Authorities**

The HUD Office of Public and Indian Housing uses a scoring system by which it may determine if a housing authority is "troubled". On August 16, 2014, HUD released the final scoring indicating a score of 88 which categorizes the HAFC as a "Standard Performer". Under the terms of a Recovery Agreement Action Plan, the HAFC continues to make reports to HUD until the HAFC has been completed the action items required under the Correction Action Plan and VCA.

#### **Public Housing Programs**

##### **Housing Choice Vouchers (formerly Section 8)**

HAFC has designated the Housing Choice Voucher program as the key to resident mobility, designed to move families not only beyond dependence on public assistance, but out of high

poverty neighborhoods. To that end, families are given assistance in identifying units located in all areas of unincorporated Fulton County. The Housing Choice Voucher program is the Federal Government's major program for assisting low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments. Currently, the Housing Authority of Fulton County administers over 2,000 Housing Choice Vouchers serving residents living in incorporated Fulton County. Through the portability feature of vouchers (the ability to move from one jurisdiction and/or state to another jurisdiction and/or state with Voucher assistance), the number of clients that has moved into unincorporated Fulton County from other states and jurisdictions has risen.

Any of the following types of housing were eligible to be considered for assistance under the Housing Choice Voucher Program:

- All structure types: single family, duplex, multi-family, low rise or high-rise;
- Manufactured homes where the assisted family leases the mobile home and the pad;
- Manufactured homes where the assisted family owns the mobile home and leases the pad;
- Group Homes or shared housing;
- Congregate and Assisted Living facilities (only the shelter rent is assisted);
- Single Room Occupancy facilities;
- Units owned (but not subsidized) by the PHA;
- Units being purchased by the assisted family in accordance with the Section 8 Homeownership criteria;
- A cooperative housing development in which the family owns shares would still be considered a lease arrangement under the voucher program.

The HAFC waiting list for vouchers is currently closed. There are more than 500 people on the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list. The list was opened on September 13, 2014 for one day and applications were taken first come- first serve via telephone and online ([www.hafc.org](http://www.hafc.org)) until the 600<sup>th</sup> application was taken. The following four numbers were used: (404) 462-7243, (404) 462-7226, (404) 462-7264, (404) 462-7265 and (404) 696-0499 tty.

Within this program, other initiatives in the budget of the rental assistance program are similar to the standard program. These initiatives are the following:

#### **Family Self Sufficiency Program**

The HAFC works to strengthen the families that we serve by helping them to obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. By improving the status of our families we then in turn change the face of our communities, thereby eliminating communities that carry a stigma. Families are guided through the Family Self Sufficiency Program by a Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator. The head-of-household of each participating family must sign a Contract of Participation with the HAFC FSS Program. An Individual Training and Services Plan is developed for the Head of Household and any household member on the lease, 18 years or older, interested in participating in the program. The plan outlines the participant's goals, activities and services. According to the plan, participants are referred to community resources and provided with personal counseling

services to assist them in dealing with the many issues that may be obstacles to their success. Coordinated services may include, but are not limited to, child care, transportation, education, job training & employment counseling, substance abuse / alcohol abuse treatment or counseling, household skill training, and homeownership counseling.

Participating families may be further assisted in the home buying process by the funds that they may accumulate in an FSS escrow account. The escrow account is established when an increase in the family’s portion of their rent is triggered by an increase in income earned from work. As long as the family’s rent portion exceeds what their portion was at the time that they joined the program, the HAFC makes a monthly deposit into their escrow account that equals a portion of the increase. Once the head-of-household completes all of the goals listed in her/his Individual Training and Services Plan, and all of the program requirements, the funds accumulated in the escrow account are disbursed to them.

A general telephone number (404) 588-4950 is provided for potential recipients wanting to obtain county waiting list information. This waiting list information is updated on a yearly basis. This information is also available on the Authorities website at [www.hafc.org](http://www.hafc.org) and the following location: 4273 Wendell Drive, Atlanta, GA 30336.

During calendar year 2014, the Authority’s Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8 Rental Assistance) programs provided \$18,434,780 in housing assistance which encompasses assistance paid on behalf of portability clients, benefiting 2,052 households

**INVESTMENTS BY SPECIAL NEEDS/RACIAL/ETHNICITY CATEGORY**

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Other*	Elderly 62+	Special Needs
Housing Choice Voucher	66	2,016	12	0	2	0	165	245

*\*Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) figures are an estimated breakout of ethnic groups based on current tenant data. The tenants may identify with more than one racial category; therefore, the total number will not equal the total beneficiaries.*

During this past year, the Housing Authority continued initiatives to increase home buying activity. The Housing Authority encouraged cooperative efforts between builders, developers, non-profits, and participating lenders. Staff worked with seven participating lenders that support affordable housing for working families. The lenders were Academy Mortgage Corporation, Bank of America, Community Capital Bank, Network Funding, Real Estate Mortgage Network, Southeast Mortgage of Georgia and Town Square Mortgage and Investments.

**Housing Counseling Services**

The HAFC is a HUD certified housing counseling agency committed to assisting potential and existing homeowners by providing the following free pre and post-purchase services:

**Home Buyer Education Workshop**

A one day, eight (8) hour pre-purchase workshop designed to provide the basic skills required to become long term owners of residential real estate and educate individuals about the home buying process. This course includes presentations by industry professionals on

topics ranging from the mortgage loan process to choosing a property. You do not have to be a client of the HAFC to take part in this workshop. Registration is available online. A total of twenty-nine attendees of the HAFC Home Buyer Education Seminars in 2014 purchased a home. The goal for HAFC Voucher Participants to purchase a home in 2014 was 2. Two (2) or 100% of HAFC Participants who were engaged in the housing counseling program purchased a home in 2014.

<b>Housing Counseling Report January 2014 to December 2014</b>		
<b>Clients Served</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>Percentage of Total*</b>
White	6	6%
Black	91	94%
Native American	0	0%
Asian	0	0%
Hispanic	4	4%
Non-Hispanic	93	96%
Purchased Homes on HAFC Voucher Program	2	100%
Purchased Homes – Non-Voucher Program Attended HAFC Home Buyer Education Seminar	23	24%

*\*Percentages calculated based on total of 97*

**Community Resources**

Funds are offered to clients on an ongoing basis to pay towards down payment and/or closing costs. HAFC has partnering relationships with various organizations and government agencies who administer community seconds programs.

In FY 2014, HAFC proposed to utilize approximately \$252,311 in HUD funding toward the implementation of their comprehensive capital and redevelopment investment strategy to coordinate and prioritize the expansion, modernization and redevelopment of public housing in coordination with other County revitalization efforts. The HAFC will continue to implement deconcentration efforts through the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The HAFC inventory consists of the 100-unit Allen Road mid-rise and a nine-unit Belle Isle Apartment housing development. The Allen Road Mid-rise has an on-site staff that assist residents with both on-site emergency care and medical staff. The building is handicap accessible, and features many on-site activities. The residents are Elderly (62 years of age); near elderly (at least 50-61 years of age); classified disabled as defined by Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the 24 CFR 891.505 and 891.305 and Social Security Administration and conventional families. In March 2014, HAFC was awarded Low Income Tax Credits through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Additionally, HAFC was awarded Rental Assistance Demonstration (“RAD”) through HUD. Both funding sources will be used to redevelop the Allen Road Mid-rise. As a part of the project, HAFC will be entering into a public-private relationship with a developer. Construction is slated to begin in early 2015 and will be completed in approximately 12 months.

In 2003, the Housing Authority of Fulton County was awarded a HOPE VI Grant by HUD in the amount of \$17,191,544 to redevelop the former Red Oak Public Housing site located

in South Fulton County. The HOPE VI site is located on Thompson Road, at the northeast corner of South Fulton Parkway and Highway 92 adjacent to a new commercial development anchored by a grocery store. In the past thirty-six months, over 14,000 units of residential housing were permitted by Fulton County in the general area. The development concept includes a mix of multi-family units and elderly units.

