

2024 One Page Strategic Plan

VISION: Create vibrant communities throughout Georgia to help break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

MISSION: Establish and support innovative programs, solutions, and research aimed at building vibrant, economically prosperous, and well-managed

cities in Georgia.

OBJECTIVE

Develop and implement programs and initiatives that attract funding and collaboration partners to make a positive impact on Georgia cities.

GOALS

- Expand programming and initiatives in each of the four areas of focus in 2024.
 - Workforce & Economic Development
 - Youth Leadership and Engagement
 - o Equity and Inclusion
 - Literacy Improvement
- Achieve fundraising target based on GCS Fundraising Plan
- Identify and convene partners in at least one area of focus to discuss how to leverage the impact of GCS programs and initiatives.

STRATEGIES

- Engage Cities and Donors to support programming in the areas of Youth Leadership Development, Municipal Workforce Development, Equity and Inclusion, and Literacy Improvement.
- Continue to create early wins in our key focus areas. Make a positive impact and set the stage for bigger things.

3. Develop and establish a timeline to implement longer-term, sustainable, game changing programs. Create transformational programs after meaningful partnership and funding commitments are secured.

PLANS

- 1a. Update materials/messaging for key stakeholders to use with prospective cities and donors
- 1b. Continue to review priority list of programs/cities to engage
- 1c. Refine priority list of donors to engage
- 1d. Design and implement plans for outreach and education, with strong board support and involvement
- 2a. Continue E&I training, technical assistance, and community dialogue facilitation
- 2b. Develop a "first revision" of the Equity and Inclusion Commission's final report to align with the mission, goals, programs, and initiatives carried out by GMA/GCS as guided through the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Council.
- 2c. Increase the number of city sponsored Youth Advisory Councils and establish a grant program as funding becomes available.
- 2d. Add a new cohort of cities in the Jobs With Purpose Municipal Workforce Development program and establish a grant program as funding becomes available
- 2e. Implement the Literacy Improvement Strategy Cohort and expand the Mayors Reading Club program
- 2f. Update the inventory of existing programs within GCS areas of focus that could be replicated and scaled and identify those than can be monetized.
- 3a. Continue to coordinate with partners to create an "Academy" for municipal workforce pipeline beginning at grade school level
- 3b. Establish a youth leadership development initiative.
- 3c. Explore creating holistic programs to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty based on research
- 3d. Implement the Equity and Inclusion Commission's long-term recommendations as established by the Advisory Council



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4. Tell our Story. Build awareness and support of the mission of GCS among Georgia's influential public, private and non-profit leadership.	 4a. Develop a compelling brand development, marketing and engagement strategy 4b. Hold or participate in symposiums to strategically convene thought leaders to discuss GCS priority issues 4c. Continue to shine a light on our success – formally and informally 4d. Implement the GCS Ambassador Program
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