

Each year, HUD provides entitlement funds to the City of Columbus to address the needs of low-to moderate-income persons in the community.

The CAPER measures CRD's annual accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals.

FY 2025 Entitlement Programs

CDBG
Community Development
Block Grant

HOME
Home Investment
Partnerships Grant

ESG
Emergency Solutions
Grant











Our Funding

CDBG funding invests in community development projects, such as housing rehabilitation, public services, and infrastructure

HOME funding increases access to affordable housing through housing development, down payment assistance, and rental assistance.

ESG funding supports efforts to prevent and end homelessness by providing housing, essential services, and shelter for people in crisis.



FY 2025 Resources

CDBG: \$1,701,526.00

HOME: \$914,862.28

HOME-ARP: \$5,355.00

ESG: \$145,932.00

TOTAL: \$2,767675.28

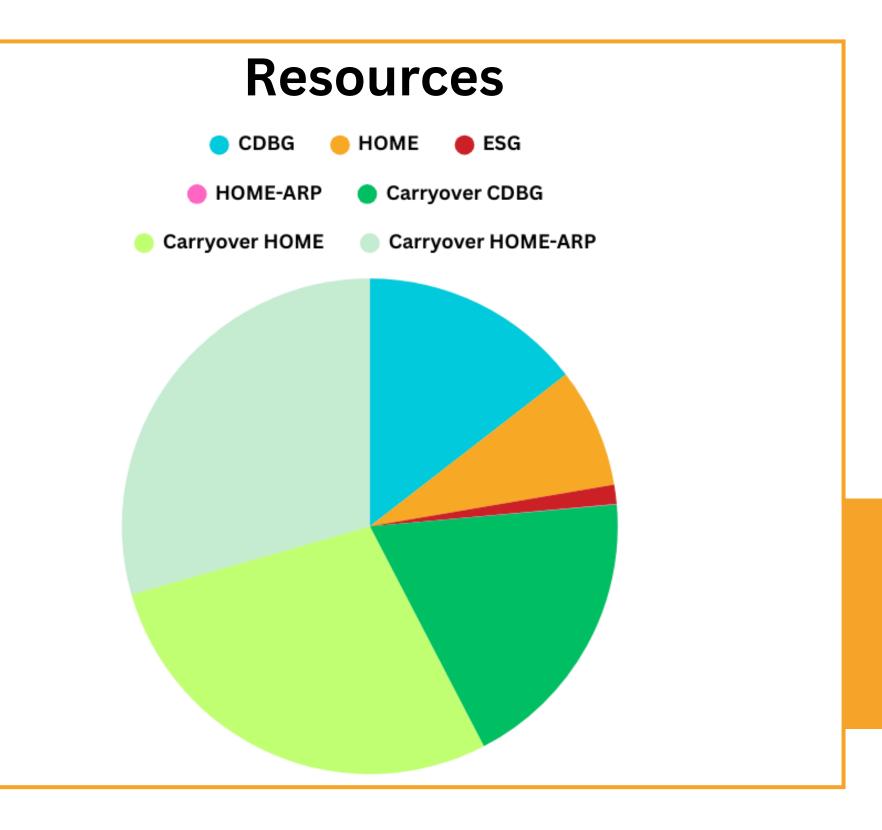
CARRYOVER FUNDING PY24/FY25

Carryover CDBG: \$2,202,278.14

Carryover HOME: \$3,303,637.20

Carryover HOME-ARP: \$3,450,432.55

GRAND TOTAL: \$11,724,023.17



FY 2025 Expenditures

CDBG: \$1,836,794.22

HOME: \$707,326.06

HOME-ARP: \$128,977.45

ESG: \$71,074.27

TOTAL: \$2,761,739.97

EXPENDITURES PY24/FY25

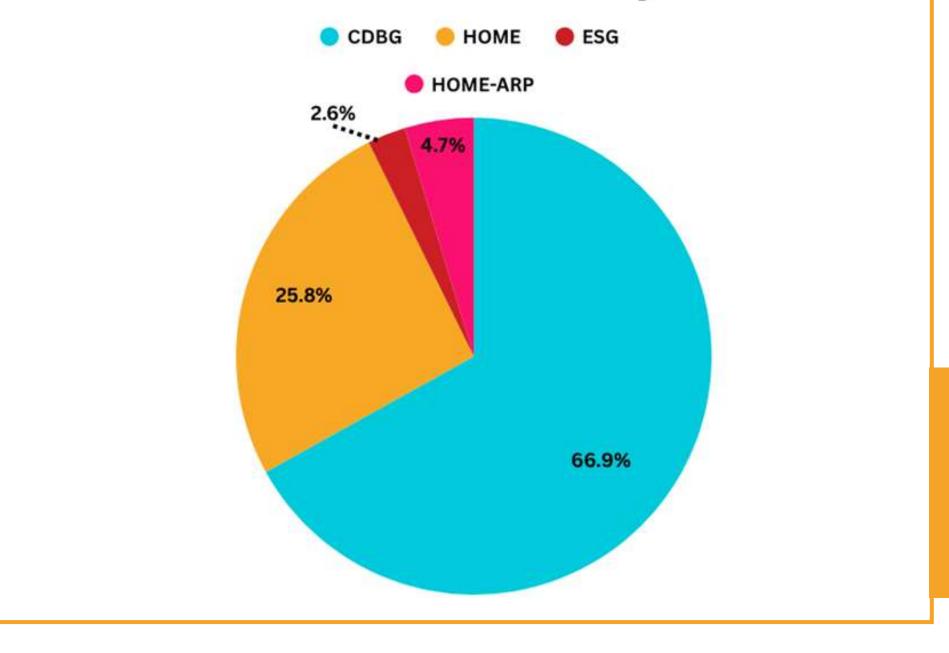
CDBG: 66.9%

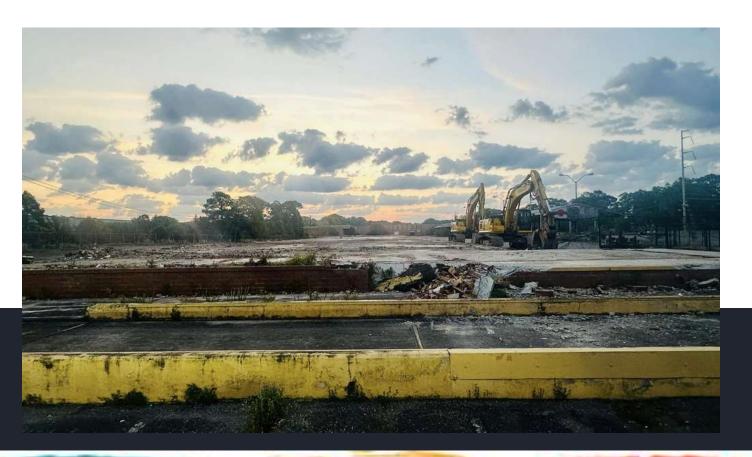
HOME: 25.8%

HOME-ARP: 4.7%

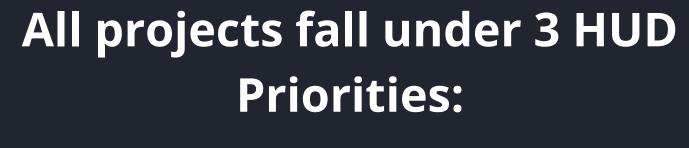
ESG 2.6%







40 projects managed from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



Increase, create, and sustain affordable housing

Increase suitable living environments

Reduce poverty/expand economic opportunity





CRD Sub-Recipients

HOME

Housing Authority of ColGA
Habitat for Humanity
NeighborWorks Columbus
Open Door Community House
Hope Harbour
Salvation Army

