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COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grants

Grantor: U.S. Department of Labor

Due: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

Information: COVID-19 National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) disburse funds through the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) to provide critically needed employment to vulnerable Georgians who have lost their job as a result of COVID-19. Funds are intended to provide immediate employment opportunities to Georgians to assist with cleanup and recovery efforts due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under a public health emergency declaration such as the coronavirus, the types of disaster-relief employment allowable include:

- Workers providing environmental services, sanitation and clean-up of public areas impacted by COVID-19. Highest priorities to public facilities such as court houses, city halls, schools, county and city jails, libraries, public transportation and applicable public lands.
- Workers engaged in the logistics and distribution of essential supplies, protective items and medical supplies. Delivering medicine, food, or other supplies to older individuals and other individuals with respiratory conditions and other chronic medical disorders, with appropriate training and precautions. Coronavirus infection has been the most harmful to these populations, and there may be heavy need for such services that traditional volunteer organizations cannot support alone.
- Helping set up quarantine areas and providing assistance to quarantined individuals.
- Organizing and coordinating recovery, quarantine, or other related activities.

For more information, please visit [the program webpage](#).

Eligibility: An individual eligible to receive services through this Disaster Recovery DWG must be one of the following:

- Temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the disaster
- Dislocated workers or workers laid-off as a result of the disaster, including
 - Workers who are laid off as a result of a quarantine, because they miss work to care for a family member
 - Workers cannot come to their regular workplace in order to follow social distancing requirements
 - Workers laid off after a business closure related to disruptions caused by the outbreak and the efforts to contain it.
 - Self-employed individuals unemployed or underemployed because of the disaster
 - Long-term unemployed individuals.

Participants may be employed for a maximum of 12 months or 2,080 hours, whichever is longer.

Contact: For more information, please refer to this [webinar](#) or call: Lori Frazier Bearden | Deputy Commissioner, Economic and Workforce Development | Georgia Department of Labor | 148 Andrew Young International Blvd., N.E. Suite 600 | Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1751 | Phone: 404.232.7444 | Cell: 404.780.4948

COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding

Grantor: GENYOUth

Due: Ongoing; reviewed on a rolling basis

Information: GENYOUth is providing grants of up to \$3,000 per school to supply much-needed resources for meal distribution and delivery efforts to get food to students during COVID-19. From soft-sided coolers, bags and containers for individual servings, to protective gear for food service sanitation and safety, this equipment will help ensure our children continue to receive the nutritious meals they need. For more information or to apply, please visit [the program webpage](#).

Eligibility: Principals, School Nutrition Managers, School Nutrition Directors, and District Superintendents

Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

Grantor: Economic Development Administration

Due: Ongoing

Information: Under this NOFO, EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive-merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. If you are interested in applying for a project of national impact/scope under the CARES Act; please inquire at RNTA@eda.gov.

For more information, please visit [the program webpage](#).

Eligibility: Eligible applicants for EDA financial assistance under the Public Works and EAA programs include a(n): (i) District Organization of a designated Economic Development District; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Contact: For a full list of EDA contacts, please visit [the contact webpage](#).

Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs with CARES Act Addendum

Grantor: U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Due: Ongoing

Information: EDA has published an [Addendum](#) to this Fiscal Year 2020 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity (FY20 PWEAA NOFO). Under this announcement, EDA will make CARES Act Recovery Assistance grants under the authority of its Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is intended to be flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders. EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance investments will support a wide range of non-construction and construction activities, including Revolving Loan Funds, in regions across the country experiencing severe economic dislocations brought about by the coronavirus pandemic. Examples of projects that EDA may fund through its CARES Act Recovery Assistance include economic recovery planning and preparing technical assistance strategies to address economic dislocations caused by the coronavirus pandemic, preparing or updating resiliency plans to respond to future pandemics, implementing entrepreneurial support programs to diversify economies, and constructing public works and facilities that will support economic recovery, including the deployment of broadband for purposes including supporting telehealth and remote learning for job skills. Independently of the addendum, the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs also provide economically distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible resources to address a wide variety of economic needs. Projects funded by these programs will support work in Opportunity Zones and will support the mission of the Department by, among other things, leading to the creation and retention of jobs and increased private investment, advancing innovation, enhancing the manufacturing capacities of regions, providing workforce development opportunities, and growing ecosystems that attract foreign direct investment. Through the PWEAA NOFO, EDA solicits applications from applicants in order to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, planning, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works program and EAA programs (which includes Assistance to Coal Communities). Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities, including those negatively impacted by changes to the coal economy. There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until a new PWEAA NOFO is published, this PWEAA NOFO is cancelled, or all funds have been expended. For more information, please visit [the program webpage](#).

