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

### 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 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 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, 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**

## 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://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/challenge/join**

### Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Program

Deadline: full application due 10/12/23; non-optional pre-application due 7/13/23
Type:
DOE's Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Program is managed by the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED). OCED will provide financial investment, technical assistance, and other resources to advance clean energy demonstrations and energy solutions that benefit rural and remote communities.
Register for the May 30, 2023, webinar here.
ERA aims to fund clean energy projects with three specific goals:
1. Deliver measurable benefits to energy customers in rural or remote areas by funding replicable energy projects that lower energy costs, improve energy access and resilience, and/or reduce environmental harm;
2. Support new rural or remote energy system models using climate-resilient technologies, business structures that promote economic resilience, new financing mechanisms, and/or new community engagement practices; and
3. Build clean energy knowledge, capacity, and self-reliance in rural America.
Contact: Technical assistance from DOE's national laboratories is available for eligible applicants. Technical assistance is available for pre-application preparation through office hours and limited individual sessions. Information on technical assistance, including eligibility and how to apply for it, is available **here**.
For questions regarding the content of this FOA: **ERAGrant@hq.doe.gov**
**https://www.energy.gov/oced/energy-improvements-rural-or-remote-areas-0**

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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**

## Public Humanities Projects

Deadline: 8/9/23 (Optional draft application due 7/5/23)
Type: Grant
The Public Humanities Projects program supports projects that bring the ideas of the humanities to life for general audiences through public programming.
Public Humanities Projects supports projects in **three categories** (Exhibitions, Historic Places, and Humanities Discussions), and at **two funding levels** (Planning and Implementation). Proposed projects may include complementary components: for example, a museum exhibition might be accompanied by a website or mobile app.
Small and mid-sized organizations are especially encouraged to apply. We likewise welcome humanities projects tailored to particular groups, such as families, youth (including K-12 students in informal educational settings), underserved communities, and veterans.
Match: None.
Contact: Contact the Division of Public Programs Team: **publicpgms@neh.gov**
**https://www.neh.gov/grants/public/public-humanities-projects**

## Climate Smart Humanities Organizations

Deadline: 9/14/23 (Optional draft application due 8/9/23)
Type: Grant
Through the Climate Smart Humanities Organizations program, your humanities organization can undertake activities such as energy audits, risk assessments, and meetings with consultants.
The Climate Smart program strengthens the institutional base of the humanities by funding organizational assessments and strategic planning that sustain and protect historical, cultural, educational, intellectual, and physical assets from the risks of climate change.
The program offers federal matching funds to support comprehensive organizational assessments. The strategic planning project might consider challenges including – but not limited to:
- reduction of the institution's carbon footprint or greenhouse gas emissions,
- climate-related threats to physical facilities,
- continuity of operations,
- staff and visitor safety,
- financial sustainability, and
- the role of humanities organizations as community leaders before, during, and after climatic events.

Match: Awards in this program are made with federal matching funds and require fundraising of third-party, non-federal gifts at a ratio of one to one.
Contact: Office of Challenge Programs. **challenge@neh.gov** or 202.606.8309
**https://www.neh.gov/program/climate-smart-humanities-organizations-0**

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## National Endowment for the Arts

### Our Town

Deadline: 8/3/23
Type: Grant
Our Town is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term.
Our Town projects engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities.
Competitive projects are responsive to unique local conditions, authentically engage communities, center equity, advance artful lives, and lay the groundwork for long-term systems change.
Eligible Applicants: All applications are submitted by one organization (the eligible applicant) and require one partner organization (the required partner). The applicant/partner pair must include 1) a nonprofit organization and 2) a local government or quasi-government entity. The pair will provide leadership for the project. Additional partners across all sectors are encouraged.
Match: Grants range from $25,000 to $150,000, with a minimum nonfederal cost share/match equal to the grant amount.
Contact: If you have questions, contact **OT@arts.gov**.
**https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town**

### Grants for Arts Projects

Deadline: 7/6/23
Type: Grant
Grants for Arts Projects is our largest grants program for organizations, providing comprehensive and expansive funding opportunities for communities.
Through project-based funding, the program supports opportunities for public engagement with the arts and arts education, for the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and for the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector.
We fund arts projects in the following disciplines: Artist Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Arts, Theater, and Visual Arts.
Match: All grants require a nonfederal cost share or match of at least 1 to 1. In the past few years, a majority of the agency's grants have been for amounts less than $25,000.
**https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects/program-description**

