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Grants to study mall parking, tax allocation district

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Two of Gwinnett County's three community improvement districts will get small grants from the Atlanta Regional Commission to help implement proposals outlined in plans developed under the Livable Centers Initiative, the regional planning group said Thursday.

The Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District will get \$30,000 to study parking management around Gwinnett Place Mall.

The Gwinnett Village CID will get \$45,000 to study the feasibility of using a tax allocation district to bring redevelopment investment to the Jimmy Carter Boulevard corridor.

Each grant is matched by an equal amount of CID funding. The awards are part of the LCI program, which seeks to help communities improve connections between homes and businesses, improve how streets look and operate and increase access to transit.

The Gwinnett Place study that will examine how parking can support the goal of creating a mixed-use core in the area around the mall. It will look at ideas such as parking decks, pedestrian and bike connections and incentives for developers and businesses.

The Gwinnett Village study will focus on how a tax allocation district could be used to implement some of the \$70 million in transportation improvements identified in the CID's earlier LCI plan.

The awards are part of \$220,000 in grants announced by ARC on Thursday.

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