



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

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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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Rural Energy Pilot Program (REPP)

Deadline: 4/19/22

Type: Grant

The purpose of the REPP is to provide financial assistance for rural communities to further develop renewable energy to help meet our nation's energy needs and combat climate change while prioritizing environmental justice, racial equity and economic opportunity.

To be eligible for this program, projects must contribute to the establishment or development of clean energy communities through the deployment of community-scale distributed renewable energy technologies or systems.

REPP partnerships may be comprised of, but are not limited to:

- Non-profit entities;
- State and local entities;
- Tribal entities;
- Municipalities and other public bodies.

REPP grant funds can be used to support:

- Community energy planning, capacity building, and technical assistance
- Community efficiency and weatherization
- Installation and equipping of community-scale renewable energy technologies and systems

Contact: Anthony Crooks: telephone 202.205.9322, email: RuralEnergyPilotProgram@usda.gov

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-pilot-program>

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>



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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>

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-relending-program>



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 Transportation
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

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Deadline: 4/14/22

Type: Grant

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Projects will be evaluated on statutory criteria of safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair, partnership and innovation. New this year, under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, 2022 RAISE applications will also be evaluated on the criteria of mobility and community connectivity. The Department will assess projects for universal design and accessibility for travelers, as well as consider how proposals increase mobility for freight and supply chain efficiency. Check back [here](#) for upcoming webinars on how to apply.

Email: RAISEgrants@dot.gov and Phone: 202.366.0301

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

Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP)

Deadline: 3/15/22

Type: Grant

The Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) is a grant program designed to help small communities address air service and airfare issues.

Only public entities may apply for and serve as the legal sponsor of a grant under the Small Community Program. Private organizations cannot be the lead applicant. A community may file only one application for a grant, either individually or as part of a consortium.

- Consortium Applications: An application from a consortium of communities must be one that seeks to facilitate the efforts of the communities working together toward one joint grant project, with one joint objective, including the establishment of one entity to ensure that the joint objective is accomplished.
- Communities Without Existing Air Service: Communities that do not currently have commercial air service are eligible for SCASDP funds.

Questions regarding the program or the filing of proposals should be directed to:

Brooke Chapman, Associate Director, 202.366.0577, brooke.chapman@dot.gov

<https://www.transportation.gov/policy/aviation-policy/small-community-rural-air-service/SCASDP>



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>

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)

Deadline: 2/23/22

Type: Grant

HVRP has two core objectives: 1) to provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force, and 2) to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans. HVRP grantees accomplish these objectives through a variety of core services:

Knowledge of Population - Grantees understand the unique needs of the veterans they serve and structure to meet those needs.

Outreach - Grantees use a flexible, non-threatening approach to meet veterans where they are. Outreach also includes activities to engage partners and employers.

Assessment / Intake - Grantees assess each veteran to determine program eligibility and to gauge job readiness and willingness to engage in employment services.

Case Management - Grantees use a veteran-centered approach to develop an Individual Employment Plan (IEP) based on individual's strengths, and preferences while addressing barriers.

Job driven Training and Placement - Grantees provide training that is targeted to the specific industries, occupations, and skills that are in demand locally. Training services can be provided in-house, through partners in the community, or through the local American Job Center.

Collaboration - Grantees collaborate with public and private partners at all levels (federal, state and local) to provide supportive services and access to housing.

Contact: NeKia Davis at Davis.NeKia.J@dol.gov

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



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

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

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



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>



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>



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration

Rural Health and Economic Development Analysis

Deadline: 3/8/22

Type: Grant

The purpose of this program is to quantify and describe the economic impacts of local health care sectors on rural economies to provide information which will assist policy makers and other rural stakeholders to improve health care in rural areas. HRSA will work closely with the award recipient on areas of concern such as:

- the impact of hospital and other health care facility closures on local economies,
- the impact of bypass of local rural health care services,
- the impact of new health care services and facilities,
- the economic impact of health care professionals working in rural communities, and
- other emerging issues at the intersection of rural health care improvement and rural economic analysis.

Eligible applicants include domestic public or private, non-profit and for-profit entities. Domestic faith-based and community-based organizations, tribes, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. Eligible entities may include, but are not limited to, public and private institutions for higher education, public or private health research organizations, and foundations.

Contact: Jennifer Burges at jborges@hrsa.gov or 301.945.3985

<https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/hrsa-22-092>



National Park Service

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>

Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

Deadline: 3/1/22

Type: Technical Assistance

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program extends and expands the benefits of the National Park Service to communities throughout the nation.

When a community asks for assistance with a project through our [application](#), National Park Service staff provide free, on-location facilitation and planning expertise. We draw from project experiences across the country and adapt best practices to a community's specific needs.

Please contact the regional program manager below to discuss the proposed project and current application process. Deirdre Hewitt, Program Manager at ser_rtca@nps.gov

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/whatwedo.htm>



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.tcsgeu/worksource/covid-19-employment-training-assistance/>



Atlanta Regional Commission

ARC Community Development Assistance Program

Deadline: 2/28/22

Type: Grant

The Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) provides planning assistance to local governments, CIDs, & non-profits across the 11-county metropolitan region to undertake local planning activities that advance the goals of the Atlanta Region's Plan. ARC's member governments are Cherokee, Clayton, **Cobb**, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, **Fulton**, **Gwinnett**, **Henry**, and Rockdale counties, and the city of Atlanta.

