

# MARS CDC Partnership Overview

MARS Community Development Corporation (MARS CDC) is committed to strengthening communities through housing support, economic development, food access, education, outreach, and resource connection. As a community development organization with more than 20 years of service, MARS CDC works to create practical, community-centered solutions that support families, underserved neighborhoods, small businesses, farmers, producers, and local economies. Our initiatives are built around collaboration, long-term impact, and the belief that strong partnerships help create stronger communities.

MARS CDC is currently supporting key initiatives focused on housing and food system development. Through its housing initiative efforts, MARS CDC seeks to work with communities such as Millen and Jenkins County, Georgia to address housing needs, support neighborhood revitalization, expand access to safe and affordable housing, and connect residents with education and resources that promote long-term stability. This work aligns with broader housing and community development goals by supporting planning, outreach, rehabilitation, homeownership education, and partnerships that help families, seniors, and local residents remain connected to safe, stable, and thriving neighborhoods.

MARS CDC is also supporting a Food Hub initiative in New Jersey in partnership with Royal Dynastic Organics and agricultural partners. The Food Hub concept is designed to strengthen local food systems by connecting farmers, producers, distributors, institutions, community organizations, schools, food access programs, and families. Through coordinated support for food production, aggregation, storage, distribution, logistics, and market access, the Food Hub aims to improve access to fresh and healthy foods while creating economic opportunities for small farmers, socially disadvantaged producers, food entrepreneurs, and community-based businesses.

Partnership is central to the success of these initiatives. MARS CDC is seeking partners who share a commitment to housing stability, food security, economic opportunity, workforce development, community wellness, and equitable growth. Potential partners may include local governments, nonprofit organizations, housing agencies, developers, farmers, growers, food producers, distributors, schools, senior programs, food pantries, funders, businesses, faith-based organizations, and community leaders. Partners may support these efforts through planning, technical assistance, funding, outreach, training, infrastructure development, program referrals, food distribution, housing resources, employment pathways, or community engagement.

By working together, MARS CDC and its partners can help create meaningful change in the communities we serve. Whether through housing initiatives that promote stability and neighborhood revitalization or food hub efforts that improve food access and strengthen local supply chains, MARS CDC welcomes collaboration with organizations and individuals who want to be part of building healthier, stronger, and more resilient communities. We invite partners to join us in advancing initiatives that create opportunity, support families, and build long-term community prosperity.