CDBG

Housing Authority of ColGA
Boys & Girls Club
CVEM
Georgia Heirs

Girls Inc

Hope Harbour

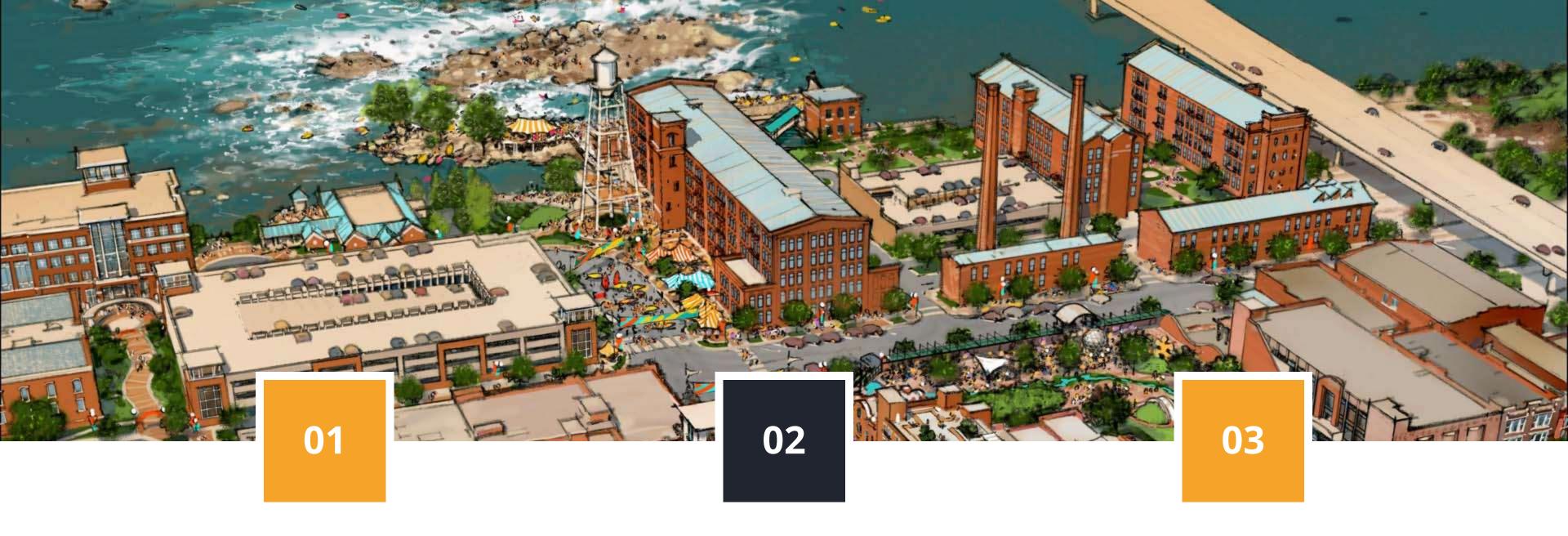
Literacy Alliance

MercyMed

The Food Mill

ESG

United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley



Persons Served

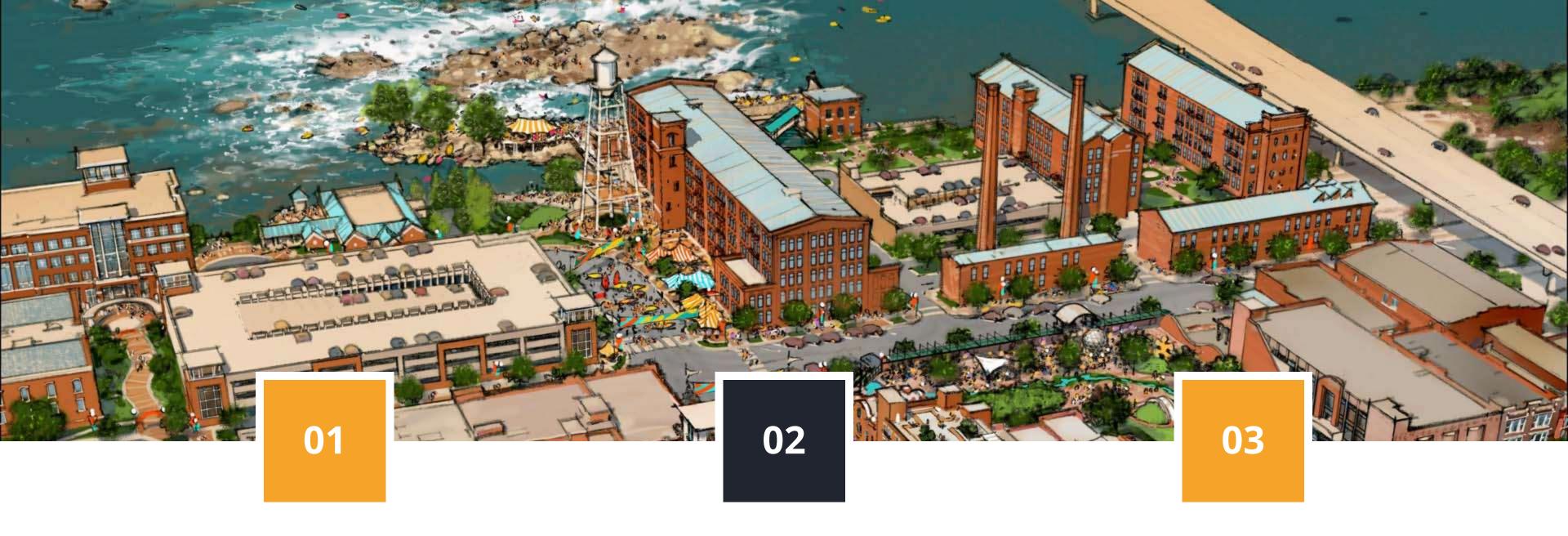
29,828

CDBG Public Service

10,484

Goal Percentage

284.50%



Persons Served

4,672

CDBG PF/INF

4,871

Goal Percentage

95.91%



Event Highlight:

National Community Development Week

National Community Development Week (NCDW) 2025 celebrated the people and projects behind CDBG and HOME programs while educating the community about their impact. The week featured the "You Do Amazing Awards" honoring 48 partners and staff, a classroom visit with Ms. Seldon's Sweeties to promote literacy and civic engagement, installation of a CDBG-funded Community Book Nook, a Lunch & Learn on the Sweet HOME Columbus Down-Payment Assistance Program, and a citywide CDBG Bus Tour showcasing transformative projects. Together, these activities highlighted how federal funding fuels local solutions, builds pride, and strengthens communities.











HOME Program Highlight

FY2025 was a "builder year" for the City of Columbus, with major investments in affordable housing that laid the foundation for lasting impact. Key initiatives included seven new Habitat for Humanity homes at Nueva Valley, two single-family homes at Elliot's Walk, and the groundbreaking of Providence Pointe for seniors. We also invested in Miles Crossing, securing affordable rental units through a Housing Authority partnership, while expanding support for first-time buyers through the Sweet HOME Columbus down payment assistance program. Though few units were completed this year, these efforts set the stage for significant housing opportunities and success stories in the years ahead.









