

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

2017 Application for Revitalization Area Strategy (RAS) Approval

1. Applicant Government:	
2. Local Government Contact Person:	6. Person filling out this form (if different than 2.):
3. Address:	7. Address
4. Email Address:	8. Email Address
5. Phone number:	9. Telephone Number

BONUS POINT CALCULATION: Include the following information to be considered for the calculation of bonus points. Please indicate the bonus points for which you are applying, and how current or future CDBG projects will coordinate with this plan.

- Threshold Requirement – Five points.** Local government must establish a local redevelopment area and plan pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-61-1 et seq. Note that the RAS boundaries must be within both the local urban redevelopment area established pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-61-1 et. seq. and one or more Census Block Groups with a poverty rate of 20% or greater. Additionally, the local government must describe the activities it will undertake to promote the substantial revitalization of the area and economic empowerment through meaningful job creation for the unemployed and low-and moderate-income residents.

- Local Redevelopment Tools – Five points.** Earned through the use of such tools as State Enterprise Zones, Opportunity Zones, Tax Allocation Districts, Community or Business Improvement Districts, Land Banks, or other geographically targeted tax or investment programs within the eligible area. Provide as proof the resolution or ordinance creating the redevelopment tools for which bonus points are sought. ***Applicants must also indicate how tools are relevant and useful to the Revitalization Area in order to receive consideration for Local Redevelopment Tools points.***

- Investment Partnerships – Up to five points.** Earned through the incorporation into the local program of certain job creation/retention, revitalization, residential improvement or social service funding programs geographically targeted to the areas of eligibility such as those available through various state and federal agencies. Private funds leveraged from various philanthropic, non-profit and/or faith-based organizations as well as private developers will be rewarded in this category. The applicant must provide documentation showing a firm, long-term commitment by investment partners.

- Collaboration – Up to five points.** Demonstration that initiatives will be created and/or undertaken within the eligible area by private for-profit and not-for-profit community stakeholders. Such stakeholders may include local collaborators such as: lending institutions, housing organizations, development organizations, community development corporations or other community groups who have taken responsibility to carry out some aspect of the Revitalization Area Strategy. Applicant must show that the collaborative stakeholder organizations have a firm commitment to the community, sound financial and administrative practices, and the ability to carry out the functions for which they are taking responsibility.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

In addition to the bonus point requirements above, check to make sure all of the following items on the checklist are included in your submission. Refer to the CDBG applicants' manuals for further information.

- Application describes the activities the local government will undertake to promote economic empowerment through meaningful job creation for unemployed and low and moderate-income residents as well as activities to promote the substantial revitalization of the area.
- Evidence of Citizens' Participation including, but not limited to, minutes or advertisements of public meetings, advisory committee lists and minutes, letters of support from participating organizations. At a minimum, the federal citizen participation standards at 24 CFR 91.115 and 24 CFR 570.486 (a) must be met.
- Is the area within a DCA approved Opportunity Zone (OZ) established within the boundaries of an Urban Redevelopment Area, adopted pursuant to Chapter 61 of Title 36 of the Georgia Code?

Note that OZs have a 15 percent poverty threshold, so being within an OZ may not meet RAS criteria.

Yes ___ or No ___

If yes with 20% threshold, skip the next two blocks.

- A copy of all of local government resolutions establishing urban redevelopment area(s), urban redevelopment plan(s) including amendments and related resolutions must be included.
- A certification from the local government's attorney that the resolutions and policies and the authorizing resolutions for the urban redevelopment plan were adopted in accordance with applicable law and applicable public hearing requirements must be included. In the case of a redevelopment plan that includes multiple local governments, the local government attorney in each jurisdiction must execute a certification.
- Assessment of the economic conditions of the proposed area to include:

- 1) Spreadsheet showing the taxable value of property for the most recent tax year available. (See attached sample spreadsheet.)
- 2) Number of business/occupational licenses issued.
- 3) Number and value of building permits issued.
- 4) Opportunities available for economic development improvement.
- 5) Problems likely to be encountered.

Map Requirements:

- Delineates the subject 20% poverty block groups
- Includes Urban Redevelopment Area boundaries
- Shows CDBG Target Area
- Includes local government (city/county) limits
- Identifies individual plats within the proposed Revitalization Area boundaries

Caption includes:

- 1) county or municipal corporation
- 2) date of map preparation
- 3) scale, stated and shown graphically
- 4) name, address, and telephone number of the revitalization strategy area administrator
- 5) name, address, and telephone number of the preparer

Certification of Chief Local Government Elected Official

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Include this form with your RAS application and mail an original and a copy of all items to:
Steed Robinson, Office of Community Development, Georgia Department of Community Affairs,
60 Executive Park South, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Questions? Call 404-679-3168

Revitalization Area Strategies
Taxable value of property--Sample spreadsheet

Tax Parcel	Parcel Street Address	Tax Value
A		
B		
C		
D		
Total tax value		#VALUE!