



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



Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Pathway Home 5

Type: Loan or Grant

Deadline: 4/4/2024

The purpose of this program is to provide eligible incarcerated individuals in men's and women's state correctional facilities or local or county jails with workforce services prior to release and to continue services after release by transitioning the participants into reentry programs in the communities to which they will return. By providing reentry services to begin while participants are still incarcerated and to continue post-release, these projects are designed to eliminate the time gap between release from prison and enrollment into a workforce development reentry program leading to skills-based employment, to improve individuals' transition back into their communities, and to reduce recidivism.

https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/ETA/reentry/pdf/Pathway_Home_Fact_Sheet_7.29.21.pdf



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

RD Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)

Type: Loan or Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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>

Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Equity Fund (One Georgia Authority)

Type: Grant or Loan

Deadline: 4/12/2024

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>



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Employment Incentive Program

Type: Loan
Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Research Grants Program

Type: Grant
Deadline: 9/7/2027

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

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



Saxena Family Foundation S.T.E.M.

Type: Grant
Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



Voya Financial Group Voya Foundation Grants

Type: Grant
Deadline: Ongoing

Voya Foundation grants are focused on Financial Resilience. The organization works to ensure that youth are equipped with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) expertise and financial

knowledge necessary to compete in the 21st century workforce and make smart financial decisions that lead to a secure retirement.

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

Public Safety



U.S. Department of Homeland Security - FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG)

Type: Grant

Deadline: 3/8/2024

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. Eligible applicants include fire departments, non-affiliated EMS organizations, State Fire Training Academies (SFTA), and non-federal airport and/or port authority fire or EMS organizations. The AFG Program has three activities: operations and safety, vehicle acquisition, and regional projects.

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

Infrastructure and Utilities



Federal Transit
Administration

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Low or No Emission Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 4/25/2024

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$1.1 billion in competitive grants under the Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program) for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/low-or-no-emission-and-grants-buses-and-bus-facilities-competitive-programs-fy2024>



Federal Transit
Administration

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Buses and Bus Facilities Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 4/25/2024

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$394 million in competitive grants under the Buses and Bus Facilities Program to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing bus-related facilities.

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/low-or-no-emission-and-grants-buses-and-bus-facilities-competitive-programs-fy2024>



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

RD Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Type: Loan or Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

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

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

RD Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



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

Type: Loan

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



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

Type: Loan

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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 (One Georgia Authority)

Type: Grant or Loan

Deadline: 4/12/2024 ; next deadline 7/12/2024

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

Sustainability



Patagonia

Patagonia Environmental Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: 4/30/2024

Patagonia seeks proposals from organizations working on the root causes of environmental problems and approaching issues with a commitment to long-term change. Because the company believes that true change will occur only through a strong grassroots movement, its funding focuses on organizations that build a strong base of citizen support.

<https://www.patagonia.com/how-we-fund/>



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>



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Inflation Reduction Act - Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 11/21/2024

The ECJ Program provides funding for financial and technical assistance to carry out environmental and climate justice activities to benefit underserved and overburdened communities. Funds are to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges.

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-environmental-and-climate-justice-program>

Housing and Community Development



T-Mobile

T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application

Type: Grant

Deadline: 3/31/2024

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

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



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

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

Type: Grant or Loan

Deadline(s): 4/12/2024 for June award announcement

With this opportunity, there is financial assistance available via the Equity Fund available in the form of grants and loans for activities that result in housing that meets the needs of working families and others who may consider relocating to a community for employment reasons. Workforce housing funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that demonstrate an ability to address:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Matching: Applications are expected to leverage other sources of funding – private debt or equity, philanthropic support, or other public funds. For applicants seeking assistance with infrastructure, there is no prescribed match requirement; however, leverage will factor into an application’s overall competitiveness.

Eligible Applicants: Units of general-purpose local government (e.g., city, county, consolidated government), as well as local, regional, and state authorities, generally in partnership with a housing developer, are eligible to apply. The OneGeorgia Authority will also consider offering loans to private developers, including not-for-profits and community housing development organizations, to further the objectives of this initiative. Applicants may only submit applications within OneGeorgia eligible and conditionally eligible counties.

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/newsroom/announcements/rural>



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://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/community-development-block-grants-cdbg-0>

University of Georgia – Carl Vinson Institute of Government Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process (RSVP)

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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

Disaster Prevention and Relief



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

CDBG Immediate Threat and Danger Program (ITAD)

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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

Contact: cdbg.biz@dca.ga.gov

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



Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

CDBG – CV Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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.

Contact: Kimberly Carter, kim.carter@dca.ga.gov

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

Entrepreneurship and Innovation



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. See loan details below to begin the process.

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



WomensNet

Amber Grant for Women

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed at the end of each month

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

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



Georgia Tech – Enterprise Innovation Institute

Economic Development Research Program (EDRP)

Type: Technical Assistance Matching Grant

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

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

projects will be chosen based on local commitment, likelihood of implementation, level of cost match, and obviously a match with the capabilities of the research team at Georgia Tech. We look forward to getting your applications and partnering with you to meet your community's research needs.