HOME Program Highlight



The Sweet Home Columbus program helps first-time homebuyers achieve affordable homeownership in Columbus, GA. The program provides up to \$49,999 in down payment assistance as a 0% deferred loan, fully forgiven as long as the home remains the buyer's principal residence for 5–10 years. By making homeownership more accessible for low-to-moderate income families, the program strengthens neighborhoods and builds community stability.









CDBG Program Highlight:



The City of Columbus leveraged \$2,040,500, including CDBG funding, to transform The Food Mill Shared Kitchen into a hub for economic empowerment, nutrition education, and food security. Renovations expanded kitchen capacity, added ADA-compliant facilities, and created classroom space for cooking, entrepreneurship, and health programs. The facility supports over 200 small food entrepreneurs, offers six-week Cooking Matters nutrition classes, operates a Mobile Market reaching nearly 2,000 residents, and partners with the American Heart Association for a Heart-Healthy Food Pantry distributing hundreds of thousands of pounds of food.

These initiatives demonstrate how strategic investments in infrastructure, programs, and partnerships strengthen neighborhoods, improve health, and promote long-term self-sufficiency.









CDBG Program Highlight:



In Program Year 2024, the City of Columbus used CDBG funding to renovate the Boys & Girls Club North, creating a safer, more accessible, and welcoming space for hundreds of youth.

