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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

RD Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Loan or Grant

This program is designed to provide loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to:

- Help microenterprises startup and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund.
- Provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program>

RD Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

Deadline: Ongoing (accepted year-round)

Type: Grant

This program helps prevent damage or restore households and business' access to clean, reliable drinking water in eligible rural areas and towns following natural disasters (including drought, flood, earthquake, tornado, hurricane, disease outbreak, chemical spill/leak/seepage, and more). A federal disaster declaration is not required. Funding can improve the natural environment and encourage manufacturers and other businesses to locate or expand operations. Applications for this program are accepted year-round. Eligible applicants include public bodies, non-profits, and federally recognized tribes. Eligible areas include rural areas with no more than 10,000 residents.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants/ga>

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

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Technical Assistance

This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects. Eligible applicants include public bodies, non-profits, and federally recognized tribes. Eligible areas include rural areas with no more than 20,000 residents and a median household income below 80% of the state non-metropolitan median household income. Contact a specialist to discuss specific projects before applying.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural/ga>

RD Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Loan or Grant

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

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

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

RD Community Connect Grant Program

Deadline: 6/20/23 (recommended deadline to request application guidance: 5/30/23)

Type: Grant

The Community Connect provides financial assistance to eligible applicants that will provide broadband service in rural, economically-challenged communities where service does not exist.

Eligible Uses: Rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream are eligible.

- 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 (PFSA)
- All participating critical community facilities (such as public schools, fire stations, and public libraries)
- The cost of providing broadband service free of charge to the critical community facilities for 2 years.
- Less than 10% of the grant amount or up to \$150,000 may be used for the improvement, expansion, construction or acquisition of a community center that provides online access to the public.

Match: Matching funds of at least 15% from non-federal sources are required and can be used for operating costs.

Contact: General Field Representative for Georgia: Andrew E. Hayes at andrew.hayes@usda.gov or 770.312.7073

Prior to official submission of applications, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from the Agency. It is recommended requests be made **prior to May 30, 2023**. Requests made after this date will be handled as best RUS is able, but applicants should be aware RUS has finite capacity to assist and may not be able to fully address requests submitted after May 30, 2023

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/community-connect-grants>

NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

Deadline: 5/22/23

Type: Grant

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) is a competitive program that supports the development of new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands. Through creative problem solving and innovation, CIG partners work to address our nation's water quality, air quality, soil health and wildlife habitat challenges, all while improving agricultural operations.

At least 10 percent of the total funds available for CIG in FY 2023 is set aside for proposals from Historically Underserved producers, veteran farmers or ranchers, or community-based organizations comprised of or representing these entities.

Match: This NFO requires applicants to share at least 50 percent of total project costs. Total project costs include Federal and non-Federal shares of the project. Special considerations exist for some historically underserved applications.

Contact: Erick Purifoy, Grants Management Specialist, FPAC Business Center

Email: erick.purifoy@usda.gov with a copy to FPAC.BC.GAD@USDA.GOV

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/cig-conservation-innovation-grants>



Housing Preservation Grants

Deadline: 6/5/23

Type: Grant

This program provides grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing owned or occupied by low- and very-low-income rural citizens.

USDA will award a total of \$18,500,000 in Housing Preservation Grant Program funding for the repair and rehabilitation of rural housing units. \$2,500,000 of this funding is for organizations to help people repair homes they own or rent that were damaged in a calendar year 2022

Presidentially declared disaster areas (\$50,000 maximum award).

Eligibility: Rural areas and towns with 20,000 or fewer people--Check [eligible addresses](#)

Eligible uses:

- Applicants provide grants or low-interest loans to repair or rehabilitate housing for low- and very-low-income* homeowners
- Rental property owners may also receive assistance if they agree to make units available to low- and very-low-income* families
- Other eligible expenses (click on the link above for additional information)

*Very-low-income and low income: Very-low-income is below 50% of area median income; low-income is 50-80% of area median income.

