



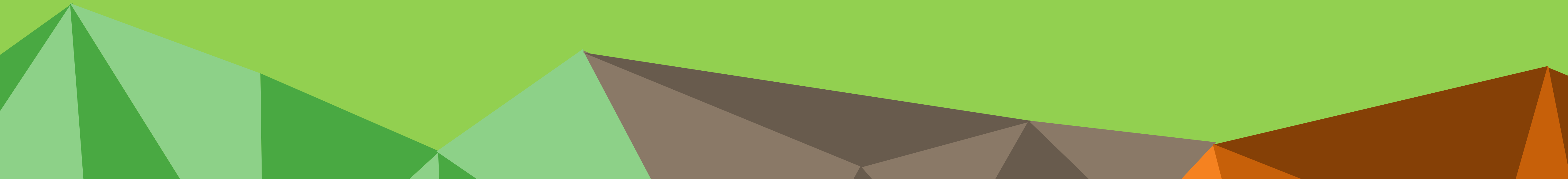
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HOPWA Program

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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



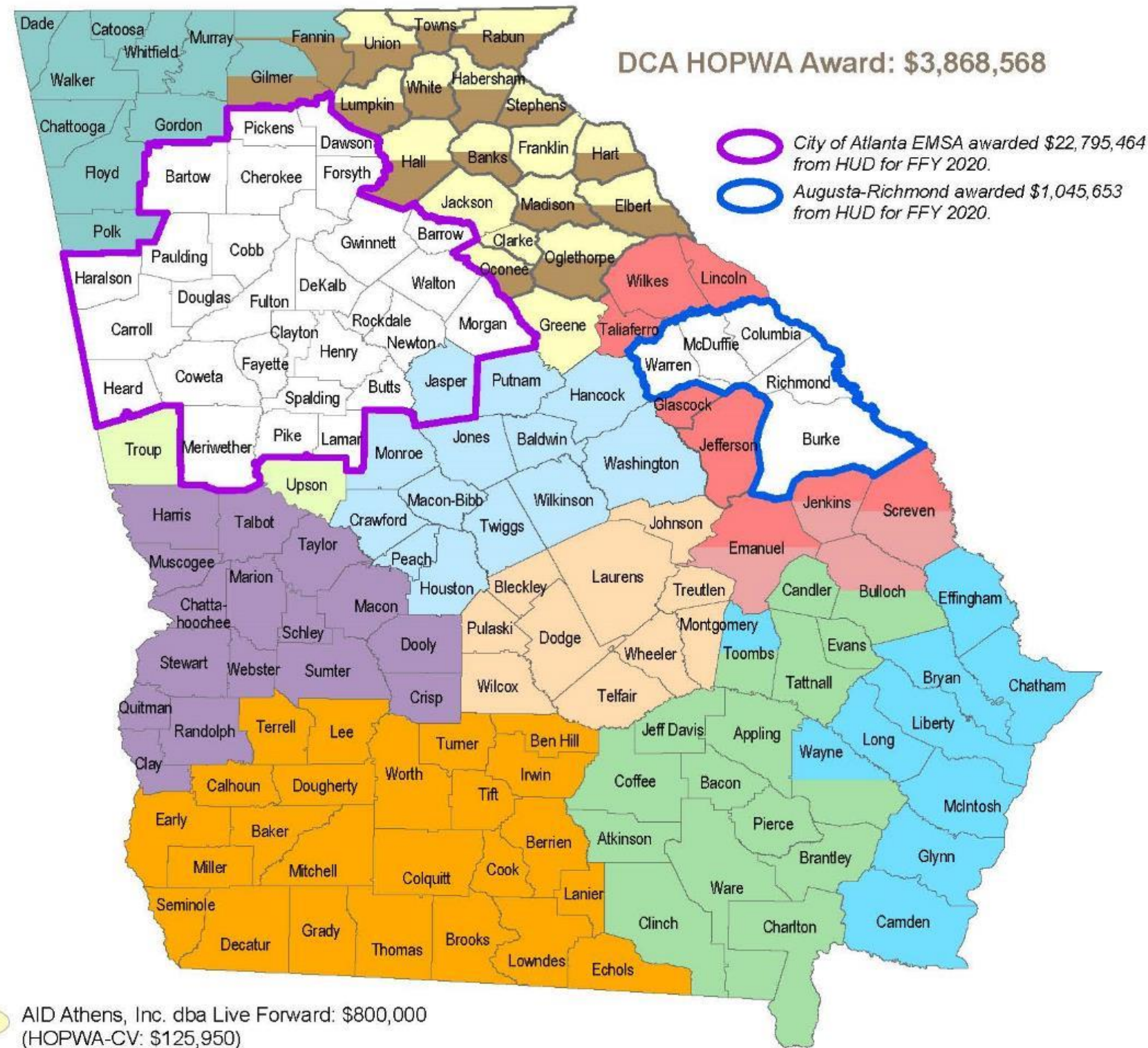
HOPWA Program in GA

- 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

