

Subject Specific Grant Guide

Economic Development Administration Projects

This guide identifies funding opportunities released in the previous year. Please note that this guide may not capture all available funding opportunities. Additionally, some programs may have changed or may not be released due to shifting administrative priorities among funding agencies. The grants included here represent traditionally offered opportunities intended to serve as a reliable foundation for your funding research.

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GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service

FY 2025 Community Connect Grant Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide service at or above broadband speed to all premises in rural, economically challenged communities where broadband services do not exist. Eligible applicants are state and local governments, Federally recognized tribes, incorporated organizations, nonprofits, and the private sector.

Program History

Year	Total Awarded	# of Awards
2024	$66,678,118	19
2021	$58,980,672	28

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Up to $26 million
Award Range: $100,000 - $5 million
Match: 15 percent
Solicitation date: January 10, 2025
Proposal due: April 21, 2025

- Grant application period opens February 20, 2025. The notice is being released prior to the passage of an FY 2025 appropriations act to allow applicants sufficient time to prepare applications and the agency to process applications.

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

Awardee Profile

Star Telephone Company
Evangeline Parish, LA

AMOUNT: $4,005,012
YEAR: 2024

Funding will be used to construct a fiber-to-the-premises system to benefit 1,720 residents and two businesses.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service

FY 2025 Community Connect Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide service at or above broadband speed to all premises in rural, economically challenged communities where broadband services do not exist. Projects are intended to provide community-oriented connectivity to stimulate economic development and provide enhanced educational and health care opportunities in rural areas.

Proposed projects must:

- Serve a contiguous geographic area within a rural area where broadband transmission service does not currently exist
- Offer service at the broadband grant speed to all residential and business customers
- Offer free broadband service for at least two years to each essential community facility
- Provide a community center with at least two, and up to ten, computer access points and wireless access at the applicable broadband speed free of charges to all users for at least two years

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state and local governments, Federally recognized tribes, incorporated organizations, nonprofits, and the private sector. A tribal resolution of consent from the appropriate tribal body with jurisdiction over the tribal lands at issue is required if service is proposed over, or on, tribal lands. Resolutions are not required when the federally recognized tribe is the applicant proposing service on its own tribal lands.

State governments or state agencies include American Samoa, Guam, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

To be eligible, applicants must propose to provide services in areas where broadband service does not exist or is less than 10 Megabits per second (Mbps) downstream plus 1 Mbps upstream. Only one application per applicant is eligible for approval under this program. Existing award recipients through this program may apply for new projects.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $26 million is expected to be available to support awards ranging from $100,000 to $5 million through this program. Award announcements are anticipated to be made in September 2025.

The project period will span three years. Funds for the improvement, expansion, construction, or acquisition of a community center may not exceed the lesser of 10 percent of the amount requested or $150,000.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide a match of at least 15 percent of the award amount via cash contributions that are available at closing. Matching contributions must be used solely for project purposes.

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Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2021	$450 million	274
2020	$871 million	256

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not required
Application Due: Rolling

- Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met

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

Awardee Profile

Irving Tanning Community Center Inc.
Hartland, ME

AMOUNT: $238,000
YEAR: 2024

Funding will be used to make critical infrastructure repairs to the community center, including replacing the structure's 25-year-old roof and improving the heating system.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas must have no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

For the purposes of this program, 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. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements
- Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Serve communities with populations of 5,500 or fewer
- Serve low-income communities having a median household income below 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Funds may be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities; purchase equipment; and pay for related project expenses. Funds may also be used to pay reasonable and necessary fees, when part of a facility, such as:

- Legal
- Architectural and/or engineering
- Fiscal advisory
- Environmental impact analyses
- Archaeological surveys
- Mitigation measures
- Planning
- Establishing or acquiring right

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Facilities supported through this program must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas include cities, villages, townships, and towns, including federally recognized tribal lands, with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

Additionally, in order to be eligible, applicants must have the legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, and repay loans; and to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities; and be unable to finance projects from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support grants and low-interest direct loans through this program. Awards may be provided as combinations of grants and loans. Grant assistance is provided on a graduated scale, with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

- Maximum of 75 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 55 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 35 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 15 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income.

Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicant's authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less. There are no pre-payment penalties. Interest rates will be set by the funding agency and are determined by the median household income of the service area and population of the community. Applicants are encouraged to contact the funding agency for details and current rates. Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan.

Matching and Cost-Share

There are no stated matching requirements for this program.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/offices/state-offices. To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate local office.

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

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Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2024 Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support eligible entities in providing technical assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. Provided technical assistance and/or training will help eligible ultimate recipients to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Eligible applicants include public bodies, private nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes located on federal and state reservations.

Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2022	$214,241	2

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $540,000
Award Range: up to $50,000
Match: Not required
Application Due: July 3, 2024

- Up to 10 percent of the total funding available through this program may be awarded to the highest-scoring ultimate recipient and will not exceed $50,000.
- Awards made to technical assistance providers assisting ultimate recipients will not exceed $150,000.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-technical-assistance-and-training-grant

Awardee Profile

Housing Assistance Council (HAC), Washington, DC

AMOUNT: $150,000
YEAR: 2022

Funding awarded to HAC focuses on developing the capacity of local leaders in nonprofit organizations to help their own communities. This is done by providing formal trainings, offering one-on-one technical assistance, and connecting local organizations to resources that can build their capacity and strengthen their communities.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2024 Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support eligible entities in providing technical assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. Provided technical assistance and/or training will help eligible ultimate recipients to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs have been identified, award recipients may assist in identifying public and private resources to finance identified community facility needs.

Eligible activities include:

- Assisting communities in identifying and planning for community facility needs
- Identifying resources to finance community facility needs from public and private sources
- Preparing reports and surveys necessary to request financial assistance to develop community facilities
- Preparing applications for financial assistance from the funding agency
- Improving the management, including financial management, related to the operation of community facilities
- Assisting with other areas of need identified by the Secretary of Agriculture

The funding agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Addressing climate change and environmental justice: reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities
- Advancing racial justice, place-based equity, and opportunity: ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Creating more and better market opportunities: assisting rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities through improved infrastructure

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants applying as technical assistance providers include public bodies and private nonprofit corporations such as states; counties; cities; townships; incorporated towns; villages; boroughs; authorities; districts; and Indian tribes on federal and state reservations.

Applicants applying as technical assistance providers must be legally established and located within a state or the District of Columbia, and must have the proven ability, background, experience, legal authority, and actual capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training to ultimate recipients. To meet the requirement of actual capacity, an applicant must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have the necessary resources to provide technical assistance and/or training to associations in rural areas through its staff
- Be assisted by an affiliate or member organization that has such background and experience and that agrees, in writing, that it will provide the technical assistance
- May contract with a non-affiliated organization for not more than 49 percent of the awarded funds to provide the proposed technical service

Applicants applying as ultimate recipients must be:

- Public bodies
- Indian tribes
- Nonprofit corporations that demonstrate community ties to the local area through the methods identified by the funding agency

No more than one application per applicant will be accepted.

Funding

A total of $540,000 is available to support awards through this program. Up to 10 percent of the total funding available through this program may be awarded to the highest-scoring ultimate recipient(s); however, awards made to ultimate recipients will not exceed $50,000. Awards made to technical assistance providers assisting ultimate recipients will not exceed $150,000.

Awards will be made on or before September 15, 2024. Award periods may last for up to three years.

Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, additional points will be awarded during the application evaluation process to applicants that provide at least 10 percent of the total project cost via cash contributions. The most points will be awarded to applicants that provide at least 20 percent of the total project cost via cash contributions.

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Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

FY 2025 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support the development, coordination, and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer markets to increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Eligible applicants are agricultural businesses and cooperatives; producer networks and associations; community-supported agriculture (CSA) networks and associations; food councils; local governments; nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations; economic development corporations; regional farmers market authorities; and tribal governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$14,212,274	60
2023	$13,913,230	55
2022	$13,101,268	55

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $11 million
Award Range: Varies by project category
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation Date: May 9, 2025
Proposal due: June 27, 2025

- Priority consideration may be given to projects located in low income/low food access (LI/LA) census tracts.

https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp

Awardee Profile

Erie County, NY

AMOUNT: $99,708
YEAR: 2024

This turnkey project will address food insecurity, promote awareness of fresh local food sources by facilitating access to fresh and local produce for underserved communities located in areas of concentrated poverty with limited access to fresh locally or regionally grown food, and increase sales for farmers and producers in Erie County, NY. Project work will collate a live database of local fresh food purchasing locations, including grocery and community stores, mobile markets, and farmers' markets.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

FY 2025 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to develop, coordinate, and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. This program focuses on:

- Supporting and promoting domestic direct producer-to-consumer (including direct producer-to-retail, direct producer-to-restaurant, and direct producer-to-institutional marketing) marketing, such as farmers markets, roadside stands, agritourism activities, community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs, or online sales
- Encouraging the development of value-added agricultural products
- Developing marketing strategies for producers of local food and value-added products
- Facilitating regional food chain coordination development
- Promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm food waste
- Responding to changing technology needs in direct producer-to-consumer marketing
- Covering expenses related to costs incurred in obtaining food safety certification and improvements to food safety practices and equipment.