## 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?oppId=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**

## 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.
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 Highway Administration (FHWA) Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities (RTEPF) Grant Program

Deadline: 6/26/23
Type: Grant
The RTEPF Grant Program is a new program created as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that will:
1. study how ports and intermodal port transfer facilities would benefit from increased opportunities to reduce emissions at ports, including through the electrification of port operations,
2. study emerging technologies and strategies that may help reduce port-related emissions from idling trucks, and
3. coordinate and provide funding to test, evaluate, and deploy projects that reduce port-related emissions from idling trucks, including through the advancement of port electrification and improvements in efficiency, focusing on port operations, including heavy-duty commercial vehicles, and other related projects.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants for RTEPF Grant Program funds are entities that 1) have authority over, operate, or utilize port facilities and/or intermodal port transfer facilities, 2) have authority over areas within or adjacent to ports and intermodal port transfer facilities, or 3) will test and/or evaluate technologies that reduce truck emissions at port facilities and/or intermodal port transfer facilities.
Eligible project activities include:

- the development of port-related infrastructure that reduces emissions from port-related truck idling;
- on-truck technologies that reduce emissions from port-related truck idling;
- the use of zero or low emissions powertrains or fuels on trucks;
- reducing truck congestion within or adjacent to ports, including through enhanced intermodal rail connections; and
- reducing port-related emissions from idling trucks, including through port electrification and improving the efficiency of port operations.

Match: requires a minimum non-Federal cost share of 20 percent
Contact: Program Manager: Chip Millard, Email: **Chip.Millard@dot.gov**
**https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/index.htm**

## Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

Deadline: 8/1/23
Type: Grant
The Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) is a competitive grant program with the goal of reducing Wildlife Vehicle Collisions (WVCs) while improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.
The WCPP provides funding for construction and non-construction projects.

- Construction Projects include engineering, design, permitting, right-of-way acquisition, and other activities related to the construction of infrastructure improvements, such as the building of a wildlife crossing overpass or underpass.
- Non-Construction projects include planning, research, and educational activities that are not directly related to construction of infrastructure improvements, such as a hot spot analysis of WVCs.

All projects should seek to protect motorists and wildlife by reducing the number of WVCs and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.
Match: There are some flexibilities that may allow the Federal share to increase to more than 80 percent of project costs, which would mean that the awardee would have to provide a smaller matching share.
Contact: If you have any questions, please contact **wildlifecrossings@dot.gov**.
**https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/wildlife-crossings**

### 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**

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

**Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program**
Deadline: 7/27/23
Type: Grant
The purpose is to maximize the number of children under the age of six protected from lead poisoning by assisting entities in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned rental or owner-occupied housing populations.
Match: 10%
Contact: Yolanda Brown at **Yolanda.A.Brown@hud.gov** or 202.903.9576
**https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy22lhr**

University System of Georgia
Georgia Archives

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 – Rural Workforce Housing Initiative (OneGeorgia Authority)

Upcoming Deadlines: 7/14/23 for September award announcement; 10/13/23 for December award announcement; 1/12/24 for April award announcement; 4/12/24 for June award announcement
Type: Grant or Loan
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**

## Equity Fund (OneGeorgia Authority)

Next Deadline: 7/14/23 and 10/13/2023
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:* Sherron Alexander Jackson, Incentives Program Consultant,
**sherron.alexanderjackson@dca.ga.gov**
**https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding/onegeorgia-authority/edge-fund**

## 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

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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**

Anheuser-Busch

## The Anheuser-Busch Foundation

Deadline: Ongoing
Type: Foundation Grant
The Anheuser-Busch Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations in communities where company facilities are located, including:

- Fairfield and Los Angeles, CA;
- Fort Collins, CO;
- Jacksonville, FL;
- **Cartersville, GA;**
- St. Louis, MO;
- Merrimack, NH;
- Newark, NJ;
- Baldwinsville, NY;
- Columbus, OH;
- Houston, TX; and,
- Williamsburg, VA.