The HAFC received funds under the Replacement Housing Program. The Replacement Housing Program provides capital funds to Housing Authorities when obsolete public housing units are demolished and for the sole purpose of developing new public housing units. HAFC received Replacement Housing Funds for the former Boatrock and Red Oak Public Housing projects which were demolished. The Legacy at Walton Lakes represented the first Replacement Housing Project (RHP) to be developed by HAFC. This project consisted of a total of 126 rental units for seniors only and is located on Camp Creek Parkway in South Fulton County approximately 1 mile from the Camp Creek Marketplace; a recently developed retail center with major anchors such as Lowe's and Target as well as several smaller retailers and restaurants. Of the total units; 16 are public housing units; 24 units are Project Based Rental assistance units; 50 units are Low Income Housing Tax Credit units; and the balance of the 36 units are market- rate units. Construction for the property was completed December 2008. The final phase of the HOPE VI project will be developed as an elderly only facility as well. Replacement Housing Factor funds will also be utilized to assist in financing of the Riverside project which will be developed as a mixed-use or elderly only property.

### **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

#### **1. Describe actions taken during the last year to eliminate barriers to affordable housing.**

#### **Program Year 5 CAPER Public Housing Strategy response:**

##### **Eliminate Barriers to Affordable Housing**

Fulton County is committed to making decent affordable housing available to all the residents of the County. A wide variety of policy and program initiatives has been instituted to move toward this goal. The County completed the Analysis of Impediments document through a contract with Metro Fair Housing and submitted a copy to HUD's Atlanta Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. The document recognized the impediments to fair housing and action steps that the county will take to address them. Although many barriers to affordable housing are beyond governmental control, several factors affecting housing costs can be identified at the government level. The primary barriers to affordable housing in Fulton County in 2014 were:

- Limited credit available to buyers and tighter underwriting standards
- Land costs
- Local building codes and zoning regulations
- Lack of sufficient incentive programs for private investments
- Reduction of federal funded programs

The county strategies include continuation of existing programs that promote a stable living environment and reduce dependency.

The following initiatives were undertaken in 2014 to address barriers to affordable housing:

- Continued funding for HUD-approved counseling agencies to deal with the foreclosure and housing crisis.
- Fulton County continued its efforts to increase lender participation in homeownership assistance programs and market the programs.
- Continued down payment assistance to potential homeowners.
- The county continued providing housing rehabilitation and home repairs to help the low to moderate-income remain in their homes. This program not only promotes a stable living environment and reduces dependency, but prevents homelessness, financial hardships, and possibly institutionalization.
- The Office of Grants and Community Partnership provide \$568,175 of Human Services Grant dollars to ensure every person in Fulton County is equipped with the resources and skills necessary to obtain and maintain their own permanent residence. This was achieved through:
  - Providing 3,891 homeless families ( women and children) receiving housing assistance services;
  - Providing 7,813 clients receiving services that provided affordable housing options;
  - Providing 83,016 homeless individuals and families receiving supportive services

### **Down Payment Initiative (ADDI)**

#### **Program Year 5 CAPER HOME/ADDI response:**

Fulton County is not a recipient of HOME/American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI) funds as a result of Congress not funding this initiative.

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## **HOMELESS**

### **Homeless Needs**

**\*Please also refer to the Homeless Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.**

#### **1. Identify actions taken to address needs of homeless persons.**

Fulton County served as the collaborative applicant for the GA 502 – Fulton County Continuum of Care. In partnership with the CoC governance body, it oversees and administers the local NOFA process for HUD’s McKinney/Vento Act which offers Federal assistance to homeless providers. A broad range of stakeholders participate in the CoC, including local and state governmental agencies, non-profit and faith based service providers, issue-oriented coalitions and working groups, and the Regional Commission on Homelessness. In addition, the CoC works with community stakeholders to oversee the existing continuum of care for homeless services and works collaboratively to create and facilitate a planning process to address the ongoing challenges of homeless intervention programs and homeless prevention strategies. As part of this effort, the CoC

gathers and studies census data, Annual Progress Reports- (APR), Annual Housing Assessment Report-AHAR, Housing Inventory, and client service data, and population statistics through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The Collaborative meets regularly throughout the year with both called and scheduled meetings.

Fulton County has adopted a continuum of care approach to address the needs of its homeless and special needs population. The county's vision to combat homelessness and assist persons with special needs requires that the root economic causes of homelessness (insufficient numbers of decent, safe, and sanitary low-cost housing units combined with limited financial capacity) and individual obstacles (chemical addictions, mental illness, and developmental disabilities) be addressed.

Fulton County maintains a significant community role in the ongoing fight against homelessness. Through its Human Services Grant Program, funding was awarded to homeless service organizations throughout the county. The Human Services Grant program is a competitive process whereby nonprofit organizations, located in and serving residents of Fulton County, are eligible to receive supportive funding for established programs. Priority funding categories are established in an effort to direct funds in the greatest area of need. Staff provides a technical review of all applications and forwards all eligible applications to the Human Services Coordinating Committee for final review and funding recommendations. The Board of Commissioners receives a grant recommendation package and makes all final grant awards. In addition, the county through the Human Services Grant program supports various transitional housing programs throughout Fulton County. Such programs offer transitional housing and supportive services to homeless men, women, and families.

The county addressed these issues by supporting projects to help combat the causes of homelessness, and through funding public and non-profit organizations that provide services that assist individuals in achieving self-sufficiency. The following are areas of focus for the Continuum of Services:

- Outreach and assessment to identify the needs of individuals and families and to connect them to facilities and services;
- Emergency shelter as a safe, decent alternative to life on the streets of the community;
- Transitional housing with various supportive services
- Permanent housing or permanent supportive housing.
- Employment training and accessing mainstreams benefits

There are nine (9) homeless housing/shelter programs located in Fulton County. (Outside the City of Atlanta):

I. Emergency Shelters

- Another Chance operates an emergency shelter for single females located in South Fulton County. This shelter has a bed capacity of eight (8).

- The Partnership Against Domestic Violence operates an emergency shelter for battered women located in South Fulton County. This shelter has a bed capacity of forty-one (41).
- The Drake House operates an emergency shelter for females with children located in North Fulton County. This shelter has a bed capacity of fifty-four (54).
- The Fulton County Housing & Community Development Department operates Jefferson Place Men’s Emergency Shelter. This shelter has a bed capacity of 150. The shelter is operated within the City of Atlanta.

Below is HUD Table 1A, which is a concise summary of the nature and extent of homelessness in the Fulton County.

**Homeless and Special Needs Populations Table 1A Homeless and Special Needs Populations**

- **Continuum of Care: Housing Gap Analysis Chart**

		<b>Current Inventory</b>	<b>Under Development</b>	<b>Unmet Need/Gap</b>
• <b>Individuals</b>				
<b>Example</b>	<b>Emergency Shelter</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Beds</b>	Emergency Shelter	5	0	9
	Transitional Housing	77	0	0
	Permanent Supportive Housing	123	0	71
	<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>

- **Persons in Families with Children**

<b>Beds</b>	Emergency Shelter	44	0	0
	Transitional Housing	226	0	0
	Permanent Supportive Housing	217	0	26
	<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>

- **Continuum of Care: Homeless Population and Subpopulations Chart**

<b>Part 1: Homeless Population</b>	<b>Sheltered</b>		<b>Unsheltered</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Transitiona l</b>		
Number of Families with Children (Family Households):	14	63	0	77
Number of Persons in Families with Children	43	179	0	222
Number of Single Individuals and Persons in Households without children	10	62	96	168
<b>(Add Lines Numbered 1 &amp; 2 Total Persons)</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>Part 2: Homeless</b>	<b>Sheltered</b>		<b>Unsheltered</b>	<b>Total</b>

Subpopulations			
Chronically Homeless	12	43	55
Seriously Mentally Ill	36		
Chhronic Substance Abuse	59		
Veterans	22		
Persons with HIV/AIDS	28		
Victims of Domestic Violence	30		
Unaccompanied Youth (Under 18)	0		

2. **Identify actions to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.**

**Transitional Housing**

- The Atlanta Step-Up Society operated two transitional housing programs for single men with substance abuse challenges. A four (4) bedroom house is located in College Park and a five (5) bedroom house is located in East Point
- Families First operated two (2) transitional housing programs. Weaver Gardens is a twenty-eight (28) bed facility for young mothers with one infant. The Second Chance Home is an eight (8) bed facility serving single mothers and children under the age of one.
- Housing Initiatives of North Fulton operated a transitional housing program for families with a bed capacity of fifty-six (56).
- Mary Hall Freedom House operated transitional and permanent housing programs-Reaching New Heights TH (32 beds) and Higher Ground PH (60 beds) for a total of ninety-two (92) beds for homeless women (and their children) with substance abuse problems.
- The Fulton County Human Services Department operated the County’s Jefferson Place transitional facility. The facility provided transitional housing and support services for homeless men with drug addiction issues and has a bed capacity of fifty (50). The facility is operated within the City of Atlanta.

