



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)



HUD Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants

Deadline: 1/11/23

Type: Grants

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. 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. Eligibility: The Lead Applicant must be a Public Housing Agency (PHA), a local government, or a tribal entity. Match: In accordance with Section 24(c)(1)(A) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437v(c)(1)(A)), matching funds in the amount of at least five percent of the grant amount in cash or in-kind donations must be secured and used by the end of the grant term.

Contact: ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn/fy22funding



U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Technical Assistance

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.

Contact: Jonathan Corso at 404.809.7094 or jcorso@eda.gov

<https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>



U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Better Buildings Challenge

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Technical Assistance

The Better Buildings Challenge is a voluntary leadership initiative that asks leading CEOs and executives of U.S. commercial and manufacturing companies, universities, school districts, multifamily residential organizations, data centers, and state and local governments to make a public commitment to energy efficiency.

Eligible Partners: Partners are commercial businesses, industrial corporations, data centers, universities, states, municipalities, and other building owners that make a public commitment to reduce energy consumption across their U.S. portfolios. Some cities also work with local businesses to assess opportunities and take action.

<https://betterbuildingsolutioncenter.energy.gov/challenge/join>



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>



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

Contact a specialist to discuss specific projects before applying.

Rural Development Georgia Community Programs Division. 706.546.2171

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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>

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 Economic Development Loan & Grant Program

Deadline: Ongoing and quarterly

Next Deadline: 12/31/22

Type: Revolving Loan Fund

The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program provides funding for rural projects through local utility organizations. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. The ultimate recipients repay the lending utility directly. The utility then is responsible for repayment to USDA.

USDA provides grants to local utility organizations which use the funding to establish Revolving Loan Funds (RLF). Loans are made from the revolving loan funds to projects that will create or retain rural jobs. When the revolving loan fund is terminated, the grant is repaid to USDA.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-program/ga>

Energy Audit & Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grants

Deadline: 1/31/23

Type: Technical Assistance

This program assists rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA).

The assistance must be provided to agricultural producers and rural small businesses. Rural small businesses must be located in **eligible rural areas**. This restriction does not apply to agricultural producers. Assistance provided must consist of:

- Energy audits.
- Renewable energy technical assistance.
- Renewable energy site assessments.

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

ReConnect Loan and Grant Program

Deadline: 11/2/22

Type: Grants/Loans

The ReConnect Loan and Grant Program furnishes loans and grants to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas. ReConnect Program funds can be used to fund the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service capable of delivering 100 Mbps symmetrical service and the acquisition of an existing system not currently providing sufficient access to broadband service, under certain circumstances, and with restrictions. Up to five percent of the award may be used for preapplication expenses.

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



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

USDA Regional Food Business Centers Program

Deadline: 11/22/22

Type: Grants

These Regional Food Centers will support producers by providing localized assistance to access local and regional supply chains, including linking producers to wholesalers and distributors. They will provide technical assistance needed to access new markets, access to federal, state, and local resources, and will assist small- and mid-sized producers in overcoming barriers to market access, with a focus on underserved farmers, ranchers, and food businesses.

All applications to lead a Regional Food Center (“the applicant”) must come from an eligible entity representing a partnership and must be physically based in the region (excluding the tribal center, which has nationwide reach). A partnership is an agreement among three or more eligible entities representing at least two of the eligible entity types.

Applications should include engagement from multiple sectors such as local, state, tribal, or regional governments, tribal-serving organizations, food policy councils, producers and/or producer organizations, universities, urban and rural food system stakeholders, philanthropy, and entities across the food value chain and supply chain, such as distributors, processors, food hubs, retailers, and underserved communities and agricultural businesses.

Contact: RegionalFoodCenters@usda.gov

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/local-regional/rfbcp>





USDA Farm to School Grant Program

Deadline: 1/6/23

Type: Grants

Farm to school efforts link local producers with schools and other organizations participating in child nutrition programs working to purchase and include locally grown fruits, vegetables, grains, meat, dairy, and seafood in program meals, as well as efforts that include hands-on education, school gardens, taste tests, farm field trips, and integrating food-related education into classroom curriculum.

Webinars:

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 - 2:30 p.m. ET - "Getting Familiar with the FY2023 Farm to School Grant"

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 - 2:30 p.m. ET - "Getting Your Grant Package Together"

Local government agencies, such as city and county government agencies, are not eligible to apply to the State Agency track but may apply for the Implementation or Turnkey track.

Contact: farmtoschool@usda.gov

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/f2s/resources-farm-school-grant-program-applicants>



U.S. Department of Transportation

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>

US DOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program

Deadline: 11/18/22

Type: Grant

The SMART program was established to provide grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety.

