

## INVESTMENTS IN ALABAMA

Fiscal Year 2016

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program was created in 1982 to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. CDBG is an important tool for helping local governments address serious challenges facing their communities.

In partnership with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), **The CDBG Program supported 56 projects in Alabama totaling \$12.9 million in FY 2016.** In addition, **\$3.1 million** was awarded for 16 projects **that will create 1,013 jobs** that will benefit communities across the state.

### INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN ALABAMA

#### Infrastructure

With vital assistance from **more than \$11 million** in ADECA CDBGs, **46 Alabama communities are improving the quality of life** by completing a range of important infrastructure improvement projects including expanding safe reliable public water and sewer service to areas that previously relied on private wells and septic tanks; repairing streets and storm drainage systems; and rehabilitating old, damaged and undersized water and sewer lines.

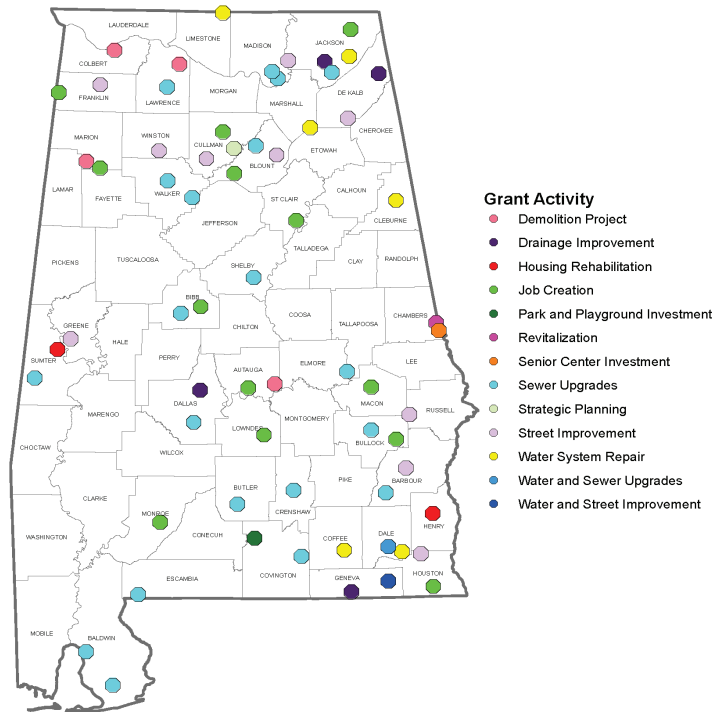
#### Economic Development

ADECA's economic development CDBGs help municipalities and counties complete the critical water, sewer and road infrastructure upgrades necessary for new and existing companies to locate or expand in Alabama creating much-needed jobs, especially in rural areas of the state.

#### Community Enhancement

With help from nearly **\$2 million in CDBG funds**, 10 Alabama communities are making enhancements to add to the quality of life in their areas by constructing senior citizens' centers, revitalizing downtown areas, rehabilitating housing and removing dangerous structures and creating long-term community plans.

### CDBG Investments FY2016



### OVERALL IMPACT

In the **35 years** since the beginning of the CDBG Program, the State of Alabama has received more than **\$1 Billion** for local governments to address critical needs.

### INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

ADECA awarded a **\$200,000** Community Development Block Grant to help the **city of Red Bay** make a vital sewer repair needed to keep Sunshine Mills, one of Red Bay's largest employers, in operation. The grant enabled Red Bay to replace a collapsed sewer line running to the Sunshine Mills Inc. plant which **employs more than 400 people** and produces pet food sold globally. The project, supported by \$45,835 in local investment, installed 1,400 feet of 8-inch PVC sewer lines to the plant and met a critical need for a solution by local leaders to enable Sunshine Mills to retain its jobs and continue operations in Red Bay for the future.