



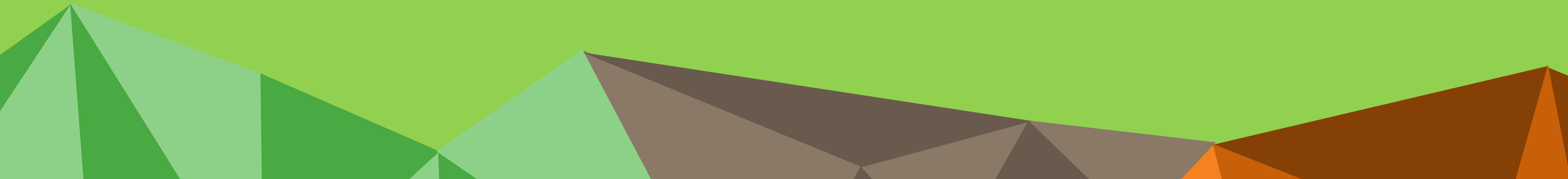
# **GA Department of Community Affairs**

## **HOPWA Program**

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- Promote affordable, accessible, available, and adequate housing for low-income PLWHA
- Promote increased housing stability and maximum independence among low-income PLWHA
- Increase housing options by targeting HOPWA resources and connection to non-HOPWA housing resources
- Ensure adequate supportive services that promote housing stability and ongoing access to care and support

# **HOPWA Program Goals**



# HOPWA Program in GA

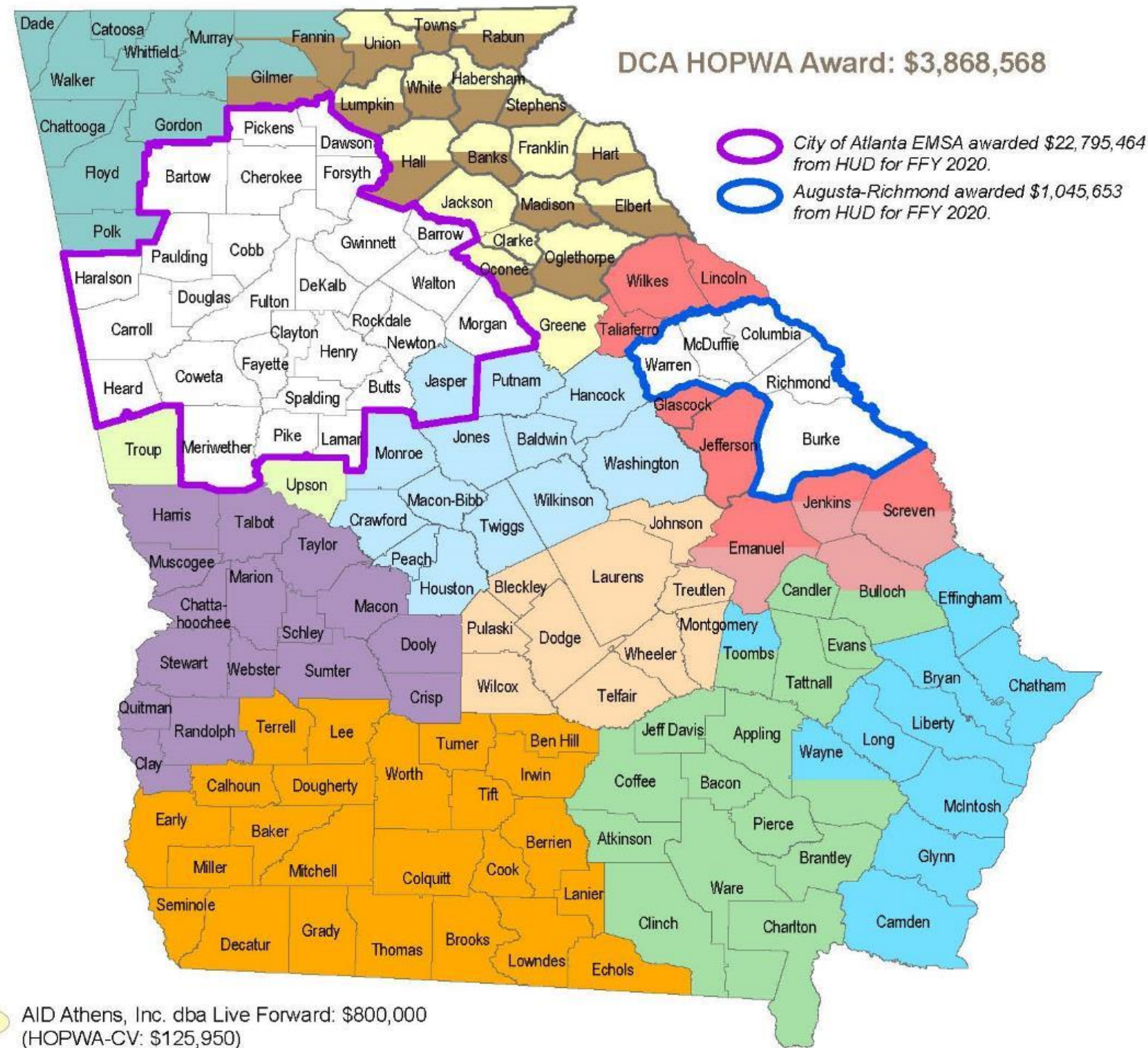
- Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) receives HOPWA funding to serve 125 counties in GA that are mainly rural area.
  - DCA has funded 12 regional HOPWA Sponsors to cover its jurisdiction.
- City of Atlanta HOPWA program receives funding to cover 29-county Metro-Atlanta area.
- City of Augusta HOPWA program receives funding to cover 5 Augusta-Richmond counties and 2 counties in South Carolina.





