

# Current **FUNDING**

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**GRANTS, LOANS, AND OTHER  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**



**ECG**

Economic &  
Community  
Development

*ECG's Office of Economic & Community Development  
assembles available grants and funding opportunities in a  
variety of categories supporting local development initiatives*

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## Education, Training, and Workforce



### Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

#### Equity Fund (One Georgia Authority)

Type: Grant or Loan

Deadline(s): 4/11/2025; 7/11/2025

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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](mailto:gina.webb@dca.ga.gov)

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



### Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

#### Employment Incentive Program

Type: Loan

Deadline: Ongoing

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>



### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Research Grants Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 9/7/2027

The FAA's Aviation Research Grants Program provides funding to support aviation-related research on topics with the potential to gain further knowledge in emerging aviation technologies. Grants under this program are awarded to conduct research for the long-term growth of civil aviation.

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=328902>



## Saxena Family Foundation

### S.T.E.M.

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

The Saxena Family Foundation is a privately funded, 501(c)(3) registered non-profit charitable foundation headquartered in Austin, Texas. The Foundation awards grants and supports programs that have a particular focus on S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education and around empowering women in the United States and in India.

<http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/>



## Voya Financial Group

### Voya Foundation Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Voya Foundation grants are focused on Financial Resilience. The organization works to ensure that youth are equipped with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) expertise and financial knowledge necessary to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce and make smart financial decisions that lead to a secure retirement.

<https://www.voya.com/page/voya-foundation>



## National Endowment for the Humanities

### Institutes for Higher Education Faculty and K-12 Educators

Type: Grant

Deadline: 2/11/2026

NEH-funded institutes are professional development programs that convene K-12 educators from across the nation to deepen their understanding of significant topics in the humanities and enrich their capacity for effective scholarship and teaching.

<https://www.neh.gov/divisions/education>



## Infrastructure and Utilities



### Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) State Revolving Funds and Georgia Fund Call for Projects

Type: Grant

Deadline: 3/31/2025

The CWSRF and DWSRF can fund a wide variety of water infrastructure projects to protect water quality and improve public health. The Georgia Fund has similar eligibility requirements as the CWSRF and DWSRF; but is also focused on economic development projects, projects that cannot meet federal requirements, and/or projects that cannot be financed through the CWSRF and DWSRF. In addition to water infrastructure, the Georgia Fund can finance solid waste recycling, diversion, disposal, and waste reduction projects.

GEFA will use affordability criteria and project rank to determine principal forgiveness for the CWSRF and DWSRF. The size of the community as measured by the number of water or wastewater connections is now included in the affordability criteria. GEFA has also updated the project scoring criteria to rank projects. Project ranking is based on readiness to proceed, compliance benefits, public health (DWSRF), water quality (CWSRF), priority project types, priority planning elements, and priority applicant status. CWSRF and DWSRF projects will be listed in priority order, incorporated into the Intended Use Plans, and submitted to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

<https://gefa.georgia.gov/call-for-projects>



### U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Connect Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 4/21/2025

The Community Connect Program helps rural communities extend access where broadband service is least likely to be commercially available, but where it can make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for people and businesses. The projects funded by these grants help rural residents tap into the enormous potential of the Internet for jobs, education, healthcare, public safety, and community development.

Funds can be used for the construction, acquisition, or leasing of facilities, spectrum, land or buildings used to deploy broadband service for:

- All residential and business customers located within the Proposed Funded Service Area
- All participating essential community facilities (such as public schools, fire stations, public libraries, and public safety stations)
- The cost of providing broadband service free of charge to the essential community facilities for 2 years
- Up to 10 percent of the grant may be used for the improvement, expansion, construction, or acquisition of a community center that provides online access to the public

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/community-connect>



## U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

### RD Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Type: Loan or Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

This program is open year-round and provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community 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.

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



## U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

### RD Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH)

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing

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>



## U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

### RD Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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>



## U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

The Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program provides funding for technical, planning, and public works and infrastructure projects in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. These adverse impacts may result from a steep decline in manufacturing employment following a plant closure, changing trade patterns, catastrophic natural disaster, a military base closure, or environmental changes and regulations.