The characteristics and needs of low-income individuals and children who are currently housed are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered include the current state of the economy which leads to continuous low-paying jobs or the lack of employment availability, the lack of affordable housing, and the increasing costs of housing or healthcare necessities. Within the last 12 months, Fulton County Office of Emergency and Transitional Housing has seen an increase of more than 30% of consumers requesting housing or supportive services. The needs of Fulton County included:

- An increase of housing/shelter programs for the unsheltered homeless

- An increase of permanent supportive housing programs for those individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homeless, but do have some form of income.
- An increase of housing programs for single males, single females, single female with children, two unit households (male and female with children)

An increase in assisting homeless individuals to assessing mainstream benefits.

### **3. Identify new Federal resources obtained from Homeless SuperNOFA.**

#### **Program Year 5 CAPER Homeless Needs response:**

Fulton County received \$2,797,895 from Homeless SuperNOFA in Program Year 2014.

#### **Specific Homeless Prevention Elements**

##### **1. Identify actions taken to prevent homelessness.**

#### **Program Year 5 CAPER Specific Housing Prevention Elements response:**

##### **Homeless Strategic Plan (91.215 (C))**

In Fulton County Homeless outreach, assessing mainstreams services and prevention were critical steps in engaging, connecting homeless individuals and families to needed housing and supportive services. Furthermore, it was determined that housing provided to the homeless must have an accompanying array of supportive services to address the comprehensive needs of the homeless. The Jefferson Place and City of Refuge Assessment Center are centralized locations for the coordination of housing for homeless women and women with children services. Four case managers funded by Fulton County and the staff of the City of Refuge are able to connect these women to needed services in the community, including entitlement benefits. Additionally, community nonprofits continued to be encouraged to establish mainstream and self-sufficiency programs and other innovations that get away from increasing shelter capacity. This would lead to the creation of programs and services which meet the special set of demands created by homelessness, thereby allowing decision makers for the homeless to fill the gaps that exist in meeting the needs of the homeless. The primary focus of service providers and advocates should consist of the elimination of the need for shelters by removing the barriers to affordable housing, prevention initiatives and addressing the underlying social problems through comprehensive community development efforts and collaboration of major entities.

##### **Eliminating Chronic Homelessness:**

Fulton County in collaboration with the Regional Commission on Homelessness developed the Street Outreach Collaborative (Shelter to Home) to include 12 partner agencies that met regularly to coordinate outreach to fragile or difficult-to-serve unsheltered groups. This coordination ensured that the various outreach teams are targeted effectively to persons sleeping on the streets, under bridges, viaducts, abandoned buildings, encampment sites, and that information on available housing

resources is shared widely with outreach staff for prompt placements. The shelter to home efforts is to move chronically homeless men out of shelters and into appropriate transitional housing or treatment, decreasing the risk that they will return to the streets. This project was started in 2008 and has served over 100 individuals and continues to provide assistance in the outreach effort to reduce homelessness.

3. Homeless Prevention

Fulton County Human Services department grants were awarded to twenty-nine (29) community-based organizations to provide a wide range of services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. Efforts included emergency assistance for utilities and rent, food assistance, eviction protection and legal assistance, financial counseling, and consumer credit counseling. These programs focus on services to support and strengthen low-income families living on the brink of homelessness.

4. Institutional Structure

Fulton County serves as the collaborative applicant for the GA 502 – Fulton County Continuum of Care. In partnership with the CoC governance body, it oversees and administers the local NOFA process for HUD’s McKinney/Vento Act which offers Federal assistance to homeless providers. A broad range of stakeholders participate in the CoC, including local and state governmental agencies, non-profit and faith based service providers, issue-oriented coalitions and working groups, and the Regional Commission on Homelessness. In addition, the CoC works with community stakeholders to oversee the existing continuum of care for homeless services and works collaboratively to create and facilitate a planning process to address the ongoing challenges of homeless intervention programs and homeless prevention.

5. Discharge Coordination Policy:

In Fulton County, there are discharge policies currently in place for corrections, foster care, primary health and mental health. The Fulton county Human Service department will attempt to organize a team of the designated department representatives to share and discuss these policies and how this effort will eliminate individuals from being homeless or being discharged in the streets.

**Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)**

**1. Identify actions to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families (including significant subpopulations such as those living on the streets).**

With the closing of the Jefferson Place Emergency Shelter and Springdale Place in the first quarter of 2014, Fulton County entered into an agreement in 2015 for the provision of emergency shelter, case management and related supportive services for homeless families, women, and single unattached men with the Salvation Army of metro Atlanta.

**2. Assessment of Relationship of ESG Funds to Goals and Objectives**

**a. Evaluate progress made in using ESG funds to address homeless and homeless prevention needs, goals, and specific objectives established in the Consolidated Plan.**

For the 2014 ESG program year, no 2014 grant funds were expended. Utilizing 2014 funds, Fulton County entered into agreements in 2015 with North Fulton Charities, located in the northern part of the county, and Lift CDC Inc., located in the southern part of the county to provide prevention and rapid re-housing assistance to eligible citizens residing in the Fulton County GA 502 CoC. Additionally, Fulton County entered into an agreement with Salvation Army for the provision of emergency shelter services for homeless individuals and families.

**b. Detail how ESG projects are related to implementation of comprehensive homeless planning strategy, including the number and types of individuals and persons in households served with ESG funds.**

No 2014 ESG funds were expended in 2014.

**3. Matching Resources**

**a. Provide specific sources and amounts of new funding used to meet match as required by 42 USC 11375(a)(1), including cash resources, grants, and staff salaries, as well as in-kind contributions such as the value of a building or lease, donated materials, or volunteer time.**

Fulton County provided a dollar-to-dollar cash match of its ESG grant award. The total funds allocated for the 2014 ESG program was \$272,552 (grant award- \$136,276 and Fulton County – cash match -\$136,276)

**4. State Method of Distribution**

**a. States must describe their method of distribution and how it rated and selected its local government agencies and private nonprofit organizations acting as subrecipients.**

Fulton County solicited applications from community based non-profit organizations for the provision of Shelter, Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing services for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. The distribution of funds allocated for the ESG program is as follows: 1) Shelter Services – 36.7%, 2) Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing – 55.8% and 3) Administration - 7.5%

**5. Activity and Beneficiary Data**

**a. Completion of attached Emergency Shelter Grant Program Performance Chart or other reports showing ESGP expenditures by type of activity. Also describe any problems in collecting, reporting, and evaluating the reliability of this information.**

No 2014 ESG funds were expended in 2014.

**b. Homeless Discharge Coordination**

**i. As part of the government developing and implementing a homeless discharge coordination policy, ESG homeless prevention funds may be used to assist very-low income individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless after being released from publicly funded institutions such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or corrections institutions or programs.**

**c. Explain how your government is instituting a homeless discharge coordination policy, and how ESG homeless prevention funds are being used in this effort.**

Our homeless discharge policy was developed in coordination with homeless service providers operating within our CoC. The policy provides that if the client is coming from an institution, the case manager must secure documentation that the client was in the institution and was homeless prior to admission in order to provide rapid re-housing services. However, if the client is being discharged without any identified housing, they do not have to have been homeless prior to admission in order to receive prevention services. If the client is coming from a transitional housing, the case manager must obtain certification of homelessness from the transitional housing program. If the client is leaving a domestic violence situation, a self-declaration of homelessness is acceptable as searching out third party or other documentation may place the DV survivor at risk.

**Program Year 5 CAPER ESG response:**

**ESG PROGRAM**

**Meeting Priorities, Needs, Goals and Specific Objectives of the Consolidated Plan**

ESG funding is targeted for the provision of essential shelter guest services and homeless assistance and rapid re-housing services to homeless and at risk individuals and families in Fulton County.

