

- ❖ As a **CDBG Entitlement Community**, the City of Valdosta has annual access to CDBG funds that can be used to assist for-profit businesses that aim to assist with economic development and job creation/retention activities.
- ❖ Lowndes County's **Tier 1 Job Tax Credit Status** grants business owners tax credits over \$1,000 for new job creation.
- ❖ Community stakeholders supported the **Young Gamechangers** development of a plan that provides suggestions to improve quality of life, but also supports economic development initiatives – **Final Recommendations for Valdosta/Lowndes County 2024**.

Policies

- ❖ Major employers should consider **hosting large-scale hiring events at various locations, dates, and times** in the county and the cities as well as hosting virtual hiring events.
- ❖ Local economic development entities should partner with local school systems to **promote entrepreneurship** as an option, potentially under CTAE standards.
- ❖ Economic development stakeholders should collaborate to **determine their vision and goals for the economic development** of Lowndes County and the Cities that include ways