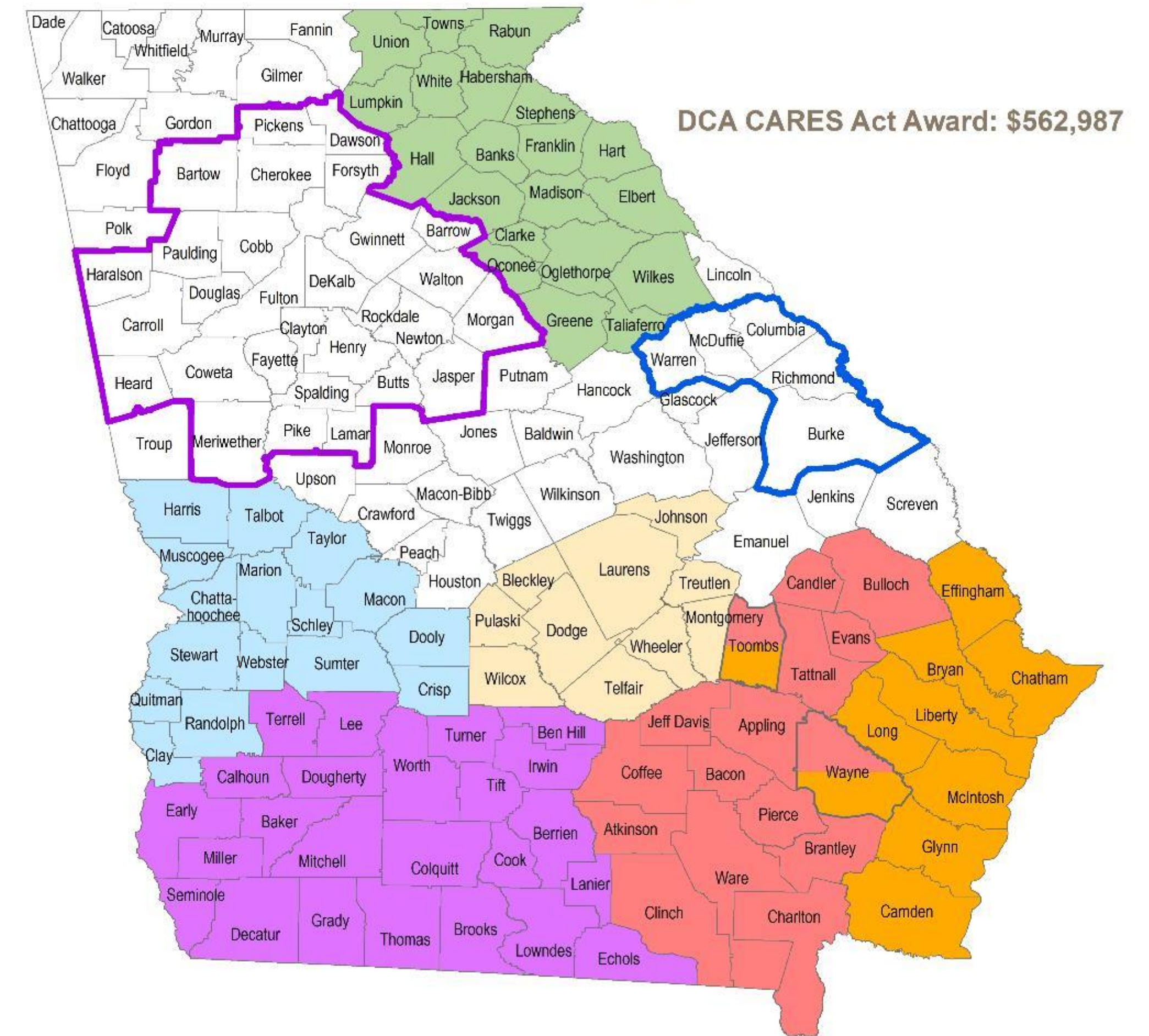
10/1/2020 to 9/30/2021



- 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

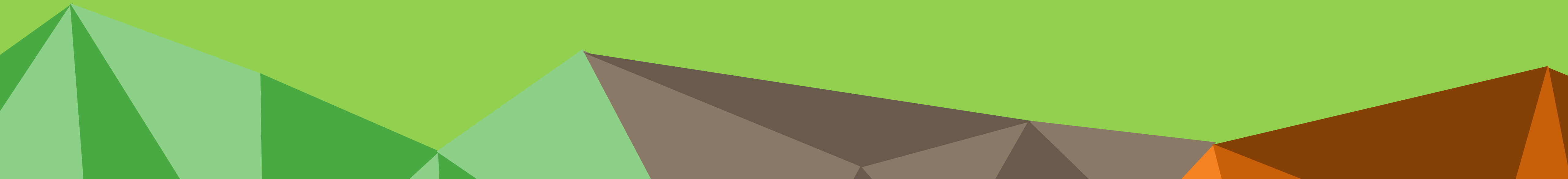
07/01/2020 to 9/30/2021



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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>