A SMART grant may be used to carry out a project that demonstrates at least one of the following:

- Coordinated automation
- Connected vehicles
- Sensors
- Systems integration
- Delivery/logistics
- Innovative aviation
- Smart grid
- Traffic signals

The SMART Grants Program funds purpose-driven innovation to build data and technology capacity and expertise for State, local, and Tribal governments. Communities should target their real-world challenges where the use of new technologies and approaches can create benefits.

Contact: smart@dot.gov

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART>



Rail Vehicle Replacement Program

Deadline: 1/5/23

Type: Grants

The Competitive Grants for Rail Vehicle Replacement Program (Rail Program) assists States and local governmental authorities in funding capital projects to replace rail rolling stock. The purpose of the Rail Program is to modernize America's transit system, focusing on maintaining a State of Good Repair for fixed-guideway rail transit. Eligible projects are the replacement of rail rolling stock.

For the purposes of this program, rail rolling stock is defined as revenue service, passenger carrying vehicles, or propulsion (locomotives) vehicles necessary for the provision of rail public transportation. FTA will host a [webinar](#) on November 3, 2022 to discuss the requirements of the funding opportunity and how to apply. Eligibility: Eligible recipients are state and local government authorities in urbanized areas (UZAs) that are eligible for State of Good Repair Formula Funding (Section 5337). Match: The federal share is not to exceed 80 percent of the net project cost. The maximum share of the grant funding cannot exceed 50 percent of the net project cost.

Contact: For any questions, please contact the Competitive Grants for Rail Vehicle Replacement Program manager, Donna Iken, by phone at 202-366-8076, or by email at donna.iken@dot.gov.

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/fiscal-year-2022-and-fiscal-year-2023-competitive-grants-rail-vehicle-replacement>



National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program

Deadline: 2/6/23

Type: Grants

The National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program (Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Program) is an annual competitive grant program that awards grants to eligible entities for projects for the replacement, removal, and repair of culverts or weirs that meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish.

Webinar: [How to Apply for National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants: General Overview](#)

The Culvert AOP Program focuses on two project categories as differentiated by structure type:

- Projects to replace, remove, or repair culverts that would meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish.
- Projects to replace, remove, or repair weirs that would meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish. With respect to weirs, the project may include: 1) infrastructure to facilitate fish passage around or over the weir; and 2) weir improvements.

Match: The Federal share of the cost of a Culvert AOP project carried out with a grant to a State or unit of local government may not exceed 80%.

Contact: CulvertAOP@dot.gov

Sabrina S. David, Division Administrator (GA): 404-562-3631

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/engineering/hydraulics/culverthyd/aquatic/culvertaop.cfm>



U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

Legal Services for Veterans Program

Deadline: 12/30/22

Type: Grants

The Legal Services for Veterans (LSV) program aims to increase access to legal services to eligible Veterans through the award of grant funds and by promoting Medical Legal Partnerships and VA-affiliated legal clinics throughout the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

VA anticipates organizations will be able to apply for grants worth up to \$150,000 and may apply to renew awards from year-to-year throughout the length of the program. Grants may be awarded to public or nonprofit private entities with the capacity to effectively administer the grant and provide qualifying legal services to Veterans experiencing or at risk for homelessness.

Some legal services that may be provided under these grants are:

- Legal services related to housing
- Legal services related to family law
- Legal services related to income support
- Legal services related to criminal defense in matters symptomatic of homelessness
- Legal services to request an upgrade to the character of discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces
- Legal services related to access to health care
- Legal services related to employment law

VA may prioritize grant awards to organizations serving rural communities, trust lands, Native Americans, and tribal organizations. In any fiscal year, not less than 10% of grant funds shall be used to provide legal services to women Veterans.

For more information about the Legal Services for Veterans Grant Program, contact LSV@va.gov.

<https://www.va.gov/homeless/lsv/#eligible-organizations>



U.S. Department of Homeland Security



Cybersecurity State and Local Grant Program

Deadline: 11/15/22

Type: Grants (through a state application – see below for more information and contacts)

The Cybersecurity State and Local Grant program is a four-year, \$1 billion grant funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law). Local governments are not eligible to apply directly to the federal government for funds. Rather, States request the funds and then provide sub-awards to local governments.

The Georgia Technology Authority is taking a leading role in administering this program for Georgia and developing the multi-agency Cybersecurity Planning Committee that reviews the federal guidelines, develops the State Cybersecurity Plan, and guides the distribution of funds. GMA staff and several city officials have been invited to serve as members of this Committee responsible for representing municipal interests. GTA is committed to working closely with representatives of local governments about this grant and is being responsive to their concerns.