Match: While it is encouraged that HPG funds be leveraged with other resources, cost sharing or matching is not a requirement for the HPG applicant as the HPG applicant would not be denied an award of HPG funds if all other project selection criteria have been met.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-programs/housing-preservation-grants#overview>



Broadband Technical Assistance

Deadline: 6/20/23

Type: Technical Assistance

BTA provides financial assistance through cooperative agreements to eligible entities to receive or deliver broadband technical assistance and training and supports the development and expansion of broadband cooperatives.

Eligibility:

- For the purposes of BTA, a rural area is defined as “any area not located in a city, town, or incorporated area with a population greater than 20,000, or an urbanized area next to a city, town or incorporated area with a population greater than 50,000 people.” Certain other exclusions apply.
- Eligible areas must be completely contained within a rural area or composed of multiple rural areas. You will find a mapping tool with additional eligibility information at this link: [Map](#)

Match: None of the funding categories require cost share or matching funds.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/broadband-technical-assistance-program#overview>



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant

EPA's Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program helps states, tribes, and municipalities minimize the uncertainties of contamination often associated with brownfield sites. This program supplements other efforts under the Brownfields Program to promote the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites. TBAs are considered a grant of services and are conducted by environmental consultants currently under contract with EPA. It is important that the applicant currently have redevelopment plans for the contaminated property. The applicant should apply on behalf of a specific site which it currently owns or can obtain ownership through some other means (e.g. tax foreclosure). Contact: Camilla Warren at warren.camilla@epa.gov or 404.562.8519
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/targeted-brownfields-assessments-tba>



U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Better Buildings Challenge

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Technical Assistance

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

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

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



National Endowment for the Humanities

Cultural and Community Resilience

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

Type: Grant

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

Expected output: Digital Surrogate Collections; Oral History Collections; Physical Archival Collections; Plans for Community Documentation. Contact the Division of Preservation and Access Team at preservation@neh.gov.

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



Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations

Deadline: 6/28/23 (optional draft due 5/24/23)

Type: Grant

Public Impact Projects grants seek to assist you in meeting your community's needs by expanding the scope, reach, and excellence of your public programs.

These awards support a variety of activities that focus on enriching interpretive strategies, strengthening interpretive skill sets or enhancing community engagement with public-facing programs. This program aims to meet small and mid-sized organizations where you are by supporting projects that are appropriate in scope and content to each organization's resources and community needs.

Match: NEH does not require cost sharing in this program. Cost sharing or matching is the portion of the project costs you pay for with non-NEH funds. Peer reviewers will not consider cost sharing in their evaluation of applications.

Contact: Contact a Program Officer in the Division of Public Programs publicpgms@neh.gov.

<https://www.neh.gov/program/public-impact-projects-smaller-organizations>



U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program

Deadline: 7/7/23

Type: Grant

The purpose of the DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program is to fund public-private partnerships to develop, implement, and scale worker-centered sector strategy training programs that train and prepare the skilled workforce needed to meet the demands of the sizeable infrastructure investments made through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

This grant program will train job seekers in advanced manufacturing; information technology; and professional, scientific, and technical services occupations that support renewable energy, transportation, and broadband infrastructure sectors.

1. Development Track (0% local match, but highly encouraged to leverage at least 15%)
2. Scaling Track (15% minimum local match)

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343871>



U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (TIFIA)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Loan

The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program provides credit assistance for qualified projects of regional and national significance. Many large-scale, surface transportation projects - highway, transit, railroad, intermodal freight, and port access - are eligible for assistance. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, transit agencies, railroad companies, special authorities, special districts, and private entities. The TIFIA credit program is designed to fill market gaps and leverage substantial private co-investment by providing supplemental and subordinate capital. Each dollar of Federal funds can provide up to \$15 in TIFIA credit assistance and support up to \$50 in transportation infrastructure investment.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia>

Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (TIFIA) Rural Project Initiative (RPI)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Loan

The Rural Project Initiative is aimed at helping improve transportation infrastructure in America's rural communities. Eligible projects include: Roads, bridges and tunnels; Transit systems including infrastructure, bus and train stations, and buses and passenger rail vehicles and facilities; Intermodal connectors; Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; Freight transfer facilities; Sea and inland waterway ports, and even; Airports - under certain circumstances. For the purposes of this initiative, a rural project is one that is located outside of an urbanized area with a population greater than 150,000 individuals as determined by the Bureau of Census.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia/tifia-rural-project-initiative-rpi>

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

Deadline: 5/30/23

Type: Grant

The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) is a new competitive grant program created by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work – urban and rural areas alike – in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).

