

Current **FUNDING**

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



*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



Small Business Administration

Manufacturing in America E2G Grant Initiative

Type: Grant

Deadline: 6/15/2026

This Manufacturing in America E2G Grant Initiative aligns with the SBA's strategic priorities to empower small businesses, bring manufacturing jobs back to the United States, and addresses workforce shortages, operational inefficiencies, and limited access to contract opportunities. This Funding Opportunity seeks proposals that are unique and innovative in the substance of manufacturing-related training and technical assistance to be provided to eligible participants, and/or the methodology by which the assistance is provided. Accordingly, SBA is seeking proposal of efforts that:

- Outline innovative workforce development approaches to address the current, unique challenges facing E2G eligible small manufacturing firms throughout the United States.
- Provide hands-on, in-person training to SBA's E2G eligible small manufacturing firms in key manufacturing industries, including but not limited to aerospace, ship building, rail equipment, mining, industrial machinery and equipment, construction equipment, metal fabrication, electrical equipment, food processing, medical and precision manufacturing, advanced manufacturing, robotics.
- Other manufacturing sectors may be eligible for support under this grant as well. Assistance should include hands-on, in-person training in a wide range of activities and topics, including but not limited to the following areas: training in technical proficiency and essential skills including operating machinery, quality control, utilizing industrial software, and maintaining workplace safety.

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=123934>

U.S. Department of Labor

Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG)

Type: Grant

Deadline: 12/31/2026

When Georgia-Pacific, LLC announced in May that it would be closing its containerboard manufacturing mill in Cedar Springs, Georgia, the news was a major blow for more than 500 employees. Now, thanks to a newly awarded \$1.8 million federal grant, WorkSource Georgia and its partners will have more resources to help affected Georgia workers find new jobs and opportunities.

The funding comes through a U.S. Department of Labor Employment Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG). This 3-year grant, awarded to the Technical College System of Georgia's Office of Workforce Development, is designed to help local economies recover from large layoffs and closures by focusing on reemployment. Funds will be distributed specifically through WorkSource Southwest Georgia which administers federal workforce development programs for the region and has local access points to serve affected workers.



To apply, please contact one of the following WorkSource Georgia offices:

Albany WorkSource Southwest Georgia (One-Stop Comprehensive Center)

1608 South Slappey Blvd. Albany, GA 31706

(229) 430-5042

swga_wioaworks@equusworks.com

Thomasville WorkSource Southwest Georgia

LOCATED in GDOL Career Center – Thomasville

403 North Broad Street Thomasville, GA 31792

(229) 227 -2677

swga_wioaworks@equusworks.com

Moultrie WorkSource Southwest Georgia

220 North Main Street Moultrie, GA 31768

(229) 891-2036

swga_wioaworks@equusworks.com

<https://www.tcsg.edu/tcsg-and-worksource-ga-to-invest-in-displaced-workers-of-georgia-pacific-closure/>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Equity Fund (One Georgia Authority)

Type: Grant or Loan

Deadline(s): 7/10/2026 ; 10/9/2026

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

<https://dca.georgia.gov/financing-tools/infrastructure/onegeorgia-authority/equity-fund>



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 21st century workforce and make smart financial decisions that lead to a secure retirement.

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

Transportation



U.S. Department of Transportation

Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 6/8/2026

This program provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. Projects eligible for funding under this grant program include, but are not limited to:

- Grade separation or closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel, or combination thereof;
- Track relocation;
- Improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other;
- Measures to improve safety related to a separation, closure, or track relocation project;
- Other means to improve safety if related to the mobility of people and goods at highway-rail grade crossings (including technological solutions);
- The planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project type.

<https://railroads.dot.gov/crossing-safety-program>



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>

Infrastructure and Utilities



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grant

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

This program helps eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for proposed USDA Rural Development water or waste disposal projects.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants-8>



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.

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

<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>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Appalachian Regional Commission

Note: Appalachian Region only

Type: Grant

Deadline(s): Pre-application – 6/19/2026; Full application – 7/10/2026

DCA is making available infrastructure funding in Georgia's Appalachian Regional Commission footprint. Pre-applications for funding are due June 19, 2026, and full applications are due July 10, 2026. Funding limit per project is \$2,000,000 and all applicable match requirements apply. Eligible projects include:

- Water system expansions, improvements, new construction
- Wastewater system expansions, improvements, new construction
- Stormwater management systems
- Road realignment, especially in industrial areas/employment centers
- Sidewalk improvements, expansions, construction, especially in downtown areas or those areas walkable to a commercial/industrial district/employment center
- Bike paths and trails MUST show a significant economic impact.