Georgia Municipal Association provided the following information about this funding opportunity:

- Funding for each state is calculated using a formula determined by the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and Georgia will be requesting the entire amount it is eligible for (\$4.8 million for the first year.)
- This is a multi-year grant FY 2022 – 2025. Cities will have the opportunity to apply for sub-awards each year.
- The State of Georgia must allocate 80% of the funding to local governments; of this amount, 25% must go to Rural Counties/ Municipalities as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 Report.
- The State Cybersecurity Planning Committee will determine allocations to local governments and play a role in determining whether local governments should receive state-wide services or direct funds or a combination.
- For the first tranche of funding, the required local match is 10% of the project costs but applicants may count in-kind contributions toward that amount.
- Georgia Technology Authority will post information on its [website](#) about how local governments can request funding, eligible expenses, the deadlines for such requests, and all other details.
- GMA and GTA are in communication with FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security/CISA to better understand whether individual local government project requests must be submitted as part of the State Cybersecurity Plan, which must be submitted by November 15.

Please reach out to [Becky Taylor](#) or [Alison Earles](#) at Georgia Municipal Association with questions.

Georgia Municipal Association: <https://www.gacities.com/Resources/Grants-and-Award-Opportunities/US-DHS-State-and-Local-Cybersecurity-Grant-Program.aspx>

Georgia Technology Association: <https://gta.georgia.gov/cybersecurity-1/cybersecurity-grant-program>



National Endowment for the Humanities

Cultural and Community Resilience

Deadline: 1/12/23 (optional draft due 12/1/22)

Type: Grants

The Cultural and Community Resilience program supports community-based efforts to mitigate climate change and COVID-19 pandemic impacts, safeguard cultural resources, and foster cultural resilience through identifying, documenting, and/or collecting cultural heritage and community experience. The program prioritizes projects from disadvantaged communities in the United States or its jurisdictions, and NEH encourages applications that employ inclusive methodologies.

Expected output: Digital Surrogate Collections; Oral History Collections; Physical Archival Collections; Plans for Community Documentation

Contact the Division of Preservation and Access Team at preservation@neh.gov.

<https://www.neh.gov/program/cultural-and-community-resilience>



Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)

Office of Workforce Development

COVID-19 Dislocated Workers Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Employment & Training Assistance

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.tcs.edu/worksource/covid-19-employment-training-assistance/>



AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps State and National American Rescue Plan (ARP) Planning Grants

Deadline: 11/14/22

Type: Grants (to be used for funding AmeriCorps members)

AmeriCorps planning grants provide support to a grant recipient to develop an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in implementing evidence-based interventions to solve community problems. Grant recipients are awarded up to \$240,000 for a 12-month planning period and are encouraged to compete for an AmeriCorps program grant in the following grant cycle if they deem the fit with AmeriCorps to be of use to their community. 24% match requirement for the 1st three years of AmeriCorps funding, increasing each additional year.

<https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2023-ameri-corps-state-national-grants#PrioritiesP>



U.S. National Park Service



Save America's Treasures Grant Program

Deadline: 12/20/22

Type: Grants

The Save America's Treasures grant program was established in 1998 and first awarded grants in 1999 to help preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation's rich heritage to future generations.

Grants are available to fund two type of projects: "Collections" and "Preservation". Collections projects must be determined to be of national significance based on the supportive description of its significance within the application. Collections include artifacts, documents, sculptures, and other works of art. Preservation projects fund planning and "bricks and mortar"

preservation/conservation work on historic buildings and structures.

Eligible Preservation projects must be:

- a National Historic Landmark; or
- a contributing property within a National Historic Landmark district; or
- individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places for national significance; or
- a contributing property within a National Register Historic District.

Match: Grants are awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind. (50%)

How to Apply:

- Preservation Grants: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343689>
- Collection Grants: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343691>

Contact: STLPG@nps.gov

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/save-america-s-treasures-grant-opportunity.htm>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP)

Deadline: 1/31/23

Type: Grant

Webinar: 11/2/22 at 10 AM – register [here](#)

The Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) is a federally-funded program designed to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing in Georgia by granting funds to city and county governments, public housing authorities, and nonprofits to 1.) rehabilitate owner-occupied homes, and 2.) build and renovate affordable single-family homes for sale to eligible homebuyers.

The CHIP program does **not** provide direct assistance to individual homeowners and homebuyers. If you are a homeowner in need of financial assistance for repairs to your home, please contact your local government to inquire about housing assistance. You can also email chip@dca.ga.gov for assistance with locating resources that may be available in your area.

