

Georgia Department of
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
60 Executive Park South, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231

STATEMENT OF CDBG AWARD

GEORGIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Recipient: Ben Hill County CDBG Funds: \$1,000,000.00
Date of Award: 9/28/2026 Grant Period: From 9/28/2026 To 9/28/2029
Program Title: CDBG Program Category: Public Facility
Grant Number: 26p-y-009-1-6820

Award is hereby made in the amount and for the period shown above under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to the above mentioned recipient, in accordance with the plan set forth in the application of the above mentioned recipient and subject to any attached revisions or special conditions.

This award is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and conditions as prescribed by the Department of Community Affairs' CDBG Non-entitlement Program Regulations, its Applicants' Manual and Recipients' Manual as well as the Uniform Administration Requirements (2 CFR Part 200), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant: State's Program Final Rule (24 CFR Part 570) and Environmental Review Procedures for Title I Community Development Block Grant Program (24 CFR Part 58). It is also subject to such further rules, regulations and policies as may be reasonably prescribed by the State or Federal Government consistent with the purposes and authorization of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

This grant shall become effective on the beginning date of the grant period (above), provided that within thirty (30) days of the award execution date (below) the properly executed original of the "Statement of CDBG Award" and any attached properly executed revisions and special condition statements are returned to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

- ☐ This award is subject to revisions. (attached)
☒ This award is subject to special conditions. (attached)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS


Commissioner

9/28/2026
Date Executed

I, _____, acting under my authority to contract on behalf of the recipient, hereby signify acceptance for the recipient of the above described grant on the terms and conditions stated above or incorporated by reference therein.

Date of Acceptance: _____
Chief Elected Official
Chairman

Title (typed)

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
STATEMENT OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

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01. The Recipient agrees and certifies that all activities and endeavors carried out in concert with CDBG monies will strictly adhere to and follow the Code of Ethics for Government Service as established within Title 45, Chapter 10 and Section 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
02. The Recipient agrees that should any new or additional requirements become applicable (including record keeping and reporting requirements), as a result of directives by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that it will take all steps necessary to bring its program into compliance.
03. Environmental Review Requirement: No project expenditures may be incurred or any CDBG funds drawn down for any activity (other than for grant administration, design activities and other exempt activities) prior to receipt of an environmental clearance letter releasing funds. This may be obtained by completing an environmental review of each project as described in Chapter 2 of the Recipients' Manual.
04. The Recipient assures that the drainage design study, and/or facilities design and construction will be performed in accordance with American Public Works Association (APWA) and/or American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) design recommendations and in accordance with applicable local and State laws. Stated exceptions to the above design recommendations will be considered on a case-by-case basis prior to initiation of design services.
05. The Recipient certifies that with the exception of right-of-way requirements, street improvement design and construction will be conducted in accordance with at least the minimum Georgia Department of Transportation standards and specifications. Stated exceptions to the above standards will be considered on a case-by-case basis prior to initiation of the design.
06. The Department of Community Affairs reserves the right to cancel the Grant Award if sufficient progress is not being made toward completion of the project. If the following timeliness standards are not met, funds may be subject to deobligation and recapture by DCA: 1) clearance of all Grant Award conditions within six months of grant award; 2) release of funds by DCA, clearing the Environmental Review requirement, within six months of grant award; 3) satisfactory evidence of completion of all engineering/design work within 9 months of grant award; 4) completion of all needed acquisition activities within 12 months of grant award; 5) start advertising for bids on the Georgia Procurement Registry within 15 months of grant award; 6) start of construction no later than 18 months after grant award; and 7) draw down of all funds within 24 months of grant award.

In addition, the Grant Award may be canceled at any time if it becomes apparent to DCA that the Recipient has not initiated the administrative activities necessary to allow the project to proceed.

07. The Recipient agrees to maintain proper and accurate books, records and accounts reflecting its administration of the CDBG Program and its compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and the Recipients' Manual. Said books, records and accounts shall be separate from any general accounting records which the Recipient may maintain in connection with the Recipient's general business activities. Recipient agrees that DCA, the State of Georgia Inspector General, HUD, the HUD Inspector General, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives, shall have access to any and all said books, records and accounts of Recipient for any purpose authorized under law or regulation.

