



Current and Upcoming Opportunities

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides \$350 billion in highly flexible direct allocations for state, local, and territorial governments, focusing on use for critical infrastructure. Georgia and its cities and counties will receive \$4.853 billion of that \$350 billion by direct allocation. Half of that funding was previously distributed, and the remaining half will be disbursed in May. The goal of these funds is to make your community whole and help stimulate the economy through spending on infrastructure, innovation, and government service.

Current opportunities for funding available through ARPA are listed below (click on an opportunity for more information).

- ❖ [Economic Adjustment Assistance – ARPA](#)
- ❖ [AmeriCorps Seniors - American Rescue Plan Senior Demonstration Program \(SDP\)](#)
- ❖ [Competitive Tourism Grants – ARPA](#)
- ❖ [Good Jobs Challenge – ARPA](#)
- ❖ [Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities – ARPA](#)

Additional funding opportunities will be made available in 2022, particularly in the realm of infrastructure. For more information about ARPA funds, please see [ECG's previous communication](#) about this important topic.



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

Contact a specialist to discuss specific projects before applying.

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ReConnect Loan and Grant Program

Deadline: 2/22/22

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>

Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)

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>

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

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>



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Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH)

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

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>

Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)

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>



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Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)

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-re lending-program>

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

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>



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Forest Service

Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program

Deadline: 1/10/22

Type: Grant

The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (Community Forest Program) of the Forest Service offers a unique opportunity for communities to acquire and conserve forests that provide public access and recreational opportunities, protect vital water supplies and wildlife habitat, serve as demonstration sites for private forest landowners, and provide economic benefits from timber and non-timber products. All applicants must demonstrate a 50 percent match of the total project cost. The match can include cash, in-kind services, or donations, which shall be from a non-Federal source. For additional information, please see § 230.6 of the final rule. If you have questions, you may contact the representative for Region 8: Susan Granbery, USDA Forest Service, 1720 Peachtree Rd. NW, Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30309, 770.883.8925

(mobile), susan.granbery@usda.gov

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program>



Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

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

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-ameri-corps-seniors-american-rescue-plan-senior-demonstration-program#SDP>



U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

Competitive Tourism Grants – ARPA

Deadline: 1/31/22

Type: Grant

Through the Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation program, EDA is focused on accelerating the recovery of communities that rely on the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors. Of the \$750 million of EDA's American Rescue Plan funds, \$240 million will go towards helping communities that have been hardest hit by challenges facing the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors to invest in infrastructure, workforce or other projects to support the recovery of the industry and economic resilience of the community in the future.

Eligible applicants for EDA's Competitive Tourism Grants program include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

Email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation program to TravelandTourism@eda.gov. For region-specific questions, contact the Georgia EDA Economic Development Representative: Jonathan Corso at 404.809.7094 or jcorso@eda.gov <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=334748>

Good Jobs Challenge – ARPA

Deadline: 1/26/22

Type: Grant

EDA's American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening systems and partnerships that bring together employers who have hiring needs with other key entities to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs. Through the Good Jobs Challenge, EDA is allocating \$500 million to collaborative skills training systems and programs. The Good Jobs Challenge is designed to support the needs of an applicant's identified regional workforce system through a single integrated award. EDA will make awards to either the System Lead Entity of a regional workforce system or the Backbone Organization of a sectoral partnership as the lead applicant. These organizations may make subawards to other eligible recipients as necessary to the proposed project and as approved by EDA.

For region-specific questions, contact the Georgia EDA Economic Development Representative: Jonathan Corso at 404.809.7094 or jcorso@eda.gov

You may also send email inquiries about the American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge to GoodJobsChallenge@eda.gov.