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grant-toolkit/economic-adjustment-assistance-program>



## U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (TIFIA)

Type: Loan

Deadline: Ongoing

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>



## U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (TIFIA) - Rural Project Initiative (RPI)

Type: Loan

Deadline: Ongoing

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>



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

## Sustainability



### U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

#### Better Buildings Challenge

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing

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://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/challenge/join>



## Housing and Community Development



### Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

#### 2025 Emergency Solutions Grant

Type: Grant

Deadline: 4/25/2025

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is announcing the 2025 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program competition. The ESG Program is designed to provide housing or service resources with the goal of stable housing outcomes for eligible persons, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The ESG Program provides street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, and related services to persons experiencing homelessness or in danger of becoming homeless throughout the state. Sub-awards are provided to local government entities and non-profit organizations utilizing State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission (HTF) and Federal HUD ESG funds. These agencies then deliver program services at the local level. This program is principally designed to operate within a continuum of assistance that enables individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness to move toward housing sustainability.

<https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness-assistance/emergency-solutions-grants>

### T-Mobile

#### T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application

Type: Grant

Deadline: 6/30/2025

T-Mobile Hometown Grants is a \$25 million, five-year initiative to support the people and organizations who help small towns across America thrive and grow. Hometown Grants are given every quarter to up to 25 small towns. Apply for funding to support a community project of your choice, like revitalizing or repurposing a historic structure, creating a downtown asset or destination, or improving a space where friends and neighbors gather. Projects that are “shovel-ready” and add to a sense of place or could lead to further investment are of particular interest. T-Mobile will award up to \$50,000 for shovel-ready projects. Applicant’s proposal must include plans, budget, timeline, anticipated impact, and up to five letters of support. This is a collaboration between T-Mobile and Main Street America.

<https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>



### Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

#### Equity Fund – Rural Workforce Housing Initiative (One Georgia Authority)

Type: Grant or Loan

Deadline(s): 4/11/2025 for June Announcement; 7/11/2025 for September Announcement

With this opportunity, there is financial assistance available via the Equity Fund available in the form of grants and loans for activities that result in housing that meets the needs of working families and others

who may consider relocating to a community for employment reasons. Workforce housing funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that demonstrate an ability to address:

- Ongoing workforce housing needs, as identified by a recent housing study;
- Difficulty satisfying workforce needs in communities or regions with low unemployment; or
- A community or regional commitment to expand and improve existing housing stock.

This initiative is intended to provide a flexible funding source to support any eligible activity that results in workforce housing. Examples of such activities include essential community infrastructure specifically needed to support new housing development, land acquisition (subject to public ownership requirements), and construction finance for workforce housing.

Grantees will be expected to demonstrate transformational change in workforce housing. OneGeorgia funds are offered to support housing affordability; therefore, resulting cost savings must contribute to the affordability of the per unit purchase price or rent extended to families who ultimately benefit from the activity.

Infrastructure grants are limited to no more than \$2,500,000 per application and development.

Construction finance is limited to no more than \$1,000,000 per applicant and development. The

Authority reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted.

Applications for less than \$250,000 will not be accepted; however, the Authority reserves the ability to waive minimum and maximum funding limits at its discretion.

Contact the OneGeorgia Team: Gina Webb, OneGeorgia Director, [gina.webb@dca.ga.gov](mailto:gina.webb@dca.ga.gov)

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



## Georgia Department of Community Affairs

### CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program

Type: Loan Guarantee

Deadline: Ongoing

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>



## Georgia Department of Community Affairs

### Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRRLF)

Type: Grant to Lenders (grants for DDAs to lend to businesses)

Deadline: Ongoing

The purpose of the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRRLF) 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 DDRRLF 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.

Contact: Cherie Bennett, [cherie.bennett@dca.ga.gov](mailto:cherie.bennett@dca.ga.gov)

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/downtown-development-revolving-loan-fund-ddrRLF>



## Georgia Department of Community Affairs

### Redevelopment Fund (RDF)

Type: Grant or Loan (Flexible Financial Assistance)

Deadline: Ongoing

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>



## University of Georgia – Carl Vinson Institute of Government

### Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process (RSVP)

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing

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/community-planning-resilience/rsvp.html>

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## Wells Fargo

### Wells Fargo Foundation

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Wells Fargo and Wells Fargo Foundation collaborate with a wide range of national and local nonprofit organizations that align with our strategic funding priorities: financial health, housing affordability, small business growth, and sustainability to address these complex societal issues and help create a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future.

