

Comprehensive  
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Strategy (CEDS)**

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## Year-in-Review

The 2008-2009 fiscal year was wrought with economic turmoil. Nationwide markets had tightened, foreclosures had increased in frequency, and unemployment had grown into a major issue. In the Southeast, Georgia and Florida were hit the hardest. Alabama was able to maintain modest job growth; however, in the winter of 2008 employment began to fall and Alabama began to feel the pang of the recession. The state suffered major job losses in the public sector including a major reduction in the workforce of Jefferson County.

Home values dropped significantly, and access to long-term financing became increasingly limited. In the Birmingham-Hoover region, home sales dropped an alarming 26% from 2005 to 2008; the median home price dropped 19%.

Alabama's large auto industry suffered as auto sales diminished rapidly. In the Southeastern region of the United States, the number of new vehicles registered in 2008 dropped 21.5% from the prior year.

Employment in the Southeast fell for the first time in five years in 2008; by winter unemployment was at its highest since the recession in 1991. In Alabama, unemployment was its highest since 1989 at 10.2% in July 2009, up from 5.1% in July of the prior year. Almost 13,000 jobs were lost in the month of July 2009 alone in the financial services, education, health care, and other various sectors. In the Birmingham-Hoover area unemployment was 9.9% in July 2009, up from 4.9% the prior year. Major employers like Bruno's, Fairfield Works, Honda, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, and Mercedes made significant reductions in their workforces. Additionally, the area has recently faced the failures of Colonial BancGroup and CapitalSouth Bank with untold numbers of jobs lost.

Blount County experienced an increase of 10.6% in population from the decennial census to 2008. The County holds the advantages of having ample land availability, high homeownership, and a cheap labor force. In order to pursue economic development endeavors, Blount County recently hired an executive director to head the Blount County Economic Development Alliance. The primary purpose of the Alliance will be to recruit and retain industry and business in the county.

Chilton County experienced an increase of only 5.7% in population from the decennial census to 2008. The County holds the advantages of having highly available access to Interstate 65, close proximity to automakers, and a low cost of living.

Jefferson County has, since the decennial census, suffered a 0.5% reduction in population. It has lost 4.1% of its labor force and 1.7% of its retail sales. While the county has many appealing aspects like a diverse economy, a wealth of health care, a strong financial service sector presence, a busy manufacturing sector, relatively low unemployment and foreclosure rates, and an involved university and college presence, the county has suffered through dire circumstances. In August 2009, almost one

thousand Jefferson County employees were placed on unpaid administrative leave in order to meet the immense budget cuts required as a result of the lost occupational tax and business license fees. The county closed many of its satellite offices leaving only the courthouses, and even those courthouses were operating on with a drastically reduced staff. Additionally, the county has been under the burden of a more than \$4 billion debt for sewer and general obligation bonds; a solution for repayment has yet to be identified.

A much different story can be told of Shelby County. From the decennial census in 2000 to 2008, Shelby County experienced a 27% increase in population. The county has extremely low unemployment. Median household income in the county is also high at \$67,031. The national median household income came in at \$50,740, and the State of Alabama median household income came in at a \$40,596. Shelby County has a high quality of life factor, strong school systems, and is a picture of rapid suburban growth.

Much like Shelby County, St. Clair County has experienced rapid population growth; St. Clair County grew 20% from 2000 to 2008. The county has many strong qualities: access to both Interstate 20 and Interstate 59, only one hour from Birmingham and two hours from Atlanta, low cost of living, strong economic development agency, and close proximity to Honda Manufacturing. St. Clair County had a recent big win with the location of a WKW Erbsloeh plant in Pell City Industrial Park. WKW Erbsloeh is a supplier of steel, aluminum, and plastic automobile parts. The investment would be \$30 million resulting in the creation of over 300 jobs.

Walker County experienced a slight population increase of 4.2%. There was a labor reduction of 1.4%. While the county has such advantages as access to Interstate 22, availability of coal and timberland, the county has a significantly low median household income of \$29,076 as compared to the national median of \$50,740 and the Alabama median of \$40,596.