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); City or township governments; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; State governments; Special district governments; County governments; Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Contact: EDA staff provides technical assistance to prospective applicants to assist in application development and submission. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the EDA representative listed for Georgia:

Jonathan Corso | 401 West Peachtree Street, NW | Suite 1820 | Atlanta, GA 30308-3510 | Email: jcorso@eda.gov | Phone: 404.809.7094

Restoration & Resilience COVID Recovery Fund – NEW

Grantor: National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF)

Due: January 15, 2021

Information: Thanks to major support from Toyota Motor North America, International Paper (IP), and the Hilton Effect Foundation, the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) announces \$128,000 in grant funding to support public lands that have been impacted by increased use during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through this funding, NEEF will sponsor public lands sites in order to:

- Demonstrate the need for volunteer service to restore public lands that have been impacted by increased use during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Engage volunteers in restoration and conservation projects that address the impacts of the pandemic.
- Contribute to improvement of the sponsored public land sites through community engagement, as evidenced by volunteer participation numbers, types of projects, value of volunteer service, and conservation outputs.

Strong applications will include the following:

- Applicants can request up to \$2,500 to be spent over six (6) months.
- Applicants must clearly describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the public land site (e.g., wear and tear on trails due to increased public use, increased litter, postponed projects such as planting/invasive species removal, etc.)
- Applicants must clearly describe a project (or projects) they will implement to address the impact of the pandemic.

Eligibility: This program is open to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, state or federal government agencies, federally recognized tribes and local governments, and educational institutions.

Contact: If you have any questions, please send an email to grantsadmin@neefusa.org.

Website: <https://www.neefusa.org/grants/2021/restoration-resilience-fund>

Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loans

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Due: Ongoing

Information: The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Upon a request received from a state's or territory's Governor, the SBA will issue under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.

- Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issued by the SBA makes loans available statewide to small businesses and private, nonprofit organizations to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). This will apply to current and future disaster assistance declarations related to Coronavirus.
- The SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state or territory's Governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.
- Once a declaration is made, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to affected small businesses within the state.
- The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance and can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- The SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

Note: Additional Economic Injury Disaster Loan Funding – With the additional funding provided by the new COVID-19 relief package, SBA will resume processing EIDL Loan and Advance applications that are already in the queue on a first come, first-served basis. We will provide further information on the availability of the EIDL portal to receive new applications (including those from agricultural enterprises) as soon as possible.

Eligibility: Small business owners in all U.S. states and territories, including the entire state of Georgia, are currently eligible to apply for a low-interest loan due to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Contact: For questions, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at +1.800.659.2955 (TTY: +1.800.877.8339) or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Southern Smoke Emergency Relief Program

Grantor: Southern Smoke

Due: Ongoing

Information: This grant is *not* COVID-19 specific. Southern Smoke is a nonprofit 501c3 charitable foundation. Our Emergency Relief Program provides emergency funding to those employed by or own restaurants or bars or are employed by a restaurant or bar supplier that are faced unforeseen expenses that cannot or will not be covered by insurance. We stand with those in our community and are committed to "taking care of our own". Please fill out the application if you believe you meet the necessary criteria for Southern Smoke's Emergency Relief Fund. Please only apply if insurance is not providing you with compensation for your emergency. For more information or to apply, please visit [the application webpage](#).

Business Development Revolving Loan Fund Grants

Grantor: Appalachian Regional Commission

Due: Ongoing

Eligible Applicants: state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing). Applicants must be within the ARC region, which includes the following Georgia counties: Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Dawson, Douglas, Elbert, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Heard, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, Walker, White, and Whitfield.

Information: ARC awards grants to projects that address one or more of the five goals identified by ARC in its **2016–2020 strategic plan** and that can demonstrate measurable results. The five goals identified by ARC are Business Development and Entrepreneurship, Education and Training, Health Care, Physical Infrastructure, and Leadership Development and Civic Capacity. Business development revolving loan funds (RLFs) are pools of money used by grantees for the purpose of making loans to create and retain jobs. As loans are repaid, money is returned to the fund and made available for additional loans. ARC has long used revolving loan funds as an effective tool of economic development.

Contact: For more information or to apply, please visit [the grants webpage](#).

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Grantor: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Due: Applications are accepted year round.

Eligible Applicants: public bodies; community-based nonprofit corporations

Information: This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Contact the Rural Development Georgia Community Programs Division before attempting to complete any forms or applications for the loan or grant program. Application forms are available at [the program webpage](#).

Contact: Jack Stanek | Program Director | Rural Development Georgia Community Programs Division | Email: jack.stanek@ga.usda.gov | Phone: 706.546.2171

Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program – NEW

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Due: May 4, 2021

Information: Community Food Projects are intended to bring together stakeholders from the distinct parts of the food system and to foster understanding of national food security trends and how they might improve local food systems. Communities that are partially or fully located in Opportunity Zones are particularly encouraged to apply.