**Jefferson Place Transitional Housing**

The Jefferson Place Transitional Housing provides residential and rehabilitative services to 50 non-drug using homeless men. The maximum length of stay is 24 months. The program provides a comprehensive array of interventions and services in a single case management setting. The focus of the program is on life, vocational and money management skills training that will enable the consumer to gain the experience necessary to be successful in independent living. The consumer receives room and board and employment preparation and job readiness services that will afford the consumer the opportunity to gain the skills necessary to obtain employment and reintegrate back into the community and live independently.

**Fulton County attempts to reduce homelessness by providing quarterly forums,** which provides information sharing and networking opportunities to Fulton County service providers with a focus on homeless prevention and intervention strategies. The Collaborative is open to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, advocates, concerned citizens and other interested community stakeholders that address the issue of homelessness in Fulton County.

There is representation from many sectors of the homeless service/shelter system – information and referral, emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, HOPWA providers, domestic violence shelters, and service-only agencies.

Other types of supportive services include laundering services, haircuts and direct and indirect transportation for both the men at the transitional housing and the women and

children at the City of Refuge at Eden Village, Springdale Place and the Villas at the Dome.

Fulton County is also responsible for the overflow process at Jefferson Place Assessment Center when volatile weather exists. Inclement weather may exist from heavy rains, tornados, flash floods, heavy snow, ice storms, heat wave, ozone alert, thunderstorms and high winds and as such, contingencies must be made to deal with our homeless consumers. Normally 50 beds are available for non-program usage. In the event of a severe weather event, overflow accommodations are granted.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Community Development

**\*Please also refer to the Community Development Table in the Needs.xls workbook.**

- 1. Assessment of Relationship of CDBG Funds to Goals and Objectives**
  - a. Assess use of CDBG funds in relation to the priorities, needs, goals, and specific objectives in the Consolidated Plan, particularly the highest priority activities.**

### CDBG PROGRAM

#### CDBG Funding

During 2014, Fulton County received a formula allocation of federal CDBG funds totaling \$1,676,979. During this calendar year, Fulton County continued its' multi-year funding cycle of 2012, 2013 and 2014 for suitable projects which met identified needs. Fulton County required each subrecipient to leverage funds by a 50% match. In this funding cycle, fiscal year 2014 CDBG funds were committed. The multi-year funding cycle allows non-profit agencies and municipalities to receive funding commitments for one to three years. This type of funding reduces repetitive procurement procedures for construction projects requiring more than one year of funding. The allocation of funding for multiple years' projects/activities occurs in phases such as bid specification development and advertising for contractors. It also allows non-profit agencies more time for developing and delivering services thereby reducing time spent seeking grants and by helping to leverage other funding. Although multiple years of funding may be committed at one time, funding for reimbursement is only available on an annual basis as the County receives from HUD.

Fulton County offered the following CDBG funded programs, which provide direct assistance to individuals as well as financing for non-profit and for-profit agencies and developers:

Public Infrastructure Improvement – Community improvements that may include water and sewer lines, street and drainage, sidewalks, athletic fields, nature trails, handicapped accessibility and parking accessibility.

Housing - Housing Rehabilitation – Helps low- and moderate-income Fulton County residents make needed emergency home improvements for the correction of health, safety or code violations in the form of Housing Stabilization Grant (HSG), formerly called Emergency Assistance Grants (EAG's).

Public Services – Community programs that support seniors, youth and adults through provisions of adult day care, child care, after school activities, recreation, health services, special needs/physically challenged, computer literacy, transportation, tutoring, and provide support and household stability through informational outreach.

Economic Development – provides job counseling, placement and on-the-job training, financial support to small businesses in retaining staff and services, acquisition, expansion of economic development, and increasing employment opportunities. Fulton County’s Business Improvement Loan Program (BILP) is supported by CDBG. The loans range from \$10,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Fixed, below-market-rate loans are available with terms from 3 to 7 years. Each loan must be matched with 10% financing from owner equity. No new activity/loans were made in the BILP Program in FY 2014.

Public Facilities – Community improvements to enhance, stabilize and expand senior centers, youth centers, neighborhood facilities, child care facilities, parks and recreational facilities, health facilities, parking facilities, and historic preservation. Projects include ADA equipped bathrooms, acquisition of rental and transitional housing and improvement facilities.

Other CDBG notables included:

- Municipalities and non-profits within Fulton County received assistance in the implementation of large-scale public facility and infrastructure projects through the multi-year agreements of 2012-2014. Additionally, the CDBG program made significant progress in the expenditure of 2014 year funds. Consistent and careful project management resulted in a notable increase in the expenditure rate of sub recipients. During FY 2014, the County’s CDBG Program expenditure ratio was 1.40, which exceeded HUD’s maximum expenditure ratio of 1.5. Rehabilitation activities for many of the low- to moderate-income residents in the Fulton County’s municipalities. The Fulton County Housing Rehabilitation Program is a joint program utilizing both CDBG and HOME funds.

Leveraged public and private resources to maximize the impact of CDBG funds. The amount leveraged to assist low-to-moderate income citizens of Fulton County was \$226,926.

**b. Evaluate progress made toward meeting goals for providing affordable housing using CDBG funds, including the number and types of households served.**

**Meeting Priorities, Needs, Goals and Specific Objectives of the Consolidated Plan**

Fulton County’s CDBG funds are typically the only funds allocated to activities falling under the Non-Housing Community Development priority. Funds have been provided to recipients based on locally identified needs to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities. These locally identified needs are being met.

- c. Indicate the extent to which CDBG funds were used for activities that benefited extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons.**

The benefits of the County's CDBG funded activities were not limited to any particular census block group. Instead, these activities served residents county-wide. All CDBG funds were used for eligible activities that primarily benefited low-to-moderate income residents of the county.

- 2. Changes in Program Objectives**

- a. Identify the nature of and the reasons for any changes in program objectives and how the jurisdiction would change its program as a result of its experiences.**

**Changes in Program Objectives**

The County has not changed the objectives in the Consolidated Plan. CDBG Program Needs Assessment Meetings continued in 2014 to assess current community needs and compare them with the priorities and objectives outlined in the County's 2012 – 2014 Consolidated Plan. The needs assessment study did not indicate a necessity for modifications to the current plan.

- 3. Assessment of Efforts in Carrying Out Planned Actions**

- a. Indicate how grantee pursued all resources indicated in the Consolidated Plan.**
- b. Indicate how grantee provided certifications of consistency in a fair and impartial manner.**
- c. Indicate how grantee did not hinder Consolidated Plan implementation by action or willful inaction.**

**2014 Action Plan Compliance**

Fulton County took no actions that hindered the implementation of its 2014 Action Plan or Five Year Consolidated Plan. The activities undertaken by the County in 2014 involving CDBG funds are completed, scheduled to begin in the near future, or are ongoing to meet the community's housing, community development, and public service needs.

- 4. For Funds Not Used for National Objectives**

- a. Indicate how use of CDBG funds did not meet national objectives.**
- b. Indicate how did not comply with overall benefit certification.**

**National Objective Compliance**

All projects undertaken and underway in 2014 met or are expected to meet a National Objective upon completion. The Housing and Community Development Act of 1976 lists three National Objectives for the CDBG Program: Benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available. The County may explore amending the Action Plan to include CDBG eligible projects funded with County General funds.

- 5. Anti-displacement and Relocation – for activities that involve acquisition, rehabilitation or demolition of occupied real property**

- a. Describe steps actually taken to minimize the amount of displacement resulting from the CDBG-assisted activities.
- b. Describe steps taken to identify households, businesses, farms or nonprofit organizations who occupied properties subject to the Uniform Relocation Act or Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and whether or not they were displaced, and the nature of their needs and preferences.
- c. Describe steps taken to ensure the timely issuance of information notices to displaced households, businesses, farms, or nonprofit organizations.

#### **Uniform Relocation/Section 104**

During 2014, there were no activities undertaken with CDBG funds that resulted in the displacement or relocation of individuals or businesses. Fulton County follows its Anti-Displacement Plan and the federal URA guidelines for projects involving acquisition, rehabilitation, or demolition that would result in the relocation of individuals.