This program supports the following four project types:

- Capacity-building (CB) projects: These projects are intended to support the development, coordination, and expansion of direct-to-consumer market opportunities. The projects should demonstrate a direct benefit to farm and ranch operations serving local markets, and maximize the involvement of farmers, ranchers, and community organizations. Eligible project activities include, but are not limited to:
    - Developing tools, techniques, or practices that can be adopted or replicated by local agriculture markets, including those that provide direct financial support to a network of markets, or other relevant organizations
    - Market analysis and strategic planning for a direct producer-to-consumer market opportunity
    - Local farmer, rancher, or market manager startup training and education. This may include but is not limited to, educating vendors about the eligibility requirements and the process for participating in or applying to accept SNAP, WIC, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition program benefits, or other (state or local or nonprofit) benefit programs at farmers markets
    - Farmer's market, roadside stand, CSA, agritourism or online sales activity startup, operation and/or expansion
    - Recruitment, outreach and retention of farmers and ranchers in support of direct producer-to-consumer markets

  - Recruitment, outreach, and retention of new and existing consumers in support of direct producer-to-consumer markets
- Community Development Training and Technical Assistance (CTA) projects: These projects are intended to provide outreach, training, and technical assistance to farm and ranch operations serving local markets to develop, coordinate and expand direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. CTA projects should engage a variety of local and regional food stakeholders to illustrate a substantive effect on the local and regional food system. Examples of eligible project activities include, but are not limited to:
  - Developing and disseminating tools, techniques, or practices that can be adopted or replicated by local agriculture markets
  - Conducting statewide or regional training for farmers, ranchers, or farmers market managers to help them develop or maintain their own direct producer-to-consumer enterprise
  - Assisting farmers and ranchers in advertising and promoting their locally and regionally produced agricultural products, including value-added products, through training and technical assistance
  - As part of a marketing and promotion project, promoting that a market accepts SNAP or other public benefits (such as WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program) to customers and how customers can use those programs at the market or with individual vendors
  - Establishing or expanding producer-to-consumer networks and organizations on a state, regional, or national level, which includes efforts to develop sourcing channels using direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities with corporate, non-profit, and institutional buyers
  - Providing technical support for small- and mid-sized producers to become compliant with regulatory and buyer specifications and standards to increase their direct market opportunities
- Turnkey Marketing and Promotion: These projects are intended to offer a streamlined approach to some of the most common FMPP grant activities related to marketing and promotion. Applicants applying to the Turnkey Marketing and Promotion track agree to conduct specific activities that support the marketing and promotion of direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities for local and regional foods. Applicants must select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 pre-defined activities listed below:
  - Identify and analyze new or improved market opportunities
  - Develop or revise a marketing plan
  - Design or purchase marketing and promotion media
  - Implement a marketing plan
  - Evaluate marketing and promotion activities
- Turnkey Recruitment and Training: These projects are intended to offer a streamlined application for common FMPP recruitment and training activities for local and regional food system stakeholders. Turnkey applications must clearly demonstrate benefits to farmers and ranchers. Applicants applying to the Turnkey Recruitment and Training track agree to conduct specific activities defined by AMS that support the development or delivery of vendor and producer recruitment strategies, as well as training opportunities. Applicants must select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 pre-defined activities listed below:

- Identify and analyze new or improved strategies for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both
- Develop or revise strategies or plans for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both
- Design materials for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both
- Implement plans for vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both
- Evaluate outcomes related to vendor and producer recruitment, training, or both

Priority consideration may be given to projects located in low income/low food access (LI/LA) census tracts. To qualify for LI/LA priority consideration, the project's implementation address must be in a LI/LA census tract, as defined by one of the four major map layers on the ERS Food Access Research Atlas. Priority may also be given to projects that are used to carry out eligible activities under a partnership agreement in a Regional Food Systems Partnership project and have not received an FMPP award within the past five years.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are agricultural businesses and cooperatives; producer networks and associations; community-supported agriculture (CSA) networks and associations; food councils; local governments; nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations; economic development corporations; regional farmers market authorities; and tribal governments.

Applicants must show evidence of existing community or industry support. Partners and collaborators may come from private or public, for-profit or nonprofit entities. Applications should demonstrate a commitment to engage potential project beneficiaries as active participants.

Current Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP) grant recipients may apply for a grant on behalf of requesting producers and/or eligible entities. Active RFSP recipients are eligible to receive more than one FMPP or LFPP project within an award cycle to allow them to apply on behalf of those entities.

Previous award winners may apply again under this program if the award has already been closed out by the application due date.

Applicants must provide signed letters of commitment, not just letters of support, from all project partners and collaborators listed in the Project Narrative.

Applicants must provide a signed letter of critical resources and infrastructure that describes the critical resources necessary for the project's initiation and completion and certifies that they are in place and committed prior to the project's start date.

Funding

In FY 2025, a total of $11 million is expected to be available to support awards through this program as follows:

- Turnkey Projects (both types): an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from $50,000 to $100,000. The project period is 24 months.
- Capacity Building (CB): an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from $50,000 to $250,000. The project period is 36 months.
- Community Development Training and Technical Assistance (CTA): an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from $100,000 to $500,000. The project period is 36 months.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide a match of 25 percent of the total award amount via nonfederal cash or in-kind contributions. There is no competitive advantage for an applicant to provide a cost share or match that exceeds the required amount.

Applicants must have written and signed verification of cost share commitments from every party, including the applicant, who will contribute cash or in-kind cost sharing to the project.

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https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to promote economic development and job creation, funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas. Awards will be provided in the categories of business opportunity awards and business enterprise awards. Eligible applicants are public bodies, state and local government entities, rural cooperatives, federally recognized tribes, institutions of higher education, or nonprofit entities primarily serving rural areas.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of awards
2024	$7.1 million	100
2023	$3.8 million	43
2022	$34.7 million	398

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $30 million
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: October 18, 2024
Proposal due: February 28, 2025

- To initiate the application process, applicants must contact their appropriate state office.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-business-development-grants

Awardee Profile

Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation, Wisconsin

AMOUNT: $99,000
YEAR: 2024

Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation received $99,000 to establish a revolving loan fund serving at least 10 small, rural businesses in Sheboygan County.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to promote economic development and job creation projects. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas. Business opportunity projects must be consistent with any tribal, local, and area-wide strategic plans for community and economic development, coordinated with other economic development activities in the project area, and consistent with any Rural Development state plan.

The types of awards that will be provided through this program are as follows:

- Business opportunity: funding will support projects that will establish business centers or provide funds for job training and leadership development in rural areas, including:
    - Community economic development
    - Technology-based economic development
    - Feasibility studies and business plans
    - Leadership and entrepreneur training
    - Rural business incubators
    - Long-term business strategic planning
- Business enterprise: funding will support projects that finance or develop small and emerging businesses in rural areas, including:
    - Training and technical assistance, such as project planning, business counseling and training, market research, feasibility studies, professional or/technical reports, or producer service improvements
    - Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights-of-way; construction, conversion, and renovation of buildings; plants, machinery, equipment, and access for streets and roads; and parking areas and utilities
    - Pollution control and abatement
    - Capitalization of revolving loan funds, including funds that will make loans for startups and working capital
    - Rural distance adult learning for job training and advancement
    - Rural transportation improvement
    - Community economic development
    - Technology-based economic development
    - Feasibility studies and business plans
    - Leadership and entrepreneur training
    - Rural business incubators
    - Long-term business strategic planning

The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key Rural Development Priorities:

- *Creating More and Better Markets*- Assist rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure.
- *Advancing Racial Justice, Place-Based Equity, and Opportunity*- Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD funded projects.
- *Addressing Climate Change and Environmental Justice*- Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies; government entities, including state government agencies, towns, communities; federally recognized tribes; nonprofits primarily serving rural areas; institutions of higher education; and rural cooperatives.

Projects must benefit rural areas or towns outside the urbanized periphery of any city with a population of 50,000 or more. Information about eligible areas is available online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Set-aside funding may be available for the following types of applicants:

- Federally recognized Native American tribes
- Rural Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community/Rural Economic Area partnerships
- Applicants for projects in persistent-poverty areas or Native American persistent-poverty areas
- Applicants for Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) projects

Set-aside funding may or may not be made available through appropriations in FY 2025 where continued emphasis is given to financial assistance for projects located in these areas. For funding made available in FY 2024, eligible applicants for the Native American and Rural Empowerment Zone / Enterprise Communities / Rural Economic Area Partnership set-aside funds were required to demonstrate that at least 75 percent of the benefits of an approved grant would assist beneficiaries in the designated areas. For funding made available in FY 2024, eligible applicants for the Persistent Poverty Counties, Native American Persistent Poverty areas, and the SECD set-aside funds were required to demonstrate that 100 percent of the benefits of an approved grant would assist beneficiaries in the designated areas. Applicants for set-aside funds may not submit a duplicate application for regular program funds.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Serve rural communities whose well-being ranks in the most distressed tier of the Distressed Communities Index.
- Are located in or are serving communities with a score of 0.75 or above on the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI).
- Are proposed by federally recognized tribes, including tribal instrumentalities and entities that are wholly owned by tribes.
- Include at least 50 percent of beneficiaries who are members of federally recognized tribes; as well as non-tribal applicants that a tribal resolution of consent from the tribe or tribes that the applicant proposes to serve.
- Are proposed by application from or benefit a Rural Partner's Network's (RPN) community network.

Funding

In FY 2025, an estimated $30 million is expected to be available to support awards through this program. This is dependent upon FY 2025 appropriations. The agency may, at its discretion, increase the total level of funding available in this funding round (or in any category in this funding round) from any available source provided the awards meet the requirements of the statute which made the funding available to the agency.

There is no maximum or minimum grant amount for opportunity or enterprise type grants; however, smaller requests are given higher priority. Awards generally range from $10,000 to $500,000. Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis. Pre-award costs will only be permitted with prior written approval by the funding agency.

Set-aside awards are anticipated to be made on May 31, 2025. Regular awards are anticipated to be made on August 31, 2025. The project period will span from June 1, 2025, to September 30, 2027. Projects are expected to be completed within one year.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, applicants that provide matching contributions may be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process. In order to receive these additional points, a firm commitment in writing of other funding for the project must be included with the application.

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Questions may also be directed to the appropriate state office of the funding agency. Contact information for state offices can be found online at http://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Housing Services

FY 2025 Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

Grant Overview

RCDI grants are awarded to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development in rural areas. Eligible applicants are qualified private organizations, nonprofit organizations (including faith-based and community organizations), and public (including Tribal) intermediary organizations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$5 million	25
2023	$6 million	30

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $5 million
Award Range: $50,000 - $500,000
Match: One-to-One
Solicitation date: July 7, 2025
Proposal due: August 07, 2025 (Grants.gov), August 12, 2025 (paper applications)

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/rural-community-development-initiative-grants

Awardee Profile

Enterprise Community Partners Inc, MD

AMOUNT: $250,000
YEAR: 2022

Enterprise Community Partners Inc received funding to support their Rural Housing Production and Preservation Capacity Cohorts program that helps non-profit recipients acquire Rural Development, Housing and Urban Development, Low Income Housing Tax Credit and other subsidized housing nationwide.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Housing Services

FY 2025 Rural Community Development Initiative (RDCI)

Detailed Summary

This program provides funding for qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development in rural areas.