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**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

**NEW**

### FY 2023 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program: Innovations in Citizenship Preparation

Deadline: July 28, 2023

Type: Grant

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The Innovations in Citizenship Preparation (Innovations) funding opportunity is designed to support and amplify innovative approaches to preparing immigrants for naturalization and encouraging the civic, linguistic, economic, and cultural integration of immigrants into their communities. While USCIS' other funding opportunities support specific citizenship preparation services, the Innovations program invests in initiatives that develop, test, and share creative solutions for overcoming barriers to naturalization and expanding access to citizenship education and preparation services. Through this funding opportunity, organizations develop, test, and share creative solutions for overcoming traditional barriers to naturalization. Because we want to provide this opportunity widely, Innovations is open to public, non-profit, and for-profit institutions of all sizes.

Maximum Award: $250,000

Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-23-CIS-010-004

**https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship-resource-center/civic-integration/fiscal-year-2023-citizenship-and-integration-grant-program**

### FY 2023 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program: Regional Hub Program

Deadline: July 28, 2023
Type: Grant

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The Regional Hub funding opportunity is designed to build community and organizational capacity to identify, support, and prepare LPRs for citizenship. To achieve this goal, recipients will help create or expand citizenship networks and provide technical assistance to individual network members that offer citizenship instruction and naturalization application services. Through a hub and spoke funding model, the Regional Hub grant will more holistically support LPRs on the pathway to citizenship and encourage the integration of LPRs into their receiving communities.

Maximum Award: $1,000,000
Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-23-010-001
**https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship-resource-center/civic-integration/fiscal-year-2023-citizenship-and-integration-grant-program**

## Department of Homeland Security

### Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program

Deadline: July 24, 2023
Type: Grant

The FY 2023 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP), as appropriated by the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. No. 117-328), provides funding to close known capability gaps, encourages innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents, and builds on existing regional preparedness efforts. The purpose of the RCPGP is to build regional capacity to manage catastrophic incidents by improving and expanding collaboration for catastrophic incident preparedness. The National Response Framework (4th edition or superseding edition) defines a catastrophic incident as any natural or human-caused incident, including terrorism, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption severely affecting the population, infrastructure, environment, economy, national morale, or government functions. Effective prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery activities require a cohesive regional approach to catastrophic planning.

The FY 2023 RCPGP also complements the 2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan which outlines a bold vision and three ambitious goals designed to address key challenges the agency faces during a pivotal moment in the field of emergency management. Wide-ranging and long-term, the goals defined in the plan respond to the changing landscape in which we find ourselves. The goals to meet this challenge are:
- Goal 1 - Promote and Instill Equity as a Foundation of Emergency Management;
- Goal 2 - Lead Whole of Community in Climate Resilience; and
- Goal 3 - Promote and Sustain a Ready FEMA and Prepared Nation.

In support of the above goals, the strategic priorities for the FY 2023 RCPGP are equity, climate resilience, and readiness. The FY 2023 RCPGP will promote and instill the goal of equity by helping members of particularly disadvantaged groups who might be at special risk as a result of current hazards, including those associated with climate change. By addressing the needs of underserved, at-risk communities, the FY 2023 RCPGP aims to ensure consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals before, during, and after a disaster.
**https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html**

## Department of Commerce

### Build to Scale (B2S)

Deadline: July 28, 2023
Type: Grant
The Build to Scale Program strengthens regional economies by enabling startups to start and grow through the Venture Challenge and Capital Challenge. Learn more about the FY23 funding opportunity (NOFO) (PDF). Apply here.

EDA's Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (OIE) leads the Build to Scale (B2S) program, which is authorized under Section 27 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. § 3722). Under the B2S program, EDA awards and manages a portfolio of grants designed to increase regional capacity to strengthen ecosystems that equitably and inclusively support diverse technology innovators, entrepreneurs, and startups. These regions are growing technology-driven businesses, creating high-skill, high-wage jobs, and building the industries of the future.

The Build to Scale program aims to:
- facilitate access to knowledge, capital, and networks for entrepreneurial innovators to develop products and services using emerging technologies;
- test and amplify new approaches for entrepreneur support organizations to create inroads for underrepresented innovators to join and create successful startup teams;
- demonstrate how diverse and inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystems are integral to realizing equitable economic and job growth;
- accelerate the growth of regional economies that are focused on industries of the future;
- foster cross-sector partnerships necessary to bring innovations from the lab to the market through commercialization assistance; and
- address structural barriers that prevent access to equity capital.

**https://www.eda.gov/funding/programs/build-to-scale**

To search and apply for federal grants, loans,
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