



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Rural Development

Contact a specialist to discuss specific projects before applying.

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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>

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>

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>

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>

Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Loan

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

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

Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

Deadline: 5/23/22

The Agency will make grants to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations, (such as States, counties, cities, townships, and incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations) to provide associations **Technical Assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs**. The Technical Assistance and/or training will assist communities, Indian Tribes, and Nonprofit Corporations to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs have been identified, the Grantee can assist in identifying public and private resources to finance those identified community facility needs.

What is an eligible area? Rural areas including cities, villages, townships, towns and Federally Recognized Tribal Lands outside the boundaries of a city of 20,000 or more.

How may funds be used?

- Assist communities in identifying and planning for community facility needs;
- Identify resources to finance community facility needs from public and private sources;
- Prepare reports and surveys necessary to request financial assistance to develop community facilities;
- Prepare applications for Agency financial assistance;
- Improve the management, including financial management, related to the operation of community facilities; or
- Assist with other areas of need identified by the Secretary.

Contact: Jack Stanek at 706.552.2568 in the Georgia USDA State Office

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-technical-assistance-and-training-grant>



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Farmers Market Promotion Program

Deadline: 5/16/22

The Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) funds projects to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products by developing, coordinating, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, online sales or other direct producer-to-consumer (including direct producer-to-retail, direct producer-to-restaurant and direct producer-to-institutional marketing) market opportunities. A 25% match is required.

Eligibility: Entities that are eligible to apply include:

- Agricultural businesses and cooperatives
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks and associations
- Food Councils
- Economic development corporations
- Local governments
- Nonprofit and public benefit corporations
- Producer networks or associations
- Regional farmers' market authorities
- Tribal governments

AMS encourages applications that benefit smaller farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, underserved producers, veteran producers, and/or underserved communities. For grants intending to serve these entities, applicants should engage and involve those beneficiaries when developing projects and applications.

Contact: FMLFPPGrants@usda.gov

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

Regional Food System Partnerships

Deadline: 5/16/22

The Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP) program supports partnerships that connect public and private resources to plan and develop local or regional food systems. The program focuses on strengthening the viability and resilience of regional food economies through collaboration and coordination.

Eligibility: Partnerships are eligible to apply for RFSP. Partnerships are made up of **at least one eligible entity** and **at least one eligible partner** under an official agreement. An application may be submitted by either an eligible entity or an eligible partner on behalf of the partnership. The partnership must specify in its application which organization(s) in the partnership are responsible for receiving and managing the award. **Local Governments are considered an eligible partner.**

AMS encourages applications from partnerships that engage with smaller farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, underserved producers, veteran producers, and/or underserved communities.

Contact: IPPGGrants@usda.gov

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

Local Food Promotion Program

Deadline: 5/16/22

The Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) funds projects that develop, coordinate and expand local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Grants can be used for the planning stages of establishing or expanding a local and regional food business enterprise or to improve or expand a food business that supports locally and regionally produced agricultural products and food system infrastructure by performing feasibility studies, market research, training, and technical assistance for the business enterprise and/or for producers working with the business enterprise. A 25% match is required.

Eligibility: Eligible entities may apply if they support local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products.

Entities that are eligible to apply include:

- Agricultural businesses and cooperatives.
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks and associations.
- Food councils.
- Economic development corporations.
- Local governments.
- Nonprofit and public benefit corporations.
- Producer networks or associations.
- Regional farmers' market authorities.
- Tribal governments.

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



U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant

EDA makes planning and local technical assistance investments to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. Under the **Planning** program, EDA makes Partnership Planning, Short-Term Planning, and State Planning awards to eligible recipients to create and implement regional economic development plans designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. Under the **Local Technical Assistance** program, EDA makes awards to strengthen the capacity of local or State organizations, institutions of higher education, and other eligible entities to undertake and promote effective economic development programs through projects such as feasibility studies, impact analyses, disaster resiliency plans, and project planning.