<https://www.arc.gov/grants-and-opportunities/>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Equity Fund (One Georgia Authority)

Type: Grant or Loan

Deadline(s): 7/10/2026; 10/9/2026

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<https://dca.georgia.gov/financing-tools/infrastructure/onegeorgia-authority/equity-fund>

South Arts

Professional Development Grants for Arts Organizations

Type: Grant

Deadline: 6/30/2026

South Arts strongly believes that skill and knowledge building for arts organizations are integral to success and sustainability. These grants are designed to support the professional development needs of Southern arts organizations for increasing organizational capacity to achieve long-term sustainability, growth, and/or operational stability. This grant program is open to film, visual arts, performing arts, traditional arts, literary arts, and multidisciplinary arts organizations.

Funding can support staff or board participation at conferences, workshops, and other professional development opportunities and events. In addition, these grants can support expenses for in-person and virtual professional development for organization-wide staff learning and training. Funds support travel expenses (for example, lodging and air/ground transportation), admission/registration fees, or other related expenses (for example, consultant/service fees for staff learning/training sessions).

<https://www.southarts.org/grants-opportunities/professional-development-grants-arts-organizations>

U.S. Department of Defense

Defense Community Infrastructure Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 6/25/2026

The Defense Community Infrastructure Program is a competitive grant program designed to address deficiencies in community infrastructure that can/does support a military installation's readiness and lethality.

States and communities leverage private and non-profit utility providers through collaborations that deliver projects that support the needs of the defense mission. This program benefits and supports the readiness and lethality of our military installations as well as our service members and their families and the defense communities they live and work in.

<https://oldcc.gov/our-programs/defense-community-infrastructure-program>



Sustainability



Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP)

Type: Grant and Loan

Deadline: 10/16/2026

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is a grant and loan program awarded to support the stewardship of state parks; state lands and wildlife management areas; enhance local parks and trails; and protect critical conservation lands.

<https://gadnr.org/gosp>



Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Type: Grant

Deadline: 10/2/2026

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program is a federal program that provides funding for the acquisition, development, and renovation of outdoor recreation lands and facilities.

<https://gadnr.org/lwcf>



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



Georgia Forestry Commission – Georgia Tree Council

Georgia ReLeaf Grant

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: 7/15/2026

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, under the authority of 16 USC 2105 and Public Law 117-169, Subtitle D. Sec. 23003(a) State and Private Forestry Conservation Programs, has

allocated funding to the Georgia Forestry Commission for statewide distribution in partnership with the Georgia Tree Council. \$150,000 is available for the 2026 funding cycle.

The objectives of the Georgia ReLeaf Program are to:

- Improve the urban tree canopies of Georgia communities
- Help sustain the health of Georgia's community forests
- Incorporate tree planting into planning efforts of city administrators, municipal tree departments and tree boards
- Increase access to the health benefits provided by community forests for Georgia residents

Applicants may apply for funding for a tree planting and/or tree giveaway. The maximum grant award is \$15,000. Recipients are not required to provide a funding match. If awarded, funds will be dispersed as a reimbursement with documentation of approved project expenditures.

<https://gatreecouncil.org/what-we-do/programs/georgia-releaf/>

Housing and Community Development



T-Mobile

T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application

Type: Grant

Deadline: 9/30/2026

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

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 (DDRLF)

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

Deadline: Ongoing

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.

Contact: Cherie Bennett, cherie.bennett@dca.ga.gov

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



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://dca.georgia.gov/financing-tools/infrastructure/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/redevelopment-fund>



Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Community Heart & Soul is a resident-driven process that engages the entire population of a town in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it. The Seed Grant Program provides start-up funding for resident driven groups in small cities and towns looking to implement the Community Heart & Soul model. Grant funding of \$10,000 requires a 1:1 cash match. Eligible uses includes:

- Heart & Soul Coaching
- Project Coordination
- Project-Related Expenses

<https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/>



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>



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/>

The Skatepark Project

The Skatepark Project – Community Activation Grant / Supply the Ride

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

This application is for organizations seeking funding for skateboarding-related programs. The Skatepark Project's Community Activation Grant offers funding and technical assistance to help support the development and implementation of skateboarding-related programs in the United States and internationally. The Skatepark Project's Community Activation Grant/Supply the Ride Grant is awarded to qualified applicants in amounts up to \$5,000.

<https://skatepark.org/the-skatepark-project-grants/>



Entrepreneurship and Innovation



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

ACE Loan

Type: Grants and Loans

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>

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 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-ssbci>

 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, 404.385.2053

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

 U.S. Chamber of Commerce

CO-100 2026

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 2026 cycle open in the spring.

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

 South Arts

Arts in Rural Places

Type: Grant

Deadline: 6/30/2026

South Arts believes that rural, isolated, and small communities deserve access to the arts, and this requires specialized support to make that vision viable. Distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis, Arts in Rural Places Grants support rural and isolated communities (communities that are geographically isolated or isolated due to socioeconomic factors, outmigration, education gaps, and/or lack of infrastructure) as well as small cities with populations of 50,000 people or less with expedited grants of up to \$3,000.

