



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

Application Period: through 12/31/21

Type: Loan or Grant

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.

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.

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.

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

Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

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.

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

Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Loan or Grant

This program is designed to provide loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to:

- To help microenterprises startup and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund.
- Provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program>

Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Loan

This program provides 1 percent low-interest loans to local lenders or “intermediaries” that re-lend to businesses to improve economic conditions and create jobs in rural communities.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/intermediary-relending-program>



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

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>



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)

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

Application Period: through 5/10/21

Type: Grant

The Drug-Free Communities Support Program seeks to reduce substance abuse among youth through collaborative action. Specific goals include establishing and strengthening collaboration among communities, public and private nonprofit agencies, and federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth, and reducing substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse.

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=330868>

Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Responses to COVID-19

Application Period: through 4/20/21

Type: Grant

This notice solicits applications for projects to demonstrate the effectiveness of local government implementation of evidence-based health literacy strategies that are culturally appropriate to enhance COVID-19 testing, contact tracing and/or other mitigation measures (e.g., public health prevention practices and vaccination) in racial and ethnic minority populations and other socially vulnerable populations, including racial and ethnic minority rural communities. This initiative will align with, but not duplicate, existing federal efforts to disseminate resources for COVID-19 responses.

Applicant eligibility is limited to localities (e.g., cities, counties, parishes, or other similar subdivisions). OMH encourages applicants to partner with a [Minority Serving Institution](#) for quality improvement activities and program evaluation.

Contacts:

- Administrative and budgetary requirements: OASH, Office of Grants and Acquisitions Management - Roscoe Brunson, Jr. at 240.453.8822 or Roscoe.Brunson@hhs.gov
- Program Requirements or Technical Assistance: Office of Minority Health - Paul Rodriguez at 240.453.8208 or Paul.Rodriguez@hhs.gov

<https://health.gov/news/202103/new-funding-opportunity-advancing-health-literacy-enhance-equitable-community-responses-covid-19>

Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program

Application Period: through 5/25/21

Type: Loan or Grant

The Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program is a critical support for the development of local prevention frameworks that address priority areas and diverse threats. These frameworks are called for by the Department's Strategic Framework and align with the Department's goal to "Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Threats," as described in the [DHS Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024](#). It builds off the lessons learned and promising practices from the department's past and ongoing activities and seeks to make awards to projects that will build local capacity to prevent targeted violence and all forms of terrorism.

The FY21 TVTP Grant Program has the following priorities:

- Preventing Domestic Violent Extremism
- Enhancing Local Threat Assessment and Management Capabilities
- Implementing Innovative Solutions for Preventing Targeted Violence and Terrorism
- Challenging Online Violence Mobilization Narratives

Contact: TerrorismPrevention@hq.dhs.gov

<https://www.dhs.gov/tvtpgrants>



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 Transportation (DOT)
Build America Bureau

Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act of 1998 (TIFIA)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Loan

The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program provides credit assistance for qualified projects of regional and national significance. Many large-scale, surface transportation projects - highway, transit, railroad, intermodal freight, and port access - are eligible for assistance. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, transit agencies, railroad companies, special authorities, special districts, and private entities. The TIFIA credit program is designed to fill market gaps and leverage substantial private co-investment by providing supplemental and subordinate capital. Each dollar of Federal funds can provide up to \$15 in TIFIA credit assistance and support up to \$50 in transportation infrastructure investment.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia>

Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (TIFIA) Rural Project Initiative (RPI)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Loan

The Rural Project Initiative is aimed at helping improve transportation infrastructure in America's rural communities. Eligible projects include:

- Roads, bridges and tunnels,
- Transit systems including infrastructure, bus and train stations, and buses and passenger rail vehicles and facilities
- Intermodal connectors,
- Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure,
- Freight transfer facilities,
- Sea and inland waterway ports, and even,
- Airports - under certain circumstances.

For the purposes of this initiative, a rural project is one that is located outside of an urbanized area with a population greater than 150,000 individuals as determined by the Bureau of Census.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia/tifia-rural-project-initiative-rpi>



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>

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 / Loan

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>





National Park Service

Program Supports Rehabilitation of Historic Rural Properties

Application Period: through 5/12/21

Type: Grant

The Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program supports the rehabilitation of historic properties to foster economic development of rural communities. The Program funds subgrant programs, managed by states, tribes, certified local governments, and nonprofit organizations, that then fund preservation projects for historic sites, including architectural and engineering services and physical preservation. The application deadline is May 12, 2021.