In FY 2021, the CFP intends to solicit applications and fund two types of grants: Community Food Projects (CFP) and Planning Projects (PP). The purpose of the CFP is to support the development of projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining. CFPs are designed to create community-based food projects with objectives, activities and outcomes that are in alignment with Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP) primary goals. The purpose of a Planning Project (PP) is to complete a plan toward the improvement of community food security in keeping with the primary goals of the CFPCGP. PPs are to focus on a defined community and describe in detail the activities and outcomes of the planning project.

Eligibility: Public food program service providers, tribal organizations, or private nonprofit entities are eligible to receive a CFP or PP award.

Contact: For more information, please contact Lisa Jahns, Biological Science Specialist, at lisa.jahns@usda.gov.

Website: <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/community-food-projects-competitive-grant-program-cfpcgp>

Distressed County Grants

Grantor: Appalachian Regional Commission

Due: Ongoing

Eligible Applicants: state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing). Applicants must be within the ARC region in a county classified as distressed, which includes the following Georgia counties: Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Chattooga, Douglas, Elbert, Floyd, Franklin, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Murray, Polk, Rabun, Stephens, Walker, White, and Whitfield.

Information: ARC awards grants to projects that address one or more of the five goals identified by ARC in its **2016–2020 strategic plan** and that can demonstrate measurable results. The five goals identified by ARC are Business Development and Entrepreneurship, Education and Training, Health Care, Physical Infrastructure, and Leadership Development and Civic Capacity. ARC targets special resources to the most economically distressed counties in the Region, using a measure of economic distress based on three economic indicators: three-year average unemployment rates, per capita market income, and poverty rates. Besides allocating funding to benefit distressed counties, ARC has established other policies to reduce economic distress. ARC normally limits its maximum project funding contribution to 50 percent of costs, but it can increase its funding share to as much as 80 percent in distressed counties.

Contact: For more information or to apply, please visit [the program webpage](#).

Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF)

Grantor: Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Due: Applications are accepted throughout the year.

Eligible Applicants: local development authorities in Georgia

Information: The purpose of the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DD RLF) is to assist cities, counties and development authorities in their efforts to revitalize and enhance downtown areas by providing below-market rate financing to fund capital projects in core historic downtown areas and adjacent historic neighborhoods where DD RLF will spur commercial redevelopment. Eligible applicants under this program shall be municipalities with a population of 100,000 or less, counties with a population of 100,000 or less proposing projects in a core historic commercial area, and development authorities proposing projects in a core historic commercial area in municipalities or counties with a population of 100,000 or less. The ultimate user of funds may be a private business or a public entity such as a city or development authority. Applicants must demonstrate that they have a viable downtown development project and clearly identify the proposed uses of the loan proceeds. Once approved, funds may be used for such activities as: real estate acquisition, development, redevelopment, and new construction; rehabilitation of public and private infrastructure and facilities; purchase of equipment and other assets (on a limited basis). The maximum loan is \$250,000 per project. Applications will be accepted throughout the year and as loan funds are available to the Department.

Contact: For more information or to apply, please email Cherie Bennett at cherie.bennett@dca.ga.gov and visit [the program webpage](#).

Economic Development Research and National Technical Assistance

Grantor: U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Due: Ongoing until funding is depleted

Information: EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive merit basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. Under this NOFO, EDA solicits applications from applicants in order to provide investments that support research and technical assistance projects under EDA's Research & Evaluation (R&E) and National Technical Assistance (NTA) programs.

R&E investments may be awarded to:

- Research and evaluate topics or issues to improve the understanding of economic development principles, strategies, and concepts
- Improve understanding of the causes of economic distress and distressed communities and potential remedies thereof
- Evaluate success of economic development programs, policies and strategies for improving economic outcomes
- Develop innovative tools, measures and widely applicable data sets for studying economic development outcomes, principles and policies
- Perform other activities determined by EDA to be appropriate under the R&E program.

NTA investments may be awarded to:

- Determine the causes of excessive unemployment, underemployment, low per capita income, outmigration, or other economic distress-related problems throughout the nation
- Formulate and implement economic development tools, models, and innovative techniques that will alleviate or prevent conditions of economic distress
- Formulate and implement economic development programs to increase regional and national capacity
- Evaluate the effectiveness and economic impact of programs, projects, and techniques to alleviate economic distress and promote economic development
- Disseminate information about effective programs, projects, and techniques that alleviate conditions of economic distress and promote economic development
- Assess, market, and establish business clusters and associations
- Perform other activities determined by EDA to be appropriate under the NTA program.

For more information, please view [the one pager about the program](#).

Eligibility: Eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA investment assistance under this NOFO include a(n):

- District Organization
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State
- A private individual
- For-profit organization.

There are no submission deadlines under this NOFO. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the termination of this NOFO or publication of a superseding RNTA NOFO.

Contact: For additional questions, please send an email to the RNTA Program at rnta@eda.gov.