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08. The Recipient certifies that it will provide the balance of funding needed to cover all non-CDBG project costs and any cost overruns incurred.
09. The Recipient, by signing these Conditions, is certifying that it will comply with the requirements of O.C.G.A. 50-36-1 entitled "Verification of Lawful Presence Within United States" and verify the lawful presence in the United States of any natural person 18 years of age who has applied for state or local public benefits, as defined in 8 U.S.C. Section 1621, or for federal public benefits, defined in U.S.C. Section 1611, that is administered by an agency or a political subdivision of this state.
10. The Recipient, by signing these conditions, is certifying that it will comply with the requirements of O.C.G.A. 13-10-90 entitled "Security and Immigration Compliance" This requires, among other things, that every public employer, including, but not limited to, every municipality and county, will register and participate in the federal work authorization program to verify employment eligibility of all newly hired employees. For more information, including a link to the Homeland Security website and the I-9 Form requirements for all new employees, see the DCA CDBG Manuals and Forms Page at to <https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/annual-cdbg>.
11. In addition to meeting Section 3 requirements as required by law and regulation (see Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968 and implementing regulations at 24 CFR 75), the Recipient agrees to meet all requirements as stated in the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Section 3 Policy.
12. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proceeds will be disbursed to the Recipient for purposes stated in the CDBG award and other Recipient documents only after satisfactory cost documentation is submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). All cost documentation submitted must be identified with the project name, date, and description of services rendered or materials provided. All cost documentation must be reviewed and initialed as approved by the Recipient prior to submission to DCA.
13. The Recipient, by signing these conditions, is certifying that it will comply with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act ("BABA" or "the Act") as enacted on November 15, 2021, as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Public Law 117-58. The Act establishes a domestic content procurement preference, the BAP, for Federal infrastructure programs. The Recipient must ensure that none of the funds made available for infrastructure projects may be obligated unless it has taken steps to ensure that the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in a project are produced in the United States. The Act further defines a project to include "the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States" and includes within the definition of infrastructure those items traditionally included along with buildings and real property. Thus, new awards of Federal Financial Assistance from a program for infrastructure, and any of those funds obligated by the grantee or Recipient, are covered under the BABA provisions of the Act, 41 U.S.C. 8301 note, unless covered by a waiver.
14. Pursuant to OCGA Section 35-1-17, state and local government employees are required to receive, send, and maintain information relating to the immigration status of any individual as reasonably needed for public safety purposes. Any local governing body of a law enforcement agency which fails to do so is not permitted to receive state funding or state-administered federal funding.

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Certification

I certify that I am authorized by Ben Hill County to accept these conditions:

Chief Elected Official

Hal Wiley, Chairman

Type or Print - Name and Title

(Seal)

Attest:

Pamela Turner, County Clerk

Type or Print - Name and Title

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA)
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STATEMENT OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

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Street and Drainage Improvements

NOTE: Prior to drawdown of funds the recipient must provide appropriate documentation to address the following special conditions and receive a Grant Adjustment Notice from DCA clearing these conditions.

- 01.** Within sixty (60) days of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award, and prior to funds being released, the Recipient must officially update its locally adopted Language Access Plan (LAP).

The Recipient's LAP must contain the components and assurances noted in the Acknowledgement of Subrecipient Language Access Plan Requirement document; as submitted in the Recipient's CDBG application.

- 02.** The Recipient must submit for DCA's review and written approval a certification, signed by the chief elected official, stating the Recipient will adhere to the requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), enacted in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on November 15, 2021. BABA requires products purchased in connection with infrastructure projects funded by Federal financial assistance programs to be produced in the United States, known as the "Buy America Preference (BAP)". Specifically, this is a statutory requirement that Federal funding for infrastructure projects use "covered materials" that are "American-made." The BAP applies to the following products: Iron and steel; Manufactured products; Construction materials; and Manufactured products. For FY2026 awards, BAP will include Iron & Steel, Specifically Listed Construction Materials, All Other Construction Materials, and Manufactured Products. Specifically Listed Construction materials consists of metals other than iron and steel (non-ferrous metals), lumber, composite building materials, and plastic and polymer-based pipe and tube (e.g., PVC pipe). All Other Construction Materials consists of glass, drywall, and other construction materials. Manufactured Products consists of a material or supply used in an infrastructure project that is not iron or steel or a construction material.
- 03.** The Recipient's engineer must certify conformance with the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, Minimum Standard #6 in its evaluation of potential downstream impacts.
- 04.** According to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the City is delinquent with the State's Report of Local Government Finances (RLGF) Survey submission requirements. Within six (6) months of award, the City must submit evidence of compliance with this requirement. The County will be prevented from drawing down funds whenever it is noncompliant with State reporting requirements.