CHIP Eligible Activities And Funding Limits:

- \$400,000 available for housing rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family homes; and
- \$600,000 available for new construction and reconstruction of affordable single-family homes for sale to income-eligible homebuyers

New CHIP applicants are encouraged to apply under the Set-Aside Consideration. **This Set-Aside Consideration is only available to local units of government applicants.** The Set-Aside Applicant must demonstrate any current and/or past community development efforts used to better improve their community without the assistance of state or federal assistance. Applicants that apply for the Set-Aside Consideration cannot have received CHIP funds or State CDBG funds for housing in the last ten years.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/rental-housing-development/home-investment-partnership-program-home-1>

Rural Innovation Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

Quarterly Deadlines: 2nd Friday of first month of the quarter

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.

Contact the OneGeorgia Team:

- Gina Webb, OneGeorgia Director, gina.webb@dca.ga.gov
- Christy Middleton, OneGeorgia Grants Coordinator, christy.middleton@dca.ga.gov

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

Equity Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

Quarterly Deadlines: 2nd Friday of first month of the quarter

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.

Contact the OneGeorgia Team:

- Gina Webb, OneGeorgia Director, gina.webb@dca.ga.gov
- Christy Middleton, OneGeorgia Grants Coordinator, christy.middleton@dca.ga.gov

<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.

Contact the OneGeorgia Team:

- Gina Webb, OneGeorgia Director, gina.webb@dca.ga.gov
- Christy Middleton, OneGeorgia Grants Coordinator, christy.middleton@dca.ga.gov

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

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>

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>

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.

Contact: Sherron Alexander Jackson at sherron.alexanderjackson@dca.ga.gov

<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 Department of Transportation

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant

The LMIG program has been developed in cooperation with ACCG, GMA, and others. The annual LMIG allocation is based on the total centerline road miles for each local road system and the total population of each county or city as compared with the total statewide centerline road miles and total statewide population. The LMIG program will allow local governments greater flexibility and quicker project delivery while allowing us to effectively administer the program with a reduced workforce and new funding match requirements.

<https://www.dot.ga.gov/GDOT/Pages/LMIG.aspx>



State of Georgia
Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

OPB Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities

Deadline: 11/18/22

Type: Grant

Investments in neighborhood features, including parks, recreation facilities, sidewalks, and healthy food access, can work to improve physical and mental health outcomes.

Applicants must use the [Georgia QCT Tract Dashboard](#) to verify that the project proposed resides within a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) in the state. Applications received that are not within a QCT will not be eligible for review.

Eligible Projects:

1. Development of or improvements/maintenance to parks or recreational facilities in Qualified Census Tracts in Georgia.
2. Funding for increased repair or maintenance needs to respond to significantly greater use of public facilities during the pandemic (e.g., increased use of parks resulting in damage or increased need for maintenance).

Match funding is encouraged but not required.

Contact: Jasmine Esquilin (jasmine.esquilin@opb.georgia.gov)

<https://opb.georgia.gov/improving-neighborhood-outcomes-disproportionally-impacted-communities>

OPB Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant

Deadline: 11/18/22

Type: Grant

Funds to address violent gun crime and community violence that have increased as a result of COVID-19, or to address a decrease in public sector law enforcement staffing as a result of COVID-19, using either of the following program areas:

1. Law Enforcement Staffing
2. Violent Crime Reduction Programs
3. Equipment and Technology
4. Community Violence Intervention Programs

All ARPA applicants must have an organization, or subrecipient, that will serve as the fiduciary agent and assume overall responsibility for the grant. As this is a law enforcement grant, the implementing agency must be a law enforcement agency and the affiliated unit of government will be either the municipal or county governance of the law enforcement agency. Eligible ARPA applicants include:

- Law enforcement agencies
- A unit of local government
- State agencies

Match funding is not required or scored in this application.

The primary program specialist for the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant Program is Amanda Hawkins (Amanda.Hawkins@opb.georgia.gov). For general questions on our grant programs, applicants may also reach out to grants@opb.georgia.gov.

<https://opb.georgia.gov/public-safety-and-community-violence-reduction-grant>



Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council



Local First Responders State Microgrant Program

Deadline: 11/22/22

Type: Grants

The Georgia General Assembly created a new state grant program to benefit local first responder agencies. For the purpose of this grant award, first responder agencies are defined as entities funded by a unit of local government who are among the first to arrive and provide assistance at the scene of an emergency. This includes law enforcement, fire services, paramedicine and EMTs. Funding under this award may be used to support the purchase of equipment, supplies, technology, and other materials directly related to first responder functions. Eligibility: Applicants are limited to units of local government in the State of Georgia to apply on behalf of first responder agencies. Priority will be given to applicants located in counties who fully meet the eligibility for equity funding per the One Georgia Authority guidelines. Contact: Mia Smith at Mia.Smith@cjcc.ga.gov or 404.654.5693

<https://cjcc.georgia.gov/grants/funding-opportunities/current-grant-opportunities>



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/>

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

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