Regionally, many opportunities have arisen in the past year. Organizations are still creating some jobs. American Apparel has proposed the creation of up to 1400 jobs with its acquisition of Wellstone Apparel; Liberty National intends on creating over 300 jobs. Commercial opportunities like the Grove in Hoover and Grand River in the Leeds/Moody area continue to grow and develop, meaning continued private investment in the region.

Additionally many transportation-based opportunities with the potential to create great economic impacts are approaching realization. With the support of the current Presidential Administration, high speed rail is now an immense priority for the nation. A planned high speed rail corridor will run throughout the Southeast connecting to corridors along the Gulf Coast and up the East Coast, the ultimate goal being to create a media for clean, energy-efficient passenger travel.

Norfolk Southern Corporation, a major rail company, plans to locate a \$112 million hub in the Birmingham-Hoover region. The primary site being considered at this point in

time is in McCalla, Jefferson County. Although the location of the hub in this area has faced much scrutiny for its proximity to residential and school sites, the hub would mean a huge investment for the region resulting in massive direct and indirect job creation. Norfolk Southern estimates the creation of up to 8,600 direct and indirect jobs and up to \$4 billion in private investment in the next ten years.

Finally, the In-Town Transit Partnership seeks to create a network of transit service options like enhanced bus services and rail transit alternatives; bus rapid transit is the basis for the system. The transit system, if created, will support Birmingham and its surrounding communities. More information can be found at <http://www.rpcgb.org>.

### **RPCGB Year-in-Review**

RPCGB had a very successful year of assisting its member governments in pursuing their economic development needs. Economic Development District (EDD) staff provided grant-writing assistance, revolving loan funds, small business assistance, and various other support functions to the region.

In order to educate its members as well as various interests throughout the region, a session on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was held on March 11, 2009. Presenters included: Dr. Samuel Addy, Director of the University of Alabama's Center for Business and Economic Research; Justice Drayton Neighbors, representing Governor Bob Riley; Mr. Andrew Benefield, Special Assistant with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs; Mr. Mark Bartlett, Division Administrator with the Federal Highway Administration; and Mr. Ray Morris and Mr. Bill Foisy of the EDD staff. Discussions were held on the stimulus programs to be offered in the coming years and the impacts that they could have on our region.

The EDD staff provided grant application support to the Innovation Depot, which has placed an application with EDA for funding to complete their tech-based incubation facility. The EDD completed an application to EDA for funding on behalf of the Fairfield Incubator for Entrepreneurs to renovate a facility for the incubation of culinary businesses in a very low-income area. Additionally, the EDD staff provided grant-writing assistance to the Town of Hayden to fund strategic planning activities through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Community Development Block Grant Program.

The EDD's revolving loan fund is thriving. Funds have been cycled through twice with a total of over \$2,000,000 having been loaned out. The committee approved two new loans from the Appalachian Regional Commission funds for \$100,000 each. One loan went to working capital for a start-up business that staffs physician's assistants and surgical assistants; the other loan went to business and facilities expansion for a seasoned textiles company. Both loans closed this past spring/summer. The EDD will apply for funds to recapitalize late this summer or early this fall.

The EDD has launched a microlending program in order to serve the small business funding needs below \$35,000. Advertising has begun for the program, and the EDD is currently working with its first loan prospect, a medical technology research and development company.

The EDD has also established a receivables lending program specifically for incubator tenants. This program provides quick, low-cost loans of up to \$20,000 to incubator tenants using their receivables as collateral. The program is modeled after a highly successful program at the Innovation Depot.

Additionally, the EDD has continued its business assistance function through efforts to locate funding sources businesses in the region. The EDD helps each business compile a package of financials and project proposals to take to commercial lenders. The EDD has been partnering with the local Small Business Administration representatives and hopes to become a service provider for some of their programs.

