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## **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AWARDS THE 2010**

### **GATEway GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE PROJECTS**

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation recently awarded more than \$ 1,346,000.00 for the 2014 GATEway Grants to 43 local government entities around the state. Funds from the grants are used to reimburse local government when purchasing and installing plant material for landscape projects on state routes.

“This is a wonderful chance to partner with our local governments as they improve the landscape throughout Georgia,” Georgia DOT Commissioner Keith Golden said. “We want to seize every opportunity available to us to show our local governments just how committed we are to them and to this great state.”

Eighty-three applications were submitted, and the Department hopes to award additional grants to other worthy projects soon. Project proposals ranged from interstate interchange panoramas to landscape embellishment of city entrance signs. Forty-three submissions were funded in the first round of awards after review by the Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council.

The Council is comprised of twelve members, appointed by the Governor. Members include the chairperson of the Senate Transportation Committee, the chairperson of the House Transportation Committee, the GDOT Deputy Commissioner, a member of the Georgia Conservancy, a member from the Garden Clubs of Georgia, Inc., a member of the faculty of the School of Environmental Design at the University of Georgia, member from the Sierra Club, a member from the Georgia Wildlife Federation, and four members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of Georgia, Inc.

The GATEway Grant program uses revenue collected from permit fees for vegetation removal in front of outdoor advertising signs.

Any organization, local government, or state agency can apply for a grant up to \$ 50,000.00 contingent upon authorization by a local government and an agreement to perpetually maintain the project. A primary goal of the GATEway Grant program is to fund enduring enhancements to roadsides utilized by the traveling public.

The GATEway Grant web site is available at:

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/localgovernment/FundingPrograms/gateway/Pages/default.aspx> .

Project and award recipients are listed in the table below.

Local Government Entity	Award	Location	Milepost	Congress District
Boston Tourism Committee	\$27,216.00	84	20	8th
Bowman	\$40,026.00	172	5.1	9th
Brunswick	\$47,305.00	25	12.3	1st
Carroll County BOC	\$13,012.00	1	20	3rd
Carroll County BOC	\$11,380.20	1	20	3rd
Chickamauga	\$49,663.00	27	22	14th
Cumberland CID	\$50,000.00	407	18	11th
Dawson County BOC	\$46,690.00	400	43.5	9th
Demorest	\$26,030.00	365	47	9th
Dublin	\$47,882.12	31	U.S. 441	12th
Duluth	\$50,000.00	13	23.04	7th
Fulton Industrial Boulevard CID	\$47,736.00	70	27-31	5th
Gainesville	\$48,836.00	985	20	9th
Greensboro	\$46,043.80	15	U.S. 278	10th
Gwinnett Technical College	\$50,000.00	316	2.45	1st
LaGrange	\$50,000.00	109	16.7	6th
Liberty County BOC	\$39,180.00	25	18.9	1st
Lumpkin	\$ 48,200.00	400	2.5	9th
Marietta @Wylie Rd	\$45,496.50	120	13	11th
Milledgeville	\$39,390.00	243	10	10th
Newnan	\$50,000.00	34	15	3rd
Peachtree Corners	\$50,000.00	141	11.2	7th
Pine Mountain	\$30,635.00	18	1	3rd
Richmond Hill	\$50,000.00	25/144	6.7/9.9	1st
Sylvania	\$50,000.00	21	16	12th
Town Center Area CID	\$43,198.75	401	11.83	11th
Trion	\$27,650.00	1	Central Ave.	12th
Valdosta	\$19,490.00	7	24.5	8th
Waynesboro	\$50,000.00	121	13.5	12th