Grant Proposals are evaluate based on the following considerations:

- Ability to measure and report on established outcomes-based success metrics aligned to strategic objectives, which includes providing a forecast of expected outcomes in the application and may also require periodic impact reports with actual project/program results.
- Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and leverage racial equity/social justice and sustainability best practices and principles
- Promote innovative and scalable solutions
- Incorporate human capital and volunteerism opportunities

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/grant-process/>



## Disaster Prevention and Relief



### Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

#### CDBG Immediate Threat and Danger Program (ITAD)

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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."

Contact: [cdbg.biz@dca.ga.gov](mailto:cdbg.biz@dca.ga.gov)

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/immediate>



### FEMA U.S. Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

#### Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current

Type: Grant

Deadline: 5/31/2025

Swift Current funds Individual Flood Mitigation Projects for Flood Mitigation Assistance and/or NFIP-defined Repetitive Loss (RL), Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL), or properties deemed Substantially Damaged after the applicant's disaster declaration incident period start date.

Eligible Individual Flood Mitigation Projects include the following project types which may be referenced in the [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#):

- Property acquisition and structure demolition/relocation
- Structure elevations
- Dry floodproofing of historic residential structures or non-residential structures
- Non-structural retrofitting of existing structures and facilities
- Mitigation reconstruction
- Structural retrofitting of existing structures

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/learn/flood-mitigation-assistance/swift-current>



### FEMA U.S. Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

#### Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Post Fire

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Wildfires can destroy homes, businesses, infrastructure, natural resources, and agriculture. They can also increase secondary hazards and leave areas prone to floods, erosion, and mudflows for many years.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) has Post Fire assistance available to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures after wildfire disasters. Projects are required to be [cost-effective](#), meaning future benefits must equal or exceed project costs. However, in an effort to streamline the HMA grant application process, FEMA has determined that certain project types (including post-wildfire mitigation) that meet specific criteria are cost-effective.

Pre-calculated benefits of \$5,250 per acre are available for the following post-wildfire mitigation project types:

- Soil stabilization
- Flood diversion
- Reforestation projects

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/learn/post-fire>



## FEMA U.S. Department of Homeland Security - FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Type: Grant

Deadline: 4/18/2025

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. Examples of BRIC projects are ones that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design.

Through BRIC, FEMA continues to invest in a variety of mitigation activities with an added focus on infrastructure projects benefiting disadvantaged communities, nature-based solutions, climate resilience and adaptation and adopting hazard resistant building codes.

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/learn/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

## Entrepreneurship and Innovation



### Minority Business Development Agency – U.S. Department of Commerce

#### ACE Loan

Type: Grants

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

MBDA funds third-party organizations that provide services in support of the Agency's mission to promote the growth and global competitiveness of minority business enterprises (MBEs). We often publish funding opportunity announcements to invite applications for grants, cooperative agreements, and other funding sources. Read on to learn about federal grants currently available.

<https://www.mbda.gov/financial-resources/grants>



### Wish Local

#### Empowerment Program

Type: Grants

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

We recognize that as a large e-commerce company we have the responsibility to help uplift others. Black-owned small businesses have long faced hardship due to systemic racism. But small businesses like yours are integral to the makeup of America. So we are dedicating a \$2M dollar fund to give roughly 4,000 Wish Local small business partners financial support. The selected recipients will receive amounts between \$500 - \$2000. This program will only be open to Black-owned stores, to help promote equality and diversity in American business.

<https://www.wish.com/local/empowerment>



### Pathway to Opportunities

#### Pathway to Opportunities Competition

Type: Grant

Deadline: 6/9/2025

The National Black Business Pitch is an annual competition for Black business owners. Finalists are selected to pitch their businesses in front of a virtual audience, and three winners receive prizes of up to \$10,000. Applications open in February and will be accepted until June 9, 2025. The pitch competition will take place on Aug. 20, 2025.