6. **Low/Mod Job Activities – for economic development activities undertaken where jobs were made available but not taken by low- or moderate-income persons**
  - a. Describe actions taken by grantee and businesses to ensure first consideration was or will be given to low/mod persons.
  - b. List by job title of all the permanent jobs created/retained and those that were made available to low/mod persons.
  - c. If any of jobs claimed as being available to low/mod persons require special skill, work experience, or education, provide a description of steps being taken or that will be taken to provide such skills, experience, or education.

#### **Economic Development**

To achieve the goal of promoting economic development activities, the County provided funds for economic development through its Business Improvement Loan Program (BILP). During 2014, the County discontinued its partnership with the Economic Development Corporation of Fulton County (EDCFC) and provided Business Development to Small Businesses seeking BILP loans for the program. In 2014, no new loans were provided.

7. **Low/Mod Limited Clientele Activities – for activities not falling within one of the categories of presumed limited clientele low and moderate income benefit**
  - a. Describe how the nature, location, or other information demonstrates the activities benefit a limited clientele at least 51% of whom are low- and moderate-income.

#### **Limited Clientele Activities**

All Limited Clientele activities undertaken in 2014 either fell within the categories of presumed limited clientele benefit or had income eligibility requirements which limited the activity exclusively to low- and moderate-income persons. The presumed limited clientele benefit required information on family size and income to ensure that at least 51% of those served had household incomes that did not exceed the low- and moderate-income limits.

8. **Program income received**

- a. Detail the amount of program income reported that was returned to each individual revolving fund, e.g., housing rehabilitation, economic development, or other type of revolving fund.
- b. Detail the amount repaid on each float-funded activity.
- c. Detail all other loan repayments broken down by the categories of housing rehabilitation, economic development, or other.
- d. Detail the amount of income received from the sale of property by parcel.

### **Program Income**

During 2014, Fulton County's Business Improvement Loan Program (BILP) generated \$31,099.13 in program income.

9. **Prior period adjustments – where reimbursement was made this reporting period for expenditures (made in previous reporting periods) that have been disallowed, provide the following information:**
  - a. The activity name and number as shown in IDIS;
  - b. The program year(s) in which the expenditure(s) for the disallowed activity(ies) was reported;
  - c. The amount returned to line-of-credit or program account; and
  - d. Total amount to be reimbursed and the time period over which the reimbursement is to be made, if the reimbursement is made with multi-year payments.

### **Prior Period Adjustments**

A total of \$20,000 was reimbursed during program year 2014 because of disallowed activity for the Trinity Care Project – IDIS Number 1314.

10. **Loans and other receivables**
  - a. List the principal balance for each float-funded activity outstanding as of the end of the reporting period and the date(s) by which the funds are expected to be received.
  - b. List the total number of other loans outstanding and the principal balance owed as of the end of the reporting period.
  - c. List separately the total number of outstanding loans that are deferred or forgivable, the principal balance owed as of the end of the reporting period, and the terms of the deferral or forgiveness.
  - d. Detail the total number and amount of loans made with CDBG funds that have gone into default and for which the balance was forgiven or written off during the reporting period.
  - e. Provide a List of the parcels of property owned by the grantee or its subrecipients that have been acquired or improved using CDBG funds and that are available for sale as of the end of the reporting period.

No new activity/loans were made in the BILP Program in FY2014

### **11. Lump sum agreements**

- a. Provide the name of the financial institution.
- b. Provide the date the funds were deposited.
- c. Provide the date the use of funds commenced.
- d. Provide the percentage of funds disbursed within 180 days of deposit in the institution.

No new lump sum agreements were made in made this reporting period.

- 12. Housing Rehabilitation – for each type of rehabilitation program for which projects/units were reported as completed during the program year**
- a. Identify the type of program and number of projects/units completed for each program.**
  - b. Provide the total CDBG funds involved in the program.**
  - c. Detail other public and private funds involved in the project.**

The CDBG Housing Rehabilitation activities are administered through a grant, the Housing Stabilization Grant (HSG) to eligible home owner of owner occupied units. The grant is awarded to correct building code deficiencies involving Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing and Roofing systems. The HSG awards average \$10,000, and the condition must be such that either the immediate health, welfare and safety of the occupant is in jeopardy, or an incipient deficiencies is determined. 38 total units were completed. \$361,065.62 total spent in 2014. No other documented public or private funds involved in the project.

- 13. Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies – for grantees that have HUD-approved neighborhood revitalization strategies**
- a. Describe progress against benchmarks for the program year. For grantees with Federally-designated EZs or ECs that received HUD approval for a neighborhood revitalization strategy, reports that are required as part of the EZ/EC process shall suffice for purposes of reporting progress.**

**Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area**

Fulton County does not have any designated Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas.

**Program Year 5 CAPER Community Development response:**

**Antipoverty Strategy**

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to reduce the number of persons living below the poverty level.

**Program Year 5 CAPER Antipoverty Strategy response:**

**Anti-Poverty Strategy – Reducing the number of people below the poverty level**

Many agencies throughout Fulton County actively pursue the elimination of poverty. While a solution to assisting the significant number of Fulton County residents living in poverty are beyond the scope of the three HUD formula programs covered by Fulton County's Consolidated Plan. The County administers other assistance programs and received a variety of funding which, together, strategically addresses the goals of reducing poverty and improving the self-sufficiency of low-income residents. It is the goal of the County to assist families facing the hardship of poverty by improving their standard of living, lack of jobs and deteriorated neighborhoods.

According to census data updated January 2014, Fulton County is experiencing below the Georgia's average.

Percentage of residents living in poverty:

Fulton County:	16.8%
Georgia:	17.4%

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/13/13121.html>

*Source U.S. Census Bureau: State and County Quick Facts. Data derived from Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Non-employer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits Last Revised: Monday, 06-Jan-2014 17:29:15 EST*

Fulton County took the following action in 2014 to reduce the number of poverty level families in the County:

**Office of Emergency and Transitional Housing**

One hundred percent (100%) of ESG funding is used to develop and maintain emergency shelter and supportive services for citizens below the poverty level. Through the Office of Emergency and Transitional Housing, which is comprised of an Assessment Center, Supportive Services and Transitional Housing programs that provide support and structure for male, women and children relearning and developing life skills essential for securing stable employment and independent living continued using funds under the Permanent Housing Project. Funds provided by HUD totaling \$299,801 supported the operation of the Project. Operating this program assisted with providing women with children the opportunity to move out of shelters and transitional housing programs into independent living with a case management component associated with the program.

**Office of Workforce**

Encouraged and supported job skills training programs provided by the County and non-profit agencies. (i.e. the Office of Workforce Development, as well as other organizations). The Fulton County Office of Workforce Development offers an array of services to the unemployed and underemployed of Fulton County. There are three levels of WIA Services:

- **Core Services**: The services are available to all adult customers. These services include: On Site Recruitments, First Source Program (Fulton County Residences only), Career Center Email blast, Computer and Fax usage, Job Readiness Workshops, and labor market information available to all job seekers
- **Intensive Services** (Must be WIA Eligible): These services include more comprehensive assessments, development of individual employment plans and counseling and career planning; and Career Guidance/Advising, Individual Career Advising, Individual Employment Plan Development, Occupational and Academic Assistance, and Follow-up Services.
- **Training Services**: Customers are linked to job opportunities in their communities, including both occupational training and training in basic skills. Participants use an "individual training account" to select an appropriate training program from a qualified training provider.

There are two (2) Common Ground Workforce Centers that serve as satellite office to provide optimal access to customers in a facility with a myriad of other social services and healthcare providers.

- Participated in the annual Career Gathering & Job Fair held on September 25, 2014 that was sponsored by the Superior Court of Fulton County and the Georgia Department of Labor. Job

seekers had an opportunity to meet potential employers and participate in workshops. In lieu of a registration fee, attendees were invited to donate one new or gently used career/work clothing item. Donations were used for the career clothing closet for Fulton County Accountability Court participants. The Career Gathering included participation from the Georgia Department of Labor, the Fulton County Office of Workforce Development, 9 to 5, and other agencies. Participating employers include Fulton County Government, MARTA, Brickman Group (Commercial Landscaping), Avon, Xponential, Inc., Professional Transportation, Inc. (Railroad Employee Transportation) and Next Step Staffing, which specializes in job placement for ex-offenders. Among the workshops offered, expert Elizabeth Wilson presented an Entrepreneurial Boot Camp with advice for participants who were considering starting their own business. In addition, Marilyn Winn, 9 to 5 Organizer, Advocate & Accountability Court Graduate, provided a presentation on "Ban the Box," regarding the movement to remove the felony question from employment applications.