CFI Program investments will make modern and sustainable infrastructure accessible to all drivers of electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles. This NOFO offers up to \$700 million from Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and other alternative fueling infrastructure projects in urban and rural communities in publicly accessible locations, including downtown areas and local neighborhoods, particularly in underserved and disadvantaged communities.

This program provides two funding categories of grants: (1) Community Charging and Fueling Grants (Community Program); and (2) Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program).

Match: Awardees must provide at least 20 percent of the total project cost (not 20 percent of the Federal share) as a matching share.

Contact: Neelam Patel: neelam.patel@dot.gov or Michael Culp: michael.culp@dot.gov

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cfi/>

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Deadline: 7/10/23

Type: Grant

The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. There are two types of SS4A grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants and Implementation Grants.

The following activities are eligible for the SS4A program:

- Develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan). This includes:
 - Developing an Action Plan;
 - Conducting supplemental planning in support of an Action Plan; and
 - Carrying out demonstration activities in support of an Action Plan.
- Conducting planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
- Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.

Match: The Federal share of a SS4A grant may not exceed 80 percent of total eligible activity costs. Recipients are required to contribute a local matching share of no less than 20 percent of eligible activity costs. In-kind contributions are allowed.

Contact: SS4A@dot.gov

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>



Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT)

Deadline: 8/18/23

Type: Grant

The program will invest in projects to make the country's surface transportation system – including highways, public transportation, pedestrian facilities, ports, and intercity passenger rail – more resilient to the worsening impacts of climate change, while reducing long-term costs by minimizing demands for more expensive future maintenance and rebuilding. The program prioritizes innovative and collaborative approaches to risk reduction – including approaches that harness the power of nature to protect against flood, erosion, wave damage, and heat impacts. One category is for **Planning Grants**. The other three categories are for Resilience Improvement, Community Resilience and Evacuation Routes, and At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure projects, and throughout this NOFO are collectively referred to as **Resilience Grants**.

Match: For PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program Planning Grants, the Federal share of an eligible planning activity shall be 100 percent. For PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program Resilience Grants, the Federal share of an eligible project shall not exceed 80 percent of the total cost of the project.

Webinars: (1) 5/8/23 from 1-2 PM.

https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_wpq8qcrVQz67DqdjPCar1A

(2) 5/11/23 from 1-2 PM.

https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_nvoQgZCFTwCWdS_FYTH5kg

Contact: Robert Miller | Agreement Officer | Office of Acquisition and Grants Management | Federal Highway Administration | Email: PROTECTdiscretionary@dot.gov (preferred) | Phone: 202.366.9167

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/protect/discretionary/>



Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program Discretionary Grants

Deadline: 7/14/23

Type: Grant

The FAA issues grants for airport planning and development in the United States. Eligible projects include those improvements related to enhancing airport safety, capacity, security, and environmental concerns.

Match: AIP grants generally have Federal shares ranging from 70 percent to 95 percent. The Federal share percentage is based on the airport size and type of project per statute. Federal share by airport and project type can be found in chapter 4 of the AIP Handbook.

Contact: David F. Cushing | Manager | Airports Financial Assistance Division, APP-500 | 202.267.8827.

<https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip>



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



Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants

Deadline: 6/6/23

Type: Grant

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which focus on directing resources to address three core goals: Housing, People and Neighborhood.

To achieve these core goals, communities must develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan. The Transformation Plan will become the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

Match: Matching funds in the amount of at least five percent of the requested grant amount in cash or in-kind donations must be secured and used by the end of the grant term.