The recipient and the beneficiary, but not the intermediary, must be in an eligible rural area. For the purposes of this program, an eligible rural area is defined as any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants; and/or an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such city or town.

Grant funds may be used for the following purposes:

- Provide technical assistance to develop recipients' capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. Additional staff can be hired as a secondary purpose needed to carry out technical assistance/training to the recipient and must support the intermediary's training purpose.
- Develop the capacity of recipients to conduct community development programs, (e.g., homeownership education or training for business entrepreneurs).
- Develop the capacity of recipients to conduct developmental initiatives (e.g., programs that support micro- enterprise and sustainable development).
- Develop the capacity of recipients to increase their leveraging ability and access to alternative funding sources by providing training and staffing.
- Develop the capacity of recipients to provide the technical assistance component for essential community facilities projects.
- Assist recipients in completing pre-development requirements for housing, community facilities, or community and economic development projects by providing resources for professional services.
- Improve recipient's organizational capacity by providing training and resource material on developing strategic plans, board operations, management, financial systems, and information technology.
- Purchase of computers, software, printers and other equipment is limited to $10,000 per award at the recipient level when directly related to the technical assistance program being undertaken by the intermediary.
- Provide funds to recipients for training-related travel costs and training expenses related to RCDI.
- RCDI Funds may be used to pay for a speaker as part of a program, equipment to facilitate the program, and the actual room that will house the meeting.

The following is a list of ineligible uses of grant funds:

- Pass-through grants.
- Funding a revolving loan fund.

- Construction.
- Salaries for positions involved in construction, renovations, rehabilitation, and any oversight of these types of activities.
- Intermediary preparation of strategic plans for recipients.
- Funding prostitution, gambling, or any illegal activities.
- Grants to individuals.
- Funding a grant where there may be a conflict of interest, or an appearance of a conflict of interest.
- Paying obligations incurred before the grant period without prior approval or after the ending date of the grant agreement.
- Purchasing real estate.
- Improvement or renovation of the recipient's office space or the repair or maintenance of vehicles.
- Using grant or matching funds for individual development accounts.
- Funds may not be used for travel, transportation, and subsistence expenses for a meeting.
- RCDI Funds cannot be used for meetings; they can, however, be used for travel, transportation, or subsistence expenses for program-related training and technical assistance purposes.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are qualified private organizations, nonprofit organizations (including faith-based and community organizations), and public (including Tribal) intermediary organizations.

Recipients must be nonprofit community-based housing and development organizations, low-income rural communities, or federally recognized Tribes. The physical location of the recipient's office must be in an eligible rural area, defined as areas outside cities or towns with populations greater than 50,000 and not contiguous to urban areas.

Intermediary organizations must be legally organized for a minimum of three years and have at least three years of prior experience working with eligible recipients in housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. The intermediary must provide financial and technical assistance to recipients and cannot be the same entity as the recipient.

Individuals cannot apply for this grant. Additionally, intermediaries with outstanding RCDI grants over three years old as of the application due date are ineligible to apply.

Funding

In FY 2025, a total of $5 million is available to support grant awards ranging from $50,000 to $500,000 through this program. Funds will be distributed on an advance or reimbursement basis.

Grant funds must be utilized within three years from the date of the award. The anticipated award date is September 30, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are required to be provided in an amount that, at a minimum, is equal to the amount of the grant. Matching funds must also be committed for a period of not less than the grant performance period. Grant funds and matching funds must be used in equal proportions; however, this does not mean funds have to be used equally by line item.

In-kind contributions such as salaries, donated time and effort, real and nonexpendable personal property, and goods and services cannot be used as matching funds. Matching funds may be provided by an intermediary or a third party. Other federal funds may be used as matching funds if authorized by statute and the purpose of the funds is an eligible RCDI purpose.

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Applicants may also contact their local Rural Development Office for questions regarding this program.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/rural-community-development-initiative-grants

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2024 Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program supports Rural Cooperative Development Centers, which in turn, provide technical assistance to individuals and entities improving the economic condition of rural areas by supporting start-up, expansion or operational improvement of rural cooperatives and other business entities. Eligible applicants are nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	$5.8 million	30

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $5.8 million
Award Range: Up to $200,000
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation date: April 4, 2024
Proposal due: June 4, 2024

- All project activities must be for the benefit of a rural area.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-cooperative-development-grant-program#overview

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Awardee Profile

University of Alaska, Fairbanks

AMOUNT: $200,000
YEAR: 2022

Funding will be used to improve economic conditions in rural Alaska by establishing and strengthening new cooperatives and offering technical assistance.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2024 Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas by helping individuals and businesses start, expand, or improve rural cooperatives and other mutually owned businesses through cooperative development centers.

The Agency encourages applicants to consider Projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Creating More and Better Market Opportunities; Assisting Rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure;
- Advancing Racial Justice, Place- Based Equity, and Opportunity; Ensuring all Rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development programs and benefits from Rural Development funded projects;
- Addressing Climate Change and Environmental Justice; Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to Rural communities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education. Applicants must propose the establishment or continuation of a Cooperative Development Center and project activities must be for the benefit of a rural area.

Applications must demonstrate that the applicant is providing services to new customers or new services to current customers. If the work plan and budget are duplicative of the applicant's existing award, the application will not be considered for funding.

Only one application can be submitted per applicant. If two applications are submitted that include the same Executive Director and/or advisory boards or committees of an existing Center, both applications will be determined ineligible for funding.

Funding

In FY 2024, a total of $5.8 million is available to support awards of up to $200,000 through this program.

The anticipated award date is September 30, 2024. The project period may last no more than one year, beginning no earlier than October 1, 2024, and no later than January 1, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least a 25 percent match of the total project cost; however, Native American tribally-controlled colleges and universities that were granted land-grant status under an Act of Congress in 1994 need to only provide a 5 percent match of the total project cost. Additional points will be awarded during the application evaluation process to applicants that exceed the required match, as well as to applicants that provide some or all matching contributions in the form of cash. Matching contributions may include:

- Loan funds from a federal source
- Travel and incidentals for board/advisory council members if established written policies explaining how these costs are normally reimbursed, including rates, exist

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2025 Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program supports projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. Eligible applicants are corporations; states and territories; subdivisions and agencies of states and territories; municipalities; people's utility districts and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations.

Program History

	Awards	Funding Range
2023	32	$300,000 to $35 million
2022	34	$36,986 to $1.5 million

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $50,000,000
Award Range: Up to $2 million (loans); Up to $300,000 (grants)
Match: 20 percent
Solicitation date: August 23, 2024
Proposal due: September 30, 2024* Multiple deadlines

- Prior to applying, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from the funding agency using the information provided in the Contact section, as long as such requests are made at least 15 days prior to each submission date.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-programs

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Awardee Profile

Hollis Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department
Heflin, Alabama

AMOUNT: $2,000,000
YEAR: 2023

This Rural Development investment was used to provide a loan to assist Mississippi Export Railroad in building a 76,750 square foot shop along with 9,400 feet of track in Helena Industrial Park located in Moss Point, Mississippi. Mississippi Export will hire 24 new employees once the facility is operational, which is expected to happen within one year after construction.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2025 Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. Awards will be provided in the form of grants or loans to successful applicants, that will pass the funding through to business and community borrowers, or ultimate recipients, in the form of loans. Grant awards must be used to create revolving loan funds (RLFs) for this purpose. Both grant and loan awards will be used by the ultimate recipients for costs such as:

- Business incubators
- Community development assistance to nonprofit organizations and public bodies, particularly for job creation or enhancement
- Facilities and equipment to educate and train rural residents to facilitate economic development
- Facilities and equipment for medical care for rural residents
- Startup venture costs, including financing fixed assets such as real estate, buildings, equipment, or working capital
- Business expansion
- Technical assistance

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Priority will be given to applicants that are federally recognized tribes, including tribal instrumentalities and entities that are wholly owned by tribes; to projects where at least 50 percent of beneficiaries are members of federally recognized tribes; and to non-tribal applicants that submit tribal resolutions of consent from tribes they propose to serve. Additionally, priority will be provided to projects that are located in or serve:

- Rural communities whose economic well-being ranks in the most distressed tier (distress score of 80 or higher) of the Distressed Communities Index using the Distressed Communities Look-Up Map
- Rural communities with a social vulnerability index of 0.75 or above
- The Rural Partners' Network's (RPN's) community network, which currently includes communities in Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, West Virginia, and Wisconsin
- Disadvantaged communities, as defined by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)

- Energy communities, as defined by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are the following borrowers described in the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, including corporations, states and territories, subdivisions and agencies of states and territories, municipalities, people's utility district, and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Are current Rural Utilities Service (RUS), electric, or telecommunications borrowers
- Are a former RUS borrower that has repaid or pre-paid an insured, direct, or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act
- Are nonprofit utilities that are eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under the Rural Electrification Act

Projects must serve rural areas or towns with a population of fewer than 50,000 residents. For persistent-poverty counties, projects may serve county seats with populations of up to 55,000.

There is no limit on the number of applications an applicant may submit.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $50 million is anticipated to be available to support grants of up to an anticipated $300,000 and loans of up to an anticipated $2 million through this program.

Loans will be made at zero percent interest rate for ten years. Loan award recipients must pass on loan funding to local businesses or ultimate recipients for projects that will create and keep employment in rural areas. First-time loans are at zero percent interest. Repayment for loans for ultimate recipients may be deferred for up to two years for projects that include a startup venture or community facilities projects.

Grant award recipients may use funding to establish RLFs. Grant funds must be repaid to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) upon termination of RLFs.

For grant awards, operating expenses of the RLF are limited to 10 percent of the total award amount over the life of the RLF.

Pre-award costs will only be permitted with the prior written approval of the funding agency.