Upgrades included modernized interiors, enhanced recreational areas, and improved programming, expanding academic support, enrichment, and wellness activities for low- to moderate-income children. A ribbon-cutting celebration recognized the contributions of partners and highlighted Tavari Turner with a "You Do Amazing" Award. This renovation represents a long-term investment in the well-being and success of young people in Columbus, strengthening the community for years to come.











ESG Program Highlight

In FY2025, the City of Columbus used ESG funds to support the United Way's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), enhancing data collection, program tracking, and resource coordination for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. This year focused on strengthening systems, partnerships, and infrastructure, laying the foundation for more strategic and impactful homelessness prevention and intervention efforts in the future.





CDBG Program Highlight:



The SHINE initiative by Enrichment Services Program, Inc. addresses the critical lack of affordable housing by providing supportive housing and comprehensive services to single-parent families with children in Early Head Start and Head Start programs.

This supportive housing program offers stable housing, empowering families with tailored resources, and connections to long-term solutions that promote self-sufficiency. By focusing on individualized needs, the initiative aims to build a foundation for lasting housing, economic and personal growth.







CDBG Program Highlight: Mellon Street Pocket Park

The Mellon Street Pocket Park will be a revitalized community space created through a partnership with the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

This project contributes to the city's broader effort to enhance urban areas, promote community engagement, and provide more recreational opportunities.











HOME Program Highlight:



Nueva Valley will consist of seven newly constructed single-family homes on 2.915 acres in the Forest Park Subdivision, replacing overgrown basketball courts and abandoned concrete slabs.

This infill project aims to address the critical need for affordable housing in Columbus, particularly for low- and moderate-income households. With a shortage of both affordable rental and homeownership options, affordability remains the city's most pressing housing issue, compounded by overcrowded and substandard conditions.





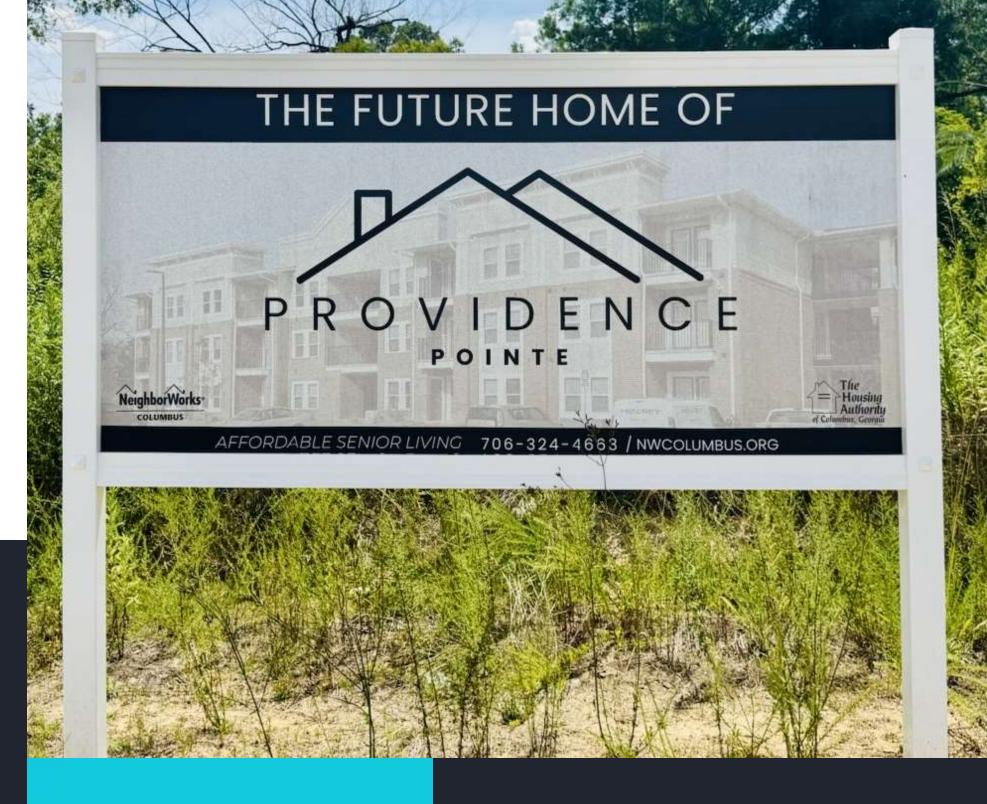




HOME Program Highlight:

Providence Pointe

Providence Pointe at Elliott's Walk, a senior living community developed by the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia in partnership with NeighborWorks Columbus, is set to be built in 2026-2027. With 130 affordable units designed for low-income seniors, this new development will offer comfort, security, and a sense of community.







