

Needs

- ❖ **Expansion of broadband coverage to underserved areas**
- ❖ Transition to **full-time firefighters** in order to expand coverage
- ❖ Collaboration on best practices to increase **police coverage** in cities
- ❖ Perform **routine improvements and modernization on critical infrastructure** such as water, sewer, and natural gas
- ❖ Perform **routine improvements and modernization on critical facilities** such as police stations, fire stations, and EMS hubs
- ❖ Perform **routine improvements and modernization on essential facilities** such as city halls, community centers, and libraries
- ❖ Investment in **development of new and existing community spaces**
- ❖ Perform **routine maintenance of recreational facilities and parks**

Opportunities & Existing Resources

- ❖ Many **local internet service providers** exist that are currently laying fiber optic cable across Lowndes County due to **Georgia Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) requirements**.
- ❖ Lowndes County and the Cities collaborate to provide **police and fire services** to their respective communities.
- ❖ Lowndes County and the Cities provide **water and sewer** to residents via **in-house public works departments and/or intergovernmental agreements**.
- ❖ **South Georgia Medical Center** provides EMS services throughout the County and its Cities.
- ❖ The **Southern Georgia Regional Commission** provides planning, GIS, and technical assistance resources that support local governments in addressing community facility and service needs.