



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

Contact a specialist to discuss specific projects before applying.

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Rural Business Development Grants

Deadline: 2/28/23

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. There is no maximum grant amount; however, smaller requests are given higher priority. There is no cost sharing requirement. **Project Types:** There are two types of RBDG projects, Opportunity grants and Enterprise grants. Opportunity type grants are limited to up to 10 percent of the total Rural Business Development Grant annual funding. Enterprise type grants must be used on projects to benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas as specified in the grant application. To apply, contact your **Rural Business Development Grant Point of Contact**, which you can find under the "To Apply" tab on this page:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-business-development-grants/ga>

Rural Energy for America Program

Deadline: 3/31/23

Type: Loan or Grant

The **Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)** provides loans and grants to expand renewable energy and support energy-efficiency projects for people living in rural America. Agricultural producers and rural small businesses are eligible applicants for loan guarantees and grants to develop renewable energy systems and to make energy efficiency improvements. State and **local governments**, federally-recognized tribes, land-grant colleges or universities or other institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, public power entities, and Resource Conservation & Development Councils (as defined in 16 USC §3451) **are eligible applicants for grants to conduct energy audits and provide development assistance.**

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency/ga>

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: Grant

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 Economic Development Loan & Grant Program

Deadline: Ongoing and quarterly

Next Deadline: 3/31/23

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>



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program

Deadline: 2/15/23

Type: Grant

This program focuses on improving the effectiveness of residential and community recycling and composting programs through public education and outreach.

Projects funded through the grant program will:

- Inform the public about residential or community recycling or composting programs.
- Provide information about the materials that are accepted as part of residential or community recycling or composting programs.
- Increase collection rates and decrease contamination across the nation.

Materials within the scope of this grant program include commonly recycled materials, such as aluminum and steel containers, glass, cardboard paper, and plastics, as well as food, organics (yard and tree trimmings, wood, etc.), textiles, batteries, and electronics. Also within the scope of this grant program are education and outreach activities that prevent or reduce waste by reducing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing, remanufacturing, recycling, composting, or using anaerobic digester systems to treat these types of materials or to reduce related contamination.

Contact: If you have questions about the grants, email RecyclingEd@epa.gov. [EPA Region 4 \(Southeast\) Contacts](#)

<https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure/consumer-recycling-education-and-outreach-grant-program>



EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants for Political Subdivisions

Deadline: 2/15/23

Type: Grant

The EPA is soliciting applications for a wide variety of projects that are designed to build and transform solid waste infrastructure in the United States.

Projects funded through the funding opportunity will:

- Implement the building a circular economy for all strategy series.
- Improve local post-consumer materials management programs, including municipal recycling.
- Make improvements to local waste management systems.

Materials and waste streams within scope of this funding opportunity include municipal solid waste, including plastics, organics, paper, metal, glass, and construction and demolition debris. This also includes the management pathways of source reduction, reuse, sending materials to material recovery facilities, composting, and industrial uses (e.g., rendering, anaerobic digestion), and feeding animals.

Contact: If you have questions about the grants, email SWIFR@epa.gov. [EPA Region 4 \(Southeast\) Contacts](#)

<https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure/solid-waste-infrastructure-recycling-grants-political-subdivisions>



EPA Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program (EJG2G)

Deadline: 4/10/23

Type: Grant

EPA is soliciting applications for projects that transform overburdened and underserved communities into healthy, thriving communities capable of addressing the environmental and public health challenges they have historically faced, as well as current and future challenges.

Contact: For more information, please contact **Omari Burrell**.

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-government-government-program>



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



FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG)

Deadline: 2/10/23

Type: Grant

The AFG Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTAs) to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, support community resilience, and enhance the safety of the public and emergency responders before, during, and after hazardous events.

Eligible applicants include fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations.

Contact: Vincent Ramm (AL GA, & SC). 229.225.4965. vincent.rammsr@fema.dhs.gov

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters>



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>



Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Loan or Grant

This program is open year-round and provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings.

