

RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FY 2001 GRANTS

PROJECT SUMMARY

GEORGIA

Sapelo Island Cultural and Revitalization Society Inc., (SICARS) in Sapelo Island, Georgia, will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$149,100. This capacity building grant will be used to provide rural housing and economic development services for low and very low income persons in the 434 acre community of Hog Hammock located on Sapelo Island. It is the last island based in the Gullah/Geechee community in the state of Georgia. Project activities include: the development of a series of customized training workshops for non-profit and faith-based organizations and a training program for low and moderate income persons. The organization will also develop a strategic plan for innovative housing and economic development. Expected outcomes are the creation of 30 jobs, retention of 30 jobs, 410 people trained and rehabilitation of 6 housing units. Local and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$83,880. Partners for this project include: Georgia Legal Services and the Sapelo Foundation.

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Housing Development Corporation of Macon County and Taylor County in Montezuma, Georgia will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$150,000. This capacity building grant will be used to develop a community credit union which will provide low interest rate loans to low-income residents of Macon and Taylor Counties. Residents will also receive training on the value of saving and credit. Two jobs will be created. The Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority will provide \$122,718 in resources including office space and equipment.

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Southwest Georgia United Empowerment Zone, Inc., in Cordele, Georgia will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$149,400. This capacity building grant will be used to build capacity and enhance a business incubator. A Cisco Networking Academy will be established in Vienna, Georgia to serve youth and adults in Dooly County. Expected outcomes include: training of 48 networking and computer systems professionals and affordable housing development. Local and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$413,950. Partners for this project include: LEARNetwork, Communities in Schools of Georgia, Cisco Systems, Inc., and the Dooly County School System.

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The Southwest Georgia Development Corporation, in Cuthbert, Georgia will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$110,425. This capacity building grant will be used to develop affordable housing. Project activities include: establishing partnerships, generating income to establish permanent staff capacity and improving the capacity of existing providers of affordable housing. The organization expects to initiate 7 housing development projects during the period of the project. Local and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$110,474. Partners for this project include: Georgia Development Consortium, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Albany Housing Authority.

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