# HOPWA Service Areas & Awards

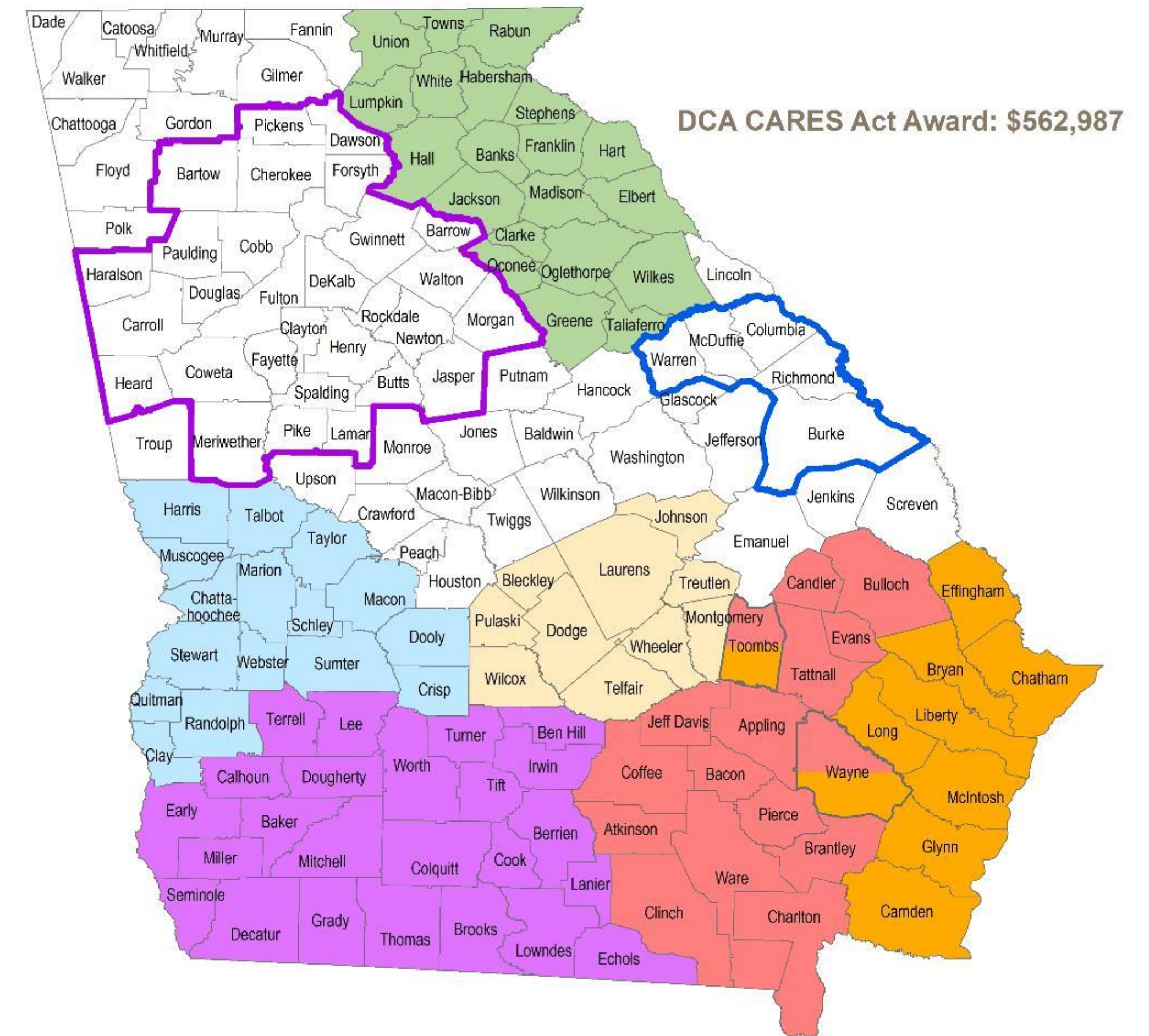
10/1/2020 to 9/30/2021



- AID Athens, Inc. dba Live Forward: \$800,000 (HOPWA-CV: \$125,950)
- AID Atlanta: \$50,000
- CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.: \$50,000
- Homeless Resource Network, Inc.: \$268,552 (HOPWA-CV: \$77,632)
- HOPE Center: \$300,000
- Laurens County Board of Health: \$245,000 (HOPWA-CV: \$33,000)
- Lowndes County Board of Health: \$303,345 (HOPWA-CV: \$70,400)
- Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.: \$121,029
- North GA Health District/Dalton 1-2: \$260,000
- Promise Land: \$22,000
- Union Mission, Inc.: \$787,585 (HOPWA CV: \$27,775)
- Ware County Board of Health (South-East Health District): \$150,000 (HOPWA-CV: \$95,832)

# HOPWA-CV 2020 Allocations Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

07/01/2020 to 9/30/2021

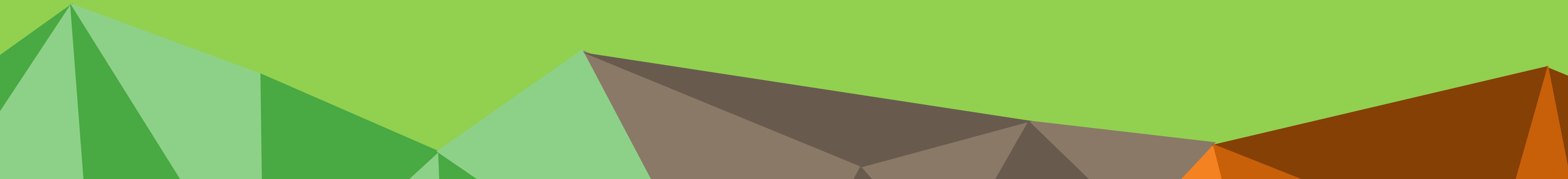


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- City of Atlanta EMSA awarded \$3,317,389 from HUD for FFY 2019.
- Augusta-Richmond awarded \$152,000 from HUD for FFY 2019.



# HOPWA Interactive Map

<https://georgia-dca.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=28e98c7dea484a45ac5f836207e020ee>



# **State of GA Rental Assistance Program**

Georgia Department of Community Affairs



# **U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance**

**The Emergency Rental Assistance program makes available \$25 billion to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**The State of Georgia received \$710,207,372 for this program. DCA is administering \$552,302,716 of those funds. There are also 12 other geographical areas in the state administering funds.**



# State of Georgia Rental Assistance Program

## Helping Renters with past due rent & utilities



### Who is Eligible?

- Households with income up to 80%Area Median Income
- Experienced financial Hardship due to COVID-19



### Documents for Tenants

- ID
- Income document on every adult member
- Past due rent or utility bills or notice
- Copy of lease
- Financial Hardship – Unemployment etc.



