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

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER)

Application Period: 2/16/21-3/12/21
Type: Grant
The SAFER Program accomplishes this by providing funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate fire protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.
This grant includes a Hiring of Firefighters (Hiring) Activity and a Recruitment and Retention (R&R) Activity with different eligibility criteria and activities.
https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_FY-2020_SAFER-NOFO.pdf

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

Rural Community Development Initiative Grant

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

RCDI grants are awarded to help non-profit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities and federally recognized tribes support housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants

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. 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)

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program
Application Period: 2/24/21-3/12/21
The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) is a multi-year initiative by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in high-risk rural communities.
https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/hrsa-21-088

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?oppId=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: 1/21/21-3/19/21
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

Low or No Emission Vehicle Program
Application Period: 2/16/21-4/12/21
Type: Grant
The Low or No Emission competitive program provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities. Additionally, recipients are permitted to use up to 0.5 percent of their requested grant award for workforce development activities eligible under federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5314(b)) and an additional 0.5 percent for costs associated with training at the National Transit Institute.
https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/lowno

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

TCSG Technical College System of Georgia

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.tcsg.edu/worksource/covid-19-employment-training-assistance/

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)

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

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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/

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

Backing Historic Small Restaurants Grants

Application Period: 3/2/21-3/9/21
Type: Grant
Together with American Express, the National Trust is supporting a grant for historic small restaurants that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The mission: award $1 million in grants to 25 historic and culturally significant restaurants throughout the United States to help them improve, upgrade, and preserve their exterior physical spaces and online businesses. The program has a preference for restaurants owned by underrepresented groups, including People of Color and women, disproportionally impacted by the pandemic. It will be administered by the National Trust.
https://savingplaces.org/historicrestaurants#.YD6C5dxOk2x

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

Recycling Infrastructure Grant

Application Period: 1/21/21-12/31/21
Type: Grant
The Southeast Recycling Development Council (SERDC) will offer funding to deliver needed recycling infrastructure in the Southeast through the launch of a recycling infrastructure grant program. Investment in physical infrastructure, such as recycling carts, material recovery facility (MRF) upgrades, recycling trucks or transfer stations to unlock investments in curbside recycling infrastructure, are key to dramatically increasing material recovery - connecting material generation with hungry end markets in the southeast and helping to close the loop for packaging.
https://www.serdc.org/Recycling-Infrastructure-Grant

Youth Leadership Fund

Application Period: 12/17/20-12/31/21
Type: Grant
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.
https://www.hafoundation.org/Grants-Scholarships/Grants/Apply-for-a-Grant/Nonprofits-Agencies

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