Economic Development Research Program (EDRP)

Grantor: Center for Economic Development Research, Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovation Institute

Due: Ongoing (recently released a new call for applications)

Information: The Center for Economic Development Research at Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovation Institute will be funding a new round of Economic Development Research Program (EDRP) projects and is looking for communities to submit their applications for research. The mission of EDRP is to assist local communities by providing affordable economic development and policy research to enhance their competitive positions. The types of research include strategic planning and visioning, economic forecasting, fiscal and economic impact analysis, community assessments, downtown development planning, and workforce analysis and planning to name a few. If your community has a need for economic development research, is willing to become actively involved in the project during the study phase and follow-up implementation, and is willing to provide some level of cost match, Georgia Tech and EDA want to partner with you to conduct the research. There are limited funds available and projects will be chosen based on local commitment, likelihood of implementation, level of cost match, and obviously a match with the capabilities of the research team at Georgia Tech. We look forward to getting your applications and partnering with you to meet your community's research needs.

Eligibility: Any local government in the southeastern United States

Contact: Visit [the program webpage](#) for more details, or contact Candice McKie at cmckie@gatech.edu or 404.385.2053.

EDGE Fund

Grantor: OneGeorgia Authority and Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Due: Applications must arrive at DCA by 4:00 PM on the 2nd Friday of January, April, July and October of each year

Information: The purpose of the EDGE Fund is to provide financial assistance to eligible applicants that are being considered as a relocation or expansion site and are competing with another state for location of a project; and, where the EDGE Fund is used when the health, welfare, safety and economic security of the citizens of the state are promoted through the development and/or retention of employment opportunities.

For more information or to apply, please visit [the program webpage](#).

Eligibility: A local development authority must be the applicant for an EDGE application and the application must be supported by a recommendation letter from a state agency, typically the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

Contact: Anna Hensley at anna.hensley@dca.ga.gov

Equity Fund

Grantor: OneGeorgia Authority and Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Due: Applications must arrive at DCA by 4:00 PM on the 2nd Friday of January, April, July and October of each year

Eligible Applicants: Eligible recipients of grant and loan funds include general-purpose local governments (municipalities and counties), local government authorities and joint or multi-county development authorities in rural counties suffering from high poverty rates. Sub-recipients may be a for-profit entity or non-profit. Financial underwriting of a sub-recipient company is required. All applicants are urged to consider using Equity Fund monies only when other funding is not available or not sufficient to address project needs. OneGeorgia Equity should be viewed as funding of last resort when no other public or private funding is available. View the eligibility map [here](#).

Information: The purpose of the Equity Fund is to provide a program of financial assistance that includes grants, loans and any other forms of assistance authorized by (O.C.G.A.50-34-1 et seq.) to finance activities that will assist applicants in promoting the health, welfare, safety, and economic security of the citizens of the state through the development and retention of employment opportunities in areas of greater need as defined by the Georgia Business Expansion and Support Act of 1994, as amended (O.C.G.A.48-7-40).

For more information, please visit [the program webpage](#).

How to Apply: Apply via the DCA with forms found at [the program webpage](#).

Contact: Anna Hensley | Email: anna.hensley@dca.ga.gov

Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

Grantor: U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Due: Ongoing until funds are expended

Information: The Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs provide economically distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible resources to address a wide variety of economic needs. Projects funded by these programs will support work in Opportunity Zones and will support the mission of the Department by, among other things, leading to the creation and retention of jobs and increased private investment, advancing innovation, enhancing the manufacturing capacities of regions, providing workforce development opportunities, and growing ecosystems that attract foreign direct investment. For more information, please visit [the program webpage](#).

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); City or township governments; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; State governments; Special district governments; County governments; Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status other than institutions of higher education

Contact: EDA staff provides technical assistance to prospective applicants to assist in application development and submission. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the EDA representative listed for Georgia: Jonathan Corso | 401 West Peachtree Street, NW | Suite 1820 | Atlanta, GA 30308-3510 | Email: jcorso@eda.gov | Phone: 404.809.7094

Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA)

Grantor: Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Due: Ongoing

Eligible Applicants: local development authorities in Georgia

Information: REBA is an incentive program that is used to help "close the deal" when companies are considering Georgia and another state or country for their location or expansion. REBA funds may be used to finance various fixed-asset needs of a company including infrastructure, real estate acquisition, construction, or machinery and equipment. A local development authority must be the applicant for a REBA application and the application must be supported by a recommendation letter from a state agency, typically the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

Contact: Please email Sherron Alexander Jackson at sherron.alexanderjackson@dca.ga.gov and visit [the program webpage](#).

Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process (RSVP)

Grantor: Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia

Due: Ongoing

Information: The Downtown Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process assists downtowns through the creation of a community-supported vision, plan, and implementation program. The RSVP is both a downtown master planning process and a downtown planning document that illustrates the community's vision for the future and provides the steps to get there. Driven by a robust public input process that seeks the participation of all community members, RSVPs help local governments and community partners prioritize top downtown issues and work to establish a consensus around what must be achieved in the short and long-term. For more information, please visit [the program webpage](#).

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are cities in the State of Georgia with downtowns.