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=332070>



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>

Employment Incentive Program

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Loan

The Employment Incentive Program (EIP) is a financing program that may be used in conjunction with traditional private financing for economic development projects resulting in employment of low- and moderate-income persons.

Many types of public infrastructure projects, or loans to for-profit companies, can be financed with EIP funding. Projects creating opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons (*at least 51% of total jobs created*), greater job security, better working conditions, job training, enhancement of workplace skills, advancement opportunities, and benefits receive the greatest consideration. Contact: Jenerrah Byron at jenerrah.byron@dca.ga.gov

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/employment>

Immediate Threat and Danger Program (CDBG)

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

The Immediate Threat and Danger Program provides 50% matching funds for community development activities having a particular urgency when existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. Local funds must comprise at least 10% of project costs. Funding for this program comes from the state's annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Applicants can apply for \$50,000 and DCA reserves \$200,000 for "major disasters."

Eligible applicants are units of general purpose local government, excluding metropolitan cities, urban counties, and units of government eligible to participate in the urban counties or metropolitan cities program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The ITAD Program is intended to address situations which are urgent and unique. **These situations should typically occur due to state or federally declared disasters.** These funds are not available for repairs of public infrastructure that are failing due age and lack of maintenance or the general "wear and tear" on existing infrastructure. Some examples of urgent and unique problems include:

- Acquisition of property located in a flood plain that was severely damaged by a recent flood
- Demolition of structures that were severely damaged by a major earthquake or tornado

To be fundable, applications must address an event or situation having a particular urgency and uniqueness that adversely affects a community and its citizens and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. The event or situation must have a sense of urgency and be of recent origin or have recently become urgent. Recent origin is defined as a condition that developed or became critical within 18 months of application. Ample descriptions of the cause of the threat, and probable ramifications, must be provided.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/immediate>

CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Loan Guarantee

The CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program is an economic and community development financing tool authorized under Section 108 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The program is a method of assisting non-entitlement local governments with certain unique and large-scale economic development projects that cannot proceed without the loan guarantee. In order to be eligible a project must meet all applicable CDBG requirements and result in significant employment and/or benefit for low and moderate income persons. Projects that are eligible for financing under existing federal, state, regional or local programs will generally not be considered for guarantee assistance unless the programs would fail to fully meet a project's need.

Unlike the traditional CDBG or EIP Program, the Section 108 Program does not operate through assistance from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Rather, funds are raised through DCA's "Pledge of Grants" to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to obtain a federal guarantee of notes issued by the local government. The federally guaranteed notes are sold into private markets through public offerings conducted by HUD. By approving the project, the State pledges its future CDBG funds as the ultimate repayment source should a Section 108 loan default. The State's participation in the Section 108 program does not involve a pledge of Georgia's full faith and credit nor does it commit any funding to the local government. HUD makes the ultimate approval or denial of the federal guarantee.

Since CDBG funds are an essential and critical resource for Georgia's non-entitlement local governments, the Department will use conservative rating, selection and underwriting criteria in evaluating requests for the State's concurrence and Pledge of Grants. Only those projects that DCA determines can generate sufficient revenue from local and project resources to debt service all obligations will be competitive under the State's Section 108 rating and selection system. Maximum Loan Guarantee Amount: \$5,000,000 (In the interest of limiting exposure and promoting a diversified portfolio, the Department reserves the right to limit the amounts "pledged" to any one unit of local government or business interest).

Contact: Joanie Perry at joanie.perry@dca.ga.gov

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/cdbg-section>

Annual CDBG Competition

Application Period: through 6/4/21

Type: Grant

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) provides funding to assist a wide range of eligible activities, including housing improvement projects, public facilities such as water and sewer lines, buildings such as local health centers or head start centers, and economic development projects. All projects must substantially benefit low and moderate income persons.

The maximum amount available per applicant is \$750,000 for Single-Activity during regular competition and \$1,000,000 for Multi-Activity during regular competition.

Local Match Requirements - Annual Competition:

- Grants up to \$300,000, or grants for single activity housing projects - no matching funds required.
- Grants of \$300,001 to \$750,000 - 5% local matching funds required.
- Grants of more than \$750,001 - 10% local matching funds required.

Eligible applicants are units of general local government, excluding metropolitan cities, urban counties, and units of government eligible to participate in the urban counties or metropolitan cities programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Eligible applicants selected for funding will be those having the greatest need as evidenced by poverty and per capita income and whose applications most adequately address the needs of low and moderate income persons and have the greatest impact.

