



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.

<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 Agriculture (USDA)

Local Food Promotion Program

Application Period: 5/12/21-6/21/21

Type: Grant (25% match required)

The Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) funds projects that develop, coordinate, and expand local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Grants can be used for the planning stages of establishing or expanding a local and regional food business enterprise or to improve or expand a food business that supports locally and regionally produced agricultural products and food system infrastructure by performing feasibility studies, market research, training and technical assistance for the business enterprise and/or for producers working with the business enterprise. Entities that are eligible to apply include: Agricultural businesses and cooperatives; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks and associations; Food councils; Economic development corporations; Local governments; Nonprofit and public benefit corporations; Producer networks or associations; Regional farmers' market authorities; Tribal governments.

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp>

Farmers Market Promotion Program

Application Period: 5/12/21-6/21/21

Type: Grant (25% match required)

The Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) funds projects that develop, coordinate and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products by developing, coordinating, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, online sales or other direct producer-to-consumer (including direct producer-to-retail, direct producer-to-restaurant and direct producer-to-institutional marketing) market opportunities. Entities that are eligible to apply include: Agricultural businesses and cooperatives; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks and associations; Food councils; Economic development corporations; Local governments; Nonprofit and public benefit corporations; Producer networks or associations; Regional farmers' market authorities; Tribal governments.

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp>



U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program

Application Period: 4/29/21-6/3/21

Type: Grant

The Fiscal Year 2021 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program funds are used to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement through training and technical assistance, demonstration projects, and implementation of promising practices related to peer mentoring mental health and wellness programs. The 2021 LEMHWA program will fund projects that develop knowledge, increase awareness of effective mental health and wellness strategies, increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement, and increase the number of law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders using peer mentoring programs. This program is open to all local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.

<https://cops.usdoj.gov/lemhwa>

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)

Application Period: Through 6/7/21

Type: Grant

The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) was developed as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) legislation. COSSAP aims to reduce the impact of opioids, stimulants, and other substances on individuals and communities, including a reduction in the number of overdose fatalities, as well as mitigate the impacts on crime victims by supporting comprehensive, collaborative initiatives. This opportunity provides funding to develop, implement, or expand comprehensive programs in response to illicit opioids, stimulants, or other substances of abuse.

Eligible applicants are: City governments; County governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

<https://bja.ojp.gov/program/cossap/overview>

Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative for Law Enforcement Agencies

Application Period: 5/19/21-7/6/21

Type: Grant

The Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative is awarding grants on a competitive basis to small law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices in rural locations. These grants will support improved training and technology, expanded community-based crime prevention programs, and partnerships with victim services providers. This initiative is intended to improve communication and collaboration between state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve in order to address the unique criminal justice challenges in rural areas.

Eligible applicants are: City governments; County governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized). This solicitation is limited to agencies serving rural communities. To qualify as rural for the purposes of this solicitation, an applicant must provide services in a rural area, although the jurisdiction's service area need not be exclusively rural. This definition holds for all entity types. For any municipality, the area must be considered rural and the population served must not exceed 15,000, based on the latest U.S. Census enumeration.

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-120001>

COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

Application Period: 5/7/21-6/15/21

Type: Grant

The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a competitive grant program designed to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Anticipated outcomes of the CHP program awards include engagement in planned community partnerships, implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems, implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing, and increased capacity of agency to engage in community policing activities.

Funding under this program may be used to do the following:

- Hire new officers, which includes filling existing officer vacancies that are no longer funded in your agency's budget.
- Rehire officers laid off by any jurisdiction as a result of state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget reductions.
- Rehire officers who are (at the time of application) currently scheduled to be laid off by your jurisdiction on a specific future date as a result of state, local, or BIA budget reductions.

All state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority are eligible to apply.

<https://cops.usdoj.gov/chp>

Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program

Application Period: 5/26/21-7/8/21

Type: Grant

The Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies, building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes, and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.

Applicants are invited to propose demonstration or pilot projects to be implemented in their agency that offer creative ideas to advance crime fighting, community engagement, problem solving, or organizational changes to support community policing in one of the following areas:

- Community Trust and Legitimacy
- Officer Engagement
- Youth Engagement
- Hate Crimes and Domestic Terrorism
- Community Violence Intervention

When applying, please be sure to select the most appropriate subcategory under which to apply. Please note that applicants may submit multiple applications, but you must submit a separate application for each project. Any application that does not clearly state the solicitation, and where applicable, the subcategory on the cover page of the project narrative (if applicable) or selects the incorrect subcategory may not pass the basic minimum requirement phase of the review process. This solicitation is open to all local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.