Contact: Candice McKie, Project Manager, cmckie@gatech.edu, 404.385.2053

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

Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

Type: Loan

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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

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



Quality of Life



Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 4/30/2024

The purpose of The ORLP Program is to provide new or significantly improved recreation opportunities in urban, disadvantaged communities lacking access to walkable outdoor recreation (i.e. park deserts).

<https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/PKG00283736-instructions.pdf>



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health

Type: Grant

Deadline: January 2025

This funding opportunity seeks proposals primed to impact health equity moving forward. We are interested in ideas that address any of these four areas of focus: Future of Evidence; Future of Social Interaction; Future of Food; Future of Work. Additionally, we welcome ideas that might fall outside of these four focus areas, but which offer unique approaches to advancing health equity and our progress toward a Culture of Health.

We want to hear from scientists, anthropologists, artists, urban planners, community leaders—anyone, anywhere who has a new or unconventional idea that could alter the trajectory of health and improve health equity and wellbeing for generations to come. The changes we seek require diverse perspectives and cannot be accomplished by any one person, organization, or sector.

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/active-funding-opportunities/2020/pioneering-ideas-submission.html>



United States Tennis Association (USTA)

Facility Funding

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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

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

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Museums for America

Type: Grant

Deadline: 11/15/2024

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

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

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

Lifelong Learning Contact: Helen Wechsler, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist,
hwechsler@imls.gov, 202.653.4779

Community Engagement Contact: Sarah Glass, Senior Museum Program Officer, sglass@imls.gov,
202.653.4668

Collections Stewardship and Access Contact: Mark Feitl, Senior Museum Program Officer,
mfeitl@imls.gov, 202.653.4635

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

KABOOM!

KABOOM! Community-Built Playspace Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Note: Greater Atlanta area only

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

<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.

Contact: Application guidelines may be requested from the Foundation.

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

Grants To Be Announced in 2024



U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Type: Grant

Deadline: Expected to open Spring 2024

The program supports the development of a comprehensive safety action plan that identifies the most significant roadway safety concerns in a community and the implementation of projects and strategies to address roadway safety issues. The SS4A program provides funding for two types of grants:

- Planning and Demonstration Grants provide Federal funds to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. The goal of an Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, Tribe, or region.
- Implementation Grants provide Federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem. Projects and strategies can be infrastructure, behavioral, and/or operational activities. Implementation Grants may also include demonstration activities, supplemental planning, and project-level planning, design, and development.

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



U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)

Type: Grant

Deadline: Expected to open Spring 2024

The SMART program was established to provide grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems in order to improve transportation efficiency and safety.

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



Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Innovative Grants – Request for Proposals (RFP)

Type: Grant

Deadline: October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

Proposed programs must be data driven and based on proven countermeasures that address one or more of the following issues:

- Motorcycle Safety Education Program
- Occupant Protection Programs
- Teen Traffic Safety Programs
- Young Adult Traffic Safety Program
- Law Enforcement Programs

- Administrative Judges and DUI Court Programs
- Minority Highway Safety Programs
- Non-Motorized Safety Grants
- Older Drivers and Passengers
- Unattended Passengers Program
- Evaluation and Survey Program

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http://www.gahighwaysafety.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2025-RFP_Final.pdf



U.S. Department of Homeland Security – FEMA

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

Type: Grant

Deadline: Not Available Yet

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, “front line” firefighters available in their communities.

[Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\)](#)



U.S. Department of Justice

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program (CHP)

Type: Grant

Deadline: Not Available Yet

The FY 2024 COPS Hiring Program is designed to advance public safety through community policing by addressing the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide. CHP provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new or rehire additional career law enforcement officers and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.

FY 2024 CHP awards will provide up to 75 percent of the entry-level salary and fringe benefits for each approved position for a three-year period. There is a minimum 25 percent local cash match (cost share) requirement unless a waiver is approved. The maximum federal share per officer position is \$125,000 over the three-year period unless a local match waiver is approved.

https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2023ProgramDocs/chp/Pre_Award_Fact_Sheet.pdf



U.S. Department of Justice

Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP)

Type: Grant

Deadline: Not Available Yet

The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) reimburses states, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribes, for up to 50 percent of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers.

<https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership/overview>



U.S. Department of Justice

FY 2024 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies

Type: Grant

Deadline: Not Available Yet

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, and correctional agencies performing law enforcement functions to purchase or lease body-worn cameras (BWCs) to establish or expand comprehensive body-worn camera programs with a specific and demonstrated plan to implement this technology to maximize the benefits of BWCs. Funding under this program also supports agencies with existing BWC programs that are seeking to improve the management, sharing, and integration of digital evidence generated from BWCs; optimize how prosecutors leverage BWC footage to improve operations; or use BWC footage to enhance officer training or constitutional policing practices.

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171562>



Georgia State Firefighter Association

Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council (GFSTC) Fireworks Tax Grant

Type: Grant

Deadline: Not Available Yet

The purpose of this opportunity is to provide assistance to Georgia Fire Departments with current Certificates of Compliance through the GFSTC Grant Program. These grants will be funded through monies derived from taxes levied upon the sale of consumer fireworks in Georgia. Applicants shall demonstrate the need for (1) the purpose of maintaining Certificate of Compliance, or (2) the purposes of maintaining or improving the communities Insurance Services Organization's (ISO) ratings.

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

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