



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

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ReConnect Loan and Grant Program

Application Deadline: 2/22/22 (opens on 11/24/21)

Type: Grant, Loan, or 50% Grant/50% Loan

The ReConnect Program offers federal loans, grants, and combinations thereof to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. ReConnect loans and grants provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access. The program will make available \$350 million for grants (25 percent match required); \$250 million for 50/50 grant-loans; \$200 million for loans; and \$350 million for new 100 percent grants (no match required) for Tribal and socially vulnerable communities.

<https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Application Deadline: 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 one 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 Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)

Application Deadline: ongoing

Type: Loan or Grant

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



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Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

Application Deadline: ongoing (accepted year-round)

Type: Grants

This program helps prevent damage or restore households and business' access to clean, reliable drinking water in eligible rural areas and towns following natural disasters (including drought, flood, earthquake, tornado, hurricane, disease outbreak, chemical spill/leak/seepage, and more). A federal disaster declaration is not required. Funding can improve the natural environment and encourage manufacturers and other businesses to locate or expand operations. Applications for this program are accepted year round. Eligible applicants include public bodies, non-profits, and federally recognized tribes. Eligible areas include rural areas with no more than 10,000 residents.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants/ga>

Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH)

Application Deadline: ongoing

Type: Technical Assistance

This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects. Eligible applicants include public bodies, non-profits, and federally recognized tribes. Eligible areas include rural areas with no more than 20,000 residents and a median household income below 80% of the state non-metropolitan median household income. Contact a specialist to discuss specific projects before applying.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural/ga>

Economic Impact Initiative Grants

Application Deadline: ongoing

Type: Grant

This program provides funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression. An essential community facility is one that provides an essential service to the local community, is needed for the orderly development of the community, serves a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. Eligible applicants include public bodies, non-profits, and federally recognized tribes. Eligible areas include rural areas with no more than 20,000 residents that have a "not employed rate" greater than 19.5%, and a median household income below 90% of the state non-metropolitan median household income. Contact a specialist to discuss specific projects before applying.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/economic-impact-initiative-grants/ga>



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Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)

Application Deadline: 2/28/22

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>

Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)

Application Deadline: 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>

Rural Energy for America Program Energy Audit & Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grants

Application Deadline: 1/31/22

Type: Grant

This program assists rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA). Applicants must submit separate applications, limited to one energy audit and one Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA) per fiscal year. Rural small businesses must be located in eligible rural areas. The maximum aggregate amount of an energy audit and REDA grant in a Federal fiscal year is \$100,000. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, federally-recognized tribes, a land-grant college or university or other institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, public power entities, and other organizations.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-america-program-energy-audit-renewable-energy-development-assistance-grants>



Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

AmeriCorps NCCC Request for Concept Papers

Application Deadline: 12/31/21

Type: Grant for 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>

State and National Public Health AmeriCorps

Application Deadline: 11/8/21

Type: Grant for Volunteer Assistance

The State and National Public Health AmeriCorps program seeks to enable the recruitment, training, and development of a new generation of public health leaders who are ready to respond to the public health needs of the nation by providing public health service in communities. Grants are awarded to organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members. The program helps provide needed capacity and support in state and local public health settings and advance more equitable health outcomes for communities that are currently or historically underserved. In addition, the program supports efforts to help local communities respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. [https://www.americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2022-americorps-state-national-public-health-americorps - Mandatory%20Supp](https://www.americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2022-americorps-state-national-public-health-americorps-Mandatory%20Supp)

AmeriCorps Seniors - American Rescue Plan Senior Demonstration Program (SDP)

Application Deadline: 2/3/22

Type: Grant for Volunteer Assistance

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) provides additional federal resources to AmeriCorps Seniors in order to assist communities in COVID-19 recovery. This funding will be made available throughout the United States, with a particular interest in programs that will serve communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. All applications funded under this authority are required to have a 10% match, regardless if the proposed program will recruit and place volunteers who receive a stipend or not.