Contact: Danny Bivins | Email: dbivins@uga.edu | Phone: 706.583.0856

State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

Grantor: Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Due: Ongoing

Eligible Applicants: local development authorities in Georgia

Information: The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (the "Act") became law in the fall of 2010. The Act created the State Small Business Credit Initiative, funded with \$1.5 billion to strengthen state lending programs that support small businesses and manufacturers. Of the total amount funded, Georgia was allocated \$48,024,748.

The State of Georgia application to the U.S. Treasury was approved and the allocation agreement executed in December 2011. GHFA EDFI/Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is the administrator of the program. Per the agreement, the oversight with the U.S. Treasury expired on March 31, 2017.

Currently, Georgia's SSBCI offers two programs.

1. GA LPP (Georgia Loan Participation Program) is a program where the State purchases a participation of up to 25% of an approved loan, for loans ranging from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000. (Maximum participation amount depending on program liquidity) Current Maximum participation is \$250,000.
2. Georgia SBCG (Small Business Credit Guaranty) is a 50% loan guaranty program with a current maximum loan amount of \$400,000 with a \$200,000 guarantee.

Contact: For more information or to apply, please email ssbci.manager@dca.ga.gov and visit [the program webpage](#).

USDA Rural Business Development Grants

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Due: Ongoing

Information: This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue. Rural public entities may apply for this program, including, but not limited to towns, communities, state agencies, authorities, nonprofit corporations, institutions of higher education, federally-recognized tribes, and rural cooperatives (if organized as a private nonprofit corporation). Rural Business Development Grant money must be used for projects that benefit rural areas or towns outside the urbanized periphery of any city with a population of 50,000 or more. Check **eligible areas**. There is no maximum grant amount; however, smaller requests are given higher priority. There is no cost sharing requirement. Opportunity grants are limited to up to 10 percent of the total Rural Business Development Grant annual funding. For more information, please visit **the program webpage**.

2021 Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)

Grantor: Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA)

Due: February 26, 2021

Information: The 2021 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) and Drinking Water SRF call for projects is now open. Pre-applications will be accepted until February 26, 2021. The SRFs provide low-interest financing for water and wastewater projects. Pre-applications for eligible projects will be evaluated for inclusion in the 2021 Clean Water SRF or Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plan. For more information, please visit [the call for projects page](#).

Eligibility:

- Only those counties and municipalities certified as Qualified Local Governments by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the water and sewer authorities within those certified governments may receive funding.
- Only applicants within counties that have current DCA-certified Service Delivery Agreements (HB 489) may receive funding and the proposed project must be consistent with the verified strategy.
- Applicants must be in compliance with state audit requirements. Compliance questions can be answered [here](#).
- Applicants within the Metro North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) must be certified by the director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) as complying or making a good faith effort to comply with all MNGWPD plans and/or enforcement measures.
- Project must conform to applicant's regional water plan or Water Development and Conservation Plan, once adopted.
- All applicants must adopt and enforce the state minimum standard plumbing code provisions outlined in O.C.G.A. Section 8-2-3 to be eligible to receive funding.

Contact: Please call 404.584.1000 or email waterresources@gefa.ga.gov for details.

Georgia Innovative Highway Safety Grant Programs – NEW

Grantor: Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Due: February 26, 2021

Information: The Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety has made grant funds available to promote the development and implementation of innovative programs to address highway safety problems relating to alcohol/impaired driving, pedestrian and bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, occupant protection and traffic records. Proposed programs must be data-driven, based on proven countermeasures, and must address one or more of the following issues:

- Underage Drinking Prevention Programs
- Young Adult Drinking and Driving Program
- Traffic Records
- High Visibility Law Enforcement Programs
- Minority Outreach Highway Safety Programs
- Occupant Protection Programs
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Programs
- Older Drivers and Passengers Outreach
- Motorcycle Safety Education Program
- Administrative Judges Programs

Eligibility: Potential grantees/partners within the State of Georgia include, but are not limited to:

- local law enforcement agencies
- county health departments
- high schools (private and public)
- colleges and universities (private and public)
- citizen groups
- civic organizations
- churches and faith-based communities
- county councils
- mayors
- EMS
- county agencies
- not-for-profit organizations (i.e. Safe Kids of Georgia, MADD, etc.)

Contact: Governor's Office of Highway Safety | Attn: Mr. Jimmy Sumner | 7 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 643 | Atlanta, GA 30334 | Phone: 404.656.6996 | Email: Jimmy.sumner@gohs.ga.gov

Website: <https://www.gahighwaysafety.org/grants/>

EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program

Grantor: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Due: Ongoing

Information: EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program helps communities, states, tribes and others understand risks associated with contaminated or potentially contaminated properties, called brownfields, and learn how to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse them. EPA funds three organizations—Kansas State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Center for Creative Land Recycling—to serve as independent sources of technical assistance. Each of these TABs has an extensive network of partners, contractors and other contacts that provides services across the country. They help communities tackle a variety of challenges related to identifying, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields. The technical assistance comes at no cost to communities.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

Eligibility: state, local and tribal governments

Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program – NEW

Grantor: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

Due: January 28, 2021

Information: The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support.