HOME-ARP Program Highlight:

Salvation Army Center of Hope

The Salvation Army Center of Hope will be a vital resource offering shelter, support, and hope to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The center provides safe, temporary housing, along with access to essential services such as meals, case management, and job readiness programs.

By combining compassion with practical support, it plays a critical role in helping vulnerable members of the community rebuild their lives and achieve self-sufficiency.





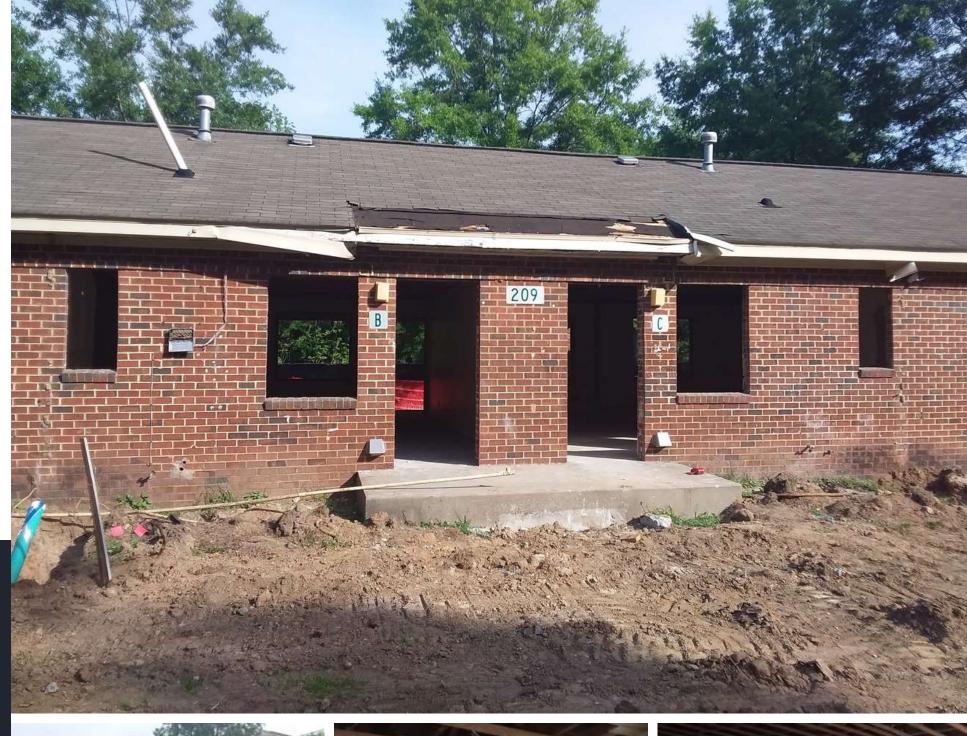




HOME-ARP Program Highlight:

Housing Authority of Columbus, GA Warren Williams - River Homes

The Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) is undertaking a \$49 million redevelopment of the Warren Williams and Rivers Homes public housing communities through the RAD/Section 18 Blend Program. Spanning 182 units across 29 buildings and 18 acres, the project is supported by a mix of funding sources, including \$8.2 million in HUD Capital Fund/Moving to Work resources and \$1.82 million in HOME-ARP funds, along with 4% LIHTC/Bonds, HACG private funds, private loans, and equity. Planned improvements include new roofs, HVAC systems, appliances, cabinets, flooring, water heaters, windows, and doors, along with landscaping, stormwater upgrades, and enhanced pedestrian access, ensuring safe, modern, and sustainable housing for residents.



