

MEMORANDUM



TO: Interested Parties
RE: Applying for the Georgia Initiative for
Community Housing (GICH) program
DATE: May 4 , 2020

Vibrant neighborhoods with safe, affordable housing are the bedrock of every thriving community. Since 2004, the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) has been helping communities across our state achieve this goal by improving quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally- driven housing and revitalization strategies. The GICH program is a collaboration between the Georgia Municipal Association, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and The University of Georgia's Housing and Demographics Research Center and Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach. We are also grateful for the financial support from Georgia Power.

Current GICH Communities

Freshmen

- Adel
- Hartwell
- Ocilla
- Rossville/LaFayette
- Statesboro

Sophomores

- Arlington
- Centerville
- Conyers
- Social Circle
- Smyrna

Juniors

- Byron
- McRae-Helena
- Norcross
- Cochran
- Troup County/Hogansville/
LaGrange/ Westpoint

Local leaders often have a clear vision, but need help getting started. GICH helps communities develop a road map to achieve their vision. The program offers a platform for developing creative solutions, brainstorming ideas and networking with housing professionals, city officials and staff, and community volunteers from across the state.

For a list of past participants visit:
<https://www.fcs.uga.edu/fhce/gich-about-us>

We are now accepting applications for participation in this three-year program. A letter of intent is due July 6th and the application will be due July 31st. Additional information can be found on our website: <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/fhce/gich-how-to-apply>. For questions email Program Director Dr. Jermaine Durham at Jermaine.Durham@uga.edu.