



Economic &  
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## 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



### 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>



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

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative – Education and Workforce Development

Type: Grant

Deadline: 12/7/2023

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development (EWD) focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) requests applications for the AFRI's Education and Workforce Development program areas to support:

1. professional development opportunities for K-14 educational professionals;
2. non-formal education that cultivates food and agricultural interest in youth;
3. workforce training at community, junior, and technical colleges;
4. training of undergraduate students in research and extension;
5. fellowships for predoctoral candidates and postdoctoral scholars.

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/grants/funding-opportunities/agriculture-food-research-initiative-education-workforce-development>

### Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Equity Fund (One Georgia Authority)

Type: Grant or Loan

Deadline: 10/13/2023

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](mailto: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>

## Infrastructure and Utilities



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

#### RD Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Type: Loan or Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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

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



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

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

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



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

#### RD Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



## 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>



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



## Sustainability



### U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

#### Better Buildings Challenge

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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

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



### U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

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

Type : Grants and Technical Assistance

Deadline : full application due 10/12/2023

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](mailto:ERAGrant@hq.doe.gov)

<https://www.energy.gov/oced/energy-improvements-rural-or-remote-areas-0>





## U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

### Energy Future Grants: Creating a Community-Led Energy Future

Type: Grant

Deadline: 9/30/2023

The Energy Future Grants (EFG) provides \$27 million in financial assistance to support local, state, and tribal government-led partnership efforts that will advance clean energy program innovation. EFG seeks to enhance energy affordable and accessible for communities, ensuring the broad benefits of a clean energy economy – including health, economic development and jobs and emissions reductions-flow to disadvantaged communities.

EFG will provide support for at least 50 multi-jurisdictional teams. Teams should be ideally comprised of 3-4 or more state, local, and/or tribal government partners joining together on a planning project. Multi-jurisdictional teams (e.g., cities and state, tribes and cities, states, cities, and tribes, etc.) are encouraged to also partner with community benefit organizations. Additional partners can include academia, think tanks and/or utilities positioned to turn innovative (novel or early action) ideas into solutions that address barriers to clean energy deployment. EFG plans will provide direction for ensuring measurable benefits reach communities and support Justice 40, which directs 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments to flow to disadvantaged communities.

EFG project can include innovative planning efforts in the power, transportation, and/or building sectors. A successful project will have equitable program innovation and seek to leverage DOE and other resources to speed and scale deployment of best practices by region or nationwide.

For questions regarding the content of the FOA: [energyfuturegrants@hq.doe.gov](mailto:energyfuturegrants@hq.doe.gov)  
<https://www.energy.gov/scep/energy-future-grants>



## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

### Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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](mailto:warren.camilla@epa.gov) or 404.562.8519

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/targeted-brownfields-assessments-tba>



## National Endowment for the Humanities

### Climate Smart Humanities Organizations

Type: Grant

Deadline: 9/14/2023

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](mailto:challenge@neh.gov) or 202.606.8309

<https://www.neh.gov/program/climate-smart-humanities-organizations-0>

## Housing and Community Development



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

#### PRO Housing: Pathways to Removing Obstacles

Type: Grant

Deadline: October 31, 2023

Communities nationwide are suffering from a lack of affordable housing, and housing production is not meeting the increasing demand for accessible and available units in many urban and rural areas, particularly areas of high opportunity.

Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) supports communities who are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing, such as:

- Barriers caused by outdated zoning, land use policies, or regulations;
- Inefficient procedures;
- Gaps in available resources for development;
- Deteriorating or inadequate infrastructure;
- Lack of neighborhood amenities; or
- Challenges to preserving existing housing stock such as increasing threats from natural hazards, redevelopment pressures, or expiration or affordability requirements.

Grantees may use awards to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation. Eligible applicants are local and state governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities.

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/pro\\_housing](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/pro_housing)



### Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

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

Type: Grant or Loan

Deadline(s): 10/13/2023 for December award announcement; 1/12/2024 for April award announcement; 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

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## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### 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](mailto: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

### Institute of Museum and Library Services

Museums for America

Type: Grant

Deadline: 11/15/2023

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](mailto:hwechsler@imls.gov), 202.653.4779

Community Engagement Contact: Sarah Glass, Senior Museum Program Officer, [sglass@imls.gov](mailto:sglass@imls.gov),  
202.653.4668

Collections Stewardship and Access Contact: Mark Feitl, Senior Museum Program Officer,  
[mfeitl@imls.gov](mailto:mfeitl@imls.gov), 202.653.4635

### Department of Natural Resources

Recreational Trails Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 11/1/2023

The Recreational Trails Program is a federal grant program funded by the Federal Highway Administration and administered at the state level by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of RTP is to support recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Eligible applicants include qualified local governments, authorized commissions, and state and federal agencies.

Contact: Ouicia Jolly, Recreational Trails Program Coordinator; [ouicia.jolly@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:ouicia.jolly@dnr.ga.gov); 404.463.1779  
<https://gadnr.org/RTP>

### 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](mailto:apply@kaboom.org).

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



## Anheuser-Busch

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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>

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

For more information or research assistance, please contact:

Morgan Ferguson

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ECG Office of Economic & Community Development

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