Contact: Rural Development Georgia Community Programs Division: 706.546.2171. Jack Stanek, Program Director. jack.stanek@usda.gov

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ga>



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/>



National Endowment for the Humanities

Cultural and Community Resilience

Deadline: 5/16/23 (optional draft due 4/11/23)

Type: Grant

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>



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>



Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Deadline:

Type: Grant

The RAISE program is a discretionary grant program for investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant local or regional impact. RAISE Grant Funds were authorized under the Local and Regional Assistance Program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Half of the FY23 RAISE funding will go to projects in rural areas and half of the funding will go to projects in urban areas. At least \$15 million in funding is guaranteed to go towards projects located in **Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities**, and projects located in these areas will be eligible for up to 100 percent federal cost share, as directed by Congress in the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**.

Contact: RAISEgrants@dot.gov or 202.366.0301

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

National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program

Deadline: 2/6/23

Type: Grant

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>

FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Program (AoPP)

Deadline: 3/10/23

Type: Technical Assistance

The AoPP program supports planning and technical studies to improve public transportation in areas experiencing long-term economic hardship -- in rural and urban communities alike. The AoPP program also funds planning for transit agencies to transition to low- and no-emission vehicles and associated charging equipment. Funds will be awarded competitively for planning, engineering, or the development of technical or financing plans for projects to assist **Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities**. Applicants are encouraged to work with non-profits or other entities of their choosing to develop an eligible project. An eligible project for this NOFO is defined as a planning study (including a planning and environmental linkages study that advances the environmental analysis and review process as part of the metropolitan planning process), an engineering study, a technical study, or a financing plan. **Contact:** For program-specific questions, please contact Colby McFarland, Office of Planning and Environment, 202.366.1648, email:

Colby.McFarland@dot.gov.

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/areas-persistent-poverty-program-fy-2023-notice-funding-opportunity>



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>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Rural Innovation Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

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

Next Deadline: 4/14/23

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>

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>

Equity Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

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

Next Deadline: 6/1/23

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

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<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:

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- 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 (DDRLF) 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 DDRLF 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>

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>

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>

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>



University of Georgia
Archway Partnership



Connected Resilient Communities

Deadline: 3/3/23

Type: Certification and Technical Assistance

The Connected Resilient Communities designation, facilitated by the UGA Archway Partnership, will help communities tap into the resources and expertise at the University of Georgia to address local challenges and become more attractive to economic development.

Selected counties and municipalities will develop a resiliency plan by engaging community residents, analyzing local data, and completing three projects on a scorecard with 10 categories and more than 70 programs in which UGA faculty and students have expertise. Please review the [FAQ page](#) for more detailed information.

Communities will be recognized at the completion of each project. Upon completion of all three projects, the community will receive the CRC designation.

An Archway Partnership faculty member will help communities connect with other UGA faculty and students. Communities should expect to spend four to six months on each project, or 12 to 18 months to complete the CRC designation.

<https://www.archwaypartnership.uga.edu/connected-resilient-communities/>



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).

For more information or research assistance, please contact:

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Director of External Affairs

ECG Office of Economic & Community Development

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Private Grants

Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge

Deadline: 2/15/23

Type: Grant

Bloomberg Philanthropies' Public Art Challenge encourages mayors to partner with artists, elevating the value of including the creative sector when developing solutions to significant urban issues. The program supports temporary public art projects that celebrate creativity, enhance urban identity, encourage public-private collaborations, and strengthen local economies.

We invite mayors of U.S. cities with 30,000 residents or more to submit proposals for projects that demonstrate close partnership between artists, arts organizations, and city government, with selected cities receiving up to \$1 million each over two years.

Contact: publicart@bloomberg.org

<https://publicartchallenge.bloomberg.org/>



KABOOM! Community-Built Playspace Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant

Note: Greater Atlanta area only.

Description: 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>

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

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