- Conducted the Onsite Recruitment for Cascade Wal-Mart Jobs for the new Cascade location. The onsite recruitment to help Wal-Mart to hire at least 250 retail employees began on July 22, 2014. Applicants without online access were allowed to visit the Adamsville Workforce Development Center and apply online with the assistance of Workforce Development and Wal-Mart staff. Workforce Development also conducted the background checks and drug tests of applicants. Those who registered were required to participate in customer service training in order to receive a recommendation for hiring. The Onsite Recruitment Schedule included dates from July 22, 2014 - September 16, 2014.
- Continued the Office of Workforce Development's Y.E.S. (Youth Enrichment Services) program which is a year-round to reduce the unemployment rate. The Y.E.S. Office moved to the Oak Hill Child, Adolescent and Family Center. Y.E.S. is among several integrated services at Oak Hill, which include specialty medical and oral health care, an education center, and a teaching kitchen, which will be used to provide nutrition education and healthy cooking classes. Y.E.S. encourages leadership and independent thinking that assists Fulton County youth in reaching their personal potential. Services provided by Y.E.S. for youth between 16 and 21 years old include: Career and Education Counseling, Pre- and Post-Educational and Employability Assessments, On Site Recruitment Events, Internet access for online job searches, Computers for resume and cover letter writing, Job Readiness Workshops, Access to a fax machine and telephone, and Access to the State of Georgia's Eligible Service Provider List.
- Recognizes the importance of financial literacy and has incorporated the *Money Smart* program into the workshop repertoire of each OWD Career Centers.
  - Offered the *Money Smart* Program in two versions, an Instructor-led version and a Computer Based Instruction (CBI) version to accommodate the diverse needs of our customers.
  - More than 750 OWD customers have completed Money Smart modules.
  - All OWD Career Centers require that intensive customers (caseload customers) complete Money Smart modules to receive supportive services.
  - The computer based Money Smart training is launched in OWD Career Centers on a weekly basis and certificates of achievement are given to all that successfully complete the modules.
  - Offered two training modules, one geared towards adults and the other for youth. The modules are as follows:

<b>Adult Money Smart Training Modules</b>	<b>The Young Adult Money Smart Training Modules</b>
<u>Borrowing Basics</u> ~ an introduction to credit	<u>Bank on It</u> ~ an introduction to bank services

<p><u>Check It Out</u> ~ how to choose and keep a checking account</p> <p><u>Money Matters</u> ~ how to keep track of your money</p> <p><u>Pay Yourself First</u> ~ why you should save, save, save</p> <p><u>Keep It Safe</u> ~ your rights as a consumer</p> <p><u>To Your Credit</u> ~ how your credit history will affect our credit future</p> <p><u>Charge It Right</u> ~ how to make a credit card work for you</p> <p><u>Loan To Own</u> ~ know what you're borrowing before you buy</p> <p><u>Your Own Home</u> ~ what home ownership is all about</p>	<p><u>Check It Out</u> ~ how to choose and keep a checking account</p> <p><u>Setting Financial Goals</u> ~ how to keep track of your money</p> <p><u>Pay Yourself First</u> ~ why you should save, save, save</p> <p><u>Borrowing Basics</u> ~ an introduction to credit</p> <p><u>Charge It Right</u> ~ how to make a credit card work for you</p> <p><u>Paying for College and Cars</u> ~ general information on installment loans</p> <p><u>A Roof Over Your Head</u> ~ what home ownership and renting are all about</p>
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**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN 2014 INCLUDE:**

Total number of Customers Served at Workforce Development Career Centers: 6,373  
Total number of Customers that received Direct Job Placements: 466  
Total number of Customers that used Career Center Resource Room for job assistance: 47,092

**WORKFORCE SPECIAL PROJECTS & PARTNERSHIPS:**

**Kaiser Permanente Bridge Program** is designed to help those who are uninsured and income-eligible obtain health care coverage. Based on continued eligibility, individuals and dependents will receive a healthcare premium subsidy for up to 24 months. OWD's partnership with Kaiser Permanente allowed for 151 individuals to receive healthcare coverage for themselves and their families that they otherwise would have been unable to afford.

**First Source Jobs Program** - Worked with First Source Jobs Program employer partners to place 72 Fulton County residents in unsubsidized employment.

**Employer Relations** - The Office of Workforce Development has a unique and innovative approach to meet the needs of employers in the Fulton County market. Key stakeholders are identified and partnerships are developed to foster long-term business alliances across industry lines. Strategies are created to enhance business growth and the vitality of community organizations. These key business leaders work closely with the Office of Workforce Development through an Economic Development Focus Group to keep the organization informed of industry developments.

**The Office of Aging**

Offered the a number of programs of direct service and social action focused on changing conditions related to the needs of senior residents.  
Participated in the GA Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program. The program's goal is to improve access to and increase consumption of fruits and vegetables while providing nutrition education, including health benefits of consuming fruits and vegetables, healthy meal plans, recipes, cooking, freezing, and canning demonstrations. The program provided vegetable vouchers (worth \$20) to over 500 Seniors.

The Fulton County Office of Communication

- Offered a Listen and Learn Series: Bankruptcy: A Better Financial Tomorrow for all Fulton employees. The class was presented by Attorney Lottie of law firm Baskerville Lottie & Associates. The session provided information on how to recover from bankruptcy, how it affects your credit and the advantages and disadvantages of filing.
- Fulton County Housing Authority
  - Promoted and fully implemented the activities established through the “Pathways to Homeownership” Initiative. The Housing Authority of Fulton County (HAFC) as a HUD-designated Housing Counseling Center provided comprehensive training and supportive services designed to facilitate the homeownership and rental housing process.  
Supported full implementation of the Housing Authority of Fulton County de-concentration efforts through the Housing Choice Voucher Program and implementation of a comprehensive homeownership development strategy, including the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program.

Advertised on their website available resident resources to assist citizens with rent and utilities, agencies to assist with job searches, medical, dental and vision assistance, legal assistance, identification document assistance and other resources including preparation for college.

Continued to implement the HUD approved Family Self-Sufficiency Program, which provides case management for Housing Choice Voucher families, to include increased economic independence opportunities for special and targeted populations, and worked with the Community Opportunity Centers (COC), Inc. which will secure the partnerships necessary for service coordination for the benefit of these families.

Provided in-kind support (non-financial) to Community Opportunity Centers, Inc., (COC) an affiliate non-profit of the HAFC who facilitated the provision of resident services and self-sufficiency initiatives for HAFC residents. The restructuring of COC as a “fundraising arm” will secure resources to sustain services and programs to include, but not be limited to providing resident services.

Utilized GoSection8.com. GoSection8.com is the largest rental-listing service for the Section 8 housing market. Both tenants and landlords benefit from this program. The company's core mission is to help Americans living in poverty. Free information about current housing options under HUD's Section 8 Housing Voucher (Section 8) Program in every market in the country is advertised. The following services are offered:

1. **Families:** The comprehensive database allows families to locate and compare affordable rental homes currently available in their area. GoSection8.com's listings are available online as well as through a bi-lingual call center at 1-866-466-SEC8 (7328).
  2. **Landlords:** A free listing option is available for all landlords and property managers.
  3. **Housing Agencies:** Housing Authorities are offered a free area-specific internet portals that are integrated seamlessly into each agency's own website, which are the most accurate and up-to-date rental-cost determinations available today.
- Continued using previous year's allocation of HOME funds for home ownership

- loans to low- and moderate-income families.
- Continued using NSP funds to stabilize neighborhoods with high foreclosures.

Office of Grants and Community Partnerships

Allocated \$153,428 of Human Services Grant dollars to ensure every person living or working in Fulton County possesses the skills and knowledge necessary for employment that allows self-sufficiency. This was achieved through:

- 551 Fulton County citizens received Instructor taught / led computer skills training (beginning, intermediate and advanced);
- 58 Fulton County ex-offenders received support services such as employment, housing options and transitional skills training; and
- 546 Fulton county citizens received certified GED / Diploma and Continuing Education courses.

