

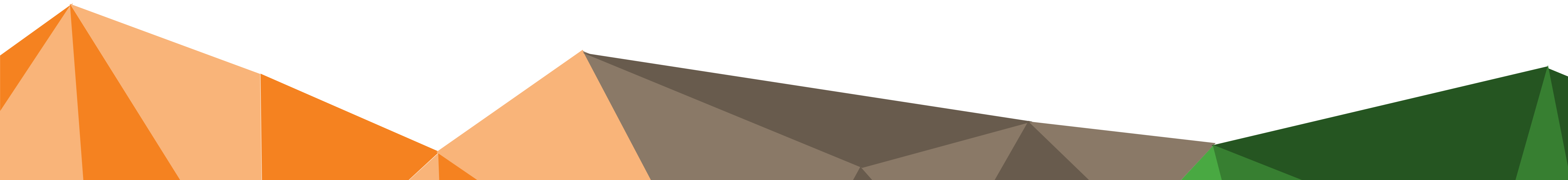


**Emergency Solutions Grant  
CARES Funding  
Georgia Department of  
Community Affairs**

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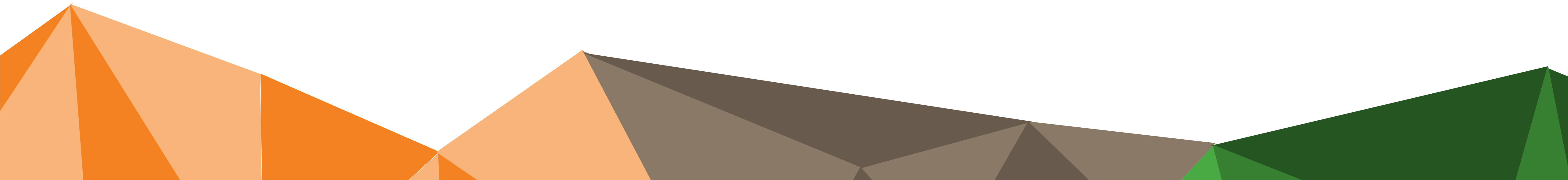
# ESG Entitlements

- There are nine ESG Entitlement areas/communities in Georgia. They are: Atlanta, Augusta-Richmond, Macon-Bibb, Savannah-Chatham, Clayton County, Cobb County, DeKalb County, Fulton County, and Gwinnett County
- The DCA Non-Entitlement covers all areas of the State not covered by one of the other ESG Entitlements (151 counties).



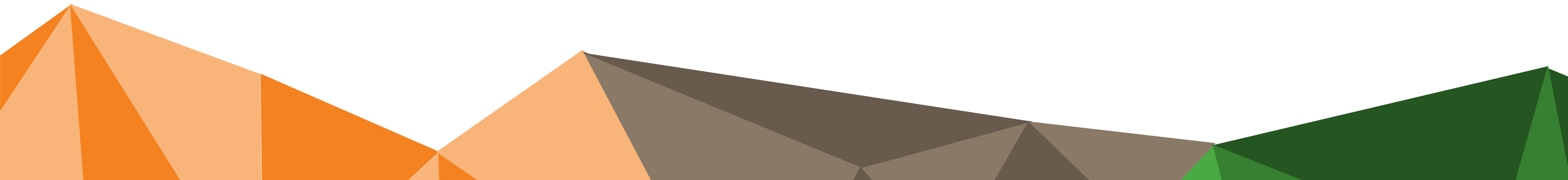
# ESG-CV Principles and Priorities

- Establishing a low-barrier, housing focused Coordinated Entry system
  - May not require program participants to receive treatment or perform any prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, housing or services.
- Target resources to those who need it most
- Planning efforts to ensure exit to permanent housing
  - Equitable and effective use of resources to re-house people, using equity-based decision making and data driven policy setting.



# Written Standards

- The State of Georgia ESG program has adopted the Georgia Balance of State Written Standards.
- The State of Georgia ESG program worked collaboratively with the Balance of State CoC in development of the BoS CoC Written Standards.
- State ESG-funded projects/sub-recipients in the Balance of State **MUST** follow these Written Standards.



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## Project Types

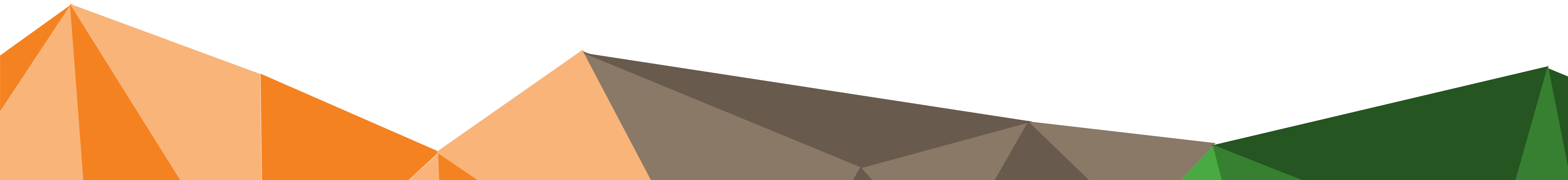
Emergency Shelter

Rapid Re-Housing

Homeless Prevention

Homeless Management Information System

Street Outreach



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Total Grant Amount: \$45,418,452