<https://www.americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2022-americorps-seniors-american-rescue-plan-senior-demonstration-program#SDP>



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 Deadline: 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>

The Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program

Application Deadline: 12/1/21

Type: Grant

The Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program supports the expansion of broadband Internet access, connectivity, and digital inclusion. Examples of supported activities include the purchase of broadband Internet access service or any eligible equipment, or to hire and train information technology personnel; to facilitate educational instruction and learning, including through remote instruction; to operate a minority business enterprise; or to operate a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/resources/grant-programs/connecting-minority-communities-pilot-program>

ARPA Economic Adjustment Assistance

Application Deadline: 3/31/22

Type: Grant

The Economic Adjustment Assistance program is EDA's most flexible program, and grants made under this program will help hundreds of communities across the nation plan, build, innovate, and put people back to work through construction or non-construction projects designed to meet local needs. A wide range of technical, planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, and public works and infrastructure projects are eligible for funding under this program.

<https://eda.gov/arpa/economic-adjustment-assistance/>



U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
Build America Bureau

Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (TIFIA)

Application Deadline: 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 Deadline: 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 Labor

Stand Down Grants

Application Deadline: ongoing

Type: Grant

The Stand Down Grants program supports local Stand Down events that assist homeless veterans by providing a wide variety of employment, social, and health services. Support is available to provide basic services to homeless veterans such as showers, haircuts, attention to health concerns, and other collaborative services to give participants a greater sense of self and an opportunity to improve their chances of securing and maintaining employment. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through the end of 2021, pending funding availability.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/StandDown>



U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
Federal Railroad Administration

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program

Application Deadline: 11/29/21

Type: Grant

This program funds projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail. <https://railroads.dot.gov/grants-loans/competitive-discretionary-grant-programs/consolidated-rail-infrastructure-and-safety-2>



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program

Application Deadline: 11/19/21

Type: Grant

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$409.59 million of Fiscal Year 2021 funds for buses, bus facilities, and bus equipment.

The purpose of the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program is to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing bus-related 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/bus-program>



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Continuum of Care Program

Application Deadline: 11/16/21

Type: Grant

The Continuum of Care Program seeks to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. This program supports efforts to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families, youth, and persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness. The program also seeks to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy21_coc



National Endowment for the Humanities

Public Humanities Projects

Application Deadline: 1/12/22 (Optional drafts due 12/8/21)

Type: Grant

The Public Humanities Projects program supports efforts to bring the ideas of the humanities to life for general audiences through public programming. Projects must engage humanities scholarship to analyze significant themes in disciplines such as history, literature, ethics, and art history. The focus is on projects that are intended to reach broad and diverse public audiences in non-classroom settings. Projects should engage with ideas that are accessible to the general public and employ appealing interpretive formats.

<https://www.neh.gov/grants/public/public-humanities-projects>



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant

Application Deadline: 12/1/21

Type: Grant

The Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant programs seek to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum) and petroleum. Assessment Grants provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach. Revolving Loan Fund Grants provide funding to capitalize loans that are used to clean up brownfield sites. Cleanup Grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant. <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/multipurpose-assessment-rlf-and-cleanup-marc-grant-application-resources>



National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund

History of Equal Rights Grant Program (HER)

Application Deadline: 12/1/21

Type: Grant

Funded through the Historic Preservation Fund, the History of Equal Rights grant program preserves sites related to the struggle of all people to achieve equal rights in America. The History of Equal Rights grants are not limited to any specific group and are intended to include the broadest possible interpretation of sites associated with efforts to achieve equal rights.

This program funds physical preservation work and pre-preservation planning activities for sites that are listed in or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or as a National Historic Landmark. Should a site not be listed, or not listed for its association with equal rights, then a new nomination or amendment must be created as part of the grant project.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/history-of-equal-rights.htm>

African American Civil Rights Grant Program (AACR)

Application Deadline: 12/1/21

Type: Grant

The National Park Service's (NPS) African American Civil Rights Grant Program (AACR) will document, interpret, and preserve the sites and stories related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens as well as the transatlantic slave trade. There are two types of grants:

1. AACR Preservation Grants: Eligible costs include pre-preservation studies, architectural plans and specifications, historic structure reports, and the repair and rehabilitation of historic properties.
2. AACR History Grants: Eligible costs include survey, planning, and documentation of historic sites/events, as well as the creation of interpretive and educational materials around significant sites (including oral histories).

