

2020 Georgia County Internship Program Grant Recipient Counties

Athens-Clarke County

Videography and Photography Project: The intern will assist the public information office with the documentation and promotion of facilities, events, programs, staff, and other areas through photography and videography. The intern will also develop at least one standalone video of their own over the course of the internship for use on the government access channel and/or social media.

Augusta-Richmond County

Pretrial Diversion Program Project: The intern will assist the office of the public defender with pretrial diversion program data collection and implementation. The intern will additionally interact directly with clients, learn how to interview and assess clients, assist in the development of individualized plans, and learn about the theories of defense.

Baker County (Verizon Award County)*

Website Project: The intern will assist in the creation of a website for the county. Specific content to be developed includes history of the county, demographics, employment opportunities, departments and related personnel and contact information, calendars, board agendas and minutes, and budget documents.

Barrow County

Digital Media Project: The intern will assist the county with several digital media projects including developing an online calendar of events, newsletter template, and update social media pages.

Brooks County (Verizon Award County)*

Human Resources Projects: The intern will help draft a county-wide organization chart, compare county salaries to other counties, develop a formal recruiting and selection process, implement an employee engagement campaign, and assist with the update to the employee handbook.

Bulloch County

Digital Media Project: The intern will help create and disseminate digital media content to employees, applicants, citizens, and visitors through the design, creation and delivery of this content. The intern will further assist in the preparation and editing of video, photographs, and graphic content.

Camden County

Elections Outreach Project:

The intern will help create an outreach campaign for non-active voters, develop a voter registration event for new voters, and assist in the compilation and creation of a voter database.

Unfunded Mandates Project: The intern will research unfunded state mandates, analyze per capita funding for counties as it relates to these mandates, and provide an analysis of mandates and funding requirements for each item.

Cobb County

Housing Project: The intern will assist in the development, introduction, and education of programs designed to increase the level of home ownership, decrease the number of homelessness, and support an eviction diversion program in the county.

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County (Verizon Award County)*

County Revenue Manual Project: The intern will help develop a comprehensive reference source on how and where the county acquires funds needed to pay for services.

Animal Foster Program Project: The intern will help create a foster program to assist the county transition to a No Kill Shelter.

Dougherty County

Community Development Disaster Record Grant Project: The intern will assist with the implementation and development of the Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery Department by creating marketing strategies, developing written policies, procedures and design.

Echols County (Verizon Award County)*

Wage and Salary Comparison Study: The intern will help compile data about employee duties, qualifications needed for the job, and longevity. The intern will then provide a comparison of other counties with similar populations and offices.

Emanuel County (Verizon Award County)*

Coleman Hotel Research Project: The intern will assist in gathering historical research about the Coleman Hotel in preparation of a major renovation. Duties will include recording testimonies about citizen experiences at the hotel, photos of artifacts, descriptions of the various agencies that once used the hotel for office space, etc. The information gathered will be compiled into a comprehensive history of the Coleman Hotel to be used to build community interest in the project and public support for renovating and repurposing the space.

Fayette County

Environmental Education Project: The intern will help improve and expand the environmental management department's existing stormwater pollution prevention educational programs, resources, and outreach.

Floyd County

Community Resource Guide Project: The intern will develop a community resource guide for clients seeking services through the public defender's office.

Fulton County

Information Technology-Cybersecurity Project: The intern will work with the county's information technology (IT) staff to secure the county's domain governance model platform. Tasks include assisting in mitigating data loss and network intrusions, while protecting the county against criminal and unauthorized use of electronic data.

Glynn County

Policy Review Project: The intern will assist with the comprehensive update of police department policies.

Grady County (First-Time Grant Recipient)

Tired Creek Lake Project: The intern will help develop a plan for the control of hydrilla in the lake which will improve the overall health of the water. Duties will include surveying and mapping the impacted areas, taking water samples, and evaluating results.

Gwinnet County

Accountability Court Project: The intern will assist in the creation of a Family Treatment Court for the Gwinnett Juvenile Court by researching best practices and working with interagency teams to implement the court.

Hall County

Probate Court Manual Project: The intern will assist with the creation of a Probate Court Clerk's Manual which will explain the processes, forms, and necessary documentation for all probate filings to meet Georgia law.

Teen Summit and Resource Closet Project: (Joan Garner Health & Human Services Award)

The intern will help plan, develop, and host a Hall County Juvenile Court Teen Summit. The intern will also develop a resource closet to be used by the county's Family Treatment Court and foster care families.

Henry County (Kundell Award County)

Green Infrastructure Project: The intern will research green infrastructure requirements and create the first draft green infrastructure standard operating procedures for the county.

Lamar County

County Policy and Procedure Manual Project: The intern will design a Policy and Procedure Manual that will protect the employees, volunteers, participants and the community.

Lee County

GIS Project: The intern will assist the planning, zoning, and engineering department by updating tax parcel data, zoning, land use maps, and creating a master address file for the 911 system and county department use.

Lumpkin County

Right-of-Way Project: The intern will assist the county in identifying county roads not currently included in fixed assets, to include the right-of-way associated with those roads. Additionally, existing roads in the asset file will be researched to include right-of-way information that can be compiled and mapped into the GIS system.

Meriwether County (First-Time Grant Recipient)

GIS Project: The intern will assist the board of tax assessor's with field assessments, data collection of new construction, and mapping properties.

Monroe County (First-Time Grant Recipient)

Legal Internship: The intern will work with the assistant public defenders with client interviews, categorize written reports, collect documents and conduct criminal background checks. Throughout the internship, the intern will learn about defense theories by identifying themes within a case and matching it to an appropriate defense.

Oconee County (Kundell Award County)

Water Resources Project: The intern will work with the civil engineering department on water resource projects which will require using engineering software, collecting and preparing data, and assisting in project coordination from inception through final plan preparation.

Pierce County (First-Time Grant Recipient)

Recycling Project: The intern will perform a basic needs assessment and interest level summary for the collection and disposal of recyclable materials, catalog and research recycling options, and create and distribute a consumer survey.

Rabun County (First-Time Grant Recipient)

Human Resources Project: The intern will assist with the update of the county personnel guide and policies.

Sumter County

Urban Development Project: The intern will prepare an Urban Redevelopment Plan to guide the implementation of an urban redevelopment project proposed for a subdivision that has been identified as an area likely to experience an increased rate of physical decline.

Troup County

Special Investigator Project: The intern will work with the Investigative Unit of the Troup County Office of the Public Defender to create a flow chart of the investigative tasks on cases from inception through trial and potential post-trial.

Community Development Project: The intern will assist with the update of the comprehensive plan and in developing new internal policies as part of the county's new unified development ordinance.

Upson County (Verizon Award County)*

Ordinance Development Project: The intern will research and develop a tiny home ordinance and gateway ordinance for consideration by the planning commission.

Walker County

Legal Internship Project: The intern will work with the county attorney on the development of various legal documents including drafting county policies and complaints for blighted property. The intern will further assist in the complete county code review with Municode.

Warren County (Verizon Award County)*

Tourism Project: The intern will work with the Warren County Tourism Director to develop and update tourism products for Warren County. Projects will include updating county brochures, updating and creating new pages for the county website, researching historic places within the county, and expanding tourism section of the county website.

Wayne County (First-Time Grant Recipient)

Community Resource Guide Project: The intern will develop a community resource guide for clients seeking services through the public defender's office.

Wilkinson County (Verizon Award County)*

Records Management Project: The intern will research and present a proposal to implement a modern records management program for the county.

*All Verizon Award winners are also first time GCIP grant recipients. In total, 14 new counties are participating in the 2020 summer program.