Project periods will begin on December 1, 2024, and end on September 30, 2026.

Awards are anticipated to be made on the following dates:

- November 30, 2024, for applications submitted by September 30, 2024
- February 28, 2025, for applications submitted by December 31, 2024
- May 31, 2025, for applications submitted by March 31, 2025
- August 31, 2025, for applications submitted by June 30, 2025

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Applicants seeking loans, or the ultimate recipients of loans, must provide a match of at least 20 percent of the loan amount.

Applicants seeking grants must establish a revolving loan fund (RLF) and provide an amount equal to at least 20 percent of the grant amount. This contribution may not be provided using other federal grants, unless permitted by law.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises by providing direct loans and technical assistance grants to microenterprise development organizations (MDOs). Loan funds will be used by the MDOs to establish or recapitalize a revolving loan program for making microloans to rural microentrepreneur businesses. Grant funds will be used by the MDO to provide technical assistance and entrepreneurship training to rural individuals and businesses. Eligible applicants are MDOs, including nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes, and public institutions of higher education.

Program History

	# of Awards
2023	27
2022	66

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: $50,000 to $500,000
Match: 15 percent
Proposal due: September 30, 2024, December 31, 2024, March 31, 2025, June 30, 2025

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

Tips

- MDOs/lenders may be located anywhere; however, MDOs must serve businesses with up to ten full-time employees located in rural areas outside of cities or towns with a population of fewer than 50,000.
- The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city as long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises by providing direct loans and technical assistance grants to microenterprise development organizations (MDOs). Loan funds will be used by the MDO to establish or recapitalize a revolving loan program for making microloans to rural microentrepreneur businesses. Grant funds will be used by the MDO to provide technical assistance and entrepreneurship training to rural individuals and businesses.

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Microlenders may make microloans for eligible business activities, including:

- Working capital
- Debt refinancing
- Purchase of equipment and supplies
- Improvement of real estate

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are MDOs which include nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes, and public institutions of higher education.

Microlenders that meet all other eligibility requirements and own and operate a small business incubator are also eligible to apply.

Existing MDOs with a microentrepreneur revolving loan fund are eligible for subsequent microlender technical assistance grants. Applicants for subsequent microlender technical assistance grants must complete their reporting into the Lenders Interactive Network Connection (LINC) for the federal fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2025, by 4:30 p.m. ET on August 1, 2025.

Recipients of loans from MDOs are businesses with up to ten full-time employees located in rural areas outside of cities or towns with a population of fewer than 50,000. Urbanized areas near a city of 50,000 or

more may not be eligible. The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city as long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area.

MDOs must demonstrate experience in managing a revolving loan fund or meet one of the following criteria:

- Certify that they or their employees have received education and training from a qualified microenterprise development training entity so that the applicant has the capacity to manage such a revolving loan fund
- Demonstrate that they are actively and successfully participating as an intermediary lender in good standing under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Microloan Program or other similar loan programs, as determined by the funding agency

MDOs must also provide an attorney's opinion regarding the potential microlender's legal status and its ability to enter into program transactions at the time of initial entry into the program.

MDOs may only submit, and have pending for consideration, one application at any given time, which is for either microlender funds or technical assistance-only funds.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available through this program to support loans, combination loan and technical assistance grants, and subsequent technical assistance grants. Loans may range from $50,000 to $500,000, with a total aggregate debt cap of $2.5 million. The aggregate outstanding balance owed to the program by any single microlender is limited to $2.5 million.

The maximum technical assistance-only grant amount is 10 percent of the total funding available. The grant term for technical-assistance only grants will last 12 months from the date the grant agreement is signed. The maximum loan amount for loans made to ultimate recipients by the MDO is 75% of total project costs or $50,000, whichever is less. The loans must have a fixed interest rate.

Subsequent microlender technical assistance grants may be provided non-competitively based on project performance and the availability of funds. The eligible grant amount will be calculated based on 20 percent of the microlender's outstanding balance of microloans as of June 30, 2025. If available grant funds are not sufficient to fully replenish each microlender's technical assistance funds to 20 percent of their outstanding loan balance, the available funds will be distributed proportionately based on the percentage of available funds to the total amount of annual technical assistance grant funds requested. Microlender applicants for loan funding may simultaneously apply for technical assistance grant funds of up to 25 percent of the total requested loan amount.

Microlenders will be eligible to receive a disbursement of up to 25 percent of the total loan amount at the time of loan closing. Funds disbursed at loan closing exceeding 25 percent of the total loan amount will only be made if, and to the extent that, the MDO has made a funding commitment to an eligible microborrower that will be closed within 60 days from the funding agency's loan date. Microlenders may request additional loan disbursements until the full loan amount is disbursed or until the end of the 36th month of the loan term, whichever occurs first.

For grants, payments will be made on no more than a quarterly basis. The first grant payment may be made in advance and will equal no more than one-fourth of the total grant amount.

Loans will have a maximum term of 20 years, with a two-year payment deferral. Each loan made to a microlender during its first five years of participation in the program will bear an interest rate of 2 percent for the life of the loan. After the fifth year of an MDO's continuous and satisfactory participation in the program, each new loan made to the microlender will bear interest at a rate of 1 percent.

Administrative costs are limited to 10 percent of the total grant amount.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Grant recipients must provide at least 15 percent of the total project cost via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions, including indirect costs.

For loan recipients, the federal share of the eligible project cost of a microborrower's project funded through this program is limited to 75 percent of the total project cost. This cost share requirement must be met by the microlender through one of the following options:

- The loan covenants between the funding agency and the microlender and the microlender's lending policies and procedures will limit the microlender's loan to the microborrower to no more than 75 percent of total eligible project costs and require that the microborrower obtain the remaining 25 percent of the total eligible project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions
- The microlender will capitalize the rural microloan revolving fund (RMRF) at no more than 75 percent of the total loan amount provided by the funding agency and no less than 25 percent nonfederal funds, thereby allowing the microlender to finance 100 percent of the microborrower's eligible project costs

Loan recipients must establish a loan loss reserve fund at a minimum of 5 percent of the total amount owed by the microlender under the program to the funding agency.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2024 Build to Scale Program

Grant Overview

The Build to Scale Program aims to increase the capacity of entrepreneurs in regions throughout the United States to demonstrate, deploy, and deliver new technologies by starting and growing new companies and creating and sustaining new, good jobs. To maximize that flexibility, this iteration of Build to Scale combines the former Venture Challenge and Capital Challenge into a single Implementation Challenge, which will allow projects to increase access to capital alongside other activities. Eligible applicants are states, Indian tribes, cities or political subdivisions of a state, and entities whose application is supported by a state or political subdivision.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	$36.5 million	50
2020	$35 million	52

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $50 million
Award Range: Up to $5 million
Match: One-to-one
Solicitation date: September 9, 2024
Proposal due: October 28, 2024

- Applicants will strengthen their applications by centering their strategies on one or a combination of the key technology focus areas that the National Science Foundation (NSF) updates annually.

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

Awardee Profile

City and County of Denver, CO

YEAR: 2023
AMOUNT: $750,000

The funding will scale the Inclusive Impact Catalyst (ICC) project and support the operations of the Herman Malone Fund in the City and County of Denver. The Herman Malone Fund—Denver's and the country's first investment fund focused exclusively on deploying capital to entrepreneurs who are Black, Indigenous and people of color, women, people with disabilities and people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (BIPOC+) and others.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2024 Build to Scale Program

Detailed Summary

This program aims to increase the capacity of entrepreneurs in regions throughout the United States to demonstrate, deploy, and deliver new technologies by starting and growing new companies and creating and sustaining new, good jobs. The purpose of this program is to advance innovation economies that can accelerate the adoption and delivery of new technologies; with the ultimate goal of increasing regional and global competitiveness.

The funding agency invites organizations that support technology- and innovation-centric, high-growth companies (including but not limited to startups) as they develop, demonstrate, and deploy the next generation of critical and emerging technologies to apply for Build to Scale funding. The program aims to:

- Build public and private capacity for entrepreneurs and innovators to invent, improve, and bring to market new products and services in critical, emerging, and transformative sectors and industries;
- Accelerate the growth of regional economies that are focused on industries of the future;
- Empower communities to provide proof-of-concept and commercialization assistance to technology innovators and entrepreneurs; and
- Equitably and inclusively increase access to capital for technology-enabled entrepreneurs.

This program supports organizations that may be operating initiatives to unlock investment capital across a region or sector, operating programs to accelerate company growth, empowering the next generation of entrepreneurs, or otherwise enabling technology commercialization.

To maximize that flexibility, this iteration of Build to Scale combines the former Venture Challenge and Capital Challenge into a single Implementation Challenge, which will allow projects to increase access to capital alongside other activities.

The Implementation Challenge focuses on technology entrepreneurship and is designed to accelerate company growth in a specific technology area and specific region with aligned assets, resources, and capabilities. Competitive proposals will outline how the project will strengthen U.S. economic competitiveness through new product or service innovation or new technology adoption; enhancing research commercialization processes and outcomes; remediating structural barriers that inhibit regional innovation capacity and resilience; or leveraging regional competitive strengths to stimulate innovation and the creation of high-skill and high-wage jobs. Applicants should provide empirical evidence that illustrates how funds leveraged through this competition will not only launch or scale programming, but also generate sustainable added value for the region's entrepreneurial ecosystem by augmenting existing regional assets for innovation and commercialization.

Applications may also encompass activities that support the formation, launch, or scale of investment funds that seek to raise equity-based capital to deploy in scalable startups (e.g., angel, seed, or venture funds); or that expand equity-based capital access and deployment within a community, region, or regional industry (e.g., angel networks or investor training programs). These proposals may:

- Identify, educate, and connect investors and other potential sources of equity-based capital (whether traditional, hybrid, or new structures) within a regional technology cluster;
- Identify sources of potential investments (i.e., deal flow) and build capacity to conduct due diligence and close investment deals;
- Raise and deploy equity or equity-based capital, whether through traditional or hybrid models, within a regional technology cluster via a fund or other collaborative investment framework; or
- Deploy investment capital into technology startups based on an investment thesis that clearly supports and fosters the growth of a regional technology cluster and its entrepreneurship ecosystem.