The following CEDS implementation measures have also occurred in 2009 in support of the CEDS goals:

- \* Education: EDD staff is currently assisting in the leadership of Governor Riley's Region 4 Workforce Development Council. This council serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor's State Office of Workforce Development. The RFP was completed in the fall and the Council has reviewed each proposal and made recommendations which the State Office of Workforce Development is currently reviewing.
- \* Environment: EDD staff is actively participating in the region's Brownfields Task Force.
- \* Infrastructure: EDD staff is currently supporting the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Heart of Alabama Rural Planning Organization in their long-range transportation planning process. The goals and implementation measures in the *On Course: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan* have been taken into account in the 2008 CEDS document strategies.
- \* Economic Development: EDD staff is working with the United States Department of Agriculture to establish a local Intermediary Relending Program. Similar to the revolving loan fund, this program would provide funds to the EDD at a low interest rate, and the EDD would then relend those funds to businesses in rural communities to stimulate economic development. Additionally, the EDD plans on pursuing status as an SBA Microlender in order to serve small business needs better. The EDD is actively supporting the Regional Chamber of Commerce's Existing Business Team geared at serving the needs of the existing business and industry in the region.
- \* Quality of Life: EDD staff is working with groups such as the Green Resource Center of Alabama, Green Building Focus, and Alabama Partners for Clean Air and CommuteSmart to promote an improved quality of life for the region.
- \* Funding and Leadership: Because the local Small Business Development Center has been closed, the EDD has taken on the responsibility of housing the Senior Core of Retire Executives (SCORE). This is a volunteer organization that

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provides one-on-one mentoring opportunities between retired executives and entrepreneurs and business owners.

- \* Land Use Planning: EDD staff continues to provide its member governments with land use planning through comprehensive plans, studies, and regulatory tools like zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations. The cost of EDD services is subsidized through the Building Communities and Community Planning Assistance Grant Programs. The EDD hopes to generate a regional plan in the next year.

## Meeting Financial Needs

The national economic crisis has impacted the Birmingham-Hoover region's communities all the way down to each and every household. In order to address local needs, various opportunities are afforded each year to communities for financial assistance. The grid below identifies some of those opportunities and the types of projects that each opportunity funds. More detailed descriptions of each opportunity follow.

Project Type	Source					
	EDA	ARC	HUD/CDBG	LWCF	EPA	FEMA
Brownfields	X	X	X		X	
Planning	X	X	X			
Emergency Response			X			X
Energy	X	X	X		X	
Incubators	X	X	X			
Industrial Parks	X	X	X			
Parks/Recreation		X	X	X		
Water/Sewer	X	X	X			

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

The Economic Development Administration of the Department of Commerce provides various opportunities for federal investment in local projects that provide economic benefit to communities that would not be able to otherwise attract private investment. Some of the investment programs are as follows:

#### Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund

EDA's Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund (GCCMIF) was established to strengthen the linkages between economic development and environmental quality. The purpose and mission of the GCCMIF is to finance projects that foster economic development by advancing the green economy in distressed communities. The GCCMIF supports projects that create jobs through, and increase private capital investment in, efforts to limit the nation's dependence on fossil fuels, enhance energy efficiency, curb greenhouse gas emissions and protect natural systems.

#### Public Works and Economic Development Program

Public Works and Economic Development investments help support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry,

support technology-led development, redevelop brownfield sites and provide eco-industrial development.

### **Economic Adjustment Assistance Program**

The Economic Adjustment Assistance Program provides a wide range of technical, planning and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. This program is designed to respond flexibly to pressing economic recovery issues and is well suited to help address challenges faced by U.S. regions and communities.

### **Research and National Technical Assistance**

The Research and National Technical Assistance Program supports research of leading, world class economic development practices, and funds information dissemination efforts.

### **Local Technical Assistance**

The Local Technical Assistance Program helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in economically distressed regions from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues.

### **Planning Program**

The Planning Program helps support planning organizations, including District Organizations and Indian Tribes, in the development, implementation, revision or replacement of comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDs), and for related short-term planning investments and State plans designed to create and retain higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the nation's most economically distressed regions.

### **University Center Economic Development Program**

The University Center Economic Development Program is a partnership between the Federal government and academia that helps to make the varied and vast resources of universities available to economic development communities.

### **Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Program**

EDA administers the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Program through a national network of eleven Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers to help manufacturing and production firms, which have lost domestic sales and employment due to increased imports of similar or competitive goods, become more competitive in the global economy.

Source: Department of Commerce

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## **APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC)**

The Appalachian Regional Commission provides funding opportunities in order to assist Appalachian communities in sustaining economic development and improving quality of life. The four primary goals of ARC are:

Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia to reach parity with the nation.