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https://www.eda.gov/files/programs/eda-programs/FY21-23-Planning-and-LTA-NOFO_FINAL.pdf



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>

Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG)

Deadline: 5/23/22

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established two new programs and reauthorized one preexisting program which are being solicited together, known as the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity.

- **Mega:** \$1 billion of FY 2022 funding for the National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program, known as the Mega Grants program;
- **INFRA:** Approximately \$1.55 billion in FY 2022 funding to be made available for the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects grants program, known as INFRA;
- **Rural:** \$300 million in FY 2022 funding for the Rural Surface Transportation Grant program, known as Rural.

DOT is combining these three programs into single NOFO to provide a more efficient application process for project sponsors. While they remain separate programs for the purposes of award, the programs share many common characteristics, including a larger project size, multimodal eligibility, and many shared statutory project requirements. Because of these shared characteristics, it is possible for many projects to be eligible and considered for multiple programs using a single application.

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/mpdg-how-apply>

Technical Assistance Grants (TAG)

Deadline: 4/27/22

The Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) program provides funding to local communities and groups of individuals (not including for-profit entities) for technical assistance relating to pipeline safety. Technical assistance is defined as engineering or other scientific analysis of pipeline safety issues. TAG funding may also be used to help promote public participation in official proceedings.

The awards have funded a broad range of activities, including:

- Improvement of local pipeline emergency response capabilities
- Improvement of safe digging programs
- Development of pipeline safety information resources
- Implementation of local land use practices that enhance pipeline safety
- Community and pipeline awareness campaigns
- Enhancements in public participation in official proceedings pertaining to pipelines

The funding can also be used to help promote public participation in official proceedings. However, the funding may not be used for lobbying, in direct support of litigation, or for activities associated with regulatory compliance or typical operations and maintenance of pipeline facilities.

Contact: All questions related to the content of this funding opportunity MUST be submitted via the Message Center in [FedConnect](#). Please do not send questions via e-mail.

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U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Low or No Emission Vehicle Program

Deadline: 5/31/22

The Low or No Emission (Low-No) competitive program provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.

Eligible applicants include direct or designated recipients of FTA grants; States; local governmental authorities; and Indian Tribes. Except for projects proposed by Indian Tribes, proposals for funding eligible projects in rural (non-urbanized) areas must be submitted as part of a consolidated state proposal. States and other eligible applicants also may submit consolidated proposals for projects in urbanized areas.

Eligible projects include:

- purchasing or leasing low- or no-emission buses
- acquiring low- or no-emission buses with a leased power source
- constructing or leasing facilities and related equipment (including intelligent technology and software) for low- or no-emission buses
- constructing new public transportation facilities to accommodate low- or no-emission buses
- rehabilitating or improving existing public transportation facilities to accommodate low- or no-emission buses

Contact: Amy Volz, Office of Program Management, 202.366.7484 or ftalownobusnofo@dot.gov
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/lowno>

Buses and Bus Facilities Program

Deadline: 5/31/22

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

Eligible applicants include designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed route bus operators, states or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service, and Indian tribes. Eligible subrecipients include all otherwise eligible applicants and also private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation.

Capital projects to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.

Contact: Amy Volz, Office of Program Management, 202.366.7484 or ftalownobusnofo@dot.gov
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/bus-program>



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. Environmental Protection Agency

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant

EPA's Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program helps states, tribes, and municipalities minimize the uncertainties of contamination often associated with brownfield sites. This program supplements other efforts under the Brownfields Program to promote the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites. TBAs are considered a grant of services and are conducted by environmental consultants currently under contract with EPA. It is important that the applicant currently have redevelopment plans for the contaminated property. The applicant should apply on behalf of a specific site which it currently owns or can obtain ownership through some other means (e.g. tax foreclosure).

