

Creating vibrant *communities...* **TOGETHER**

Establishing and supporting innovative programs, solutions and research aimed at building vibrant, economically prosperous, and well-managed cities and improving the quality life of municipal residents in Georgia.

Inception to Date 12/31/2023	Focus Area	Description	2023 Outcome	
35	Youth Leadership and Engagement	Training and technical assistance for city leaders to create environments where children and youth can thrive.	Provided technical support for 35 city sponsored Youth Councils and delivered 200 youth leadership development touchpoints.	
119 ↔ 11,386	Equity and Inclusion	Training and technical assistance for city officials and partner organizations to embrace differences and encourage belonging.	Provided DEI training or technical assistance to > 4,300 individuals. Designated 114 cities and 5 organizations as Cities of Civility and Organizations of Civility, respectively.	
69	Literacy Improvement Mayor's Reading Club (MRC)	Improving the literacy skills and success with early reading among children and youth in Georgia cities.	Added 29 mayors to the MRC program; published a 2nd book in the Georgia Caroline series titled "Georgia Caroline Visits Our Hometown Heroes".	
8	Municipal Workforce Development	Meeting the needs of current and future workforce.	Assisted 8 cities in completing a municipal workforce needs assessment and development strategy. Phase 2 recruitment strategy development underway for each city.	
2023 Funding Summary	<i>\$27,000</i> Donations	<i>\$140,500</i> Fundraising	<i>\$186,500</i> Grants	<i>\$125,000</i> Program Revenue

**Partners* →

Georgia Public Library Service, Georgia Family Connection Partnership, Center for Civic Engagement, Georgia Council for the Arts, Georgia Municipal Association, University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, and Georgia's 536 member cities.