Arts in Rural Places Grants are an opportunity for organizations in South Arts' nine-state region to receive artist fee support to engage Southern guest film directors, traditional, visual, and performing artists, or writers from inside or outside of the presenter's state. Artist fee support is awarded for:

- film (documentary, fiction, experimental, and animation),
- traditional arts (music, dance, storytelling, and visual arts/crafts),
- visual arts (crafts, drawing, experimental, painting, photography, sculpture, and mixed media),
- performing arts (theater, music, opera, musical theater, and dance), and
- literary arts (fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry).

Projects require at least two public-facing activities that offer access to arts programming by Southern artists (this can include public performances, screenings, readings, exhibitions, workshops, demonstrations, lectures, facilitated discussions, and/or master classes). Based on the artist fee, the maximum request is \$3,000. The grant requires a dollar-for-dollar cash match (for example, an applicant that requests \$3,000 must provide a \$3,000 cash match for a project with a \$6,000 artist fee).

<https://www.southarts.org/grants-opportunities/arts-rural-places>

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>

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.

<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>

Public Safety



Norfolk Southern

Thriving Communities Grant

Type: Grant

Deadline: 8/3/2026

The Thriving Communities Grant Program is designed to promote economic development, support vibrant community life, and provide equal access to basic necessities. All grant recipients must be located within Norfolk Southern territory. Grants are awarded for specific projects and programs only, not for general operating support. The project must align with one of Norfolk Southern's Focus Areas: Sustainability, Workforce Development, or Thriving Communities.

<https://www.norfolksouthern.com/en/commitments/in-your-community/community-impact/grant-guidelines---eligibility-requirements>



Norfolk Southern

Safety-First Grant

Type: Grant

Deadline: 8/3/2026

The Safety-First Grant Program is designed to promote overall safety in the communities across Norfolk Southern's 22-state network. This program is intended to support organizations that directly provide safety services or operate programs that promote safe behavior. The program must align with Norfolk Southern's Corporate Giving Safety Focus Area.

<https://www.norfolksouthern.com/en/commitments/in-your-community/community-impact/grant-guidelines---eligibility-requirements>



FEMA U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

Type: Grant

Deadline: 6/22/2026

The FY 2025 SAFER Grant Program is one of three grant programs from DHS and FEMA that improve public and firefighter safety related to fire hazards. The SAFER Program provides funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations to increase the number of firefighters. This funding supports communities in meeting industry standards, achieving 24-hour staffing, and ensuring adequate protection from fire hazards while supporting the traditional missions of fire departments. Only the following entities are eligible to apply –

- Fire departments; and
- National, regional, state, local, tribal, and nonprofit interest organizations representing the interests of volunteer firefighters are eligible to receive a SAFER Program award under the Recruitment and Retention (R&R) activity.

Allowable project types include –

- Hiring Activity – The Hiring Activity provides grants to support fire departments in hiring new firefighters or converting part-time or paid-on-call firefighters to full-time positions. However, national, regional, state, local, Tribal Nation, and nonprofit organizations that represent volunteer firefighters are not eligible for SAFER Program awards under the Hiring Activity.
- R&R Activity – The R&R Activity provides grants to help fire departments recruit and retain volunteer firefighters trained in firefighting and emergency response operations.

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



FEMA U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: 6/22/2026

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. The AFG Program aims to deliver essential resources to equip and train emergency personnel to meet recognized standards. It provides funding to outfit responders with compliant personal protective equipment to enhance their safety during incident response, retrofit or modify facilities to address known health hazards, and acquire emergency response vehicles. Additionally, the program supports the development of health, wellness, and resiliency initiatives to prepare responders for incidents, improve operational efficiency, promote interoperability, and strengthen community resilience.

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



FEMA U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)

Type: Grant

Deadline: 6/22/2026

The focus of the FY 2025 FP&S Grant Program is to help protect the public and firefighters from fire and fire-related hazards. The FP&S Grant Program provides grants directly to eligible entities for fire prevention programs and firefighter safety, health, or well-being research and development. Eligible activities include –

- The FP&S Activity is designed to reach high-risk target groups² and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards. The five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:
 1. Community Risk Reduction
 2. Wildfire Risk Reduction
 3. Code Enforcement/Awareness
 4. Origin and Cause Investigation
 5. National / State / Regional Programs and Projects

- The R&D Activity is aimed at improving firefighter safety, health, or well-being through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries. The four project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:
 1. Clinical Studies
 2. Technology and Product Development
 3. Preliminary Studies
 4. Early Career Investigator

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards/documents>

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