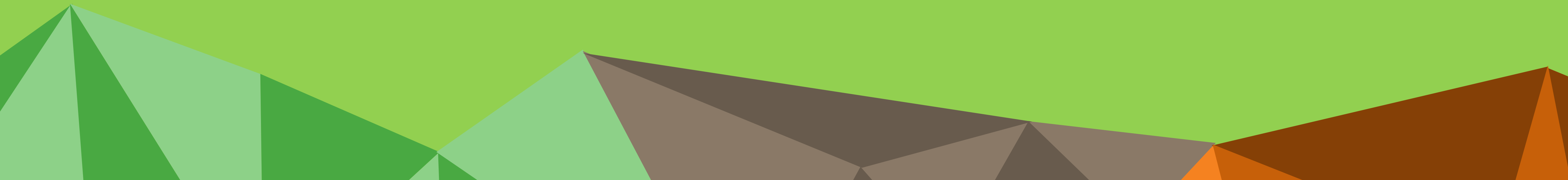
FY2021 HOPWA Awards and Allocations

- **Georgia (DCA) - \$4,343,739**
- **Atlanta (City of Atlanta) - \$22,712,066**
- **Augusta-Richmond County - \$1,041,827**

HOPWA Program Updates

- Have initiated **FY2021 HOPWA Applications** from the current HOPWA Sponsors.
- Developing relationship with **East Central Health District** to provide HOPWA services in the DCA jurisdiction counties.
- Please register for the State of Georgia Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY20 HUD-funded programs on Sep 14, 2021, 11:00 AM EDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/427552110673871630>



HOPWA Program & Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

- 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.
- As of July end, 103 Preferential vouchers to HOPWA program recipients have been issued by DCA HCV Division.

State of GA Rental Assistance Program

Georgia Department of Community Affairs



U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)

- **The Emergency Rental Assistance program is to provide relief to individuals, families, and landlords whose finances have been negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **The State of Georgia Rental Assistance Program (GRA) received \$552 million under ERA1 and an additional \$437 million under ERA2. GRA has been expanded to provide funding statewide. DCA is administering these funds.**



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 the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
3. Has a household income at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI) with priority given to households below 50% of the AMI.
4. Renter households that receive a monthly federal subsidy (e.g. Housing Choice Voucher, Project Based Section 8). Program eligibility is limited to the tenant’s portion of the rent.

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

Tenant & Landlord Requirements

Tenants

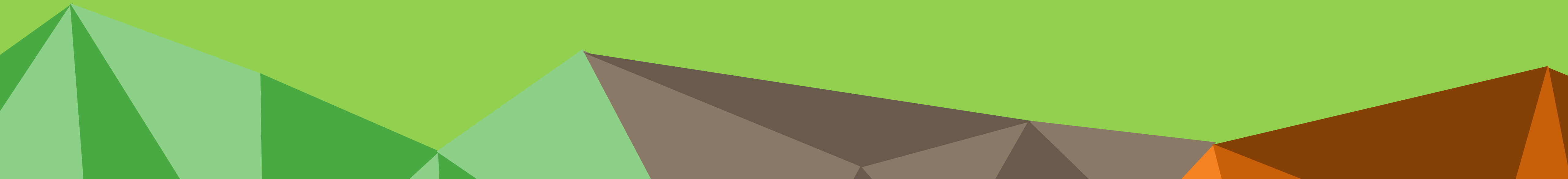
- Identification (State ID or passport)
- Income documents for every adult (age 18 and older) in the household
- Past due rent notice or utility bills, provider, and account number
- Copy of lease
- Attest to unemployment eligibility OR documents showing a reduction in income, significant costs, or financial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

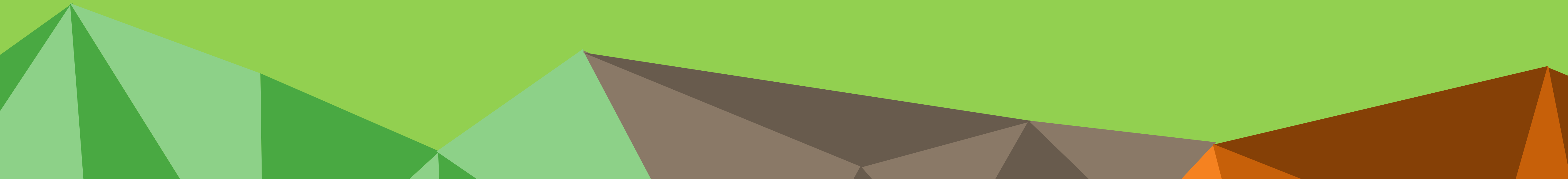
Available Assistance

- The funds will be used to bring past-due rent and utility payments current up to 18 months.
- To apply, please visit **GeorgiaRentalAssistance.ga.gov**.
- For questions regarding your application, please email **rentalassistance@dca.ga.gov**.



DCA's Georgia Rental Assistance (GRA) Program

- **Application Portal:** <https://georgiarentalassistance.ga.gov/>
- **Application Assistance:** rentalassistance@dca.ga.gov
- **Call Center:** **833-827-RENT (833-827-7368)**



Remember!

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

Thanks!

Any questions?

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