Strengthen the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy.

Develop and improve Appalachia's infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive.

Build the Appalachian Development Highway System to reduce Appalachia's isolation.

Source: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Appalachian Regional Commission

Pre-applications for ARC funding are taken in August of each year. Guidelines and supplementary documentation can be found at <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov>.

## **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (HUD/CDBG)**

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is administered at the state level for the Department of Housing and Urban Development; in Alabama, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is the administrative agency. This program provides a variety of funds for things such as infrastructure expansion and rehabilitation, housing, community-based enhancements, planning activities, incubation activities, loan programs, and various construction projects. ALL CDBG applicants must meet the low-moderate income qualification guidelines set out. Workshops for applicants are held each spring; application deadlines generally fall in early summer. Economic Development Fund applications are the exception; applications are accepted on a continuing basis. Below are the four program funds that fall under the CDBG program.

### **Competitive Fund**

Applications are categorized by Large City, Small City, and County. Factors examined for awards are need, cost efficiency, appropriateness, and impact. Typical activities include water and sewer extensions and rehabilitations, housing rehabilitation, neighborhood and downtown revitalization, and street and drainage improvements. The grant ceiling is generally \$500,000.

### **Community Enhancement Fund**

The funds are used for addressing quality of life. Typical activities include fire protection, senior citizen centers, community centers, boys and girls clubs, and recreational facilities. The grant ceiling is generally \$250,000

### **Planning Fund**

The funds are used for planning activities for growth, development, and revitalization. Typical activities are comprehensive and master plans, downtown revitalization plans, and regional strategies and plans. The grant ceiling is generally \$50,000.

### **Economic Development Fund**

The funds support projects that create or retain jobs. Commitment from businesses for such creation and/or retention is required with applications; business should provide a significant economic benefit. Typical activities include the following: business incubation (grant ceiling is typically \$250,000); float loans (grant ceiling is typically \$10 million); and general grants (grant ceiling is typically \$200,000). A match of at least twenty (20) percent is required.

Source: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

### **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF)**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund program was created in order to preserve and develop outdoor recreation resources. All political subdivisions of the state are eligible to apply (i.e. municipalities, counties, state agencies, and state authorities created by the legislature) except for educational institutions. Typical activities include land and water acquisition, outdoor recreation facility construction, and renovation of existing facilities. The program requires a fifty (50) percent match; match may be in-kind/donated services. The grant ceiling is typically \$50,000. Applications are usually due mid-to-late summer.

Source: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM**

The Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program provides funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loan funds, and job training.

### **Assessment Grants**

Funds are provided for inventory, characterization, assessment, and planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites. The grant ceiling is typically \$200,000; occasional waivers are granted for up to \$350,000 in funding. Total grant funds requested should not exceed \$400,000.

### **Revolving Loan Fund Grants**

Revolving loan funds are poised to provide funding for cleanup activities at brownfield sites. Repaid principal and interest are returned to the fund and re-lent. Loan funds are typically subject to an initial capitalization of \$1 million.

### **Cleanup Grants**

Funds are provided for the cleanup of brownfield sites. The grant ceiling is generally \$200,000 per site. Generally, a single entity may not apply for more than five (5) sites. A match of twenty (20) percent is generally required; match may be in-kind/donated services.

### **Job Training Grants**

Up to \$200,000 in programmatic funding over two years are provided to collate community groups, job training organizations, educators, labor groups, investors, lenders, developers, and other pertinent parties for environmental employment and training in areas impacted by brownfields.

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

## **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency provides various programs that fund emergency response activities; these programs are primarily geared towards assisting fire departments in enhancing their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. There are three grant types available from this program.

### **Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)**

These funds serve to meet the needs of fire departments and emergency medical service organizations through the acquisition of equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources.

### **Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)**

Funds support projects that promote safety and target high-risk populations. Typical activities are public safety education campaigns, juvenile fire setter interventions, media campaigns, and arson prevention and awareness programs.

### **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)**

Grants provide direct funds to fire departments and volunteer fire interest organizations to increase the number of trained firefighters supporting a community. Results should be increased staff and reduced response times and faster, safer, more efficient incident scenes.