Contact: ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn/fy23funding



U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)



Community Policing Development (CPD) De-Escalation Training Program

Deadline: 5/15/23 (initial application, required); 5/24/23 (full application due)

Type: Grant

Through this solicitation, the COPS Office will provide grant funding to support whole agency training efforts in de-escalation, implicit bias, and duty to intervene, including overtime to participate in training programs and support for training officers to attend nationally certified train-the-trainer programs in these topic areas.

Funding can also be used to support:

- use of force data analysis; after-action reviews;
- the development of internal marketing and promotional materials, policies, and procedures that encourage a de-escalation mindset; and
- other organizational change efforts that work toward the creation of a culture of de-escalation within an agency.

Funded agencies will have the opportunity to participate in an ongoing community of practice with other COPS Office awardees.

Match: There is no local match.

Contact: With any programmatic questions, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770 or send questions via email to AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov.

<https://cops.usdoj.gov/de-escalation>



Bureau of Justice Assistance Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program

Deadline: 6/13/23 (initial application, required); 6/20/23 (full application due)

Type: Grant

With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to support small and rural agencies in their efforts to combat violent crime.

This program will provide funding to small and/or rural agencies and/or to prosecutors who are interested in implementing or improving the capacity of their organization around one or more critical elements found in the [Violent Crime Reductions Operations Guide](#) or the [Prosecutors' Guide to Reducing Violence and Building Safer Communities](#).

Match: This solicitation does not require a match.

Contact: For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center at 800.851.3420, 301.240.6310 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only), or grants@ncjrs.gov.

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171729>



Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Land & Water Conservation Fund Grants

Deadline: 5/31/23

Type: Grant

The LWCF grant program is accepting applications for acquisition of park land, develop of recreation facilities and renovation of existing outdoor recreation facilities from eligible applicants.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are defined as qualified local governments (as determined by the Department of Community Affairs) and constituted recreation authorities/commissions who are in good standing with LWCF.

Match: LWCF requires a dollar-for-dollar match for all grant request.

Contact: For closed/prior grant information: Rayne Gaston, Compliance Specialist: 404.463.8632 | rayne.gaston1@dnr.ga.gov

For project proposals and current/active grants: Antoinette Norfleet, Grants Manager: 404.463.8629 | antoinette.norfleet@dnr.ga.gov

<https://gadnr.org/lwcf>



Georgia Department of Transportation

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant

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

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



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Equity Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

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

Next Deadline: 6/1/23

Type: Grant or Loan

The purpose of the Equity Fund is to provide a program of financial assistance that includes grants, loans and any other forms of assistance to finance activities that will assist applicants in promoting the health, welfare, safety, and economic security of the citizens of the state through the development and retention of employment opportunities in areas of greater need. Not all areas of the state are eligible to apply. [Click for the official eligibility map.](#)

Eligible Use: Projects relating to water and sewer infrastructure, road, rail and airport improvements, industrial parks, workforce, technology, and tourism.

Contact the OneGeorgia Team: Gina Webb, OneGeorgia Director, gina.webb@dca.ga.gov

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

EDGE Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant or Loan

The purpose of the EDGE Fund is to provide financial assistance to eligible applicants that are being considered as a relocation or expansion site and are competing with another state for location of a project; and, where the EDGE Fund is used when the health, welfare, safety and economic security of the citizens of the state are promoted through the development and/or retention of employment opportunities. A local development authority must be the applicant for an EDGE application and the application must be supported by a recommendation letter from a state agency, typically the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

Contact the OneGeorgia Team: Gina Webb, OneGeorgia Director, gina.webb@dca.ga.gov

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

DCA Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY2023 Annual Competition

Deadline: 6/2/23

Type: Matching Grant

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) provides funding to assist a wide range of eligible activities, including housing improvement projects, public facilities such as water and sewer lines, buildings such as local health centers or head start centers, and economic development projects. All projects must substantially benefit low and moderate income persons.

Eligibility: DCA administers the State's Non-Entitlement CDBG program. As the administrator of these funds, eligible applicants include Units of General-Purpose Local Government (cities or counties) that do not participate in HUD's CDBG Entitlement or Urban County program. Eligible applicants selected for funding will be those having the greatest need as evidenced by poverty and per capita income and whose applications most adequately address the needs of low- and moderate-income persons and have the greatest impact.