<https://pathwaytoopportunity.com/>



## HerSuiteSpot

### HerRise MicroGrant for Small Business

Type: Grants

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a monthly basis

The HerRise MicroGrant offers financial support to innovative women who struggle to secure funding for their community-impacting small businesses. The HerRise MicroGrant, providing \$1,000 each month, is available to under-resourced women, including women of color entrepreneurs, across a variety of industries. Your business must be:

- 51% owned by women
- Currently registered in the US
- Less than \$1 million in gross revenue

<https://www.hersuitespot.com/herrise/>



## Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs (ACE)

### ACE Loan

Type: Loans and Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

ACE is a Georgia 501(c)(3) nonprofit and community development financial institution (CDFI) that provides capital, coaching, and connections to help borrowers create and grow sustainable businesses that generate jobs. We have provided more than \$171 million in loans and business advisory services to support 2,300+ small business owners and helped create or save 18,000+ jobs for Georgians.

Providing loans to eligible business owners to meet the demands of their growing business is one of our hallmarks. We do this by delivering Capital, Coaching, and Connections for underserved borrowers and communities that create and retain jobs in our market area.

<https://aceloans.org/apply-for-a-loan/small-business-loans/>



## WomensNet

### Amber Grant for Women

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed at the end of each month

WomensNet founded the “Amber Grant” in 1998. The grant was set up with one goal in mind: to honor the memory of a very special young woman, Amber Wigdahl, who died at just 19 years old — before realizing her business dreams. Today, WomensNet carries on that tradition, proudly giving away at least \$30,000 every month in Amber Grant money.

<https://ambergrantsforwomen.com/business-grants-women-georgia/>



## Georgia Tech – Enterprise Innovation Institute

### Economic Development Research Program (EDRP)

Type: Technical Assistance Matching Grant

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis



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.

Contact: Candice McKie, Project Manager, [cmckie@gatech.edu](mailto:cmckie@gatech.edu), 404.385.2053

<http://cedr.gatech.edu/edrp/>



## Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

### State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

Type: Loan

Deadline: Ongoing

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-ssbcj>

## Quality of Life



### United States Tennis Association (USTA)

#### Facility Funding

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

The USTA offers competitive grant applications to facilities that meet additional requirements outlined below –

- Category 1: Basic Facility improvements, including fixed tennis court amenities (i.e. backboards, windscreens, smart court access, etc.) and blended 36' and 60' tennis line installation on existing tennis courts.
- Category 2: Resurfacing of existing 36', 60', and 78' tennis courts. Converting 78' tennis courts to stand-alone 36' tennis courts. Fencing.
- Category 3: New construction or existing facility reconstruction of 36', 60' and 78' courts. Lighting.

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/coach-organize/tennis-support/facility-assistance.html>

### Institute of Museum and Library Services

#### Museums for America

Type: Grant

Deadline: 11/14/2025

The Museums for America program supports museums of all sizes and disciplines in strategic, project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, professional development, community debate and dialogue, audience-focused studies, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation. Museums for America has three project categories:

- Lifelong Learning
- Community Engagement
- Collections Stewardship and Access.

Cost Share Requirement: You must provide funds from non-federal sources in an amount that is equal to or greater than the amount of your IMLS request.

Lifelong Learning Contact: Helen Wechsler, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist,

[hwechsler@imls.gov](mailto:hwechsler@imls.gov), 202.653.4779

Community Engagement Contact: Sarah Glass, Senior Museum Program Officer, [sglass@imls.gov](mailto:sglass@imls.gov), 202.653.4668

Collections Stewardship and Access Contact: Mark Feitl, Senior Museum Program Officer,

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<https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/museums-america>



## KABOOM!

### KABOOM! Community-Built Playspace Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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 contact form or email [apply@kaboom.org](mailto:apply@kaboom.org).

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



## Anheuser-Busch

### The Anheuser-Busch Foundation

Type: Foundation Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Note: Cartersville only

The Anheuser-Busch Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations in communities where company facilities are located.

The Foundation focuses on supporting organizations that help individuals and communities thrive, including organizations that address the following:

- disaster preparedness and relief;
- economic development;
- education;
- environmental sustainability;
- military personnel and their families; and,
- responsible drinking.

<https://www.anheuser-busch.com/community/community-service>

## To Be Announced



### U.S. Chamber of Commerce

#### CO-100 2025

Type: Grant

Deadline: To be announced in the spring

Formerly the America's Top Small Business Awards, the CO-100 is run by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This grant is open to all small business owners who are U.S. residents and run a for-profit business that has been in operation for at least one year. One winner receives a \$25,000 grant. Ten additional businesses also receive \$2,000 grants. Applications for the 2025 cycle open in the spring.

<https://www.uschamber.com/co/co-100>



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