Properties must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or designated a National Historic Landmark either individually or as part of a district whose significance is associated with African American Civil Rights.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/african-american-civil-rights.htm>



National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund

Save America's Treasures Grants

Application Deadline: 12/14/21

Type: Grant

Save America's Treasures grants from the Historic Preservation Fund provide preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind. There are separate opportunities for preservation and collections projects. Eligible properties must be either currently individually listed as a National Historic Landmark or be a contributing property within a National Historic Landmark district, or individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places for national significance (properties listed at the state or local significance are not eligible) or be a contributing property within a nationally significant National Register Historic District. Properties include buildings, sites, structures and objects.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/save-americas-treasures-grants.htm>

Underrepresented Community Grants

Application Deadline: 1/11/22

Type: Grant

The National Park Service's (NPS) Underrepresented Community Grant Program (URC) is intended to diversify the nominations submitted to the National Register of Historic Places to include communities that are currently underrepresented. Projects include surveys and nominations of historic sites associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register. Every application must include a National Register nomination or amendment.

All funded projects must result in:

- The submission of a new nomination to the National Register of Historic Places or National Historic Landmark program, or
- An amendment to an existing National Register or National Historic Landmark nomination to include underrepresented communities

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/underrepresented-community-grants.htm>



US Army Corps
of Engineers

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Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Project Funding

Application Deadline: 11/12/21

Type: General Funding (under consideration)

The United States Senate is beginning consideration of legislation governing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) civil works program, commonly known as the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Congress traditionally passes this measure every two years. The bill will authorize Army Corps-related water resources projects such as dams, levees, shore protection, dredging, and ecosystem replenishment. The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works has asked each senator to provide the committee with a list of Corps-related water resources priorities for consideration in the bill. In accordance with that request, the WRDA is seeking information about any projects in your community you believe the Corps should make part of its program and be authorized under WRDA. The application portal is [live now](#). You are encouraged to submit your projects as early as possible for consideration before the November 12 5:00 PM due date. Please submit a new application for each request. If you have any questions please email appropriations_@ossoff.senate.gov and appropriations@warnock.senate.gov.



Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

Business Development Revolving Loan Fund Grants

Application Deadline: 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 Deadline: 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>



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

COVID-19 Dislocated Workers Grants

Application Deadline: 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 Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Law Enforcement and First Responders Supplement

Application Deadline: 12/31/21

Type: Grant

The Law Enforcement and First Responder Supplement program establishes a grant program to provide a \$1,000 one-time pay supplement for full-time public safety officers and first responders, including law enforcement officers, EMS personnel, and firefighters.

<https://opb.georgia.gov/georgia-public-safety-officials-and-first-responders-supplement-grant>



Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA)

Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Grant

Application Deadline: 12/15/21

Type: Grant

The Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) is a grant and low-interest loan program administered by the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA). Since inception, GTIB has provided over \$165 million in grants and loans to highly competitive transportation projects that have enhanced mobility and driven economic development in local communities throughout Georgia.

Preferred Applications:

- Projects providing clear economic development benefits
- Projects that will be completed in the near-term as a result of GTIB investment
- Projects with significant matching funds

<https://www.srta.ga.gov/gtib/>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRFLF)

Application Deadline: ongoing

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

The purpose of the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRFLF) 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 DDRFLF 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-ddrflf>

State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

Application Deadline: 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.

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

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

EDGE Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

Application Deadline: 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>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Equity Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

Application Deadline: 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>

Employment Incentive Program

Application Deadline: 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.