Projects include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Ecological improvements may include one or more of the following: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation, community tree canopy enhancement, water quality monitoring and green infrastructure best management practices for managing run-off.

Projects should increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach and implementation. This program expects that applicants will represent a mixture of urban and rural communities. NFWF may use a mix of public and private funding sources to support any grant made through this program.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes and educational institutions.

Contact: For more information or questions about this RFP, please contact: Chloe Hundelt | Coordinator, Community Stewardship | Phone: 202.595.2434 | Email: Chloe.Hundelt@nfwf.org

Green Schoolyards Program – NEW

Grantor: National League of Cities (NLC)

Due: January 29, 2021

Information: The Children & Nature Network (C&NN) and the National League of Cities (NLC), through the Cities Connecting Children to Nature (CCCN) initiative, offers teams from cities and school districts an opportunity to transform asphalt schoolyards into safe, nature-filled outdoor spaces that benefit students, the community and the local environment. Attend a half-day workshop on February 17, 2021 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm EST which will outline the benefits, process, and next steps for developing green schoolyards in your city. The deadline to apply online is January 29. If you attend the half-day workshop, you will be eligible to apply for technical assistance. This program supports the planning, funding, execution and sustainability of green schoolyards in your city. Eligibility: Cities, school districts and local nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. The application for the workshop should be submitted by a cross-sector team with four to six members representing at least one city department, one to two school district representatives, and one local organization. All team members must attend the workshop to be eligible for technical assistance.

Contact: For questions, please contact Jaime Zaplatosch, Director, Green Schoolyards for Healthy Communities, Children & Nature Network at jaime@childrenandnature.org.

Solar Resiliency Technical Assistance Program

Grantor: Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA)

Due: Application is open until funds are exhausted

Information: GEFA is providing feasibility studies and professional technical assistance for local governments in solar energy and storage resiliency. The program will help local governments create resilient critical facilities using solar plus energy storage and identify the technical solutions available to achieve the highest and best use of their resources. The feasibility study is free for the local government and will include: Researching project options; Site visit to review project options, gather information and provide technical guidance; Engineering cost estimates for proposed technology; Help defining project parameters; Economic modeling; and Preparation of preliminary project budget(s). Currently, there is no application deadline, and funds will be awarded until they are exhausted. For more information, please visit [the program webpage](#).

Eligibility: Applicants must be a Georgia city, county or registered local government authority.

Contact: For more information, please contact Kelly Cutts at 404.584.1089 or kcutts@gefa.ga.gov.

Youth Leadership Fund – NEW

Grantor: Humboldt Area Foundation

Due: December 31, 2021

Information: Grants from the Youth Leadership Fund support K-12 youth leadership development. There should be an emphasis on community responsibility, enhancing the environment and sustainability. Organizations must demonstrate how their program, project or efforts will contribute to the local environment and community. Grant amounts will be up to \$1,500 with an average of \$1,000.

Eligibility: Grant Proposals should be submitted by:

- A nonprofit organization with tax exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code
- A public benefit organizations (public schools, government agencies, Indian Tribal Governments), or
- A community group with a qualified fiscal sponsor who meets 1 or 2 above.

Contact: Phone: 707442.2993 | Email: info@hafoundation.org

Georgia Council for the Arts Project Grants – NEW

Grantor: Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA)

Due: February 2, 2021

Information: Project Grants provide support for arts projects in Georgia. Projects may be one-time events, such as a festival or exhibit, or a series of events, such as a roster of classes or a series of productions. Projects with multiple components must show that there is a cohesive thread and singular goal that ties the elements together.

As a response to the impact of COVID-19 on arts organizations, FY22 Project Grants will allow organizations to apply for capacity building projects. This could include projects such as hiring a consultant to help develop a fundraising plan, a strategic plan, or a COVID safety plan in order to reopen an arts facility. The project must be arts-related. For instance, a development plan for a history museum is not an eligible project.

Eligibility: All eligible applicants must be located in Georgia, registered with the Georgia Secretary of State, and must have completed all requirements of any GCA or state of Georgia grant received in or prior to FY20 unless the grantee has received approval for an FY20 grant extension. Organizations that received FY21 grants may apply for FY22 funding.

Eligible applicants must be one of the following:

- a non-profit organization registered with the IRS. Organizations must have their non-profit status by the grant deadline of February 2
- a government entity such as a city, county or local authority
- a public library
- a school
- an entity within a college/university that:
 - has its own community advisory board
 - receives at least 20% of its income for the project from outside the college/university
 - is not an academic department within the college/university
 - manages its own budget

Contact: If you have any questions, please contact Tina Lilly, Grants Program Director, at tlilly@gaarts.org or 404.962.4827.

Cooperative Agreement for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Disaster Distress Helpline – NEW

Grantor: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

Due: February 9, 2021

Information: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), is accepting applications for fiscal year 2021 Cooperative Agreement for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Disaster Distress Helpline.

The purpose of this program is to:

- manage, enhance, and strengthen the Lifeline that routes individuals in the United States to a network of certified crisis centers that links to local emergency, mental health, and social services resources, and
- support the Disaster Distress Helpline (DDH) to assist residents in the United States and its territories who are experiencing emotional distress resulting from disasters and traumatic events.
- It is expected that this program will increase service capacity and improve behavioral health outcomes by preventing death or injury as a result of suicide and suicide attempts and assisting individuals and communities recover from disasters and traumatic events by providing community-based behavioral health outreach, referral to and engagement with treatment as necessary, and psycho-educational services.

Eligibility: Domestic public and private non-profit entities.

Contacts:

Program Issues | Richard McKeon Ph.D. | Chief, Suicide Prevention Branch | Center for Mental Health Services | Phone: 240.276.1873 | Email: Richard.Mckeon@samhsa.hhs.gov

Grants Management and Budget Issues | Corey Sullivan | Office of Financial Resources, Division of Grants Management | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration | Phone: 240.276.1213 | Email:

FOACMHS@samhsa.hhs.gov

Mental Health Awareness Training Grants – NEW

Grantor: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

Due: February 5, 2021

Information: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is accepting applications for fiscal year 2021 Mental Health Awareness Training grants. The purpose of this program is to:

- train individuals (e.g., school personnel, emergency first responders, law enforcement, veterans, armed services members and their families) to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders, particularly serious mental illness (SMI) and/or serious emotional disturbances (SED)
- establish linkages with school- and/or community-based mental health agencies to refer individuals with the signs or symptoms of mental illness to appropriate services
- train emergency services personnel, law enforcement, fire department personnel, veterans, and others to identify persons with a mental disorder and employ crisis de-escalation techniques, and
- educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder. It is expected that this program will prepare and train others on how to appropriately and safely respond to individuals with mental disorders, particularly individuals with SMI and/or SED.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities, for example:

- State governments and territories
- Governmental units within political subdivisions of a state, such as a county, city or town (e.g., local education agencies, law enforcement agencies, fire department, emergency medical units)
- Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes, tribal organizations, Urban Indian Organizations, and consortia of tribes or tribal organizations
- Community- and faith-based organizations, including those that serve veterans, armed services personnel, and their families
- Public or private universities and colleges.

Contact:

Program Issues | CAPT Maryann Robinson | Division of Prevention, Traumatic Stress, and Special Programs | Center for Mental Health Services | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration | Phone: 240.276.1883 | Email: maryann.robinson@samhsa.hhs.gov

Grants Management and Budget Issues | Corey Sullivan | Office of Financial Resources, Division of Grants Management | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration | Phone: 240.276.1213 | Email:

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PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program – NEW

Grantor: PeopleForBikes

Due: January 22, 2021

Information: The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. PeopleForBikes focuses most grant funds on bicycle infrastructure projects such as:

- Bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges
- Mountain bike facilities
- Bike parks and pump tracks
- BMX facilities
- End-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, bike repair stations and bike storage.
- We also fund some advocacy projects, such as:
 - Programs that transform city streets, such as Ciclovías or Open Streets Days
 - Campaigns to increase the investment in bicycle infrastructure.

PeopleForBikes will fund engineering and design work, construction costs including materials, labor, and equipment rental, and reasonable volunteer support costs. For advocacy projects, we will fund staffing that is directly related to accomplishing the goals of the initiative. PeopleForBikes accepts requests for funding of up to \$10,000. We do not require a specific percentage match, but we do look at leverage and funding partnerships very carefully. We will not consider grant requests in which our funding would amount to 50% or more of the project budget. The online application for this grant cycle opens on December 14, 2020. An online Letter of Interest is due January 22, 2021.

Eligibility: PeopleForBikes accepts grant applications from

- non-profit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development
- city or county agencies or departments
- state or federal agencies working locally

Contact: Zoe Kircos, Director of Grants and Partnerships | Email: zoe@peopleforbikes.org | Phone: 720.726.3335

Website: <https://www.peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines>

Georgia offers a number of incentives to businesses looking to locate or expand in the state. Please see Georgia Department of Economic Development’s **Business Incentives Brochure**.

Federal & Regional Agencies	State-Funded Agencies	State Departments & Divisions
<p>Appalachian Regional Commission Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA) Rural Development (USDA) Small Business Administration Small Business Development Center Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education</p>	<p>Charter Schools Commission Council for the Arts Council on Developmental Disabilities Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Emergency Management and Forestry Homeland Security Agency Environmental Finance Authority Historical Records Advisory Council Humanities Council Land Conservancy Road and Tollway Authority Soil and Water Conservation Commission South Arts Student Finance Commission Georgia Technology Authority</p>	<p>Agriculture Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Coastal Resources Community Affairs Community Health Early Care and Learning Economic Development Education Family and Children Services Highway Safety Historic Preservation Human Services Labor Natural Resources Public Health Student Achievement Transportation</p>

Grantor	Geographic Focus
Ameriprise Financial Community Relations Program	Communities served by the company
Anheuser-Busch Foundation	Primarily communities with company operations including Cartersville, Georgia
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	Communities served by the bank
Bank of America Philanthropic Solutions	The foundations primarily distribute grants in several states including Georgia
Bruner Foundation: The Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence	The contiguous United States
Callaway Foundation	Primarily LaGrange and Troup County, Georgia
Canfor Corporate Sponsorship and Donation Program	Company communities including Moultrie and Thomasville, Georgia
Charles A. Frueauff Foundation	Several states including Georgia
Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia	Northeast Georgia
Community Foundation of West Georgia	Carroll, Haralson, and Heard counties in Georgia
Constellation Energy Community Giving Program	Communities with company operations
Cousins Properties Foundation	Primarily the Atlanta area
Cox Charitable Giving Program	Communities served by the company
CSX Community Investment Program	Primarily company communities
Dart Foundation	Emphasis on mid-Michigan, with additional grants provided in selected communities including Thomaston, Georgia
Delta Air Lines Sponsorship and Charitable Giving Program	Communities served by the company including College Park, Georgia
Ecolab Foundation	Communities with company facilities including Norcross, Georgia
Fifth Third Foundation	Communities where the Bank has a presence
Foundation for Rural Service Grant Program	Rural communities
Georgia Natural Gas Corporate Giving Program	Communities served by the company
Georgia-Pacific Foundation	Communities with company facilities including Albany, Monticello, Marietta, and Norcross, Georgia
Ingles Markets Corporate Giving Program	Communities served by the company
Insperty Corporate Contributions Program	Communities within the company's district markets
Kaiser Permanente	Communities served by the company in several states including Georgia
Kubota Cares	Rural communities

Grantor	Geographic Focus
Lockheed Martin Corporate Philanthropy Program	Emphasis on communities with company facilities, including Acworth, College Park, and Marietta, Georgia
Lowe's Foundation	Communities with company stores
Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation	Georgia
MillerCoors Corporate Contributions Program	Emphasis on locations with company facilities including Albany, Georgia
National Rural Education Association	Rural areas throughout the U.S.
Nordson Corporation Foundation	Communities across the U.S. including Gwinnett, Dawson, and Emanuel counties, Georgia
North Georgia Community Foundation	Banks, Dawson, Fannin, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White counties in Georgia
P&G Corporate Contributions Program	Primarily communities with company facilities including Albany, Georgia
Perdue Charitable Giving Program	Communities with a significant company presence including Forsyth, Georgia
QuikTrip Corporate Contributions Program	Communities with company facilities
Regions Charitable Giving Program	Communities served by the bank
Rural LISC Community Facilities Fund (Loan)	Nonprofits or public entities in rural communities
Robert W. Woodruff Foundation	Metropolitan Atlanta
Schwan Food Company Corporate Contributions Program	Communities with company operations including Cartersville, Georgia
Southwest Airlines Charitable Giving Program	Primarily communities served by the company including College Park, Georgia
State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Company Grants Program	Company communities in the U.S.
SunTrust Foundation	Communities served by the bank
TechBridge Georgia Dream Big Technology Grant	Georgia
The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation	Emphasis on Atlanta
The Charles M. and Mary D. Grant Foundation	Multiple states including Georgia
The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta	Metropolitan Atlanta and surrounding counties
The Community Foundation of Central Georgia	Central Georgia
The Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia	Northwest Georgia, with emphasis on Bartow, Gordon, and Whitfield counties

Grantor	Geographic Focus
The Gordon Charter Foundation	Chambers County in Alabama and Harris and Troup counties in Georgia
The Imlay Foundation	Primarily metropolitan Atlanta, GA, and Hilton Head, SC
The James M. Cox Foundation	Primarily communities with company operations, with emphasis on Atlanta, Georgia
The Kroger Company Foundation	Communities with company facilities
The Sapelo Foundation	Georgia
The Sara Giles Moore Foundation	Atlanta metropolitan area
The Sartain Lanier Family Foundation	Atlanta metropolitan area
The Scott Hudgens Family Foundation	Primarily the Gwinnett County community, and secondarily the metropolitan Atlanta community and the state of Georgia
Walgreens Charitable Donations Program	Primarily communities served by the company
Waste Management Charitable Giving Program	Communities with company operations
Wells Fargo Charitable Contributions Program	Communities served by the company
WestRock Foundation	Communities with company operations including Norcross, Georgia
Williams Family Foundation of Georgia	Primarily Thomasville, Georgia

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- [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
- [Georgia Municipal Association](https://www.ga.gov)
- [Georgia Department of Community Affairs](https://www.ga.gov)