Allocated \$925,000 of Human Services Grant dollars to ensure every Fulton County youth from birth to young adulthood experience healthy growth, positive development and are prepared to achieve their full potential.

- Office of Children and Youth
  - Continued the following programs under the Office of Children and Youth to reach a wide array of needs from childhood development, inclusion programming and youth advocacy, counseling, and conflict resolution.

**Kinship Care Program:** Kinship Care Program provides programming and activities that reduce the level of financial support of the caregivers through the Summer Camp Tuition Assistance, Work Experience, Tutoring programs, monthly meetings, and cultural outings. Caregivers have identified living at or below the poverty level.

**Partnership on Youth:** During this grant cycle, 5,581 children and youth were impacted by nonprofit organizations providing services that included Fulton County youth living at or below poverty.

**S.T.A.R.T. (Services to Advance, Reach and Teach Youth):** START has implemented the Successful Families program that provides education and information on Fulton County resources to families living in or below poverty.

**CALL TO WOMANHOOD-Priceless University:** The program recruits from underserved areas and was designed to have an intense focus on issues ranging from teen pregnancy prevention, self-esteem development, college-prep education, and career building. The program assists females ages 12 – 17 with education advancement and the opportunity to implement plans and resources to avoid becoming a young woman living in poverty.

**Teen DADS (Determined, Active, Dedicated and Supportive) Program:** The program provided support to Teen fathers that are living at or below the poverty level.

**Fulton County Youth Commission:** The Fulton County Youth Commission HOPE initiative was focused on reaching the homeless and impoverished areas. Youth Commissioners disseminate essential items and most importantly information on FREE services for health, shelter, employment and other resources offered by Fulton County Departments. This initiative takes place every third Saturday and an average of 500 care packets are distributed.

**Youth Leadership Academy – Boys:** Boys recruitment for 2014 involved outreach to agencies and schools that specifically served families in areas with fewer resources throughout Fulton County. Eight youth from families in these areas joined the program.

**Youth Leadership Academy – Girls:** Girls recruitment for 2014 involved outreach to agencies and schools that specifically served families in areas with fewer resources and seven youth from families joined the program.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

## Non-homeless Special Needs

\*Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Identify actions taken to address special needs of persons that are not homeless but require supportive housing, (including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families).

Program Year 5 CAPER Non-homeless Special Needs response:

Fulton County's Office of Aging has been designated by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) as the County-Based agency for planning and coordinating senior services delivery system in compliance with the Older Americans Act for Fulton County. The Office of Aging offered a continuum of services and programs for seniors who reside in Fulton County through partnerships and contracts with community based organization, in conjunction with the Older Americans Act Program. Listed below are Programs and Services provided by the Office of Aging during Fiscal Year 2014 to promote successful aging that addresses health, physical and cognitive fitness, and engagement of life.

### Programs

Adult Day Care: The Adult Day Care serves the needs of seniors with functional challenges in a supervised setting while providing respite for caregivers. Social, physical and cognitive stimulation activities were provided as well as two nutritious meals, transportation and health services monitoring (blood pressure checks and medication management). The goal of the program is to restore or maintain optimal levels of functioning for clients, and provide caregiver respite that will delay/ prevent inappropriate or undesirable admission to institutionally based care.

### Impact

Service Outputs: 557,419 service hours provided; 215 clients served.

### Service Outcomes:

- 100% of clients Satisfied  
(85% - Satisfied; 15% - Somewhat satisfied)
- 91% - feel less isolated.
- 85% - feel their physical health is being maintained or has improved.
- 81% - feel their emotional health is being maintained or has improved.
- 77% - feel their quality of life has improved.
- 73% - feel their nutritional health is being maintained or has improved.

In-Home Services: The In-Home Services Program provides homemaker, personal care and respite services to support the needs of seniors and caregivers. These services maintain quality of life, support aging in place and prevent premature use of costlier services (i.e. Long Term Care Homes/ Hospital).

Service Outputs: 80,534 service hours provided; 1,639 clients served.

### Service Outcomes:

- 94% of clients Satisfied  
(74% - Satisfied; 20% - Somewhat satisfied)
- 90% are able to maintain or improve the cleanliness of their environment.
- 85% feel that their quality of my life has improved.
- 75% are able to maintain or improve the safety their environment.
- 80% report their personal hygiene is being maintained.

67% feel safer and better able to manage their personal care needs.

**Advocacy:** Many senior programs and services are dependent upon federal, state, and local government funding. Most legislation regarding senior issues are significantly influenced by senior advocacy organizations. Fulton County provides funding to support this effort through the Fulton County Council on Aging which is a private non-profit agency. Other opportunities exist with local participation as a Fulton County delegate through the following organizations: Fulton County Commission on Elderly Affairs Senior Facility Advisory Committees, Georgia Council on Aging, National Council on Aging, Georgia Gerontology Association, Atlanta Consortium for African American Aged and Atlanta Regional Senior Advisory Council.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** The Office of Aging partnered with Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority to assist low income seniors register to receive assistance with their energy bills.

**Outcome:** 614 applications were completed for LIHEAP. LIHEAP also served to provide outreach to non-members who were able to access additional information on programs and services offered by Fulton County.

**Volunteer Services:** The Office of Aging provided opportunities for volunteers to assist in providing services to the seniors of Fulton County.

**Outcome:** 12,218volunteers provided 64,713 service hours.

**Home Repair:** The Home Repair Program provided minor home repairs and enhancements to help seniors continue to live in their own homes more safely and age in place. This program helps seniors to increase their ability to function in their homes and provides for a safer living environment.

**Outcome:** There were 239 projects completed helping to maximize independence and delay/ prevent inappropriate or undesirable admission to institutionally based care.

**Home Delivered Meals:** The goal of this program is to promotes the health and well-being of seniors and delay adverse health conditions through the provision of nutritious meals and health related information in order to maximize independence and delay/ prevent inappropriate or undesirable admission to institutionally based care.

**Service Outputs:** 199,980 meals provided; 1,337 clients served.

Service Outcomes: 98% of clients Satisfied with services

(68% - Satisfied; 30% - Somewhat satisfied)

71% of clients feel less isolated.

87% of clients feel their health has improved.

92% of clients report that they are able to continue to live at home.

81% of clients report that they are less hungry throughout the day.

81% of clients report that they feel their nutritional needs are being supported

**Senior Information and Assistance STARline:** Provides information, assistance, and referrals for the provision of appropriate services that maximize independence and delay/ prevent inappropriate or undesirable admission to institutionally based care.

**Service Outputs:** 17, 406 contacts; 9,789clients served.

**Congregate Meals:** The congregate meals program helps to promote the health and well-being of seniors and delay adverse health conditions through the provision of nutritious meals and opportunities for social and physical engagement.

**Service Outputs:** 163,598 meals; 1,060 clients served.

**Service Outcomes:**

92% of clients satisfied with services  
(33% - Satisfied; 59% - Somewhat satisfied)  
87% report eating healthier foods.  
83% report an improvement in health.  
77% report feeling better.  
64% of clients feel less isolated  
54% of clients report an improvement in their quality of life. 64% of clients report that they feel their nutritional needs are being supported.

**Senior Multipurpose Program:** The goal of the senior multipurpose program is to promote the health and well-being of seniors and delay adverse health conditions through the provision of meals, social and physical engagement activities, and volunteerism.

**Service Outputs:** 204,368 visits to the program; 6,977 clients served.

**Service Outcomes:** 86% of clients satisfied with services

(50% - Satisfied; 36% - Somewhat satisfied)  
96% reported an improvement in their quality of life.  
95% reported that their physical health is being maintained or has improved.  
95% reported that their mental health is being maintained or has improved.  
93% reported that they are more socially active.

**Senior Transportation**

The Senior Transportation program provides transportation services to seniors and individuals with developmental disabilities in order to maximize their independence and delay/ prevent inappropriate or undesirable admission to institutionally based care.

**Service Outputs:** 282,349 trips provide; 2,550 clients served.

**Service Outcomes**

85% of clients satisfied with services  
(53% - Satisfied; 32% - Somewhat satisfied)  
50% reported that they are able to participate more fully in their community.  
51% reported an increase in their independence and mobility.  
50% indicate their quality of life has improved.  
50% indicated that they are able to continue to live at home as a result of receiving services.