<https://eda.gov/arpa/good-jobs-challenge/>



U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

Economic Adjustment Assistance – ARPA

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 Commerce
National Institute of Standards and Technology

NIST Public Safety Innovation Accelerator Program – 2022

Deadline: 1/18/22

Type: Grant

This award seeks solutions around accelerating the development, production, and testing of:

- Mission critical voice over broadband networks
- Location-based services
- First responder-machine interactions

PSCR created this funding opportunity to stimulate external R&D activities addressing critical technology gaps identified by stakeholders and to build a public safety-focused R&D ecosystem with long-lasting impact namely:

- Promoting cross-cutting research to advance public safety communications technology
- Transforming public safety operations
- Addressing critical technology gaps

<https://www.nist.gov/ctl/pscr/funding-opportunities/grants-and-cooperative-agreements/psiap-2022>



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

Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (TIFIA)

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)

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 Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Enhancing Mobility Innovation Program

Deadline: 1/11/22

Type: Grant

FTA's Enhancing Mobility Innovation program advances a vision of mobility for all – safe, reliable, equitable, and accessible services that support complete trips for all travelers. The program promotes technology projects that center the passenger experience and encourage people to get on board, such as integrated fare payment systems and user-friendly software for demand-response public transportation.

Enhancing Mobility Innovation projects fall under two categories:

- **Accelerate innovative mobility:** Concept development and/or demonstration projects that improve mobility and enhance the rider experience with a focus on innovative service delivery models, creative financing, novel partnerships, and integrated payment solutions
- **Software solutions:** Projects that support the development of software solutions that facilitate integrated demand-response public transportation that dispatches transit vehicles through riders' mobile devices or other means

The federal share of project costs under this program is limited to 80 percent. Proposers may seek a lower Federal contribution. The applicant must provide the local share of the net project cost in cash, or in-kind, and must document in its application the source of the local match.

If you have any questions, contact Christina Gikakis, FTA Office of Mobility Innovation, 202.366.2637, Christina.Gikakis@dot.gov

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/research-innovation/enhancing-mobility-innovation>



U.S. Department of Labor

Stand Down Grants

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 Housing and Urban Development

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program

Deadline: 2/22/22

Type: Grant

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support those communities that have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their plan to redevelop the distressed public and/or assisted housing and neighborhood.

The Lead Applicant must be a Public Housing Agency (PHA), a local government, or a tribal entity. If there is also a Co-Applicant, it must be a PHA, a local government, a tribal entity, or the owner of the target HUD-assisted housing (e.g. a nonprofit or for-profit developer). The local government of jurisdiction, or tribe for applications that target Indian Housing, must be the Lead Applicant or Co-Applicant. Applications must present a plan to revitalize a severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted multifamily housing project located in a distressed neighborhood into a viable, mixed-income community. There is a cost matching requirement of at least 5% of the requested grant amount in cash or in-kind donations. There are three key eligibility criteria for Choice Neighborhoods funding. In addition to the applicant's eligibility, the application must also demonstrate that the proposal targets an eligible housing project and is located in an eligible neighborhood. This information is available in Section III of the NOFO.

If you have any questions, please contact ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn/fy21funding



FEMA

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

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Deadline: 1/21/22

Type: Grant

The AFG Program is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards.

The AFG Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTAs) for critical training and equipment. The AFG Program has awarded approximately \$7.7 billion in grant funding to provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

Three types of eligible activities:

- Operations and Safety
- Vehicle Acquisition
- Regional Projects

Call or email the Fire Grants Help Desk with questions at 1.866.274.0960 or

firegrants@fema.dhs.gov.

<https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/fy-2021-assistance-firefighters-grant-afg-application-guidance-materials>



National Endowment for the Humanities

Landmarks of American History and Culture Program

Deadline: 2/22/22

Type: Grant

The Landmarks of American History and Culture program supports residential, virtual, and combined format projects that situate the study of topics and themes in K-12 humanities within sites, areas, or regions of historic and cultural significance. Projects aim to expand participants' knowledge of and approaches to teaching about diverse histories, cultures, traditions, languages, and perspectives in the United States and its jurisdictions.

For additional assistance please email help@neh.gov or call 202.606.8399.