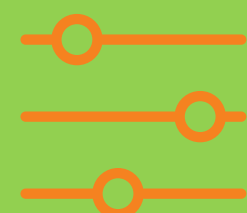
### Documents for Landlord

- Completed Landlord application
- ID
- Proof of ownership/management company
- Copy of lease
- Ledger showing tenant's payment history in 2020 and 2021
- W-9 and bank information for ACH



### Rent Assistance

- Up to 12 months including arrears and future payments



### Coverage

- City of Atlanta, Augusta-Richmond, Chatham, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry have received their own funding



### DCA Coverage

- DCA will provide assistance in the balance of state and in these counties at a later date.



# Eligibility

An “eligible household” is defined as a renter household in which at least one or more individuals meets the following criteria:

1. Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
2. Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
3. Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median.

Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to such household.

Eligible households that include an individual who has been unemployed for the 90 days prior to application for assistance and households with income at or below 50 percent of the area median are to be prioritized for assistance.

# Tenant & Landlord Requirements

## Tenants

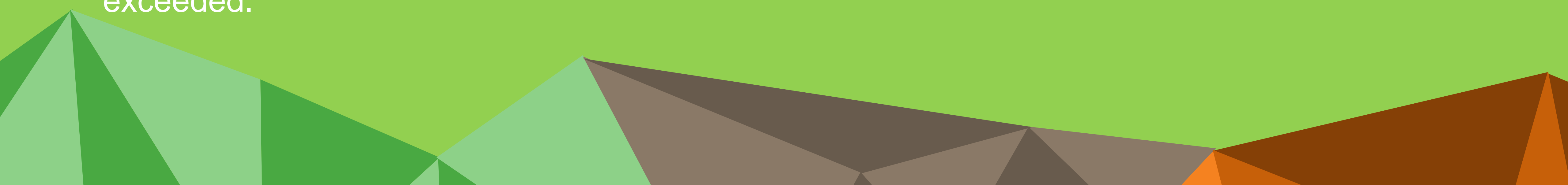
- Identification (State ID or passport)
- Income documents for every adult (age 18 and older) in the household
- Past due rent notice or utility bills, provider, and account number
- Copy of lease
- Attest to unemployment eligibility OR documents showing a reduction in income, significant costs, or financial hardship due directly or indirectly to COVID-19

## Landlords

- Identification (State ID or passport)
- Proof of ownership or Authorization/Agreement to act on behalf of owner of management company
- Statement of Delinquent Rent
- W-9 and bank information for ACH payment



# Available Assistance

- Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance, plus an additional 3 months if the grantee determines the extra months are needed to ensure housing stability and grantee funds are available.
  - The payment of existing housing-related arrears that could result in eviction of an eligible household is prioritized.
  - Assistance must be provided to reduce an eligible household's rental arrears before the household may receive assistance for future rent payments.
  - Once a household's rental arrears are reduced, grantees may only commit to providing future assistance for up to three months at a time. Households may reapply for additional assistance at the end of the three-month period if needed and the overall time limit for assistance is not exceeded.
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# **DCA's Georgia Rental Assistance (GRA) Program**

- **\$15,000 cap per household**
  - **Includes past-due utilities if applying for rental assistance.**
  - **DCA not currently serving the 12 other areas receiving funding.**
  - **Application Portal: <https://georgiarentalassistance.ga.gov/>**
  - **Application Assistance: [rentalassistance@dca.ga.gov](mailto:rentalassistance@dca.ga.gov)**
  - **Call Center: 833-827-RENT (833-827-7368)**
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# Remember!

- ✓ CDC Eviction Moratorium has been extended until **June 30, 2021**
- ✓ Contact **GeorgiaLegalAid.org** for any legal assistance

# HOPWA Program – New Initiatives

- HOPWA Preferential Housing Choice Vouchers (Section-8) through DCA.
- The referrals are accepted from DCA HOPWA Sponsors.
- Added a new HOPWA Sponsor, ViewPoint Health to assist the referred applicants to complete the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) application.



# Thanks!

Any questions?

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