Contact: Camilla Warren at warren.camilla@epa.gov or 404.562.8519

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/targeted-brownfields-assessments-tba>



National Endowment for the Arts

Challenge America

Deadline: 4/21/22

Challenge America offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to populations that are underserved. Since 2001, the Challenge America program has extended the NEA's reach by promoting equal access to the arts in communities across the country. Challenge America supports arts projects in all artistic disciplines. Projects must extend the reach of the arts to populations that are underserved. Possible projects include, but are not limited to: arts programming, including commissioning or presentation of artists or artwork; marketing and promotional activities; and organizational planning. Projects may consist of one or more specific events or activities, and should not cover an entire season of programming. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the NEA.

Contact: challengeamerica@arts.gov or 202.682.5700

<https://www.arts.gov/grants/challenge-america>

Grants for Arts Projects

Deadline: Varies (see website)

Grants for Arts Projects is our principal grants program for organizations based in the United States. Through project-based funding, the program supports public engagement with, and access to, various forms of art across the nation, the creation of art, learning in the arts at all stages of life, and the integration of the arts into the fabric of community life. Go to [Artistic Disciplines](#) for detailed information about project types and application deadlines. Some projects have two deadlines - one in February (already passed) and a second in July. Applications from a variety of [eligible organizations](#) are encouraged, including those with small, medium, or large budgets; and ranging from rural to urban communities. Similarly, projects may be small, medium, or large; existing or new; and may take place in any part of the nation's 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. jurisdictions.

<https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects>



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/>



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>



Atlanta Regional Commission

ARC Green Communities Program

Deadline: 5/26/22

The Green Communities Program is a voluntary certification program that helps local governments in metro Atlanta implement measures that will reduce their environmental impact. The program aims to create a greener, healthier and more livable region. To achieve this, the program is designed to help local governments:

- Reduce the environmental impact of the government through its buildings, fleets and practices
- Encourage their community to reduce its environmental impact
- Provide public education and outreach on sustainability issues

<https://atlantaregional.org/natural-resources/sustainability/green-communities-program/>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

OneGeorgia Rural Innovation Fund

Next Deadline: 4/8/22

Future Deadlines: 7/8/22; 10/14/22

Type: Grant or Loan

The Rural Innovation Fund will provide financial assistance to eligible applicants when the health, welfare, safety, and economic security of the citizens of the state are promoted through the development or retention of economic and employment opportunities.

Eligible applicants must complete a mandatory [Initial Project Assessment for Rural Innovation Fund](#) in a format and manner required by the OneGeorgia Authority to determine the proposed activity's eligibility for the Rural Innovation Fund.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/onegeorgia-authority/rural-innovation-fund>

Equity Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

Next Deadline: 4/8/22

Future Deadlines: 7/8/22; 10/14/22

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. Not all areas of the state are eligible to apply. [Click for the official eligibility map.](#)

Eligible Use: Projects relating to water and sewer infrastructure, road, rail and airport improvements, industrial parks, workforce, technology, and tourism.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/onegeorgia-authority/equity-fund>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Emergency Management Performance Grant

Deadline: 4/29/22

The purpose of the FY 2021 EMPG is to provide funds to eligible entities to enhance the local emergency management (EM) program for administration, preparedness activities and exercise and training. An all-hazards approach in the development of a comprehensive program of planning, training, and exercises provides for an effective and consistent response and recovery to disasters or emergencies, regardless of the cause.

Contact: Grants: 404.635.7095 or hsgrants@gema.ga.gov

<https://gema.georgia.gov/emergency-management-performance-grant>



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>



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/>



Partnership for Inclusive Innovation

Georgia Smart Communities Challenge

Deadline: 4/15/22

The Georgia Smart Communities Challenge is a community research assistance program that empowers communities in their journey to innovation while building resilience for when the expected and unexpected occur. Projects selected to participate in a Georgia Smart cohort receive access to a breadth of resources including funding and technical assistance.

Contact: InclusiveInnovation@gatech.edu

<https://pingeorgia.org/smart-community-challenge-overview/>

Private Grants



Southern Smoke Emergency Relief Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant

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/>



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>

Private Grants



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>



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/>

Private Grants



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>

To search and apply for federal grants, loans, and other assistance, please visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

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