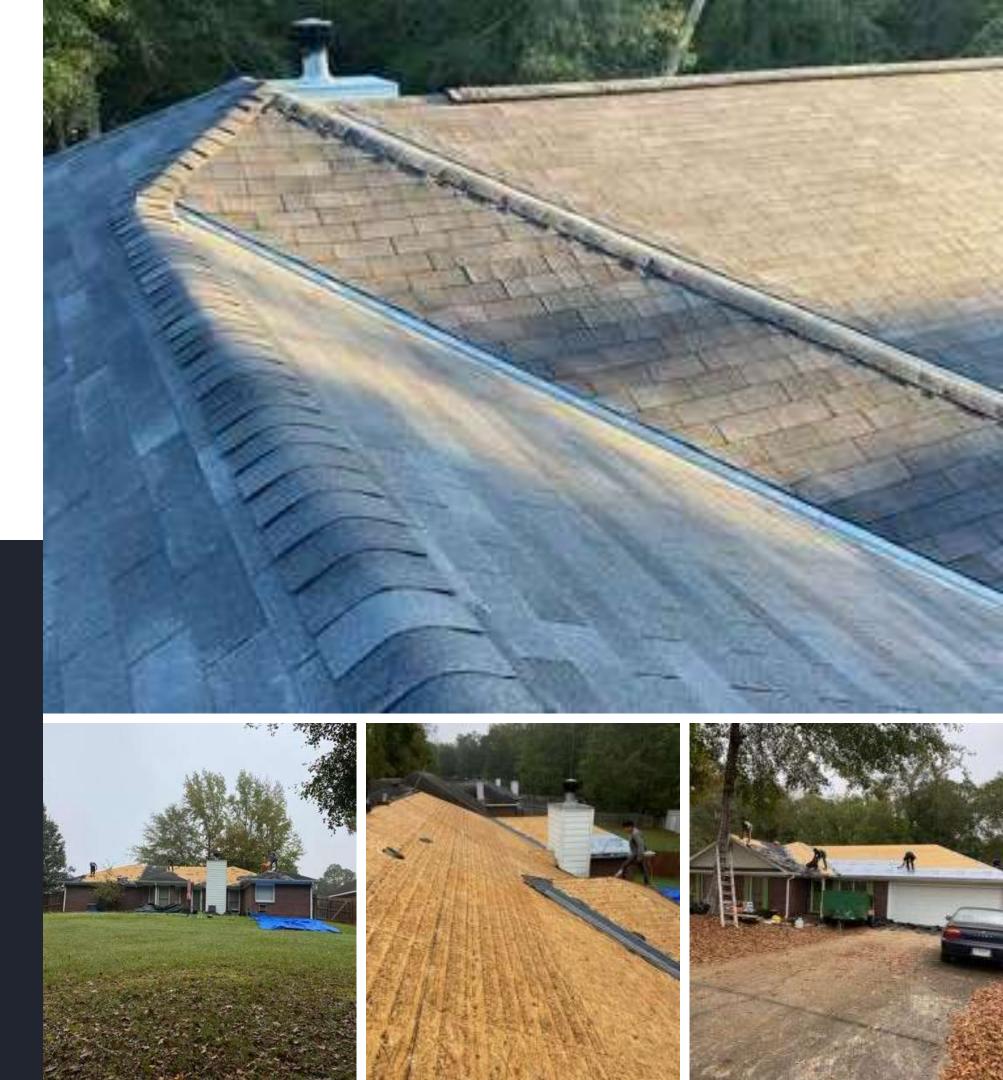






ARP Program Highlight: HARP

The Homeownership Assistance and Repair Program (HARP) helps low- and moderate-income homeowners in Columbus maintain safe, healthy homes by providing financial support for critical repairs like roofing, plumbing, and electrical work. By reducing housing disparities and supporting long-term stability, HARP strengthens families, enhances neighborhoods, and promotes community revitalization across the city.



ARP Program Highlight: Affordable Housing

The ARP Affordable Housing Iniative is a \$3 million program aimed at increasing afforable housing stock options locally.

The iniative will lead to the development of 223 new units of affordable housing for renter populations.







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