

City of Jonesboro

CDBG Housing Projects 2019

Each year, the city of Jonesboro is awarded the Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Here's how we used those funds to benefit housing in Jonesboro this year!

This year, 9 Jonesboro Residents have become first time homeowners through the Homeownership Assistance Program, with a 10th application pending. This marks an increase in approved applications of 150% over previous years.

Since January, 19 Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program projects have been completed, with 6 more projects currently under construction and 8 more projects pending. Project scope has ranged from new roofs to new HVAC units to ADA compliant bathrooms, to plumbing and electrical fixes!



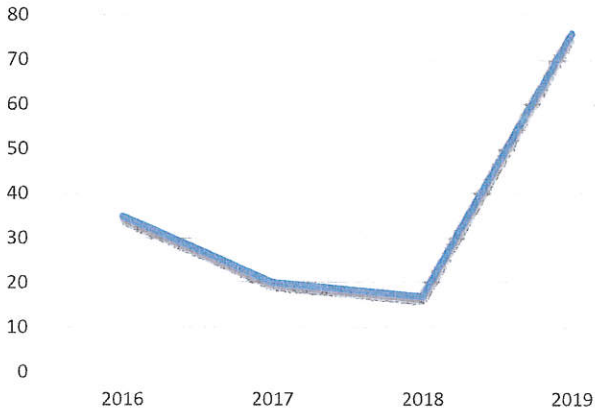
City of Jonesboro CDBG Housing Investments 2019 (Forecasted)

Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance: \$318,920

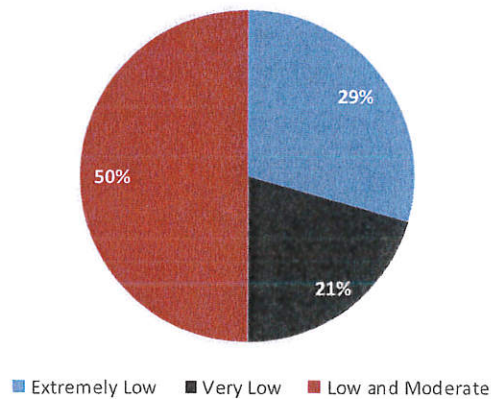
Homeownership Assistance Program: \$31,500

CDBG in Numbers

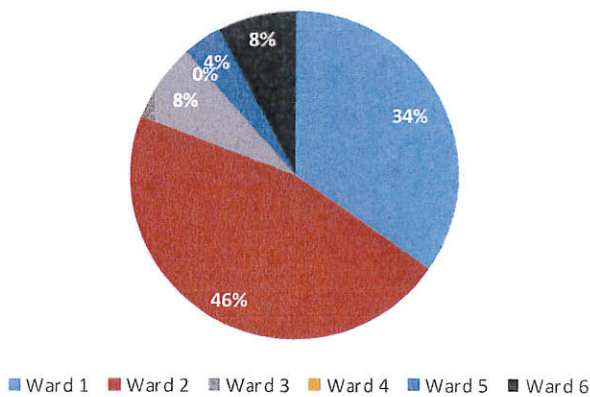
Applications Received (by Year)



Income Level of Housing Clients



Housing Project by Ward



More About our Programs

Homeownership Assistance Program:

Are you a first time homebuyer looking to purchase your first home? The City of Jonesboro is committed to helping low to moderate income individuals take the leap to permanent housing. Through our Homeownership Assistance Program, qualified individuals and families can receive up to \$3,500 in down payment and closing cost assistance, once they get approved for their mortgage.

So far this year, nine Jonesboro residents became first time homebuyers through this program, a 150% increase over the previous year. Increased outreach to community and nonprofit organizations, as well as increased correspondence with mortgage lenders as lead to this increase in applications. More applications are expected to be processed before 2020 with an end goal of assisting 12 individuals and families before the year is finished. Including family members, about 24 individuals have been served through this program—more than ever before!

Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program:

The City of Jonesboro wants every house to be a safe, clean and functional home for its residents. Through our Homeowner Rehabilitation assistance program, we offer grant assistance to help homeowners make necessary modifications to their homes. Whether that be installing new roofs or air conditioning units, or fixing plumbing and electrical issues, the program aims at increasing the quality of life for low-income residents.

Thanks to new outreach efforts, a record number of 76 applications has been received in 2019, more than the previous three years combined. This signifies greater community recognition of the program and enables the City to reach a larger number of individuals than ever before. The average cost per project is currently \$10,000.

As of the beginning of November, 19 projects have been completed in 2019, with 6 projects under construction and an additional 8 applications pending approval. The goal by the end of the year is to have 25 projects completely finished, the current pending projects under construction, and new applications at the ready to kick 2020 off with the biggest start ever.