Match: All awards under the Annual Competition (except for single-activity housing grants) have the following minimum match requirements:

- 0% match requirement for grant requests of \$300,000 and less
- 5% match requirement for grant requests of \$300,001 to \$750,000
- 10% match requirement for grant requests of \$750,001 to \$1,000,000
- 15% match requirement for grant requests of \$1,000,001 or more

Contact: Please contact Kathleen Vaughn, Director of the Office of Community Development, for any questions or concerns regarding the Community Development Block Grant Annual Competition at Kathleen.Vaughn@dca.ga.gov.

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

CDBG Immediate Threat and Danger Program (ITAD)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant

The Immediate Threat and Danger Program provides 50% matching funds for community development activities having a particular urgency when existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. The ITAD Program is intended to address situations which are urgent and unique. These situations should typically occur due to state or federally declared disasters. Local funds must comprise at least 10% of project costs. Funding for this program comes from the state's annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Applicants can apply for \$50,000 and DCA reserves \$200,000 for "major disasters."

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

CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Loan Guarantee

The CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program is an economic and community development financing tool authorized under Section 108 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The program is a method of assisting non-entitlement local governments with certain unique and large-scale economic development projects that cannot proceed without the loan guarantee. In order to be eligible a project must meet all applicable CDBG requirements and result in significant employment and/or benefit for low and moderate income persons. Projects that are eligible for financing under existing federal, state, regional or local programs will generally not be considered for guarantee assistance unless the programs would fail to fully meet a project's need. <https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/cdbg-section>

Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant or Loan

REBA is an incentive program that is used to help "close the deal" when companies are considering Georgia and another state or country for their location or expansion. REBA funds may be used to finance various fixed-asset needs of a company including infrastructure, real estate acquisition, construction, or machinery and equipment. A local development authority must be the applicant for a REBA application and the application must be supported by a recommendation letter from a state agency, typically the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

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

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/regional-economic-business-assistance-reba>

State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Loan

The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (the "Act") became law in the fall of 2010. The Act created the State Small Business Credit Initiative, funded with \$1.5 billion to strengthen state lending programs that support small businesses and manufacturers. Of the total amount funded, Georgia was allocated \$48,024,748. Currently, Georgia's SSBCI offers two programs.

1. GA LPP (Georgia Loan Participation Program) is a program where the State purchases a participation of up to 25% of an approved loan, for loans ranging from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000.
2. Georgia SBCG (Small Business Credit Guaranty) is a 50% loan guaranty program with a current maximum loan amount of \$400,000 with a \$200,000 guarantee.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/state-small-business-credit-initiative-ssbci>

Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF)

Deadline: Ongoing

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

The purpose of the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DD RLF) is to assist cities, counties and development authorities in their efforts to revitalize and enhance downtown areas by providing below-market rate financing to fund capital projects in core historic downtown areas and adjacent historic neighborhoods where DD RLF will spur commercial redevelopment. Eligible applicants under this program shall be municipalities with a population of 100,000 or less, counties with a population of 100,000 or less proposing projects in a core historic commercial area, and development authorities proposing projects in a core historic commercial area in municipalities or counties with a population of 100,000 or less. The ultimate user of funds may be a private business or a public entity such as a city or development authority.

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

Redevelopment Fund (RDF)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant or Loan (Flexible Financial Assistance)

Recognizing that redevelopment projects can be the most challenging economic and community development projects a local government may undertake, the Redevelopment Fund (RDF) was created as a set-aside of Georgia's non-entitlement CDBG Program. The RDF provides local governments access to flexible financial assistance to help them implement projects that cannot be undertaken with the usual public sector grant and loan programs. The RDF finances locally initiated public/private partnerships to leverage investments in commercial, downtown, industrial redevelopment, and revitalization projects that may not proceed otherwise. Unlike other DCA CDBG programs, the RDF uses the CDBG national objective of "eliminating slums or blight." As a result, many smaller scale projects (in downtown areas or blighted industrial areas) may be competitive for RDF financing. <https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg-0>

Employment Incentive Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Loan

The Employment Incentive Program (EIP) is a financing program that may be used in conjunction with traditional private financing for economic development projects resulting in employment of low- and moderate-income persons. Many types of public infrastructure projects, or loans to for-profit companies, can be financed with EIP funding. Projects creating opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons (*at least 51% of total jobs created*), greater job security, better working conditions, job training, enhancement of workplace skills, advancement opportunities, and benefits receive the greatest consideration.