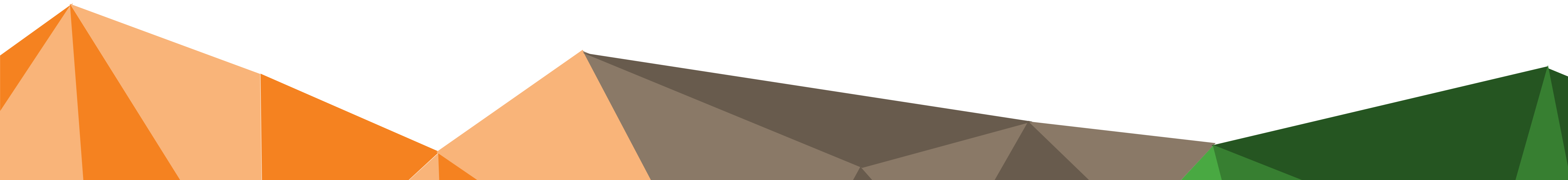
Emergency Shelter- 16%

Rapid Re-Housing- 42%

Homeless Prevention 38%

Street Outreach- 4%

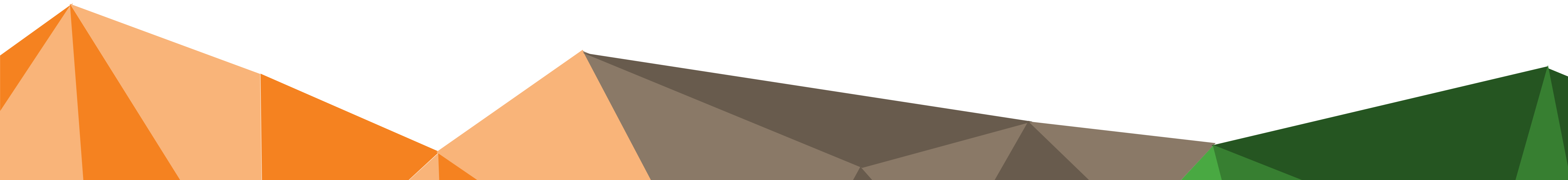
Note: Homeless Management Information System amounts are included in the above project types



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## Barriers

- Communities have received several sources of CARES funding which has resulted in slower than usual spenddown of ESG-CV funds
- Extensive Technical Assistance is required to build agency capacity
- A substantial amount of the funds were allocated to Homeless Prevention and the CDC Eviction Moratorium had prevented agencies from spending
- Georgia Rental Assistance is a source of funding being used to pay rental arrears.





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## Achievements

Grant Agreement was signed with HUD in May 2020 and contracting process started July 2020

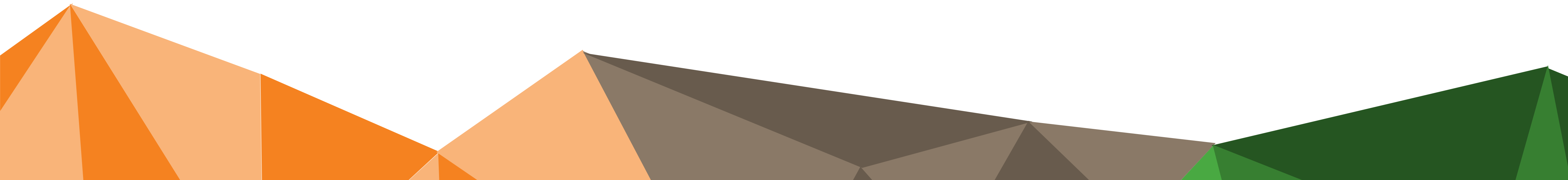
- New staff were/will be hired to administer the ESG-CV grant
  - Landlord Engagement Specialist- To connect subgrantees to landlords and property managers and bridge the gap on any hesitation these housing unit owners may have in providing second chances to ESG-CV participants.
  - Compliance Officer- To monitor and ensure the appropriate documentations are in files supporting the eligible ESG-CV activities.
  - Program Consultants- To provide ongoing support and trainings to the subgrantees and explore appropriate spend down strategies.
  - Community Liaison- To expand outreach team, make community connections and collaborate with agencies in making services known, especially in communities that are underserved.



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## Achievements Cont'd

- 35 Partner Agencies Statewide
  - Nonprofits (secular and faith-based)
  - Community Service Boards
  - Community Action Agencies
- Participants kept safe in Non-Congregate settings (hotel/motels)
- 4,316 Persons Served as of September 2021



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## Moving Forward

- Increase spenddown efforts to hit target dates
  - Collaboration with Emergency Housing Voucher
  - Supplies and equipment for Infection Control
  - Set aside funds for shelter renovation projects
- Fund other agencies in other ESG jurisdictions in the state
  - Fund Housing Authorities
  - Fund Rapid Rehousing projects that had other rental subsidies ending
  - Renew grants and include funding opportunity for regular ESG subgrantees
- Hire monitoring compliance staff and start monitoring the funded agencies

# Thanks!

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