The funding agency expects projects to advance equity to underserved populations to the extent practicable. EDA is seeking projects that directly benefit: (1) one or more traditionally underserved populations or (2) underserved communities within geographies that have been systemically and/or systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic prosperity such as Tribal Lands, Persistent Poverty Counties, and rural areas with demonstrated, historical underservice.

Awards may only fund operational and programmatic costs related to developing and supporting regional innovation initiatives.

Award funding or matching share may not be used as investment capital but may be used to operate or support one or more investment vehicles.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states; Indian tribes; cities or other political subdivisions of a state; and entity whose application is supported by a State or a political subdivision of a state and that is— a nonprofit organization; an institution of higher education; a public-private partnership; a science or research park; a federal laboratory; a venture development organization; or an economic development organization, or similar entity. A consortium of any of the aforementioned entities is also eligible.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $50 million is available to support an anticipated 40 – 50 awards of up to $5 million through this program.

The funding agency anticipates Implementation Challenge awards will have periods of performance of 24-60 months with an estimated start date in winter 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

A minimum one-to-one (1:1) match is required for all Build to Scale awards. A matching share greater than the 1:1 requirement will be accepted but is not necessary to qualify for funding and will not make an applicant more competitive.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Program

Grant Overview

This program will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024 was issued. Eligible applicants are district organizations of EDA-designated economic development districts (EDDs); Indian tribes or consortia of tribes; states, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a state; institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions of higher education; and public or private nonprofit organizations or associations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2018	$1,94,050,554	90

Key Information

Total Funding: $1,447,000
Award Range: Up to $50,000,000
Match: 20 percent
Solicitation date: June 4, 2025
Proposal due: Depends on project type:

- Readiness and Implementation – Rolling
- Industry Transformation – March 3, 2026

https://www.eda.gov/strategic-initiatives/disaster-recovery/supplemental

Awardee Profile

Baton Rouge Health District,
Baton Rouge, LA

AMOUNT: $2,720,000
YEAR: 2023

Funding supports the establishment of the R.E.A.C.H Gateway Infrastructure and Resiliency Project which enhances the current healthcare district into a cohesive destination for quality healthcare that is resilient to future disasters, inclusive of all communities, and a district that remains an economic catalyst even during times of disaster.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024. Funding under this program assists communities recovering from a disaster by realizing opportunities to recover and change the economic trajectory of the community for the better. Through this program, the funding agency seeks to help communities recover and set them on a path to exceed their previous pre-disaster baseline. The funding agency seeks projects that are responsive to community needs post-disaster by engaging all aspects of the community, with special focus on private industry partners. promote innovation and competitiveness and prepare U.S. regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Funding will support variety of non-construction and construction projects in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act).

This program offers funding through three pathways:

- Readiness Path – Standalone non-construction projects designed to increase a community's readiness to apply for or implement disaster recovery funding from private and public sources including, but not limited to, future EDA NOFOs and the Implementation or Industry Transformation Paths under this NOFO. Projects will fund strategy development, capacity building, and/or predevelopment costs necessary for future recovery projects.
- Implementation Path – Standalone construction or non-construction projects designed to address the economic challenges faced by a community recovering from a natural disaster and improve economic trajectories beyond pre-disaster economic conditions.
- Industry Transformation Path – Led by a coalition of regional stakeholders, a portfolio of large-scale, multicomponent construction and non-construction projects designed to fundamentally transform the economic trajectory of a region through the development or acceleration of an industry.

Applicants are encouraged to contact their local funding agency representative to explore their projects further.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are district organizations of economic development districts (EDDs) designated by the funding agency; Indian tribes or consortia of tribes; states, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions of higher education; public or private nonprofit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state; an economic development organization, or a public-private partnership for public infrastructure.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $1,447,000,000 is available to support grants or cooperative agreements through this program.

Funding will be allocated as follows:

- Readiness Path: Non-construction awards that range between $250,000 to $500,000
- Implementation Path:
    - Nonconstruction awards that range between $100,000 and $5 million
    - Construction awards that range between $2 million and $20 million
    - The funding agency may deviate from these estimates, including funding projects greater than $20 million, in cases of exceptional need and/or exceptional impact
- Industry Transformation Path: A cluster of 3 to 5 non-construction and/or construction awards with a total funding level between $20 million and $50 million

Non-construction awards may range from 12 to 18 months with extensions considered on a case-by-case basis. For the Readiness Path, EDA anticipates that a shorter period of performance may be appropriate. Construction awards may range from 12 to 48 months with extensions considered on a case-by-case basis.

Matching and Cost Sharing

The funding agency generally expects to fund up to 80% of the eligible costs under this program. However, the funding agency has discretion to fund projects at a rate lower than 80% or up to 100% in certain circumstances. In determining whether to increase the federal share above 80%, the funding agency's Grants Officers will consider on a case-by-case basis whether the circumstances of the proposed project warrant a federal share in excess of 80%, including whether the applicant has exhausted its effective taxing or borrowing capacity, can otherwise document that no local matching funds are reasonably obtainable, or meets other thresholds for elevated need based on the overall economic situation of the region. The funding agency may also establish a maximum investment rate of up to 100% for projects of Indian tribes.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate regional office listed online here.

https://www.eda.gov/strategic-initiatives/disaster-recovery/supplemental

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GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2024 Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program (Phase 2)

Grant Overview

This program provides funding to alleviate persistent economic distress and support long-term comprehensive economic development and job creation, in places with a high prime-age (25-54) employment gap (PAEG). Applicants may apply for a Strategy Development Grant or Recompete Plan or both. This is Phase 2 of a two-phase competition. Eligible applicants are local governments, the District of Columbia, territories, tribal governments, political subdivisions of a state or other entity including special-purpose entities engaged in economic development activities, public entities and nonprofit organizations acting in cooperation with the officials of a political subdivision of a state or other entity, economic development districts, and coalitions of any of the above entities that serve or are contained within a single geographic area.

Program History

This is Phase 2 of a two-phase competition.

Key Information

Total Funding: $200 million
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: December 20, 2023
Proposal due: April 25, 2024

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/351405

Tips

- Only applicants that EDA approved a Recompete Plan in Phase 1 will be permitted to apply to Phase 2.
- The funding agency is targeting geographies where a high PAEG exists because good jobs are not available and/or barriers keep people out of the workforce (*e.g.*, supportive services are lacking).
- Budgets are a competitive factor. Applicants are encouraged to consider the highest return on federal investments.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2024 Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program (Phase 2)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to alleviate persistent economic distress and support long-term comprehensive economic development and job creation, in places with a high prime-age employment gap (PAEG). For the purposes of this program, prime-age is defined as ages 25 to 54. Ultimately, the program's goal is to ensure that all communities have a path to economic prosperity. The funding agency will support communities through flexible, bottom-up strategy and implementation awards that tackle the unique challenges these communities face. This is Phase 2 of a two-phase competition.

Phase 2 of the competition will make implementation awards based on the likelihood of an applicant to raise prime-age employment and wages, and promote long-term economic development. The funding agency will invest in applicants that have a clear understanding of local conditions and pathways to support good jobs while ensuring the benefits are shared equitably.

Implementation grants can support a wide range of non-construction and construction activities that aim to increase regional capacity across the following four broad categories: workforce development; business and entrepreneur development; infrastructure; and additional planning, predevelopment, or technical assistance.

In Phase 2 applications, applicants must clearly articulate why they are uniquely positioned to serve the region, have the support of key stakeholders within the Eligible Area and have the capacity and leadership to meaningfully increase prime-age employment over the duration of the proposed grant.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are finalists selected in Phase 1. These entities include local governments, the District of Columbia, territories, tribal governments, political subdivisions of a state or other entity including special-purpose entities engaged in economic development activities, public entities and nonprofit organizations acting in cooperation with the officials of a political subdivision of a state or other entity, economic development districts, and coalitions of any of the above entities that serve or are contained within a single geographic area. Some institutions of higher education will be eligible if they fall within one of the above categories.

In rare circumstances, the Lead Applicant may change (e.g., from one coalition member to another), and applicants must receive approval for this from the original Lead and program EDA Point of Contact. Applications submitted with a new Lead Applicant should provide rationale in their application materials as to why.

Recompete Pilot Program investments must be located in one of two Eligible Area types:

- Local Labor Markets (LLMs): a Metropolitan Statistical Area, a Micropolitan Statistical Area, a commuting zone, or Tribal lands. LLMs with a PAEG of at least 2.5 percent are eligible.
- Local Communities (LCs): areas served by a general-purpose unit of local government (*e.g.*, county government, municipal government) that is located within but does not cover the entire area of an LLM and meets the following criteria:
    - It exists within an LLM that does not qualify for Recompete funding; and
    - EITHER:
        - The entire area served by the unit of local government on average has a PAEG of at least 5 percent and a median annual household income of no more than $75,000; or
        - The area served by the unit of local government has five or more contiguous Census tracts that each individually have a PAEG of at least 5 percent and median annual household income of no more than $75,000. In this instance, the applicant's service area must be contained within the identified Census tracts.

EDA expects the geographic scope of Phase 2 proposals to largely match that of Phase 1. However, EDA anticipates that there may be certain circumstances where an applicant's service area may have changed (*e.g.*, reducing the geographic Service Area to increase the concentration of investments, expanding to bring in another distressed part of the community).

The Service Area may be all or any subset of the Eligible Area. Some proposals may specifically focus on certain neighborhoods or communities to have the highest impact. Applicants may propose to concentrate investments rather than distribute the benefits evenly across the Eligible Area. EDA will prioritize those applications that focus on interventions that aim to significantly increase prime-age employment, wages, and long-term economic development.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $200 million is available under this program until expended. In FY 2024, under Recompete Phase 2, the funding agency anticipates funding 4-8 applications that will each include 3-8 Implementation projects.

The funding agency expects grants to Local Labor Markets *(*LLMs) to average approximately $50,000,000 total and grants to Local Communities *(*LCs) to average approximately $20,000,000 total.

