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Education, Training, and Workforce

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): 1/8/2027; 4/9/2027

The purpose of the Equity Fund is to provide a program of financial assistance that includes grants, loans and any other forms of assistance to finance activities that will assist applicants in promoting the health, welfare, safety, and economic security of the citizens of the state through the development and

retention of employment opportunities in areas of greater need. Not all areas of the state are eligible to apply. Click for the official eligibility map.
Eligible Use: Projects relating to water and sewer infrastructure, road, rail and airport improvements, industrial parks, workforce, technology, and tourism.
https://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 (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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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.

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

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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, floor, 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

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

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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

Georgia Forestry Commission

Making the Shade Program

Type: Grants

Deadline: 12/31/2026

The Making the Shade program provides grant funding to create healthier, shaded playground areas on elementary school campuses. This funding (up to $10,000) is available to elementary schools, PTAs, neighborhood associations, and community groups. In addition, GFC's Community Foresters help with species selection, location, planting, and maintenance education.

https://gatrees.org/urban-community-forestry/making-the-shade-program/

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Housing and Community Development

Georgia Forward

Youth Placemaking Grant

Type: Grant

Deadline: 11/13/2026

The Youth Placemaking Grant, a partnership between the Georgia Cities Foundation and Georgia*Forward*, provides an opportunity for communities to engage young people in creating meaningful improvements to public spaces while strengthening their connection to their cities. Through the grant, youth can play an active role in identifying, planning, and implementing placemaking projects that help make their communities more vibrant, welcoming, and engaging.

https://www.georgiaforward.org/youth-councils

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

2027 AmeriCorps Georgia Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: 1/13/2027

Georgia Serves is pleased to announce the availability of funds for the **2027 AmeriCorps Georgia Grants competition**.

Georgia Serves is conducting a series of AmeriCorps Application workshops around the state to spread the word about AmeriCorps and help organizations be prepared to submit a strong application for the upcoming 2027 grants. Eligible applicants may include non-profits, schools (including higher ed), local governments, and Indian Tribes

Registration is required.

Application Workshops will be conducted at the following locations:

November 4, 2026 **Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers**
2601 Cross Country Drive, Building B, Muscogee Room
Columbus, GA 31906
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

November 10, 2026 **Booker T. Washington Community Center**
401 Monroe Street
Macon, GA 31201
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

November 18, 2026 **Valdosta- Lowndes Co. Conference Center & Tourism**
1 Meeting Place
Valdosta, GA 31601
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

December 1, 2026 **Savannah, GA** - Location TBD
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

December 3, 2026 **CSRA Regional Commission**

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3626 Walton Way Ext. Suite 1
August, GA 30909
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

December 8, 2026 2800 Century Parkway NE
Atlanta, GA 30345
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

December 9, 2026 **Restoration Storehouse Center**
1400 Parker Road S.E.
Conyers, GA 30094
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For additional workshops and locations, please see page 31 of the 2027 *Georgia Notice of Funding Opportunity* (NOFO).

For all questions related to this funding announcement, please contact AmeriCorpsGA@dca.ga.gov.
https://dca.georgia.gov/organization/about-dca/partnerships/georgia-serves

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Public Humanities Projects

Type: Grant
Deadline: 12/16/2026

Public Humanities Projects supports Exhibitions, Historic Places interpretation, and Public Lectures and Discussion Forums that bring the ideas of the humanities to life for general audiences. Projects must engage humanities scholarship to analyze significant themes in disciplines such as history, literature, ethics, and art history. Awards support projects that are intended to reach broad and varied public audiences in non-classroom settings in the United States. Projects should engage with ideas that are accessible to the general public and employ appealing interpretive formats. NEH especially encourages applications exploring the following topics:

- Western civilization and America's place in it
- Great works of literature, history, philosophy, and theology and their relevance to contemporary questions
- The 250th anniversary of the American Revolution
- Civic education; civil discourse; cultural literacy, and the practice of close reading

Public Humanities Projects supports two categories, Exhibitions and Historic Places, at two funding levels (Planning and Implementation). Support for the third category, Public Lectures and Discussion Forums, is available at the Implementation level only.
https://www.neh.gov/grants/public/public-humanities-projects

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP)

Type: Grant

Deadline: 1/31/2027

The purpose of the Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) is to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing in Georgia. Funds are granted to city and county governments, public housing authorities, and nonprofits to:

- rehabilitate owner-occupied homes and
- build and renovate affordable single-family homes for sale to eligible homebuyers

CHIP is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Funding is prioritized for communities that demonstrate a clear need, readiness to proceed, and the capacity to administer the program effectively.
https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/housing-development/home-investment-partnerships-program-home/community-home

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

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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: Sally Mrus, sally.mrus@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/

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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/

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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

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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

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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

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Public Safety

Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA)

Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant

Type: Grant

Deadline: 11/7/2026

The State of Georgia set aside $1,250,000 in funds from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 state budget for a competitive grant to facilitate gang activity prosecutions in the state. The FY 2027 GAP Grant will be open for applications between **October 12 and November 7, 2026**, with award decisions announced in late November 2026. Eligible applicants for the GAP grant are State of Georgia law enforcement agencies, local law enforcement agencies, and/or prosecuting attorneys/agencies focused on gang prosecutions.

The purpose of the FY 2027 Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant program is to support state and local efforts to prosecute gang-related activity. Successful applicants must clearly identify and explain how their project will assist in creating safer communities by prosecuting gang activity. The program is based on risk-driven, capabilities-based strategic plans that outline high-priority needs relating to gang activity prosecution. For these plans to be effective, government officials and elected leaders, working with the whole community, must consider how to sustain current capability levels, while also addressing potential gaps. Successful applicants must show a commitment to and, ideally, a track record of successful prosecutions of gang activity. Consideration will be given to agencies with both prosecutors and law enforcement applying in support of one another.

https://gema.georgia.gov/georgia-gang-activity-prosecution-grant

Vested Interest in K9s

K9 Ballistic Vest Donation Program

Type: Vest Donation

Deadline: Ongoing

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c(3) non-profit whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the country. Vested Interest in K9s has donated over 6,540 ballistic vests to law enforcement K9s in all 50 states. Vest awards are given on a first-come, first-served basis as funds become available.

Eligibility Criteria:

- K9 must be actively employed in the United States (law enforcement/first responders only; the program does not vest military K9s, search and rescue OR private security K9s)
- K9 must be certified with his/her current handler
- K9 must be at least 20 months of age
- K9 does not have a current issue ballistic vest
- K9 is not scheduled for retirement within 12 months of the date of inquiry

https://vik9s.org/k9-vesting/

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To search and apply for federal grants, loans,
and other assistance, please visit Grants.gov.

For more information or research assistance, please contact:
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