

Warnock – FY27 Appropriations Requests Application

CDS Funding: Energy and Water Development

Part 1) Requesting Entity Information

Entity Name: Hall County, Georgia

Entity EIN: 58-6000836

County: Hall

Entity Mailing Address: 2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504

Entity Website: <https://www.hallcounty.org>

Point of Contact: Sommer Green, Grant Manager

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Is the Requesting Entity a nonprofit or public entity? Government Entity

Letter of Certification: Attached to be signed by Chairman upon board approval.

Head of the Requesting Entity Point of Contact:

Name: Zachary Propes, County Administrator

Email: zpropes@hallcounty.org

Phone: 770-535-8288

Lobbyist or Government Affiliation Contact Information: NA

Previous Federal Funding:

Option 2- Green) Applied for, have received federal funding

Previously Applied for or Received CDS or CPF funding:

Option 1- Red) Applied for, have NOT received CDS or CPF

Previous Applied for CDS or CPF Funding:

Hall County applied for FY26 CDS funding to assist with acquisition of right-of-way for Safely Connecting Communities in South Hall. This project was also submitted

to Senator Ossoff, Representative Clyde, and Representative McCormick. Unfortunately, this project was not awarded, and Hall County did not receive any CDS funding.

Part 2) Project Summary

Title: Hall County, Georgia Upper Mulberry River W/S Structure #8 Category I Reclassification Permitting

Summary: To assess Upper Mulberry River Dam W/S #08, identify corrective actions for Georgia Safe Dams compliance and Category 1 operation.

Project Ranking: 1

Have you previously submitted this CDS request to the Office of Warnock before?

Green) No, have not previously submitted

Part 3) Subcommittee Specific Information

Appropriations Subcommittee:

Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

Part 4) Project Information

Amount of Funding Sought: \$80,440

Total Funding Required for Project: \$100,550

Is the amount requested through CDS request scalable to a lower amount?

CDS funding of \$17,600, together with \$4,400 in local funds, will provide Hall County with sufficient resources to complete Task 1 (Coordination Meetings with GASDP) and Task 2 (Visual Inspection Report). The remaining tasks, Task 3 (Hydrologic & Hydraulic Analysis and Conceptual Solutions), Task 4 (Inundation Mapping Updates and Emergency Action Plan), and Task 5 (Operations and Maintenance Manual), may be completed later, based on the findings from Tasks 1 and 2.

Project Summary Expanded:

Upper Mulberry River W/S #08 in southern Hall County, Georgia, was built around 1966 with a maximum storage capacity of 1,210 acre-feet. It was previously classified as a Category II

structure, but a 2D dam break analysis completed in 2024 showed that at least five homes lie within the potential failure inundation zone, indicating a significant risk of probable loss of life. This triggered its reclassification process to Category 1 under the Georgia Safe Dams Program (GASDP).

A Category 1 designation reflects the potential for loss of life and substantial downstream damage in the event of failure and therefore requires a higher standard of inspection, documentation, and risk evaluation. To meet these requirements, Hall County seeks professional engineering services to prepare a formal Visual Inspection Report and provide Dam Safety Services supporting the Category 1 reclassification.

Licensed engineers will perform a systematic, documented assessment of the dam's structural condition, appurtenant structures, spillway capacity, and any signs of erosion, seepage, distress, or maintenance deficiencies. The resulting report will furnish Hall County and state regulators with the technical basis needed to confirm the dam's classification, prioritize remedial measures, and plan future capital improvements.

Project success will be measured by the report's compliance with GASDP technical criteria, its acceptance by regulators as sufficient for Category 1 review, and the production of a clear, actionable list of recommended maintenance, monitoring, and design-level investigations. Additional benefits include better-informed county decision makers, integration of findings into emergency planning, and enhanced competitiveness for future design and construction funding.

Including this work in a Community Project Funding/Community Development (CDS) appropriation is appropriate because local funds are inadequate to cover specialized dam safety evaluations that directly affect life safety, emergency management, and protection of downstream homes, infrastructure, and natural resources. The Visual Inspection Report is a discrete task with immediate public-safety benefits and will form the technical foundation for subsequent hydrologic and hydraulic studies, inundation mapping, emergency action planning, and operations and maintenance improvements. Federal investment at this stage enables proactive risk reduction and strengthened compliance with state dam safety standards.

How many Georgians would this project save per year if applicable, how many jobs for Georgians would this project create?

Based on the presence of at least five homes in the modeled failure zone, and accounting for nearby residents, local road users, and utility and emergency service customers, a rough estimate is between 500-1,500 Georgians would directly or indirectly benefit from the reduced risk and improved emergency planning supported by this effort.

Because this is primarily an engineering and technical service project, it will generate a small but meaningful number of short-term positions. This project is expected to support approximately 3-6 jobs during the project period.

Location of Project:

Counties: Hall County

Address of Project: 34°07'25.8"N, 83°50'35.9"W

Project Budget:

Task 1: Coordination Meetings with GASDP	\$3,150
Task 2: Visual Inspection Report	\$15,870
Task 3: Hydrologic & Hydraulic Analysis and Conceptual Solutions	\$41,325
Task 4: Inundation Mapping Updates and Emergency Action Plan	\$21,840
Task 5: Operations & Maintenance Manual	\$5,250
Inflationary Increase	\$13,115
Total	\$100,550

Additional Source of Funding

Local: SPLOST

Additional Documents: PDF

Hall County 2025 SEFA

Upper River W/S Dam Reclass Quote

2024 GADNR Letter

2025 USDA UMR08 Letter

UMRD08 Flood Map

Letters of Support:

Hall County Board Approval

Reunion Citizens Assembly

The Village at Deaton Creek

Northeast Georgia Medical Center Braselton

Members of Warnock staff interacted: None

Have you submitted this request to another Member of the Georgia Congressional Delegation?

Yes, the same project request and amount have been made to Georgia Senator Jon Ossoff