<https://www.neh.gov/grants/education/landmarks-american-history-and-culture-workshops-school-teachers>

Public Humanities Projects Program

Deadline: 1/12/22

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

Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities – ARPA

Deadline: 2/25/22

Type: Grant

Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), Congress provided EPA with a one-time supplemental appropriation of \$100 million to address health outcome disparities from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic. EPA will make a portion of these funds available to enhance air quality monitoring in and near underserved communities across the United States. EPA is competing \$20 million of these funds for projects to monitor air pollutants of greatest concern in communities with adverse health outcome disparities through the process outlined in this solicitation. EPA will award funds to eligible entities to support community and local efforts to monitor their own air quality and to promote air quality monitoring partnerships between communities and tribal, state, and local governments.

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/enhanced-air-quality-monitoring-communities>



National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund

Contact the National Park Service for application assistance and questions: 202.354.2020
STLPG@nps.gov

Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program

Deadline: 2/21/22

Type: Grant (Subgrants Program)

The goal of the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program is to fund subgrant programs that support the rehabilitation of historic properties to foster economic development of rural communities. These subgrant programs, will fund preservation projects for historic sites to include architectural/engineering services and physical preservation.

Eligible subgrant properties must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined eligible for listing at the National, State, or local level of significance and located within rural (non-urban) communities with populations less than 50,000. State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, Certified Local Governments, and non-profits can now apply for funding that will in turn be subgranted to rural communities in their jurisdictions. Check [here](#) to find out if you are a Certified Local Government.

Read the [Program Fact Sheet](#) and [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for more details.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/paul-bruhn-historic-revitalization-grants-program.htm>

Underrepresented Community Grants

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>



Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

Business Development Revolving Loan Fund Grants

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

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

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 Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF)

Deadline: 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)

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)

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)

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

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)

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)

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

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

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)

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

Georgia Wildlife Viewing Grants Program

Deadline: 1/7/22

Type: Grant

The Wildlife Conservation Section of the DNR Wildlife Resources Division administers a small-grants program for wildlife viewing projects in the state. Funding - up to \$3,000 per project - is provided by Georgia's Nongame Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Questions? Contact Rick Lavender, 706.557.3327 or rick.lavender@dnr.ga.gov.

<https://georgiawildlife.com/WildlifeViewingGrants>



Georgia Department of Transportation

Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Deadline: 2/1/22

Grant: Grant

The Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program provides funding to counties and cities for road construction and maintenance. The LMIG program has been developed in cooperation with ACCG, GMA, and others.

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Local/LMIG>



Georgia Council for the Arts

GCA FY23 Project Grant

Deadline: 2/3/22

Type: Grant

Project Grants support single art projects such as an art exhibit, a theatre production, a series of workshops for children, or an artist residency. In FY23, because of the impact of COVID-19 on organizations across the state, Project Grant applicants will be able to apply for capacity building projects, such as developing a strategic plan, a development plan, or a plan to safely reopen an arts facility. If you have questions about the guidelines or the application process, please contact: Katie Domurat, Grants and Programs Manager – kdomurat@gaarts.org or 404.962.4015

<https://gaarts.org/what-we-do/grants/projectgrant/>



University of Georgia
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process (RSVP)

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)

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



MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Fund Grant

Deadline: 9/17/22

Type:

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.

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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.

What we do not support?

- The Foundation does not support annual operating expenses including, but not limited to, fundraising costs, salaries, insurance costs, administrative expenses, membership dues, advertising and promotional expenses, bank charges, audit expenses, and other third-party overhead costs.
- Fields used for sports and activities other than youth baseball and softball.
- Travel teams, except for those serving low-income players.
- Restroom and concession stand construction.
- Individual player scholarships or sponsorships.
- Funding requests for uniforms for school leagues.

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



Southern Smoke Emergency Relief Program

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

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/>



NGCF COVID-19 Relief Fund

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

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>



Hometown Grants

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>



2022 All-America City Awards

Deadline: 3/1/22

Type: Grant

The National Civic League and partner and co-convenor, the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (CGLR), invite you to apply for the All-America City Award, the nation's most prestigious community recognition. The year's theme is "Housing as a Platform for Early School Success and Equitable Learning Recovery."