**The Office of Workforce Development** maintained a continuum of services to address the needs of Fulton County job seekers and metropolitan Atlanta area employers. One of the programs is specifically for those individuals with a disability.

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**Disability Services:** Program services for customers with disability include: Full Service Resource Room, Paid/ Non Paid Work Evaluation, Career Scope-Interest and Aptitude Assessment, Occupational Assessments, Free Vocational Skills

Training, Typing Skill Enhancement, Workshops, Referrals to Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Referrals to the School of Adaptive Computer Training, and Referrals to Department of Labor.

**The Department of Health Services**, which includes the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities, offered a wide variety of treatment and rehabilitation services in a behavioral health care model that is designed to help clients achieve and maintain independence and stability so they can play a more productive role within their families and their community. The department services focused on three primary areas: Healthy Families, Healthy Children & Healthy Communities.

**Mental Health:** Three behavioral health centers offered a wide range of services and addictive disease treatment at community-based locations.

**Developmental Disabilities:** Three regional centers provided clients with life skills training tailored to their particular disability. Mobility training and day habilitation are also provided.

**Addictive Diseases:** Provided a variety of specialty outpatient treatment services for adults with chronic chemical dependencies. Treatment is also available for individuals who have both mental health and substance abuse ("co-occurring") disorders.

Housing CDBG funds through a grant award to North Fulton County Government Community Charities, which provides emergency financial assistance, food pantry, essential clothing and information/referrals assisted seniors.

**The Office of Children and Youth** offered the following programs to address the needs of their program special needs recipients (Youth and/or their caregivers)

The Partnership on Youth- Networking services was provided during quarterly meetings to familiarize agencies with services for special needs youth. During these opportunities, agencies had the ability to locate additional services for children and youth they served.

1. Fulton County Kinship Care Program- The program provides instructors and volunteer tutors who are capable of working with children diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder.

**The Office of Grants and Community Partnerships** offered the following:

1. Human Services Grant dollars allocated \$243,988 of Human Services Grant dollars to ensure Fulton County Seniors age 55 and older experience optimal health and are able to function independently for as long as possible. This was achieved through:
  - a. 908 clients receiving support services to caregivers, adult daycare services and grandparents raising grandchildren;
  - b. 2,554 clients receiving services from satellite prevention programs that promote health and wellness for seniors; and
  - c. 375 clients receiving transportation and home repair services.
2. Human Services Grant dollars allocated \$150,928 to ensure persons of all ages living with disabilities in Fulton County were able to experience an optimal quality of life and have access to equal opportunities as persons living without disabilities. This was achieved through:
  - a. 240 clients differently-abled receiving transportation to medical appointments for and for social activities;

- b. 77 clients differently-abled receiving accessible and affordable housing opportunities; and
  - c. 2,034 Seniors differently-abled participated in Inclusion programs.
3. Human Services Grant dollars allocated \$219,483 to ensure people of all ages in Fulton County engage in behaviors that prevent or minimize the risk of contracting or spreading HIV, and those already living with AIDS are assured safety, emotional support and necessary medical care. This was achieved through:
  - a. 372 clients receiving HIV / AIDS prevention and education services;
  - b. 3 clients receiving rental assistance and utility assistance; and
  - c. 39 food assistance through grocery vouchers or food pantry.

### Specific HOPWA Objectives

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Program Year 5 CAPER Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

#### **HOPWA PROGRAM**

Fulton County does not receive Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds. HOPWA funded programs serving Fulton County residents are administered through the City of Atlanta. The City of Atlanta is the largest recipient in GA and receives a formula share for the Atlanta "Metropolitan Statistical Area" (MSA) and makes numerous sub-grants. The City of Atlanta collaborates with the Community Development offices of the City of Marietta, Cobb County, DeKalb County, Fulton County, and Gwinnett County. Local government representatives participated in the assessment of housing and support service needs and long-range planning for the HOPWA program. While HOPWA funds are intended for use throughout 28 metropolitan Atlanta area counties, the City of Atlanta is the metro area's designated grantee and is responsible for final decisions regarding the HOPWA Program.

Although the county does not directly receive HOPWA formula funds, the county took the following actions to provide HIV/AIDS services to eligible Fulton County residents:

As the designated grantee of the HRSA-funded Ryan White Part A Program, the Fulton County Ryan White Program provided resources for a 20 County Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). Fifteen agencies were funded through the period May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2014. The agencies were AID Atlanta, AID Gwinnett, Aniz, Inc., Atlanta Legal Aid, Clarke County BOH, Clayton County BOH, Cobb County BOH, DeKalb County BOH, Emory University Midtown Hospital, Fulton Co. Department of Health and Wellness, Grady Infectious Disease Program, Here's To Life, Positive Impact, Project Open Hand, and St. Joseph's. Seventeen agencies were funded for the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. The agencies are AID Atlanta, AID Gwinnett, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Aniz, Inc., Atlanta Legal Aid, Clarke County BOH, Clayton County Board of Health, Cobb County BOH, DeKalb County BOH, Emory University Midtown Hospital, Fulton Co. Department of Health and Wellness, Grady Infectious Disease Program, Here's To Life, Positive Impact, Project Open Hand, Recovery Consultants, and St Joseph's. The EMA population is currently estimated at 5.3 million persons, comprising 53% of Georgia's population. Of

the EMA's population, approximately 66% reside in the five most urbanized counties: Fulton (977,773), Gwinnett (824,046), DeKalb (707,089), Cobb (707,442) and Clayton (265,888). During calendar year 2012, the Fulton County Ryan White Program served more than 13,000 unduplicated clients across all of the services.

Supported the continuum of HIV/AIDS care through a comprehensive range of core services that included: 1) outpatient primary care provided by physicians and mid-level providers through 11 main healthcare facilities and 4 satellite clinics; 2) local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance program; 3) preventative and restorative oral health services; 4) medical case management services; 5) individual and group mental health services including medications; and, 6) substance abuse counseling. Other essential support services which facilitate primary care access and retention in treatment included: peer support and counseling, food, medical, transportation, childcare, linguistic assistance and legal services. These various core and support services are often co-located within the primary care facilities.

Fulton County Health Services was chosen to be a part of a three-year, \$3 million initiative that supports three public health departments (Houston and Philadelphia in addition to Fulton County) to connect more people living with HIV in high-burden communities to the care they need to stay healthy. The initiative was launched at the start of the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C. with funding support from the Merck Company Foundation.

- Offered New Client Orientation every other month (January 24th, May 23rd, July 25th, September 26th and November 21st at the Auburn Avenue Research Library. The orientation consisted of services provided, eligibility/recertification, appointments/walk-ins, medical record releases, rules/regulations, standard of care, Georgia ADAP, patient/provider relationships and support groups. In recognition of National AIDS Testing Day, posters entitles "Take the test, Take Control" were posted, provided and marketed several testing site locations and provided the County's Health mobile unit for testing.
- Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness provided a Client's First-Our Monthly Newsletter, which features news from the Fulton County Communicable Disease Prevention Program. In recognition of World AIDS Day, the County's Department of Health and Wellness conducted the following:  
December 1, 2014, the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness and the DeKalb County Board of Health partnered to encourage residents to take control and get tested to learn their status as part of a world-wide effort to reach "ZERO New Infections, ZERO Discrimination and ZERO AIDS Related Deaths."  
Offered health education and free HIV and Syphilis testing at the Aldredge Health Center, 99 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive, SE, Atlanta, GA 30303 on December 2, 2014.  
Hosted a community engagement session where discussions were held on how the County could decrease to zero the number of HIV/AIDS cases. The session

took place in the Assembly Hall at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 101 Jackson Street, Atlanta, GA 30312.

In observance of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, the Communicable Disease and Prevention Branch of the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness encouraged women and girls to take action to learn about HIV/AIDS and to take the necessary steps for prevention and protection. The nationwide observance held each March 10th sheds light on the disease's often overlooked impact on women and girls and empowers people to make a difference. Health Services provided HIV Testing and sponsored in conjunction with National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Atlanta a Workshop/Presentation at the Clark Atlanta University (CAU) Teen Summit on March 9, 2014.

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#### OTHER NARRATIVE

Include any CAPER information that was not covered by narratives in any other section.

Program Year 5 CAPER Other Narrative response: