



U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Assistance to Firefighters Grants

Application Period: 1/4/21-2/12/21

Type: Grant

AFG helps firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters>

Fire Prevention and Safety Grant

Application Period: 1/25/21-2/26/21

Type: Grant

The objectives of the Fire Prevention & Safety Grant (FP&S) Program are to provide critically needed resources to carry out fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts, and research and development.

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards>



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (GFPCGP)

Application Period: through 5/4/21

Type: Grant

The Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (CFPCGP) has existed since 1996 as a program to fight food insecurity through developing community food projects that help promote the self-sufficiency of low-income communities. Community Food Projects are designed to increase food security in communities by bringing the whole food system together to assess strengths, establish linkages, and create systems that improve the self-reliance of community members over their food needs.

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



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Rural Development

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in Georgia

Application Period: 1/12/21-3/22/21

Type: Grant & Loan

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.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ga>

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in Georgia

Application Period: 1/1/21-3/31/21

Type: Grant & Loan

This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/ga>

Rural Business Development Grants in Georgia

Application Period: 1/11/21-3/22/21

Type: Grant

This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses, or a business that has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants/ga>



National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Grants for Arts Projects

Application Period: through 2/11/21

Type: Grant

These grants support arts projects that use the arts to unite and heal in response to current events; celebrate our creativity and cultural heritage; invite mutual respect for differing beliefs and values; and enrich humanity.

<https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects>



Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

AmeriCorps VISTA Request for Concept Papers

Application Period: through 9/1/21

Type: Volunteer Assistance

Founded in 1965, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) is a federal anti-poverty national service program designed to provide resources to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to address poverty and poverty-related problems in the United States. In 1993, VISTA was incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of national service programs, housed at the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Projects must be developed in accordance with four core principles: an anti-poverty focus; community empowerment; sustainable solutions; and capacity building.

<https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2021-vista-request-concept-papers>

AmeriCorps NCCC Request for Concept Papers

Application Period: through 12/31/21

Type: Volunteer Assistance

AmeriCorps NCCC teams are assigned 3-6 service projects throughout their 10-month service term, primarily in the states or territories within their region. Service projects help to meet critical community needs in the areas of natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Teams are available to support community and faith-based based organizations, national nonprofits, schools, local-, regional-, and federal municipalities, national and state parks, and Native American and Alaskan Native tribes.

<https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/americorps-nccc-traditional>



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

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

Application Period: 12/11/20-2/9/21

Type: Grant

The purpose of this program is to: (1) 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 (2) 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.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-21-005>

Mental Health Awareness Training Grants

Application Period: 12/4/20-2/5/21

Type: Grant

The purpose of this program is to: (1) 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); (2) 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; (3) 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 (4) educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/SM-21-007>



U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant or Loan

EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance, which is being administered under the authority of the bureau's flexible Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, provides a wide-range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

<https://www.eda.gov/coronavirus/>

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=321695>

Economic Development Research and National Technical Assistance

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

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. 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.

<https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>



U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions

Application Period: 1/12/21-3/29/21

Type: Grant

The purpose of the Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions (IPS) Program is to provide state, local, and tribal prosecutors with funding to secure resources that will help reduce crime and increase public safety. The program encourages prosecutors and agencies to use data in the development of their strategies and projects and to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to crime within their jurisdictions.

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-55002>

Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Application Period: 1/11/21-4/12/21

Type: Grant

Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) is a strategic approach to crime reduction that leverages community knowledge and expertise by focusing enforcement efforts on neighborhoods where crime is concentrated, or crime “hotspots.”

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-60003>

Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Period: 1/4/21-3/30/21

Type: Grant

The Emmett Till Program, created under the Emmett Till Act, provides support to state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutors in their investigation and prosecution of cold case murders associated with civil rights violations.

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-45002>



U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

BUILD Discretionary Grants

Application Period: 1/21/21-4/26/21

Type: Grants

The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives.

<https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/about>

Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants

Application Period: 1/21/21-3/5/21

Type: Grant

The Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP) program provides Federal financial assistance to highway and freight projects of national or regional significance. INFRA increases the impact of projects by leveraging non-Federal funding contributions and incentivizing project sponsors to pursue innovative delivery and financing strategies, including public-private partnerships. Additionally, the program promotes the incorporation of innovative technology that will improve our transportation system.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/infra-grants/infrastructure-rebuilding-america>



Small Business Administration (SBA)

Paycheck Protection Program

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Loan

An SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>



COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Loan

This loan provides economic relief to small businesses and nonprofit organizations that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue.

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/covid-19-economic-injury-disaster-loans>



Shuttered Venue Operators Grant

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

Emergency assistance for eligible venues affected by the COVID pandemic.

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/shuttered-venue-operators-grant>



SBA Express Bridge Loans

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Loan

Enables small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 quickly.

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-express-bridge-loans>



SBA Debt Relief

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Debt Relief

SBA is providing debt relief to existing SBA loan borrowers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-debt-relief>





Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

Business Development Revolving Loan Fund Grants

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant to Lenders

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. Applicants must be within the ARC region.

<https://www.arc.gov/business-development-resolving-loan-fund-grants/>

Distressed County Grants

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

ARC awards grants to projects that address one or more of the five goals identified by ARC in its 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. Find a map of county economic status [here](#).

<https://www.arc.gov/funding/ARCGrantsandContracts.asp>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant to Lenders (grants for DDAs to lend to businesses)

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.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/downtown-development-revolving-loan-fund-ddrlf>

State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Loan

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. Currently, Georgia’s SSBCI offers two programs.

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.

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.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/state-small-business-credit-initiative-ssbci>

EDGE Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant or Loan

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. 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.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding/onegeorgia-authority/edge-fund>

Equity Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant or Loan

The purpose of the Equity Fund is to provide a program of financial assistance that includes grants, loans and any other forms of assistance 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.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/onegeorgia-authority/equity-fund>

Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant or Loan

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.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/regional-economic-business-assistance-reba>



Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)
Office of Workforce Development

COVID-19 Dislocated Workers Grants

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Job Training

COVID-19 National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) disburse funds to provide critically needed employment to vulnerable Georgians who have lost their job or income 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.

<https://www.tcsgeu/worksource/covid-19-employment-training-assistance/>



Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Georgia Innovative Highway Safety Grant Programs

Application Period: through 2/26/21

Type: Grant

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.

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



Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division

Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) Program

Application Period: 1/25/21-12/31/21

Type: Grant

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is committed to cleaning up scrap tires in Georgia and encourages local governments to assist with this effort by applying to the Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) Program.

<https://epd.georgia.gov/star-program>



Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA)

Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)

Application Period: through 2/26/21

Type: Loan

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.

<https://gefa.georgia.gov/call-for-projects>

Solar Resiliency Technical Assistance Program

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Technical Assistance

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).

<https://gefa.georgia.gov/solar-resiliency-technical-assistance-program>



University of Georgia
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process (RSVP)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Technical Assistance

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.

<https://cviog.uga.edu/services-and-research/planning-and-environmental-services/rsvp.html>



Georgia Tech
Enterprise Innovation Institute

Economic Development Research Program (EDRP)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Technical Assistance Matching Grant

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.

<http://cedr.gatech.edu/edrp/>

Private Grants



CSX Community Service Grants

Application Period: 1/14/21-12/15/21

CSX Community Service Grants assist organizations that make a strong, quantifiable impact on their greater communities. The suggested range for grant applications is \$1,000 to \$5,000.

<https://www.csx.com/index.cfm/community-investment/charitable-investments/community-service-grants/>



Southern Smoke Emergency Relief Program

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

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.

<https://form.southernsmoke.org/smoke/application/>



COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

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.

<https://covid-19.genyouthnow.org/>



Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grants

Application Period: 1/14/21-2/17/21

Type: Grant

The mission of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is to impact the lifesaving capabilities and the lives of local heroes and their communities. This is accomplished by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders and public safety organizations.

<https://grants.firehousesubs.com/>



All-America City Award

Application Period: 1/6/21-2/10/21

Type: Grant

The National Civic League is accepting applications for the 2021 All-America City Award. The 2021 theme is “Building Equitable and Resilient Communities.” This year’s awards will recognize communities that have worked to improve equity and resilience. Equity is the fabric that allows communities to achieve broad-based economic prosperity and other goals. Resilience enables communities to face challenging times by not only preserving what makes their community great but adapting and growing stronger. Both qualities depend on inclusive civic engagement. All-America City applicants for 2021 will be asked to discuss the strength of their civic capital—the formal and informal relationships, networks and capacities they use to make decisions and solve problems—and to provide examples of community-driven projects that have adapted and transformed the community to be more equitable and resilient.

<https://www.nationalcivicleague.org/america-city-award/how-to-apply/>



Mobile Voting Pilot Program Grant

Application Period: 1/29/21-11/2/21

Type: Grant

Recent elections have highlighted a resilience gap in many jurisdictions’ election processes and the technical capacity to adapt to changing circumstances. Additionally, there are ongoing concerns about voter accessibility and the need for protections against voter intimidation. In light of these challenges, it is critical to advance the exploration of alternative voting methods that can strengthen the resilience of elections. The goal of this grant program is to identify and incorporate technologies that might both close the gap on concerns about and improve the resiliency of the election system. Through the generous support of Tusk Philanthropies, Secure the Vote will provide a grant to jurisdictions that seek to offer more secure methods for electronic ballot transmission and return.

https://cyber-center.formstack.com/forms/securethevote_election_resiliency

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