



2017 City of Perry Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award

The City of Perry has been awarded \$722,000 through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for neighborhood revitalization activities in Perry's Sand Hill neighborhood.

In an effort led by the Perry Housing Team, the City prepared and submitted, with the assistance of Mrs. Sherry Kurtz at Grant Specialists of Georgia, Inc., an application for funding in April 2017 that focused on improving housing on Bill, Better, Jeanne, and Edwards Streets in Perry's Sand Hill neighborhood, a target neighborhood for focused and ongoing activities overseen by the Perry Housing Team. Sand Hill is an historic mill neighborhood with approximately 183 homes just South of Downtown Perry, many of them substandard or dilapidated. This grant will work in conjunction with a number of ongoing efforts in the neighborhood geared towards bettering the homes and lives of Sand Hill residents and will further the three-year Revitalization Area Strategy developed for Sand Hill.

The City of Perry will utilize the \$722,000 in CDBG funds to rehabilitate eight (8) homes, completely reconstruct three (3) homes, and acquire and clear five (5) vacant, blighted properties in the project area. The total project cost is \$771,371 with \$49,371 in local match and leverage funds. While directly impacting the 77 people who live in the targeted homes, the entire Sand Hill neighborhood and City of Perry will ultimately realize the benefits associated with safe, quality, affordable housing in our community.

Mayor Faircloth commented on the news, "the Perry Housing Team in conjunction with city staff, Mayor and Council are very pleased that we are able to secure this grant to further improve the Sandhill neighborhood. We are very excited to help our citizens enhance their lifestyles through the rehabilitation and reconstruction of their homes and entire neighborhood. We look forward to accomplishing these improvements as quickly as possible."

Combined with the \$806,000 in CDBG and Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grants awarded in 2016 and funds contributed locally, this makes a little over \$1.6 million that is now dedicated to housing and neighborhood improvements in Sand Hill!

Official release from DCA:

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/DCANews/PressReleaseDetailnet.asp?view=1168>

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