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## **Oakwood to seek grant for 2014 paving**

Oakwood is applying for Georgia Department of Transportation money to apply toward its 2014 paving efforts.

The city in South Hall County is looking to put a thin overlay on McClure Drive, a downtown road running between Main Street and a dead end.

“We’ll probably do some crack sealing on some of our roads, to try to preserve the pavements we have,” City Manager Stan Brown told City Council.

Council voted Thursday to authorize Brown to pursue the DOT Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant, which is expected to be \$33,000.

“We have to match 30 percent on that and we’re looking at \$61,000 being the (total) cost, so we’re within that (matching) threshold,” he said.

The deadline for the application is Jan. 1.

“What we want to do is get the funds here, program the work and get it done well within the (DOT’s) fiscal year,” which ends June 30, Brown said.

This spring, Oakwood joined Flowery Branch and Lula in a joint resurfacing venture using LMIG money.

That work consisted of milling, patching, overlaying and “full depth reclamation,” a process of using asphalt already in place as part of repaving.