State of Alabama

Community Development Block Grant

Sample Projects

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
Distribution of PY 09/10 State CDBG Program Funds by Grant Size

Legend:
- **Cities**: 2010 2009
  - **A** $500,000 and Over
  - **B** $250,001 to $499,999
  - **C** $100,000 to $250,000
  - **D** Under $100,000

- **Counties**: 2010 2009
  - **E**
  - **F**
  - **G**
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Note: Jefferson County and Mobile County Consortia are not eligible for assistance from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
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Colbert County Bridge Rehabilitation

Colbert County Commission has completed rehabilitation work on four existing bridge structures by replacing structurally deficient bridges with new wooden deck structures. The wooden deck structures are made from treated laminated wood beams. These new decks will allow all four structures to meet AASHTO HS-20 Load requirements and allow these bridges to be used by school buses, emergency vehicles, and commercial traffic.

Three of the existing bridges were built in 1938 and 1939, the fourth was built in 1975. The bridges range in length from 22 feet to 30 feet. There is no known historic significance to any of the structures, they are all single span bridges typical of any county road. Nor are any historic structures known to be adjacent to the structures.

The construction process for bridge rehabilitation was much simpler than bridge replacement. It consisted of removing the existing bridge deck and placing the new wooden deck structure on the existing abutments. Once fastened in place, guardrail was added to meet safety requirements. A chip seal surface treatment was then applied to increase friction for driver safety.

By retaining the existing abutments on these bridges the cost, as well as the construction time were greatly reduced. Conventional bridge replacement would have taken several months to complete, causing long detours for many residents. Bridge rehabilitation was done in one to two weeks, minimizing detours and returning residents back to normal driving patterns very quickly. Bridge decks also have a long life expectancy of 50 years, and ones that are being used now show little annual maintenance costs.
Senior Center
Limestone County
CDBG Investment: $250,000
The new community center & library has already been a tremendous success for Town Creek. The library is issuing several new library cards every day and the community center is already booked for several events. As you can see from the pictures, the Town has a building that they can be proud of with available facilities for numerous community activities. Town Creek now has a local facility to house essential community activities & services, such as job training, after school educational services, a library, community meetings, or family reunions. The residents of Town Creek can now enjoy the convenience of having this facility within a few minutes of their homes and no longer have to travel or miss out on these type of activities all together as they have prior to this grant. The residents and Town officials are extremely grateful to have participated in this program and look forward to the continued success of this new facility.
Senior Center
Lawrence County
CDBG Investment: $250,000
PROJECT SUMMARY

As part of this project the City of Hartselle extended essential infrastructure to the new Cracker Barrel Country Store location in Hartselle. As part of this project an access road was constructed to the Cracker Barrel Country Store, 1,500 linear feet of sanitary sewer lines were installed, 461 linear feet of water lines and 2 fire hydrants were installed, 80 linear feet of gas lines were installed, and electrical service was extended to the restaurant. As a result of Cracker Barrel locating in the City of Hartselle 200 new jobs have been created. In support of this project the City of Hartselle provided $143,587.10 in local cash in addition to the $300,000 in CDBG funds expended on this project.

Progress Photos attached.
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT NARRATIVE

The City of Hartselle has completed the construction of a 2,800 square foot addition to the Sparkman Civic Center which is functioning exclusively as a Senior Citizen Center for the senior citizens of the City of Hartselle. The senior citizens in Hartselle are no longer crowded into the 960 square feet (24’ x 40’) activity room they were utilizing. Now the senior citizens in Hartselle have a space dedicated solely for their use and are separated from all other activities at the Civic Center and even have their own private entrance.
Project #LR-CM-PF-08-006 for the City of Rainsville involved the extension of public sewer to homes in the Woodridge Circle subdivision as well as the Sports Complex. A total of 53 homes were hooked-up to the sewer (LMI). Pics included show the actual work during the construction and hook-up stage for the project. All activities were completed as per the original application as well as the Formal Amendment.
The City of Haleyville 2008 CDBG Community Enhancement project consisted of the rehabilitation and upgrade of the Haleyville Senior Citizens/Head Start Center. Both facilities are housed in the former Haleyville elementary school building. Prior to the implementation of this CDBG project this facilities failure to meet required fire codes, health codes and ADA accessibility standards threatened the continued viability of both senior services offered by the regional Area Agency on Aging and Head Start children services offered by the Community Action Partnership of North Alabama.

The project consisted of the installation of a fire protection sprinkler system; Health Department mandated three-compartment sink; ADA accessible restrooms, entrance and ramps; replace damaged exterior wood window trim with coated metal; provision of period appropriate awnings to protect windows and conserve energy and the construction of a concrete parking pad to accommodate senior citizens at the entrance area of the Senior Citizens Center.

