



MADISON RECEIVES \$500,000 CBDG GRANT

Today, Department of Community Affairs Mike Beatty announced Georgia's awards for over \$40 million in federal assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Georgia's Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) program.

"The State Community Development Block Grant program provides an essential resource to Georgia's smaller more rural communities in their efforts to support projects that will create jobs and assist low- and moderate-income citizens. As communities large and small are making difficult choice, today's announcement represents an important investment in various local health and safety, economic development and job creation programs, helping preserve Georgia's quality of life," said Commissioner Beatty.

Over \$36 million was allocated for Georgia's CBDG awards. Madison received a **\$500,000 award**, specifically to upgrade flood and provide drainage improvements in the Canaan neighborhood. "We have been very hopeful. This application was submitted in April following Town Hall meetings in August and November of 2011," shared City Planner Monica Callahan. "It is wonderful that focus and hard work in the Urban Redevelopment Area is coming to fruition."

The Urban Redevelopment Plan adopted in May of 2011 outlined several objectives, including community improvements in designated areas of disinvestment experiencing slum and blight conditions. A CBDG grant to address stormwater conditions in this area was one of the identified improvements on DDA's one-year implementation schedule. Local engineering company, Georgia Civil Inc., provided preliminary engineering services so that the grant would be fact-based and accurate and Allen-Smith Consulting of Monroe wrote the grant.

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