

# **Communities of Opportunities Quarterly Report**

## **Calhoun County: July 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010**

**NOTE:** The Calhoun County Communities of Opportunities Grant was not signed until November 12, 2009. Some work had already been started prior to November 12<sup>th</sup>, but was delayed until the grant was signed and the funds were secure. Therefore, considering the time frame in which the grant was signed, and the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, actions completed were limited at best for the first quarter. More action items will be reported in the next quarterly report. \$8,645 of In-Kind and Cash Match are shown and \$3,580.17 of grant funds have been expended (since July 1, 2009) thru March 31, 2010.

Therefore, we have shown expenditure of the initial allocation of \$3,000 and exceeding the in-kind/cash match. We respectfully request the next allocation of funds for \$1,500.

<b><i>Strategies Addressed</i></b>	<b><i>Action Item – Measures of Success</i></b>	<b><i>Action Items – Completed this quarter</i></b>	<b><i>Barriers – Addressed this quarter</i></b>	<b><i>Action items – To be addressed</i></b>	<b><i>Cost Estimate (Funds expended this quarter)</i></b>
Provide Information to the community regarding the Ferst Books Program (Literacy Awareness)	Increase the number of qualified children enrolled in Ferst Books Program by 27 children	Goal was completed! 85 children have been enrolled in the program since July 2009 – thru February 22, 2010	Action goal completed	Although the goal has been met, will continue to increase percentage of eligible children to become enrolled in the Ferst Books program  Increased awareness of program throughout the county	\$400 – Cash Match for information distribution (flyers, F/C newsletters, etc.)  \$ 3,060 (\$1,000 grant funds and \$2060 Cash match) –85 new enrollments @ \$36.00 each
Provide information on the benefits of walking for exercise (Promote Community Health)	Increase the number of youth and adults who walk for exercise from 1 out of 10 to 5 out of 10	Preliminary promotion of this project has been mentioned at several meetings with confirmed details promised by the first of March 2010	No barriers at this time	Distribution of confirmed program outline to the community  Confirm Registration sites and dates	\$500 – In-Kind donations for distribution of 20 bags that contained a pedometer, CD, water, walking log, Walk Georgia info., health information ,etc.  \$606.17 – Grant funds, 48 Water bottles @ \$4.99 each, 50 Hand Sanitizer @ \$1.40 each, 50 Health Tracker @ \$3.84 each – 40 Healthy snacks @\$1.13 each – 7 screenings @ \$8.50 each
Provide information to the community on the	Increase the number of women (between	Preliminary promotion of this project has been mentioned	No barriers at this time	Distribution of confirmed program outline to the community	\$150 – grant funds – cost of copies of information for

importance of annual health screenings (Promote Community Health)	the ages of 20 and 40) who receive annual health screenings	at several meetings with confirmed details promised by the first of March 2010		Confirm Registration sites and dates - Promotion should begin in April 2010	distribution 750 copies @ .20 cents each (front and back)
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In-Kind (Volunteer time)		Volunteer List (and time spent) Shanda Ashley – 20 hours Cathy Simpson – 9 hours Susannah Cowart – 25 hours Dianna Carter – 25 hours Alicia Varnum – 85(+) hours Toni Griffin – 15 hours	NONE	NONE	\$2,685 – In-Kind ( 179 hours multiplied by \$15 per hour)
Continue encouragement of 4-Her's to promote a plan of community health with their families and peers (Promote Community Health )	Assure Calhoun County 4-H'ers assistance in attending camp to promote their one year commitment to community health.	4-Her's are currently being polled for participation	No barriers at this time	Participant registration  Determination of action plan by the youth once registered	\$250 – grant funds for flyers and information material distributed.
Provide Housing Survey for each of the 4 cities and their residents (Economic Development )	Calhoun County will initiate a survey to each city and their residents on housing improvement and other related issues.	Preliminary promotion of this project has been mentioned at several meetings with confirmed details promised by the first of March 2010  The EDC is currently requesting city assistance in questionnaire/survey for distribution	No barriers at this time	Distribution of survey to cities  Collection of surveys and evaluation of data	
Promote Calhoun County events and attractions (Economic Dev. )	Asset and Festival promotion through printed materials, travel to meetings, etc.	500 County brochures were printed and were distributed to welcome centers, cities and counties, promoting local events and attractions  Current county promotional	No barriers at this time	Printing of another 500 brochures for the county  Distribution of new brochures  Printing of new property guide for Calhoun County	\$132 – Grant funds for postage for distribution of promotion material  \$942 – Grant Funds for printing of promotional fans to be given out at local

		project for a property guide for Calhoun County		Individual promotion of events/festivals/attractions.	events \$500 – Grant Funds for paid advertisement and event support.  \$3,000 – Cash Match Rcvd. from the Board of Commissioners to support economic development and promotion of Calhoun County
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