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## City of Tifton Awarded \$500,000 in CHIP Funds by DCA

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**TIFTON, Ga. –** Announced on Monday, the City of Tifton was awarded an additional \$500,000 in Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) Grant funds from the Georgia's Department of Community Affairs for owner-occupied rehabilitation.

CHIP Grant funds are provided through an annual allocation of HOME Investment Program funds that DCA receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Tifton's City Clerk Jessica White stated, "This grant will allow the city to continue our housing rehab efforts and offer assistance to those homeowners who need it the most."

CHIP funds are awarded to communities through a competitive and collaborative process that reviews and scores applicants who prioritize providing safe, decent, and affordable housing in Georgia's communities. Tifton was one of the 15 applicants awarded funding across the state.

Tifton was also granted \$400,000 in CHIP funds in 2023 for owner-occupied rehabilitation. Currently, one home has been completed and three are under construction.

To be eligible for the grant program, applicants must own and occupy their home, be located within the target area, and be able to meet other applicant requirements. The City of Tifton is excited to receive this funding and is looking forward to assisting homeowners with home improvements. The City anticipates funding will be available Fall 2025.

The target area map can be found <u>here</u>. The City is currently accepting applications. To learn more, please visit <u>www.tifton.net/337/Projects-Programs</u>

The official announcement from DCA can be viewed online at <a href="https://dca.georgia.gov/press-releases/2025-05-12/georgia-awards-138-million-2025-community-home-investment-program-chip">https://dca.georgia.gov/press-releases/2025-05-12/georgia-awards-138-million-2025-community-home-investment-program-chip</a>