Contact: Kimberly Carter at 404.679.4840 or kim.carter@dca.ga.gov

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/annual-cdbg>



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

COVID-19 Dislocated Workers Grants

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

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 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>



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/>

2021 Georgia Smart Communities Challenge

Application Period: Required pre-application due 5/3/21. Final application due 6/11/21.

The 2021 Georgia Smart Communities Challenge is now open to applicants. Read more about previous winning [Georgia Smart communities](#). Find out more by [attending](#) the *Georgia Smart Informational Webinar*, April 14th, 2021 from 12noon-1pm.

Georgia Smart is a competitive program that supports local governments of any size within the State of Georgia—cities, counties, and consolidated city-county governments—by providing access to technical assistance, expert advice, and a network of peers. Georgia Smart communities will receive access to a breadth of resources including a team of researchers, Georgia Smart program management, [Smart Community Corps](#), and Georgia Smart partners. [Alumni](#) have successfully implemented their project and garnered additional funding and technical assistance to continue their project beyond the program period, continuing to service their residents and meet their community's goals. For this year's cohort, Georgia Smart will select up to four communities for an enhanced two-year program centered on Community Connectivity. This is defined as optimizing access to broadband internet to facilitate integrating smart technologies and should include projects relating to Agricultural Technology (AgriTech), Healthcare, and Education & Workforce Development.

<https://smartcities.ipat.gatech.edu/2021-georgia-smart-communities-challenge>

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



Mobile Voting Pilot Program Grant

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

Type: Grant

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



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>



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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>



Community Grants

Application Period: 8/1/21-10/1/21

Type: Grant

Affiliates of the Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia award competitive **Community Grants** from their funds to local, qualified organizations in focus areas including Arts & Culture, Civics, Education, Social Services, Historic Preservation, and Environmental, etc. Grant awards are usually directed to organizations serving one of our three active communities (Whitfield, Bartow, and Gordon Counties) and typically range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. Affiliates in Whitfield and Gordon Counties conduct two grant cycles each year with deadlines of March 31 and October 1 (the applications are open two months prior to the deadlines). The Cartersville-Bartow affiliate conducts ONE grant cycle each year with a deadline of March 31.

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



Stronger Democracy Award

Application Period: Registration by 6/22/21. Applications due by 7/22/21.

Type: Grant

The Stronger Democracy Award, administered by Lever for Change, is a \$12 million award to fund solutions that will drive structural reforms to help improve political representation and increase participation of all citizens in the United States democratic process. The Award will fund bold solutions to address systemic barriers and advance structural reforms in one of the following key areas: voting and elections, policymaking, and civic engagement. The focus is on innovative, long-term, and scale-ready solutions that drive structural reform to help the U.S. government to more fully and effectively represent its people. The winner of the award will receive \$10 million, and one of the remaining finalists will receive \$2 million. The Award is open to U.S. nonprofit organizations or teams led by a U.S. nonprofit organization. The registration deadline is June 22, 2021; online applications will be due July 22, 2021. Visit the Award's website to review the FAQs and to complete the Organizational Readiness Tool.

<https://www.strongerdemocracyaward.org/>



Domestic Hunger Grants

Application Period: Registration by 5/5/21. Applications due by 5/21/21.

Type: Grant

ELCA World Hunger is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). ELCA World Hunger's Domestic Hunger Grants accompany congregations and their partners throughout the United States and the Caribbean as they draw on the strengths of communities to address local issues such as food security, clean water, housing, job readiness, human rights, policy change, leadership development, and more. Together, these ministries are part of a comprehensive approach to breaking the cycle of poverty and hunger—for good. Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and be able to demonstrate an established relationship with an ELCA congregation, ministry, or institution. Organizations may register to apply through May 5, 2021; the application cycle will be open through May 21, 2021. Visit the ELCA website to access the funding guidelines.

<https://www.elca.org/domestichungergrants>



Climate Adaptation Fund Grants

Application Period: pre-proposal applications due by 4/28/21

Type: Grant

The Wildlife Conservation Society's Climate Adaptation Fund strives to increase the pace and scale of impact in adaptation for wildlife and ecosystems by increasing innovation, accelerating learning, and mainstreaming proven adaptation approaches. In 2021, the Fund will support nonprofit conservation organizations applying for one of two grant categories: Adaptation Implementation projects that apply innovative approaches to conservation actions designed to help wildlife and ecosystems adapt to climate change will be eligible for grants of up to \$300,000 over three years. Adaptation Mainstreaming projects that pursue pathways to unlock the potential of an adaptation approach with known benefits to be adopted at a large scale will be eligible for grants of up to \$100,000 over two years. Grants will be provided to U.S.-based nonprofit conservation organizations for projects within the United States and its territories. Pre-proposal application forms must be submitted by April 28, 2021. Visit the Wildlife Conservation Society's website to download the 2021 Request for Proposals.