The period of performance may vary depending on the scope of work. The funding agency expects that most projects will range from 24 to 60 months, however in some circumstances a grant may be awarded beyond that period.

Applicants are permitted to propose investments that are higher or lower than these expected averages, as the funding agency encourages applicants to propose investments reflective of the cost to implement solutions that would best reduce their Service Area's PAEG, increase per capita wages, and promote long-term economic development. Similarly, the amount awarded will depend heavily on the types of interventions a particular place needs.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, Phase 2 Implementation grants, may be awarded with a maximum 100 percent federal grant rate (*i.e.*, no local match required).

However, matching dollars, leveraged dollars or commitments, and policy commitments are a competitive factor. No particular form of community commitment (including match) is considered inherently more competitive than any other, but commitments will be evaluated on how impactful they will be in supporting the region's Recompete Plan.

Applications that want to submit matching dollars must include commitment letters or equivalent documents that demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the funding agency, that all matching funds (regardless of kind, *e.g.*, cash, loans, bonds, in-kind) from all sources (*e.g.*, any applicant, any co-applicants, and any other sources of matching funds) referenced in the application will be unencumbered, unrestricted, and committed at the time of award and that are signed by authorized representatives of the sources of the matching funds. Authorized representatives must have the authority to execute documents and to obligate and expend funds on behalf of their respective organizations.

In addition, applicants should indicate if other Federal funds have been secured for, or have been requested to support, any portion of the project for which an EDA investment is proposed.

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https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/351405

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GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

FY 2025 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEA)

Grant Overview

This program assists communities and regions in devising and implementing long-term economic development efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. Eligible applicants are district organizations; Indian Tribes; states, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of states, including special purpose units of state or local governments engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; institutions of higher education; and private or public nonprofits acting in cooperation with officials of political subdivisions of states.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$429,177,544	209
2023	$161,930,109	85

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies by project category
Match: Varies
Solicitation date: September 16, 2025
Proposal due: Rolling

- In FY 2025, the notice of funding opportunity was revised with the funding agency's updated investment priorities and other technical changes.

For more information, click here.

Awardee Profile

City of West Lafayette, IN

AMOUNT: $2,073,500
YEAR: 2024

The City of West Lafayette, IN, received Public Works funding to support increasing the wastewater treatment capacity for the Purdue Research Park. The project work includes the expansion of an existing regional lift station and a larger force main. The grantee estimates that this investment to expand the Park's wastewater capacity will help create 400 jobs and leverage $20 million in private investment.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

FY 2025 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEA)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist communities and regions in devising and implementing long-term economic development efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. Funding will support bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resiliency, and applicants are encouraged to propose initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. Further, the funding agency recognizes the value of project alignment and integration with existing regional public or private investments to extend the impact of these efforts. Applicants need not specify the program for which they are applying, as the funding agency will consider the application under the most appropriate pool of funding.

Projects must be consistent with at least one of the following investment priorities of the funding agency: critical infrastructure, workforce, innovation and entrepreneurship, economic recovery resilience, and manufacturing. The funding agency is not prioritizing any investment priorities over another.

Separate program funds are available for the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs, as follows:

- Public Works: The funding agency provides catalytic investments to help distressed communities build, design, or engineer critical infrastructure and facilities that will help implement regional development strategies and advance bottom-up economic development goals to promote regional prosperity. The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive.
- EAA: The funding agency provides investments that support a wide range of construction and non-construction activities in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. Supported activities include construction and non-construction, such as workforce training, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of revolving loan funds (RLFs). The funding agency utilizes EAA investments to provide resources that help communities experiencing or anticipating economic dislocations to plan and implement specific solutions to leverage their existing regional economic advantages to support economic development and job creation. Like Public Works investments, EAA investments are designed to help communities catalyze public-private partnerships to foster collaboration, attract investment, create jobs, and foster economic resiliency and prosperity.

The EAA program is also designed to provide specific investment assistance to communities harmed by the closure of nuclear, biomass, or coal facilities. EAA assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (NCCs) and Biomass Closure Communities (BCC) supports communities that have been impacted, or can reasonably demonstrate they will be impacted, by closures of nuclear or biomass power plants. Similarly, EAA Assistance

to Coal Communities (ACC) supports communities that have been negatively impacted by the closure of coal facilities. Additionally, the EAA program includes an addendum for Assistance to Indigenous Communities, (AIC) to assist Indigenous communities particularly in the areas of capacity building and planning support.

Projects must also be consistent with the region's current comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS), or if a CEDS does not exist, an equivalent regional economic development strategy that meets the funding agency's CEDS or strategy requirements, except for a strategy grant to develop, update, or refine a CEDS.

Competitive applications will propose projects designed to create the conditions for economic growth in Indigenous Communities. The funding agency encourages non-construction projects that provide capacity-building, planning support, and technical assistance to support the future implementation of foundational economic infrastructure. Foundational economic infrastructure can include broadband, energy, road, water, and wastewater infrastructure (including community water facilities); vocational and higher education facilities; and community health and childcare facilities that are necessary for job creation and economic mobility. Projects can also provide technical assistance to support business development, entrepreneurship assistance, economic development planning, rural prosperity, and workforce training in Indigenous Communities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are district organizations of an EDA-designated Economic Development District; Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes; state, county, city, or other political subdivision of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; public or private non-profit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.

Projects must be located in regions that meet the funding agency's distress criteria. Applicants must self-define the appropriate region geographically. The geographic area comprising the region need not be contiguous or defined by political boundaries; however, it should constitute a cohesive area capable of undertaking self-sustained economic development. Applicants must provide third-party data that clearly indicates that the relevant region is subject to at least one of the following economic distress criteria:

- An unemployment rate that is, for the most recent 24-month period for which data is available, at least one percentage point greater than the national average unemployment rate
- A per capita income that is, for the most recent period for which data is available, 80 percent or less of the national average per capita income
- A special need, as defined by the funding agency

For construction projects, including design and engineering, the project must be located within an eligible region. For non-construction projects, the scope of work must primarily benefit an eligible region, and stakeholders from that eligible region must be directly engaged. Projects may meet the regional eligibility criteria in one of the following ways:

- Located in a region that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria
- Located in an economic development district (EDD) that is located in a region that does not meet the funding agency's economic distress criteria, but the funding agency determines it will be of

substantial direct benefit to a geographic area within the EDD that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria
- Located in a geographic area of poverty or high unemployment that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria but that is located in a region that overall does not meet the funding agency's economic distress criteria

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is expected to be available to support grants and cooperative agreements through this program, as follows:

- Public Works Program: Awards are expected to range from $600,000 to $5 million. In the past, the average award size has been approximately $1.4 million. No more than 15 percent of investments made through this program may be spent in a single state.
- Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Program: Awards are expected to range from $150,000 to $2.5 million. In the past, the average award size has been approximately $650,000.
- Assistance to Coal Communities (ACC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.
- Assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (NCC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.
- Assistance to Biomass Closure Communities (BCC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.

Additionally, approximately $5 million is available for non-construction Assistance to Indigenous Communities awards ranging from $75,000 and $200,000 through the EAA Program.

Project periods will depend on the nature of the project for which the grant or cooperative agreement is awarded. Typically, strategy grants and non-construction projects range in duration from 12 to 24 months. Construction projects are expected to range from 12 to 48 months and are expected to be completed within five years from the award date.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs via cash and/or in-kind contributions; however, the funding agency may fund up to 80 percent of the total project costs based on the relative needs of the region. Matching requirements will vary according to the economic distress of the region in which the project is located, as follows:

- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 225 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 50 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 200 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 30 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 60 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 30 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least one percentage point greater than the national average: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs

- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 80 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs

In addition, the matching requirements may be waived for Indian tribes, states or political subdivisions of states, and nonprofits that can document that they have exhausted their effective taxing and borrowing capacity.

Contact Information

Program contacts vary by regional office. EDA regional representatives can be found at https://www.eda.gov/contact/.

https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/fiscal-year-2023-public-works-and-economic-adjustment-assistance

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Office of Community Services

FY 2023 Community Economic Development (CED) Planning Grants

Grant Overview

This program provides funding to is to provide community development corporations (CDCs) with financial assistance for administrative capacity building. The objective of this program is to focus resources in persistent high-poverty areas with struggling economies that have been unable to put forth a viable CED project in the past. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations meeting the funding agency's criteria.

Program History

This is a new program part of the funding agency's larger Community Economic Development (CED) programming.

Key Information

Total Funding: $1.5 million
Award Range: $75,000 - $150,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: May 1, 2023
Application Due: July 12, 2023

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=344792

Tips

- Applications for FY 2024 are due May 13, 2024, and applications for FY 2025 are due May 12, 2025
- Applicants must make equity a focal point, addressing the existing inequities created by the continuing and historical marginalization of underserved communities

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Office of Community Services

FY 2023 Community Economic Development (CED) Planning Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support a variety of administrative capacity building activities that will ultimately allow potential applicants adequate time and resources to put together a viable Community Economic Development (CED) application. A CED is defined as a process by which a community organizes its resources and capacities to attract capital to invest in physical, commercial, and business development in order to create job opportunities for its residents.

The funding agency has established the four overarching priorities below to ensure that program goals are achieved. Award recipients must ensure that these priorities are considered throughout the planning and execution of activities. These include: 1) ensuring the programs are of the highest quality possible and are reaching those most in need; 2) lifting up voices from the field and using lessons learned to be thoughtful, inclusive, and innovative in our approach; 3) identifying opportunities to break down silos and implement cross-cutting initiatives within the funding agency and across the federal government; and 4) focusing on three additional priorities that complement and strengthen the funding agency's priorities listed above. These include the following:

- Upholding Executive Order (EO) 14008: Tracking the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad and the Justice40 Initiative - this program will seek to fund CDCs located in underserved energy communities.
- Increasing equity in the geographic distribution of CED funds – this program will seek to fund CDCs serving communities in states and territories without an active CED project and/or have never been awarded a CED project in the past.
- Breaking down service silos and leveraging existing partnerships across OCS programs – this program will seek to fund CDCs that are partnering with OCS programs: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Diaper Distribution Demonstration & Research Pilot (DDDRP), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), Rural Community Development Program (RCD), or Social Services Block Grant Program (SSBG).