Certification

I certify that I am authorized by Ben Hill County to accept these conditions:

Chief Elected Official

Hal Wiley, Chairman

Type or Print - Name and Title

(Seal)

Attest:

Pamela Turner, County Clerk

Type or Print - Name and Title

Authorized Signature Card For Drawdown of CDBG Funds

Name of Recipient: Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners	Award Number: 26p-y-009-1-6820
CHECK ONE: <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">or</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"><div>☐ ONLY ONE SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON PAYMENT VOUCHERS</div><div>☒ ANY TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO SIGN OR COUNTERSIGN</div></div>	
SIGNATURES OF INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON THE CITED LETTER OF CREDIT	
Typed Name: Pamela Turner Job Title: County Clerk Signature:	Typed Name: Hampton Raulerson Job Title: County Manager Signature:
Typed Name: Deanna Griffin Job Title: Chief Financial Officer Signature:	Typed Name: Job Title: Signature:
I CERTIFY THAT THE SIGNATURES ABOVE ARE OF THE INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO DRAW PAYMENT UNDER THE GRANT CITED ABOVE: Typed Name: Hal Wiley Title: Chairman	
SIGNATURE OF Authorizing Official (<i>Recipient</i>) DATE	

INSTRUCTIONS

An Authorized Signature Card must be signed by at least two signatories (one of which must be a local government employee) authorized to request payment of funds under the grant agreement. Check the box designating either one (1) or two (2) signatures as required. **(NOTE If the authorized official designates himself for drawdown, the two (2) signatures required box must be checked.)** The Authorizing Official should also sign the card (on the **SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL** line) to certify that the individuals named are indeed authorized to request payment and that the signatures on the card are theirs. No erasures or corrections may appear on this form.

If the name of someone on this form changes, DCA must receive a corrected signature card with current information within 30 days for the signature to be valid.

Each drawdown form must have the signature of at least one authorized local government representative at the time of the draw.

STANDARD CERTIFICATION FORM for SUBMISSION of
IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE REPORT

Pursuant to OCGA Section 35-1-17, state and local government employees are required to receive, send, and maintain information relating to the immigration status of any individual as reasonably needed for public safety purposes. Any local governing body of a law enforcement agency which fails to do so is not permitted to receive state funding or state-administered federal funding.

DCA PROGRAM: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

RECIPIENT ENTITY: Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners

Please complete the information below and check all that apply.

I, Hal Wiley, Chairman (Name of Individual Signing for the Recipient Entity),
hereby certify that Ben Hill Co. Board of Commissioners (Recipient Entity's Name) submitted
an Immigration Compliance Report which included, but is not limited to the following:

- ☐ The agency or political subdivision's federal work authorization program verification user number and date of authorization;
- ☐ The legal name, address, and federal work authorization program user number of every contractor that has entered into as contract for the physical performance of services with a public employer as required during the annual reporting period;
- ☐ The date of the contract for the physical performance of services between the contractor and public employer;
- ☐ A listing of each license or certificate issued by a county or municipal corporation to private employers that are required to utilize the federal work authorization program during the annual reporting period, including the name of the person and business issued a license and his or her federally assigned employment eligibility verification system user number as provided in the private employer affidavit submitted at the time of application;
- ☐ A listing of each public benefit administered by the agency or political subdivision and a listing of each public benefit for which SAVE program authorization for verification has not been received;
- ☐ The agency or political subdivision's certificate of compliance with O.C.G.A. § 36-80-23; and

- ☐ Where applicable, the agency, sheriff's office, law enforcement agency, or political subdivision's certificate of compliance with O.C.G.A. §§ 35-1-17; 42-4-11.4, 42-4-44.5, 42-4-14, 42-4-16.
- ☐ Other _____

Signature

Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners

Entity

BANK LETTERHEAD

Exhibit A Sample Bank Letter

Date: (Date of Vendor Visit)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please accept this letter as confirmation for the following account in order to direct electronic payments such as wires and ACH's into the account as necessary. This is a non-interest bearing bank account and will contain only CDBG grant funds.

Account Number:

ABA/Routing Number:

Legal Business Name on Account:

Address:

Please let me know if you have any further questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Name
Contact information