All work to have been performed as described in the initial City of Haleyville CDBG project application and project amendment has been completed at this point.

The City of Haleyville greatly appreciates the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and the United States Housing and Urban Development Agency for their help in making this project a reality.
More photos on this page from the back yard of House #22 on Washington Avenue. In the photo above you can see the untreated raw sewage flowing toward the dog pin. Note the dog in the photo above seems to be standing with his front paws on a concrete block. Now look at the photo below the untreated raw sewage is at least 6-inches deep in the pin and the dog must stand on the block to stay out of the raw sewage. Once this sewage flows through the dog pin it flows into the yards of the 5 homes behind House #22 on Ingram Avenue. The health threat this 1 particular house is creating for all the residents in this neighborhood is alarming. So alarming, that the Blount County Health Department cited the owner with an Official Notice of Violation to repair the pump within 10 days of receiving the notice. According the homeowner he cannot afford to make the repairs and even when he does the pump will malfunction again and the situation seen in these photos will return.
Below is the picture of the Sardis High School football field which when being watered by the sprinklers reduces the Noblitt St. residents water flow to a negligible stream. Water pressure problems persist at all times on this street but to have periods of virtually no water is unacceptable to the Sardis Water Board and especially the residents.

Water Rehabilitation
Town of Sardis City
CDBG Investment: $250,000
Pictured above is the new playground equipment for the Ragland Park. This equipment is centrally located near the other park activities therefore the children will be near their parents who are attending the ballgames.

Above is the new Splash Pad that was put into service at Ragland Park in July 2010. The Pad was only open for a couple of months but was used extensively over that time. The residents were very pleased to have access to the new facility and are looking forward to the Splash Pad opening again in the spring of this year.
COMPLETED – EXCEPT FOR CLEAN-UP
Sewer Rehabilitation
City of Talladega
CDBG Investment: $350,000
The CDBG project constructed street paving and drainage improvements in the City Park area. The streets included in the initial project were 1st Street NE, 3rd Avenue NE, 4th Avenue NE, 1st Place NE and 2nd Place NE. It had been 30 years since these streets have been resurfaced. The streets were extremely narrow, riddled with potholes and compromised by inadequate drainage structures. The purpose of the construction was to correct the drainage problems, level and stabilize the existing street surface and re-pave the surface with asphalt paving.

This portion of the project benefitted 61 persons in 21 households of which 53 (87.75%) are low and moderate income persons. The estimated total project cost was $355,428 which included asphalt street paving activities, drainage improvement activities and professional fees. The City of LaFayette requested CDBG assistance in the amount of $245,812 and committed the remainder of the project cost, $109,616 (44.59%), in local cash match (which represents $3,500 per beneficiary plus the administrative fee).

When the project was bid, the lowest bid received made available an additional $78,563 in construction funds. Consequently, the City requested a formal amendment from ADECA which was approved. This amendment allowed 4 more streets to receive drainage improvements re-paving. These streets were 2nd Avenue NE, 3rd Street NE, 3rd Street SE and 6th Avenue NW. This portion of the project benefitted 134 persons in 51 households of which 116 (86.20%) are low and moderate income persons. Consequently, the overall project benefitted 195 persons in 72 households of which 169 are low and moderate income persons.

Including the amendment, the actual total project cost is $358,829.01 with $113,017.01 spent in local funds and $245,812.00 spent in CDBG funds.

The photos attached illustrate the completed project. Photos included in the application illustrate conditions prior to the City Park Area Street Paving and Drainage Improvements Project.
Town of Notasulga
SM-CM-PF-08-021
Project Completion Photographs
Photograph of West College Street N. facing Tallapoosa

Street Paving
Town of Notasulga
CDBG Investment: $400,000
Community Development Block Grant
Project Closeout Narrative

Community Name: City of Florala
Project Type: Sewer System Improvements
Project Number: SM-CM-PF-09-031
Date: March 25, 2011

Final Budget: Project Administration $24,000.00 (5.4%)
Project Engineering $51,000.00 (11.6%)
Project Construction $365,476.31 (83.0%)
Total $440,476.31

In 2009, the City of Florala was awarded a $400,000 Community Development Block Grant to rehabilitate portions of the sewer collection system in northern Florala. The project engineer was Brett Darnell with DMD Engineers, Inc. and the contractors were Pensacola Concrete Construction Company and Singletary Design and Construction, Inc. The final inspection was held February 1, 2011. Notice of Completion ads ran in the Florala News on the dates of February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2011. The project included the cleaning of 9,250 linear feet of sewer mains and liner installation of 2,978 linear feet of sewer mains and the replacement of 21 manhole covers, as well as replacing and elevating a wastewater pumping station with the installation of a backup generator, and other associated improvements. A total of 731 persons benefitted from the improvements, of whom 454 (62.1%) are low and moderate income. The project consisted of seven drawdown requests. The total local match invested into the project by the City of Florala was $40,476.31 and the total CDBG funds utilized were $400,000.00 for a total project cost of $440,476.31. The project was monitored on January 25, 2011 by Mr. Johnnie Streeter and there were no findings. All closeout documents including the final Request of Payment will be submitted in March 2011. This has been a successfully implemented project with no problems and has been completed in a timely manner. Representative project photographs are attached behind this narrative.
Sewer Rehabilitation
City of Floral
CDBG Investment: $400,000