CED funds under this opportunity may be used to implement activities that will lead to the development of a viable CED project concept and a CED application that will allow CDCs to compete for future CED funding. This includes the following:

- Convene and organize stakeholders within the target community to strategize on shared economic development efforts, visions, and desired paths forward. Stakeholders include, but are not limited to, local government officials, entrepreneurs, schools, faith-based organizations, social service organizations, non-profit organizations, chambers of commerce, or other business support organizations.
- Develop, update, or expand existing community economic development visioning statements and planning documents.

- Obtain and expand community buy-in for planned economic development efforts.
- Inventory existing data and conduct data collection efforts to assess local economic assets and identify viable markets for business development.
- Identify existing federal, state, local, and private funding opportunities that can be leveraged, along with CED funds, to implement business development and job creation projects.
- Develop and secure partnerships with social service providers, such as workforce development agencies and safety net providers to support economic development projects.
- Develop a business plan for an identified business development or economic development opportunity that describes sources and uses of funding; market analysis and strategy; products, services, and target customer base; marketing and sales plan; management plan; and operations plan.

Recipients under this program may opt to transfer a portion of substantive programmatic work to other organizations through subaward(s). The prime recipient must maintain a substantive role in the project. The funding agency defines a substantive role as conducting activities and/or providing services funded under the award that are necessary and integral to the completion of the project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations. To be eligible to apply for a CED Planning grant, an applicant must meet the following three conditions:

1. Applicant must be a private, non-profit CDC with 501(c)(3) status;
2. Applicant must have articles of incorporation or bylaws demonstrating that the CDC has as a principal purpose the planning, developing, or managing of low-income housing or community economic development activities; and
3. The Board of Directors must have representation from each of the following: community residents, business leaders, and civic leaders.

The CDC designation does not need to be specified on any official documents as long as the three requirements stated above are met. Faith-based and community organizations that meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity.

Funding

In FY 2023, an estimated $1.5 million is available to support an estimated 10 awards between $75,000 - $150,000. No match is required.

Projects funded under this program will have one 24-month project and budget period. Projects are expected to begin September 30, 2023.

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Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Office of Community Services

FY 2025 Community Economic Development (CED) Projects

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to community development corporations (CDCs) for projects that will address the economic needs of individuals with low incomes and promote community revitalization by creating quality jobs and businesses and providing wraparound services. Funding may be used for start-up or expansion activities of participating businesses. Eligible applicants are qualified community development corporations (CDCs).

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$18 million	30
2022	$16 million	22

Key Information

Total Funding: $15.2 million
Award Range: $100,000 - $800,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: September 3, 2025
Application due: September 8, 2025

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/ced

Awardee Profile

Chicanos por La Causa, Inc.
Phoenix, AZ

AMOUNT: $800,000
YEAR: 2024

This project will use CED funds to expand operations at Friedman Recycling Company (FRC), a local waste management and recycling business in Phoenix, Arizona.

The expansion of FRC will result in 30 new job positions for residents with low income, especially those who lack a college degree and face barriers to employment.

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Office of Community Services

FY 2025 Community Economic Development Projects

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to community development corporations (CDCs) for projects that will address the economic needs of individuals with low incomes by creating quality jobs and businesses and providing wraparound services. Funding may be used for start-up or expansion activities of participating businesses.

This program is based on the following three pillars:

- Pillar 1: Create high-quality, permanent, full-time jobs for individuals with low incomes.
- Pillar 2: Addresses barriers to employment by providing wraparound services that focus on the needs of individuals with low incomes hired into jobs created through CED.
- Pillar 3: Promotes community revitalization by infusing funding into local communities to support economic development.

Eligible project types include:

- Non-construction projects: projects are considered non-construction projects if they involve limited alteration or renovation, costing less than $250,000, to support participating business creation and/or expansion and job creation. These projects typically involve a loan or equity investment in participating businesses. Projects involving construction activities must create a minimum number of jobs based on the following formula:

  [Total amount of federal CED funds awarded] divided by $27,000 = [Minimum number of jobs to be created]

- Construction projects: projects are considered construction projects if they require construction or renovation prior to the project's ability to create jobs. These projects typically include commercial real estate for lease or use by small- and large-scale business operations. Projects involving construction activities must create a minimum number of jobs based on the following formula:

  [Total amount of federal CED funds awarded] divided by $23,000 = [Minimum number of jobs to be created]

Eligible activities include:

- Start-up capital for operating expenses, such as salaries, facilities, and equipment that will be replaced by projected earnings
- Loans to identified, viable, participating businesses
- Equity or stock investment in identified, viable, participating businesses

- Support services to employees of the participating businesses. Support services can be provided either directly or in partnership with service providers
- Construction
- Other types of business development activities that lead to measurable job creation
- Travel for key project staff to attend ACF-sponsored workshops, conferences, and recipient orientations

Projects must:

- Be ready to implement at the time of award.
- Create jobs that result in increased self-sufficiency for individuals and families with low incomes.
- Create or expand businesses that promote economic revitalization in low-income communities.
- Attract additional public and private funds to increase investment and quality of life in low-income communities.
- Promote access to quality jobs in underserved communities.

Priority consideration will be given to projects that demonstrate support for production, generation, distribution, or transportation across all forms of domestic energy resources.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are qualified community development corporations (CDCs). To be a qualified CDC, an organization must meet the following three conditions:

- The organization must be a private, nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) status.
- The organization's articles of incorporation or bylaws must demonstrate that the CDC has a principal purpose of planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development projects.
- The organization's board of directors must have representation from these three groups: community residents, business leaders, and civic leaders (that is, a tripartite board).

Faith-based and community organizations that meet the eligibility requirements may also apply.

Funding

In FY 2025, an estimated $15.2 million is available to support an estimated 15 awards between $100,000 - $800,000.

For projects not involving construction, the project period is 36 months with one 36-month budget period. For projects involving construction, the project period is 48 months with one 48-month budget period. Both types of projects must be ready to be implemented at the time of award and completed during the assigned project period.

The expected project start date is September 30, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

This program has no cost-sharing requirement. If an applicant chooses to include cost-sharing funds, the funding agency will not consider it during review. However, the funding agency will hold applicants

accountable for any funds added, including through reporting. If applicants do not provide the promised amount, the funding agency may have to decrease award amount or use other enforcement actions.

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Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Public and Indian Housing

FY 2025 Choice Neighborhoods (CN) Implementation Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to revitalize severely distressed public housing. Funding will support the redevelopment of target housing projects, supportive services for residents of target housing projects, and physical improvements in surrounding neighborhoods. Eligible applicants include county governments, city or township governments, and public housing or Indian housing authorities. Eligibility is limited to target housing projects that were part of a FY 2023 or earlier Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$370 million	8
2022	$370 million	8
2021	$180 million	4

Key Information

Total Funding: $75 million
Award Range: Up to $26 million
Match: 5 percent
Solicitation date: December 9, 2025
Proposal due: March 9, 2026

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360950

Awardee Profile

Housing Authority of the Birmingham District and City of Birmingham, AL

AMOUNT: $50,000,000
YEAR: 2023

The Housing Authority of Birmingham were awarded a grant to transform the Smithfield, College Hills, and Graymont neighborhoods. The grant will fund the redevelopment of Smithfield Court. The initiative also includes a new Social Innovation Center with a high-tech learning library, workforce development programs, and wraparound services for residents through partnerships with over 20 local organizations.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Public and Indian Housing

FY 2025 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to transform severely distressed public housing and surrounding neighborhoods into vibrant, sustainable communities of opportunity. The program is designed to bring together local governments, public housing agencies, residents, and community partners (including schools, police, businesses, nonprofits, and private developers) to create and implement comprehensive neighborhood plans to accomplish these goals. These plans improve public housing, help residents become self-sufficient, and revitalize the neighborhood. The program uses public and private money to support local plans for struggling neighborhoods.

The program has three main goals:

- Housing: Redevelop severely distressed public housing into good quality, mixed-income housing that meets residents' needs and helps revitalize the community.
- People: Support residents in the Target Housing improve their lives through upward mobility, employment, and self-sufficiency.
- Neighborhood: Revitalize distressed neighborhoods by attracting long-term reinvestment from private and other public sources, leading to economic development, better amenities, services, and job opportunities for residents.

Successful applicants will utilize funding to carry out a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or transformation plan, which they have already developed through an award through the funding agency's Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants program. Each transformation plan should address the following objectives:

- Housing: transform severely distressed public housing, including:
    - Redevelop and reposition distressed housing: convert public housing projects to Section 8 properties and make them part of a mixed-income development with affordable units for all income levels
    - High quality: housing is well-designed, well-built, connected to, and improves the surrounding neighborhood
    - Financially viable: housing is built within budget and is able to support itself financially over the long term
- People: promote upward mobility, employment and self-sufficiency, and improved quality of life for residents of target housing projects, including:
    - Income and employment: resident employment and income increase, which supports economic stability and provides residents a path for moving out of subsidized housing

    - Training and education: children and youth have access to services that improve their education and prepare them for college and careers
    - Maintaining independence: elderly people and people with disabilities have access to services that help them stay independent
- Neighborhoods: support long-term neighborhood revitalization, including:
    - Economic opportunity: neighborhood has or is connected to a variety of businesses and employers, offering good jobs and economic opportunities for residents
    - Assets and amenities: neighborhood has amenities typically found in areas with more opportunities, such as grocery stores, retail goods and services, financial institutions, health facilities, parks, public transit, and high-quality educational opportunities
    - Community confidence: neighborhood has a more positive public image with improved appearance and a strong sense of place
    - Safety: neighborhood has lower crime rates and residents feel safer

Funding under this program can be used for a variety of eligible activities, including:

- Costs related to the development of housing to be replacement units, affordable housing, or homeownership units, including demolition, construction, acquisition or rehabilitation, architectural and engineering fees, legal fees, and other related expenses
- Providing supportive services for residents
- Relocation assistance
- Critical community improvements (CCIs) which are physical community and economic development projects that advance the neighborhood outcomes proposed in the Transformation Plan.
- Supportive services endowment
- Administrative costs of the applicant directly related to carrying out award activities

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include county governments, city or township governments, and public housing or Indian housing authorities.