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

CDBG-CV Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant

The CDBG-CV program originated from the CARES Act of 2020, enacted to provide relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. An allocation was made to states to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to” COVID-19 through funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In total, Georgia received \$82,850,707 from HUD for the CDBG-CV program, including administration. Generally speaking, all typical federal requirements associated with CDBG funding apply to grantees and subgrantees. In addition to the CDBG regulations, DCA and its subgrantees must adhere to all additional requirements outlined in Federal Register Notice FR-6218-N-01.

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



Georgia Tech
Enterprise Innovation Institute

Economic Development Research Program (EDRP)

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

Type: Technical Assistance Matching Grant

The Center for Economic Development Research at Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovation Institute will be funding a new round of Economic Development Research Program (EDRP) projects and is looking for communities to submit their applications for research. The mission of EDRP is to assist local communities by providing affordable economic development and policy research to enhance their competitive positions. The types of research include strategic planning and visioning, economic forecasting, fiscal and economic impact analysis, community assessments, downtown development planning, and workforce analysis and planning to name a few. If your community has a need for economic development research, is willing to become actively involved in the project during the study phase and follow-up implementation, and is willing to provide some level of cost match, Georgia Tech and EDA want to partner with you to conduct the research. There are limited funds available and projects will be chosen based on local commitment, likelihood of implementation, level of cost match, and obviously a match with the capabilities of the research team at Georgia Tech. We look forward to getting your applications and partnering with you to meet your community's research needs.

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



University of Georgia
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process (RSVP)

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Technical Assistance

The Downtown Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process assists downtowns through the creation of a community-supported vision, plan, and implementation program. The RSVP is both a downtown master planning process and a downtown planning document that illustrates the community's vision for the future and provides the steps to get there. Driven by a robust public input process that seeks the participation of all community members, RSVPs help local governments and community partners prioritize top downtown issues and work to establish a consensus around what must be achieved in the short and long-term.

<https://cviog.uga.edu/services-and-research/planning-and-environmental-services/rsvp.html>

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

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Private Grants

KABOOM! Community-Built Playspace Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Type: Grant

Note: Greater Atlanta area only.

Description: Our Community-Built Playspace grants are a partnership between your community, one of our dedicated funding partners, and KABOOM! As a Community Partner, you'll lead a process that will center your community's voices — both kids and adults — to design, plan, and build a new playspace using our signature community-build model. Depending on your community's needs, available space on your property, and available funding, KABOOM! offers three different types of playspaces. Once you've submitted an application, KABOOM! will evaluate your eligibility for the different types, and begin a conversation with you to determine which playspace is best for your community's kids. You can preview the application questions [here](#). Take the [quiz](#) to confirm your eligibility for this grant. Submit any inquiries through [this contact form](#) or email apply@kaboom.org.

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

HeroX American-Made Network

American-Made Energizing Rural Communities Prize

Deadline: 5/24/23

Type: Technical Assistance and Assistance with Access to Financing

The \$15 million Energizing Rural Communities Prize challenges individuals and organizations to develop partnership plans or innovative financing strategies to help rural or remote communities (with populations of no more than 10,000 people) improve their energy systems and advance clean energy demonstration projects. The Energizing Rural Communities Prize has two tracks:

- The Partner track—with a \$10 million cash prize pool—will support plans to connect rural or remote communities to government funding, technical assistance, or a network of partners that can help implement clean energy demonstration projects.
- The Finance track—with a \$5 million cash prize pool—will support plans to access capital or to develop community ownership models to help finance clean energy demonstration projects in rural or remote areas.

Contact: ruralenergyprize@nrel.gov

<https://www.herox.com/rural-energy>