Program Goals:

- Implement the Atlanta Region's Plan at the local level
- Advance socially equitable planning processes & outcomes
- Promote community resiliency to safeguard against future shocks & stressors
- Foster comprehensive, inclusive, & meaningful community engagement

Contact: Mollie Bogle at mbogle@atlantaregional.org.

<https://atlantaregional.org/community-development-assistance-program>



Appalachian Regional Commission

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>



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 Environmental Protection Division

Georgia's Clean Water Act 319(h) Grant

Deadline: 4/30/22

Type: Grant

Using a competitive process, GAEPD will award grant funds to eligible projects that propose to address nonpoint sources of pollution by identifying and implementing the activities best suited to address those sources resulting in measurable water quality improvements to impaired waters throughout the State. The grant requires a cost-share ratio of **60% Federal dollars (maximum)** and **40% non-federal match (minimum)** toward the total project cost. The maximum Federal award to any individual project is \$400,000 with no minimum Federal award amount. Proposed project schedules should be completed within three years.

Eligible applicants that partner with local non-profit watershed groups will receive additional consideration for a grant award.

To inquire about potential projects or to schedule a conference call, contact **Blue Cole** at blue.cole@dnr.ga.gov or 470.938.3383.

<https://epd.georgia.gov/outreach/grants/georgia-319h-nonpoint-source-grant>



Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Call for Projects: Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF/DWSRF)

Deadline: 2/28/22

Type: Grant

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) is a federally-funded loan program that provides funding for a wide variety of water quality and non-point source projects, as well as water and energy conservation projects. Please see the solicitation letter below for more information. All potential projects must complete a pre-application.

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) is a federally-funded loan program that provides funding for water supply projects that address a public health or compliance related problem, as well as water and energy conservation projects. Please see the solicitation letter below for more information. All potential projects must complete a pre-application.

Contact: Water Resources Division: 404.584.1000 or waterresources@gefa.ga.gov
<https://gefa.georgia.gov/call-for-projects>



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/>



Georgia Institute of Technology Partnership for Inclusive Innovation

Innovate for All

Deadline: 2/22/22

Type: Grant

Innovate for All supports a portfolio of projects that scale essential innovative programs, services, and technology deployments across the state. As a result, these projects will help empower and sustain access to resources that create economic opportunities for Georgia's rural, suburban, and urban centers, with a focus on the people and places that are often overlooked as innovation hubs. The program provides a one-time financial grant of up to \$250,000, statewide network of support, and applied research opportunities. Georgia's innovators with inclusive ready to scale project proposals that enhance access to innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship resources are strongly encouraged to apply.

Contact: E-mail InclusiveInnovation@gatech.edu with general questions. For in-depth program questions or if you would like to meet with the Economic Opportunity Manager, please use this [link](#) to schedule a meeting.

<https://pingeorgia.org/pilot-program-overview/>

Private Grants



MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Fund Grant

Deadline: 9/17/22

Type:

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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."

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

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



Firehouse Subs First Responders Grant

Deadline: 2/16/22

Type: Grant

The foundation welcomes applications for its First Responder Grants program, which will award up to \$50,000 in support of efforts to provide lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders, nonprofits, and public-safety organizations.

The foundation primarily focuses its resources on areas served by Firehouse Subs restaurants, although it recognizes the needs of rural and volunteer departments across the country and will consider applications outside the sixty-mile guideline. The application portal closes once it has received 600 applications so please apply early to secure your request.

<https://grants.firehousesubs.com/>



Community-Built Playspace Grants (rolling deadline)

Deadline: applications accepted on a rolling basis – Greater Atlanta area only!

Type: Grant

Our Community-Built Playspace grants are a partnership between your community, one of our dedicated funding partners, and KABOOM!.

As a Community Partner, you'll lead a process that will center your community's voices — both kids and adults — to design, plan, and build a new playspace using our signature community-build model. Depending on your community's needs, available space on your property, and available funding, KABOOM! offers three different types of playspaces. Once you've submitted an application, KABOOM! will evaluate your eligibility for the different types, and begin a conversation with you to determine which playspace is best for your community's kids.

You can preview the application questions [here](#).

Take the [quiz](#) to confirm your eligibility for this grant.

Submit any inquiries through [this contact form](#) or email apply@kaboom.org.

<https://kaboom.org/grants/community-built>



Safety First Challenge for Safer Streets

Deadline: ongoing

Type: Grant

The National League of Cities (NLC) launched a new “Safety First Challenge” to build a coalition of 100+ cities and towns in 100 days who want to join the safety movement by taking steps in their communities to bring forward solutions. Focusing on safer streets will save lives, particularly those disproportionately impacted by traffic crashes, and improve safety for everyone on our streets and sidewalks.

<https://www.nlc.org/initiative/safety-first-challenge-for-safer-streets/>



AARP Community Challenge

Deadline: 3/22/22

Type: Grant

The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. This year, applications will be accepted for projects to improve public spaces, housing, transportation and civic engagement; support diversity, equity and inclusion; build engagement for programs under new federal laws; and pursue innovative ideas that support people age 50 or older.

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2022/2022-challenge.html>

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