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

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## How to Prepare for Grant Application Assistance

The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham offers grant application assistance to its member governments. In order to be prepared for assistance requests, member governments are asked to provide the following with their initial assistance request:

- ✓ Scope of Work for the Project
- ✓ Project Sources and Uses of Funding
- ✓ Primary Point of Contact from Member Government for Project with All Contact Information
- ✓ DUNS and CCR Numbers\*
- ✓ Tax Identification Number

Additional information may be requested upon review of the needs of the funding application(s).

Requests for assistance can be sent to [grants@rpcgb.org](mailto:grants@rpcgb.org).

\*Information on DUNS and CCR numbers can be found at <http://www.grants.gov/assets/OrgRegUserGuide.pdf>

## Projects

Below are the projects submitted as needs within the region. Those projects highlighted in yellow are the projects added in 2009.

Location	Project	Type	Cost	Description
Birmingham	Stockham Property redevelopment	brownfields		
Birmingham	Trinity Site redevelopment	brownfields		
Regional	Main Street Program	planning	\$400,000	The Main Street program offers direct, hands-on, customized assistance for small town downtowns and urban neighborhood commercial centers through participating statewide programs.
Regional	Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative	brownfields		
Homewood	Fire Station 1	emergency response	\$3,000,000	
Hoover	GPS Traffic Signal Emergency Preemption Installation	emergency response	\$1,000,000	Installation at 110 intersections and on 50 emergency vehicles in order to reduce delays during preemption
Leeds	Zeigler at 119 New Fire Station	emergency response	\$600,000	Additional station to meet ISO standards due to the increase in population
Nectar	VFD Fire Truck and Equipment	emergency response	\$1,000,000	
Hoover	Alternative Fuel Production Facility	energy	\$45,000,000	Facility for conversion of household waste and wood waste into fuel
Clay	Sanmoore Drainage	other	\$300,000	Construction of storm water drainage and control system consisting of a detention pond
Homewood	Griffen Creek	other	\$100,000	Floodway improvements and bank stabilization
Leeds	Bethel St Storm Drainage Improvements	other	\$112,000	Remove/replace storm drain

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Leeds	Friar Lane Storm Drainage Improvements	other	\$54,000	Move existing open ditch and mitigation measures
Pelham	Aaron Road Storm Drainage Improvements	other	\$1,318,000	Expansion of existing detention pond to relieve flood prone areas
Pelham	Cottage Circle Drainage Improvements	other	\$700,000	Addition of detention pond to relieve flood prone areas
Bessemer	Bessemer Business Incubation System	incubator		lending program and incubator improvements
Birmingham	The Jefferson Building	incubator	\$5,975,000	Renovation of facility to for live/work and event space
Fairfield	Fairfield Kitchen Incubator	incubator	\$2,000,000	Building renovations, machinery and equipment
Fairfield	Small Business Lending Program	incubator	\$500,000	
Jefferson	Blue Market Gallery	incubator	\$800,000	Renovation of facility to incubate artist and arts-related businesses
Pell City	JSCC Incubator	incubator	\$3,000,000	
Shelby	Small Business Incubator	incubator	\$1,000,000	
Ashville	Industrial Park	industrial park	\$6,000,000	
Clanton	Industrial Park	industrial park		development of park utilities and infrastructure
Fairfield	Industrial Park	industrial park	\$5,000,000	development of park utilities and infrastructure
Jasper	Tom Bevill Industrial Park Improvements	industrial park		
Jasper	Industrial Park	industrial park	\$2,000,000	
Jefferson	Jefferson County Industrial Park	industrial park		
Jemison	Industrial Park	industrial park		development of park utilities and infrastructure
Odenville	Odenville Industrial Park	industrial park	\$970,000	Installation of infrastructure (road, sewer, water, utilities, etc); create 300 jobs