The 2022 AAC Awards will focus on robust efforts that seek measurable improvement around one or more of the following areas of focus:

1. Digital equity (internet access, individual devices, technical assistance);
2. Relational supports (tutors, mentors, coaches);
3. Afterschool, summer and out-of-school learning opportunities;
4. Transforming non-school places and spaces into learning-rich environments;
5. Promoting school readiness, regular attendance and summer learning;
6. Parents succeeding as essential partners in assuring the healthy development and early school success of their children; and
7. Parents succeeding in their own journey toward sustainable self-sufficiency.

If you have questions, please email aac@ncl.org.

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



Reengaging Opportunity Youth in the South Cohort

Deadline: 1/7/22

Type: Grant

The National League of Cities (NLC) is excited to launch its Reengaging Opportunity Youth in the South Cohort to support the emergence of reengagement efforts in the Southeast and Southwest United States. This initiative provides support to city leaders and their key partners such as school districts, alternative schools, workforce boards, community colleges, and older-youth-focused community-based organizations, intermediaries, and agencies across the Southeast and Southwest U.S. To be eligible for this technical assistance initiative of the YEF Institute, the Mayor and city team must demonstrate a broad commitment to implementing a reengagement program in their community during a 18-month period, beginning in January 2022.

Cities selected to join the cohort will gain access to a broad range of benefits, including:

- Individualized technical assistance and guidance to develop and implement a reengagement program or Center for Opportunity Youth
- Links to resources, peer learning, and national experts through virtual meetings and convenings
- At least one in-person site visit by a YEF Institute staff member and one cohort meeting (pending pandemic safety measures)
- Training and support on best practices to engage and support opportunity youth

Contact Antonia Rangel-Caril, Sr. Program Specialist, at Rangel-Caril@NLC.org, 202.626.3023

<https://www.nlc.org/initiative/nlc-reengagement-network/>



Peer Learning Cohort Opportunity: Southern Cities Economic Inclusion Initiative

Deadline: 1/14/22

Type: Grant

The Southern Cities Economic Inclusion (SCEI) initiative will support cities in the Southeast to help local leaders implement economic inclusion strategies that close racial economic equity gaps.

The initiative is a partnership between National League of Cities (NLC), the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

NLC is launching the Southern Cities Economic Inclusion initiative to support cities in building their capacity to implement economic inclusion strategies that close racial economic equity gaps through city-led strategies that expand economic opportunities for residents and businesses of color. As part of the SCEI initiative, cities will participate in one of two peer learning cohorts that deepen capacity and build leadership skills while receiving technical assistance and innovation funding of up to \$30,000 from NLC. Cities will also receive support from national philanthropic partners to raise additional local matching funds. Questions can be directed to Denise Belser at belser@nlc.org. https://www.nlc.org/?post_type=initiative&p=63165



Build Better Broadband

Deadline: 1/14/22

Type: Grant

Connect Humanity's Build Better Broadband program, which aims to provide grants for the development of Broadband Master Plans for up to 5 communities, is asking for applications to access broadband funds. Awardees will receive a Broadband Master Plan, Feasibility Analysis, and Feasibility Design that can be used to obtain federal funding or funds via philanthropic avenues.

<https://buildbetterbroadband.org/>



Big Ideas, Bright Cities Challenge

Deadline: 1/31/22

Type: Grant

GBC-Education is looking for innovative approaches and big ideas to increase youth skills and employment opportunities across the country. Winning partnerships will receive cash prizes to launch or scale their big idea as well as be invited to participate in a year-long community of practice for additional guidance and support in implementing their projects. In order to apply, cities, businesses, and higher education institutions must partner with an organization that has a registered 501(c)(3) status. The non-profit entity must also submit the application on behalf of the partnership. Preference will be given to partnerships which involve government, youth-serving non-profits, education institutions, and businesses. <https://skillsfriendlycities.org/awards>

For assistance with research, please contact:
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