<https://www.wcsclimateadaptationfund.org/program-information>



Brothers Helping Brothers Grant Program\

Application Period: through 12/31/21

Type: Grant

Brothers Helping Brothers assists small and/or rural fire departments obtain vital tools and lifesaving equipment through its grant program. Grants enable Fire and EMS organizations to purchase new equipment (mostly valued under \$10,000). Brothers Helping Brothers also offers programs to equip departments with gently used equipment and education opportunities.

Eligible applicants for a Brothers Helping Brothers grant are limited to fire departments or EMS organizations operating in any of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia. Applicants must serve a population of fewer than 10,000 people, or the applying organization must have less than 30 employees of which a majority is volunteer or paid per call personnel.

Contact: 937.999.1355 or contactus@brothershelpingbrothers.org

<https://www.brothershelpingbrothers.org/grant-request/>



Coronavirus Relief Fund

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Relief Fund was established to make strategic grants to nonprofits impacted by and serving those who are affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time the Foundation is not hosting a formal application process for the fund; interested organizations can email the president and CEO directly to inform her of the impact this virus is having on their organization and how they are serving those individuals or families who are being directly impacted at this time.

<https://www.ngcf.org/covid19relief/>



COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

The COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund will provide flexible resources to organizations working with communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic consequences. Organizations should be located and providing services in one of these counties: Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Morgan, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Rockdale, Spalding and Walton, or the City of Atlanta.

<https://response.unitedwayatlanta.org/>



AARP Community Challenge

Application Period: through 4/14/21

Type: Grant

The AARP Community Challenge grant program is part of the nationwide AARP Livable Communities initiative that helps communities become great places to live for residents of all ages. The program is intended to help communities make immediate improvements and jump-start long-term progress in support of residents of all ages.

AARP will prioritize projects that deliver inclusive solutions that meet the needs of diverse populations, as well as those that directly engage volunteers through permanent or temporary solutions that aim to achieve one or more of the following outcome areas:

- Create vibrant Public Places that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities.
- Deliver a range of Transportation and mobility options that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability, wayfinding, access to transportation options and roadway improvements.
- Support a range of Housing options that increases the availability of accessible and affordable choices
- Increase Civic Engagement and demonstrate the tangible value of “Smart Cities” with innovative and tangible projects that bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges and facilitate a greater sense of inclusion
- Support local recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic with an emphasis on economic development, improvements to public spaces and transportation services
- Ensure a focus on Diversity and Inclusion while improving the built and social environment of a community
- Other community improvements. In addition to these areas of focus, AARP wants to hear about local needs and innovative ideas for addressing them.

The program is open to the following types of programs:

- 501(C)(3), 501(C)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits
- Government entities
- Other types of organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Contact: CommunityChallenge@AARP.org

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/>



Amber Grants for Women

Application Period: ongoing

Type: Grant

WomensNet founded the Amber Grant Foundation in 1998. The Foundation was set up with one goal in mind: to honor the memory of a very special young woman, Amber Wigdahl, who died at just 19 years old — before realizing her business dreams.

Today, WomensNet carries on that tradition, giving away at least \$10,000 every month in Amber Grant money, along with an annual award of \$25,000.

<https://ambergrantsforwomen.com/all-grants/>



Kubota Hometown Proud Grant

Application Period: through 4/27/21

Type: Grant

Kubota Tractor Corporation announces a first-ever community revitalization grant program and is calling on all cities, towns, municipalities and nonprofits to submit an application for a chance to win \$100,000 in funding and use of Kubota equipment to refresh, refurbish or revitalize a public space. Any community project – from parks, playgrounds, and baseball fields to rodeo and community arenas, and more – will be considered. Five finalists will be selected and put to public vote in May; the community project with the highest combined score from points and votes will be awarded the grant during summer 2021.

To be considered, all grant applications must be submitted by a 501(c)(3) non-profit status organization or a city, town or other municipality. The project for consideration must be within a 50-mile radius of an authorized Kubota dealer to qualify.

Contact: [online FAQs](#) or hometownproud@kubota.com

<https://www.kubotausa.com/hometown-proud-application>

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