October 21, 2010: Pump Station at Beginning of Construction

October 21, 2010: Pipelining the Sewer System
City of Elba
Street Improvements Project
LR-CM-PF-08-019

Street Paving
City of Elba
CDBG Investment: $410,100
Street Resurfacing
Town of Grimes
CDBG Investment: $219,673

Town of Grimes Street Resurfacing: SM-CE-PF-08-018

Grimes Town Council and Others Viewing Project
Before Paving Work:

Town of Grimes Street Resurfacing: SM-CE-PF-08-018

After Paving:

Street Resurfacing
Town of Grimes
CDBG Investment: $219,673
Picture of house that was rehabilitated with FY 2009 CDBG monies. House is located at 132 East Campbell Avenue. Rehabilitation work commenced on 08/04/10 and was completed on 09/01/10. Total cost of rehabilitation was $16,200.00 with $14,580.00 being CDBG monies and $1,620.00 being leveraged owner match. Picture was taken on 05/31/11. Picture taken approximately 9 months after completion of rehabilitation activity and is proof that said home is being properly maintained.

Picture of house that was rehabilitated with FY 2009 CDBG monies. House is located at 301 North Merritt Street. Rehabilitation work commenced on 06/09/10 and was completed on 09/01/10. Total cost of rehabilitation was $20,480.00 with $18,432.00 being CDBG monies and $2,048.00 being leveraged owner match. Picture was taken on 05/31/11. Picture taken approximately 9 months after completion of rehabilitation activity and is proof that said home is being properly maintained.
Replacement 2007 mobile home located at 111 East Promenade Street. Demolition and clearance monies were utilize to raze the old structure and prepare the lot for the new mobile home. A single 50+ year old black female benefitted from this replacement mobile home. The existing house in which she resided was in a state of serious deterioration. The floors were rotted and bare earthen floors were evident in two (2) rooms. The roof had numerous leaks and the structural integrity of the house almost non-existent. This woman was an extremely low income person who received approximately $100.00 per month from cleaning a church. The total cost associated with the purchase and set-up of this mobile home was $37,402.00 with $18,000.00 being CDBG monies. Because of her extremely limited finances, we requested assistance from area churches to help her purchase an older (2000 model) mobile home to reduce her required match as it was readily evident that she could not be approved for any type of loan no matter how small the amount. We were subsequently contacted by an elderly white couple who insisted that she purchase a 2007 mobile home and indicated that they would pay her $19,402.00 matching share. This couple helped her select the mobile home and paid the match on her behalf. 

A PICTURE OF THE HOUSE IN WHICH THIS WOMAN WAS RESIDING FOLLOWS!
Senior Center
Town of Malvern
CDBG Investment: $250,000

Former Senior Center and Renovations Site

Renovations in Progress

Renovated Senior Center

Front of Senior Center

Senior Center Entrance

Senior Center Parking Lot
New Water Service  
Houston County  
CDBG Investment: $327,613.74

Final Budget:  
- Project Administration $25,200.00 (6.3%)  
- Project Engineering $56,150.00 (14.0%)  
- Project Construction $319,016.10 (79.7%)  
- Total $400,366.10

In 2008, the Houston County Commission was awarded a Community Development Block Grant to extend new water lines along South Rocky Creek Road, Cosby Road and Antioch Church Road in rural Houston County. The project engineer was Tim Ramsden with CDG Engineers, Inc. and the contractor was Mark Davis Construction, LLC. The final inspection was held November 10, 2010. Notice of Completion ads ran in the Dothan Eagle during the weeks of December 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2010. The project included the installation of 16,040 ft. of 6” PVC water main, 400 ft. of 6” and 8” Ductile Iron water main, 17 fire hydrants, 37 hookups, of which 30 were low to moderate income households, grassing and hay bales for erosion. A total of 167 persons benefitted from the improvements. The project consisted of 8 Request of Payments. The total local match invested into the project by the Houston County Commission was $72,752.36 and the total CDBG funds utilized were $327,613.74 for a total project cost of $400,366.10. The project was monitored on December 1, 2010 by Mr. Johnnie Streeter and there were no findings. All closeout documents including the final Request of Payment have been submitted. This has been a successfully implemented project with no problems and has been completed in a timely manner.