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Oneonta	Industrial Park Utility Extensions	industrial park	\$800,000	
Oneonta	Industrial Park Improvements	industrial park	\$2,600,000	
Pell City	Industrial Park Improvements	industrial park		
Shelby	Shelby West Corporate Park Development	industrial park	\$5,000,000	
Smoke Rise	West Blount County Industrial Park	industrial park		
Springville	Industrial Park	industrial park	\$10,000,000	
Clay	City of Clay Library	other	\$250,000	Provision of books, computers, shelving, desks, chairs, and lighting; restoration of floors; construction of handicap bathroom, handicap doors and handicap ramps; and electrical rewiring, plumbing, and heating/air system
Warrior	The Regional Library at Warrior	other	\$2,000,000	Renovation of abandoned National Guard Armory for reuse as a regional library, resource center, and learning center for children, youth, and adults
Allgood	Town Hall	other		
Bessemer	Fiber Optic Network	other	\$750,000	
Birmingham	Changed Lives Christian Center	other	\$3,250,000	Facility for residential supportive housing and rehabilitation for area homeless
Chilton	Chilton County Civic Center	other		
Cleveland	Community Center	other		
Fairfield	Civic Center Expansion	other	\$2,000,000	
Fairfield	Fiber Optic Network	other		
Hoover	Municipal Fine Arts Center	other	\$55,000,000	

Location	Project	Type	Cost	Description
Jefferson	Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center	other		
Margaret	Community Center and Town Hall	other	\$1,200,000	
Oakman	Senior Center	other	\$75,000	
Oneonta	Oneonta City Complex	other		City Hall, Fire Station, Police Station, Civic Center
Regional	Economic Development Recruitment Initiative	other	\$1,000,000	Inventory of available buildings and developable properties, redevelopment of brownfield sites, quality of life report card
Regional	Regional GIS Initiative	other	\$2,500,000	GIS infrastructure mapping
Regional	Birmingham Jefferson Film Office	other		
St. Clair	iCademy Learning Center	other	\$2,000,000	
Steele	Library, Community Center, Town Hall	other	\$1,200,000	
Tarrant	Fiber Optic Network	other	\$500,000	
Allgood	Park	parks/rec		
Birmingham	Railroad Reservation Park	parks/rec	\$50,000,000	
Clay	Cosby Lake Park	parks/rec	\$400,000	Mitigation of lake degradation caused primarily by storm water runoff and erosion and park improvements
Graysville	Five Mile Creek River Walk	parks/rec		
Homewood	Shades Creek Greenway Trail Phase II	parks/rec	\$4,000,000	
Homewood	Soccer Fields and Facilities	parks/rec	\$1,620,000	
Hoover	Multi-purpose Indoor Sports Facility	parks/rec	\$30,000,000	
Hoover	Land Acquisition	parks/rec		Acquisition in wetlands, floodplains, floodways to protect Cahaba River and Shades Creek

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Hoover	Trails	parks/rec		Develop trails including canoe trails along streams and in parks as connections to destinations
Hueytown	Park Improvements	parks/rec		
Jefferson	Red Mountain Park	parks/rec	\$7,000,000	
Leeds	Memorial Park Trailhead Restrooms	parks/rec	\$161,000	Restrooms to serve park, scenic byway, and recreational facilities
Oneonta	Recreational Park Development	parks/rec		
St. Clair	St. Clair County Community and Emergency Center	parks/rec	\$70,000,000	130,000 square foot, 5200 seat facility which will be owned by the community; sports entertainment, educational, recreation, political religious, charitable, and businesses uses
Thorsby	Community Center	parks/rec	\$1,300,000	Renovation of existing facility for community enhancement programs, library, and museum with meeting facilities
Birmingham	Comprehensive Plan update and focus area plans	planning	\$500,000	
Chilton	Chilton County Land Resource Inventory	planning	\$50,000	completion of inventory and infrastructure plan
Fairfield	Main Street Program	planning	\$500,000	
Walker	Land Use Management and Development Plan - Corridor X	planning	\$525,000	
Columbiana	Sidewalk Construction	other	\$300,000	Sidewalks constructed per the master plan, phase I
Fairfield	Sidewalk improvements	other		
Homewood	Overton Park Sidewalks	other	\$42,500	
Hoover	Preserve Parkway Sidewalk	other	\$450,000	Provide connectivity between residential, commercial, and school districts