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

Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA)

Application Deadline: 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>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

CDBG Immediate Threat and Danger Program (ITAD)

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

CDBG-CV Program

Application Deadline: ongoing

Type: Grant

The CDBG-CV program originated from the CARES Act of 2020, enacted to provide relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. An allocation was made to states to "prevent, prepare for, and respond to" COVID-19 through funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In total, Georgia received \$82,850,707 from HUD for the CDBG-CV program, including administration. Generally speaking, all typical federal requirements associated with CDBG funding apply to grantees and subgrantees. In addition to the CDBG regulations, DCA and its subgrantees must adhere to all additional requirements outlined in Federal Register Notice FR-6218-N-01. <https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/cdbg-cv>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Redevelopment Fund (RDF)

Application Deadline: ongoing

Type: Grant or Loan (Flexible Financial Assistance)

Recognizing that redevelopment projects can be the most challenging economic and community development projects a local government may undertake, the Redevelopment Fund (RDF) was created as a set-aside of Georgia's non-entitlement CDBG Program. The RDF provides local governments access to flexible financial assistance to help them implement projects that cannot be undertaken with the usual public sector grant and loan programs. The RDF finances locally initiated public/private partnerships to leverage investments in commercial, downtown, industrial redevelopment, and revitalization projects that may not proceed otherwise. Unlike other DCA CDBG programs, the RDF uses the CDBG national objective of "eliminating slums or blight." As a result, many smaller scale projects (in downtown areas or blighted industrial areas) may be competitive for RDF financing.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg-0>



Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) Program

Application Deadline: 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>



University of Georgia
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process (RSVP)

Application Deadline: 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 Deadline: ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

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 Deadline: 12/15/21, evaluated on a rolling basis

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 Deadline: 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 Deadline: 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/>



Recycling Infrastructure Grant

Application Deadline: 12/31/21, evaluated on a rolling basis

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>



NGCF COVID-19 Relief Fund

Application Deadline: 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/>



Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade Program

Application Deadline: accepted on a rolling basis

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>



Brothers Helping Brothers Grant Program

Application Deadline: 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.

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



Hometown Grants

Application Deadlines: several throughout the year

Type: Grant

T-Mobile partnered with Smart Growth America and Main Street America, two consulting partners with a combined experience of over 60 years working to help build stronger, more prosperous small towns and rural communities. The Hometown Grant program is committing up to \$25 million over the next 5 years to support community projects in up to 100 small towns a year with project funding of up to \$50,000 each. The T-Mobile Hometown Grants program will help fund projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in your town. For example, this might include the town square pavilion, a historic building, an outdoor park, a ball field, or a library - every town has places where friends and neighbors connect. Small towns with populations less than 50,000 are eligible to apply. Elected leaders, city managers/employees, or non-profit leaders can submit details for their project request using the Hometown Grant application.

<https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>



MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Fund Grant

Application Deadline: 9/17/22

Type: Grant

The MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation will accept applications throughout the year for bold, innovative, and creative ideas to increase opportunities to play baseball and/or softball for youth (age 20 and under), in particular youth who are minorities, girls, and/or located in underserved communities. The foundation will accept applications throughout the year for bold, innovative, and creative ideas to increase opportunities to play baseball and/or softball for youth (age 20 and under), in particular youth who are minorities, girls, and/or located in underserved communities. The foundation considers requests for a variety of purposes including:

Capital Projects: Such as building and renovating fields and practice facilities and installing lighting.

Baseball/Softball Programs: Such as in-school/after-school baseball/softball programming, equipment and uniforms, umpire fees, player registration fees and practice facility rental fees.

Education Initiatives: Such as programs, exhibits, and other learning opportunities that use baseball and softball as its primary focus to promote interest and engagement in the game.

<https://www.mlbplayers.com/ydf>



People, Parks, and Power: A National Initiative for Green Space, Health Equity, and Racial Justice

Application Deadline: 11/4/21

Type: Grant

The People, Parks, and Power initiative is grounded in the premise that urban parks are essential community infrastructure that should serve every neighborhood in a fair, just, and safe manner, without displacing longtime residents or community-serving businesses. P3 will support community-based organizations and base-building groups working in urban, low-income communities of color across the United States to increase park equity through local policy and systems change. The geographic focus of the P3 initiative is urban areas—with a particular interest in small and mid-sized cities (under 500,000 population). Applicant organizations must be either public entities or nonprofit organizations.

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2021/people-parks-and-power-a-national-initiative-for-green-space-health-equity-and-racial-justice.html>

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