<https://cops.usdoj.gov/cpdmicrogrants>

Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Application Period: Through 6/22/21

Type: Grant

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is seeking applications for funding a strategic approach to crime reduction that leverages community knowledge and expertise to build public trust with law enforcement and make neighborhoods safer. This program furthers the Department's mission by leading efforts to enhance the capacity of local and tribal communities to effectively target and address serious and violent crime issues through collaborative cross-sector approaches that help advance broader neighborhood development goals.

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

<https://bja.ojp.gov/program/byrne-criminal-justice-innovation-bcji-program/overview>

Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership

Application Period: Through 6/14/21

Type: Grant

The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Grantees are required to keep documentation to support the BVP vest application and payment requests for at least a three year period. Cities, counties, states, Indian tribes and special government districts are eligible applicants. Your jurisdiction is eligible to apply for funding if it is a recognized unit of general government and it employs eligible law enforcement officers.

<https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership/overview>



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 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)

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants

Application Period: 4/15/21-7/12/21

Type: Grant

National Infrastructure Investments are now known as Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants, formerly TIGER and BUILD Transportation Grants. RAISE Grants are for capital investments in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact. Eligible Applicants for RAISE grants are State, local, Tribal, and U.S. territories' governments, including transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and other political subdivisions of State or local governments.

<https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>



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 Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Broadband Infrastructure Program

Application Period: 5/19/21-8/17/21

Type: Grants

The Broadband Infrastructure Program makes grants on a competitive basis to covered partnerships for covered broadband projects. A covered partnership may include more than one provider of fixed broadband service as part of its application. Additionally, a provider of fixed broadband service may participate in more than one covered partnership. A provider of broadband service that is part of a covered partnership is not required to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to section 214(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 214(e)). NTIA encourages municipalities, non-profits, or cooperatives that own and/or operate broadband networks to participate in this program as part of a covered partnership. NTIA's Broadband Infrastructure Program was established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. In the priority order defined by the Act, NTIA will accept applications for projects that are designed to:

- Provide broadband service to the greatest number of households in an eligible service area
- Provide broadband service to rural areas
- Be most cost-effective in providing broadband service, or
- Provide broadband service with a download speed of at least 100 Mbps and an upload speed of at least 20 Mbps.

NTIA will group applications based on the priority above that each application addresses, and will sequence its review of application groups in the statutory order listed above.

NTIA is holding a [series of webinars](#) to further inform stakeholders about the program. The next Broadband Infrastructure webinars will be held on June 9 and 10.

<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/broadband-infrastructure-program>



Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Grant

Application Period: 5/4/21-6/4/21

Type: Grant

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) grant program is an IRS initiative designed to support free tax preparation service for the underserved through various partner organizations. This service helps low- to moderate-income individuals, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speakers file their taxes each year. IRS awards matching funds to these support organizations that offer free tax preparation services during the tax filing season at locations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Applicants must already be classified as one of the following:

- A private or public non-profit organization that qualified for and received an IRS determination letter confirming the organization's tax exemption under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code, including but not limited to credit unions and faith based and community organizations
- A public, nonprofit, or proprietary (privately owned profit-making) college, university, vocational school, or other postsecondary educational institution located in the United States and Puerto Rico that has not been disqualified from participating in a student aid program administered by the U.S. Department of Education
- A local government agency
- A federally recognized Indian Tribal government, or
- A regional, statewide, or local coalition with one lead organization that meets one of the eligibility requirements noted above. The lead organization filing the application must have a substantive role in the coalition.
- This grant requires 100% cost sharing or matching of all federal funds awarded.

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-vita-grant-program>



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>



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>





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.

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<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."

<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.

<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.

<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.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>



Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Application Period: 4/20/21-7/31/21

Type: Grant (matching funds required)

Georgia DOT partners with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in facilitating and providing an opportunity for local governments to pursue non-traditional transportation related activities such as pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscaping projects. TAP improves the quality of life for citizens in communities across the state by providing local governments the means to pursue projects that might not otherwise be possible.

Eligible entities include: local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resources or public lands agencies, school districts, local education agencies or schools, tribal governments, and any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than a MPO or a state agency that the state determines to be eligible).

Eligible Projects include: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities; Streetscape Improvements; Safe Routes to School Program

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/IS/Funding/TAP>



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/>



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



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.communityfoundationnwga.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/>



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/>



Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade Program

Application Period: 4/15/21-10/31/21

Type: Grant

Georgia-Pacific launched its Bucket Brigade program to help support local fire departments and the brave men and women who strive to keep our communities safe. Since 2006, the Bucket Brigade program has contributed more than \$2 million to fire departments in communities within 30 miles of a Georgia-Pacific facility through cash grants as well as educational materials and National Volunteer Fire Council memberships.

Eligible entities include fire departments in communities within 30 miles of a Georgia-Pacific facility

<https://www.gp.com/community/bucket-brigade>

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