Location	Project	Type	Cost	Description
Hoover	Blue Ridge Drive Sidewalk	other	\$300,000	
Hoover	Chester Street Sidewalk	other	\$150,000	
Hoover	Columbia Drive Sidewalk	other	\$150,000	
Pelham	Highway 119 Sidewalk	other	\$100,000	Sidewalks to serve Verizon Wireless Music Center, Pelham Civic Complex, businesses, hotels, and restaurants
Pelham	Pelham Western Sidewalk Projects	other	\$6,722,967	Sidewalks to serve schools, parks, churches, businesses, healthcare, and some residences.
Ragland	Sidewalks	other	\$250,000	
Oneonta	Airport Improvements	transportation	\$600,000	
Regional	Birmingham Airport Improvements	transportation		
Shelby	Airport Improvements	transportation		
Allgood	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		
Ashville	Water/Sewer	water/sewer	\$2,000,000	
Bessemer	Industrial Water	water/sewer	\$500,000	Industrial water for interstate industrial park
Blount	Blount County Sewer	water/sewer		
Blount	Blount County Water Improvements	water/sewer		
Blountsville	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		
Brighton	Water Improvements	water/sewer	unknown	Improvements related to water pressure, drainage, sewage treatment
Brookside	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		
Clanton	Industrial Park - water/sewer	water/sewer	\$1,000,000	
Clanton	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		
Cleveland	Interconnection of water	water/sewer	\$100,000	Connectivity with Oneonta system
Columbiana	Sewer System Rehabilitation	water/sewer	\$400,000	Repair and/or replace gravity sewer lines
Graysville	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		

Location	Project	Type	Cost	Description
Hayden	Water/Sewer	water/sewer	\$1,000,000	
Hoover	Riverchase Wastewater System Inflow/Infiltration Reduction	water/sewer	\$5,000,000	Rehabilitation of gravity sanitary sewers and manholes to reduce inflow/infiltration to the wastewater treatment facility and eliminate sewage overflows that could occur
Irondale	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		
Jefferson	Birmingham Water Works Board	water/sewer		New water filtration plan and transmission main
Jemison	Sanitary Sewer Gravity/Effluent Force Main Upgrade	water/sewer	\$650,000	Sanitary sewer extension to serve LMI area and business area; effluent force main upgrade
Leeds	Russell Heights Water Line Improvements	water/sewer	\$606,000	LMI area; replace existing cast iron water lines with new ductile iron water lines and copper service lines; fire hydrants
Leeds	Markeeta Spur/River Run Rd	water/sewer	\$1,500,000	Water lines to serve 6000 acres of new residential development
Leeds	Isbell Town Area	water/sewer	\$425,000	LMI area; replace existing cast iron water lines with new ductile iron water lines
Leeds	Pine Crest Apartments	water/sewer	\$145,000	Section 8 housing; update water lines
Leeds	O'Barr Road Area	water/sewer	\$205,000	LMI area; replace existing cast iron water lines with new ductile iron water lines
Leeds	Tidwell Hill Area	water/sewer	\$70,000	LMI area; replace existing cast iron water lines with new ductile iron water lines
Locust Fork	Water/Sewer	water/sewer	\$2,000,000	
Maplesville	Water/Sewer	water/sewer	\$1,000,000	
Mulga	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		
Nectar	Water/Sewer	water/sewer	\$600,000	
Oneonta	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		
Pelham	Highway 35 12" waterline extension	water/sewer	\$1,523,000	Extension of waterline to improve water pressure and reach new residential
Pell City	Water/Sewer	water/sewer	\$25,000,000	

Location	Project	Type	Cost	Description
Regional	Regional Water and Sewer Plan	water/sewer	\$300,000	Update regional water resource assessment; long-range regional growth plan for water
Riverside	Water System Alarm	water/sewer	\$60,000	Security alarm system for two water tanks and two pumping stations
Snead	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		
St. Clair	Coosa Valley Water Supply District	water/sewer		
Trussville	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		
UAB	Underground Industrial Water Supply	water/sewer	\$6,000,000	Underground extension of the existing industrial water line
Walker	Water/Sewer at Corridor X Interchanges	water/sewer		
West Jefferson	Water/Sewer	water/sewer		

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