To be eligible the following key eligibility criteria must be satisfied:

- Applicant Entity - Local governments and public housing agencies must apply jointly, with either entity serving as the lead applicant. If a public housing agency is on the most recent Operational Troubled List, the agency may still be eligible to apply.
- Target Housing - Each application must focus on the revitalization of at least one severely distressed public housing project. The Target Housing project must have been part of a FY 2023 or earlier Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant. Applications may focus on fewer projects or units than were included in the Target Housing in the Planning Grant but cannot include any additional housing projects or units.
- Target Neighborhood - Each application must focus on one neighborhood. The Target Neighborhood for this grant must be the same neighborhood as funded by a FY 2023 or earlier Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $75 million is available to support an estimated 4 awards of up to $26 million through this program. Applicants may request the lesser of either the calculated amount of the project based on development and housing activity costs or $26,000,000. To calculate the project costs, the funding agency requires applicants to fill out the FY 2025 Implementation Grant Sizing worksheet (HUD-53235) and include it in applications.

The period of performance is estimated to start on August 31, 2026, and end on September 30, 2034. No more than 15 percent of the total award amount may be allocated for supportive services. No more than 10 percent of the total award amount may be allocated for CCIs.

Cost Sharing and Matching

Applicants must provide a match of at least 5 percent of the requested award amount via cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Grantees that use more than 5 percent of the grant amount for Supportive Services must provide matching funds in an amount equal to the amount used in excess of five percent.

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Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Public and Indian Housing

FY 2024 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants

Grant Overview

This program focuses on the redevelopment of severely distressed public housing and/or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. The Planning Grant supports the development of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or "Transformation Plan". Eligible applicants are Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), local governments, tribal entities, and nonprofits.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$7 million	14
2022	$10 million	20
2021	$2.7 million	6

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $10 million
Award Range: Up to $500,000
Match: 5 percent
Solicitation date: April 9, 2024
Proposal due: June 10, 2024

- Each application must focus on the revitalization of at least one severely distressed public and/or assisted-housing project.

More information can be found here.

Awardee Profile

Housing Authority of Bridgeport
Bridgeport, CT

AMOUNT: $500,000
YEAR: 2023

The Housing Authority of Bridgeport's Transformation Plan will thoughtfully connect the Hollow and its residents to the larger Bridgeport community and to each other. This effort will deliver on the potential of the Hollow to become a vibrant, mixed-income, mixed-use downtown district that provides equitable access to opportunity for every resident.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Public and Indian Housing

FY 2024 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support eligible applicants to develop a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or "Transformation Plan". These efforts should build community support for and involvement in the development and implementation of the plan. Additionally, past revitalization efforts have demonstrated that even modest physical improvements and investment actions can help communities build momentum for change and transition from planning to implementation of that plan. These actions improve neighborhood confidence, sustain the community's energy, attract further engagement, and help convince skeptical stakeholders that positive change is possible. Thus, successful applicants should also undertake such "doing while planning" projects during the grant period. The program is focused on three core goals:

- Housing: Replace severely distressed public and HUD-assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is responsive to the needs of residents and appropriate for the surrounding neighborhood;
- People: Improve outcomes of households living in the target housing related to income and employment, health, and education; and
- Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary to attract long-term public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods which will promote economic development and result in increased/improved amenities, services, and job opportunities for residents.

Applicants are expected to align their application to the following applicable strategic goals and objectives:

- **Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities.** Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.
    - **1C: Invest in the Success of Communities**. Promote equitable community development that generates wealth-building for underserved communities, particularly for communities of color.
- **Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing.** Ensure housing demand is matched by adequate production of new homes and equitable access to housing opportunities for all people.
    - **2A: Increase the Supply of Housing.** Enhance HUD's programs that increase the production and supply of housing across the country.
- **Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities.** Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.
    - **4A: Guide Investment in Climate Resilience.** Invest in climate resilience, energy efficiency, and renewable energy across HUD programs.

    - **4B: Strengthen Environmental Justice.** Reduce exposure to health risks, environmental hazards, and substandard housing, especially for low-income households and communities of color.

Each Choice Neighborhoods grantee must develop a Transformation Plan that addresses the Housing, People, and Neighborhood objectives. Grantees are expected to develop performance metrics based on these objectives:

- **Housing Objectives:** Housing transformed with the assistance of Choice Neighborhoods should be:
    - Financially Viable
    - Mixed-Income
    - Energy Efficient, Climate Resilient, and Sustainable
    - Accessible, Healthy, and Free from Discrimination
- **People Objectives:** Residents who live in the target and replacement housing before and after redevelopment benefit from:
    - Effective Education
    - Income and Employment Opportunities
    - Quality Health Care
    - Housing Location, Quality, and Affordability
- **Neighborhood Objectives:** Through investments catalyzed by Choice Neighborhoods, the neighborhood enjoys improved:
    - Housing Quality and Variety
    - Economic Opportunity
    - Community Assets and Amenities
    - Community Confidence
    - Safety

A maximum of four (4) preference points may be awarded. Preference points can be earned through:

- Minority-Serving Institutions: An applicant partnering with an HBCU, Hispanic-Serving Institution, Tribal-controlled postsecondary institution, Alaskan Native-serving or Native-Hawaiian-serving institution, Predominantly Black Institution, Asian and Pacific Islander-serving institution, or Native American-serving nontribal institution will receive up to two (2) Preference Points when the application includes a Letter of Commitment.
- Promise Zones: To receive Promise Zones Preference Points, applicants must submit form HUD-50153, “Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation,” signed by the Promise Zone Official authorized to certify the project meets the criteria to receive preference points.
- Rural Partners Network Community Networks: To receive two (2) points for this preference, applicants proposing projects in a RPN Community Networks must submit the “Certification for Rural Partners Network Community Networks Preference Points” (HUD-XXXX) that identifies the state, county, city, town, and census tract(s) of the RPN Community Networks in which the activity will be carried out.

Required project activities include:

- Ensuring meaningful resident, community, and stakeholder participation throughout the development of the Transformation Plan

- Within the first 12 months of the Choice Neighborhoods grant, conduct a household-level asset and needs assessment of the target housing residents that assesses assets and needs related to the Housing, People, and Neighborhood goals to better design solutions for challenges facing them.
- Devising a relocation strategy for target housing residents that need to be relocated during the rehabilitation or reconstruction of the public and/or assisted housing, as well as policies to effectuate the required return preference for target housing residents to occupy the replacement housing
- Conducting a market assessment of the target neighborhood by an independent, third-party professional, if not already completed
- Selecting master developers/housing developers to implement the housing components of the Transformation Plan, if not already identified
- Completing Phase I environmental assessments of the target redevelopment sites(s)
- Contacting the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to determine the potential for negative effects of demolition on historic properties if the target housing contains buildings 45 years of age or older.
- Conducting comprehensive needs assessments to inform the development of the transformation plan
- Undertaking a comprehensive and integrated planning process that addresses the challenges and gaps in services and assets identified through the needs assessments and leads to a plan for implementation that has broad community support

Eligible project activities include:

- Conducting technical planning studies concerning local development issues, priorities, or suggested appropriate approaches in the context of the local housing market relative to other alternatives
- Working with public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals to develop the transformation plan; gathering and leveraging resources needed to support the financial sustainability of the transformation plan; identifying strategies for building upon and leveraging existing neighborhood efforts and anticipated federal, state, regional, and local investments; and strengthening management and decision-making capacities of participating organizations
- Planning for the collection and strategic use of relevant data to track future community impacts once the transformation plan is implemented
- Identifying best practices based on the available evidence and promising approaches from other grantees and community development practitioners
- Implementing early action activities

Applicant Eligibility

There are three key eligibility criteria for Choice Neighborhoods funding:

- Eligible applicant entities: Eligible applicants are Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), local governments, tribal entities, and nonprofits.
- Eligible Target Housing: Each application must focus on the revitalization of at least one severely distressed public and/or assisted housing project. Eligible target housing meets the following criteria:
    - Is currently HUD public or assisted housing
    - Project's occupancy is designated for elderly or disabled residents within the target neighborhood. At least one target housing project must be available for general occupancy by families

    - For public housing projects, the Actual Date of Full Availability in the Inventory Management/Public Housing Information Center (IMS/PIC) must be earlier than January 1, 1996
    - Certified severely distressed housing
- Eligible Target Neighborhood: An eligible neighborhood for Choice Neighborhoods grant funds is a neighborhood with at least 15 percent of the residents estimated to be in poverty or have extremely low incomes based on the most recent data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau. For the purposes of establishing neighborhood eligibility and to assign points for certain rating factors, HUD has created a mapping tool that will overlay the locally defined neighborhood boundary with data associated with that area and estimate the rates of certain indicators in that neighborhood using a proportional allocation methodology.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $10 million is available to support an estimated 20 awards of up to $500,000 through this program. Up to $150,000 of grant funds may be used for an Early Action Activity project.

The grant term is 30 months from the Grant Award date. Projects are estimated to start September 16, 2024 and end March 16, 2027 Early Action Activities must be complete within two years on the grant term.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide a match of at least 5 percent of the award amount via cash or in-kind contributions.

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Community Planning and Development

FY 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Communities

Grant Overview

This program supports the development of viable urban communities by funding entitled cities and counties to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income individuals. Award recipients may use funds to conduct a variety of community-based activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and community services, facilities, and improvements. Eligible applicants are entitlement communities that are principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, metropolitan cities with a population of at least 50,000, and qualified urban counties with a population of at least 200,000.

Program History

Year	Total Funding
2023	$2.305 billion
2022	$2.305 billion

Key Information

Total Funding: $2.461 billion
Award Range: Varies based on allocation formula
Match: Not required
Proposal due: Varies based on Entitlement Community

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/cdbg-entitlement-program-eligibility-requirements/

Tips

- Entitlement communities and annual allocations can be found at You can look up entitlement communities here
- At least 70 percent of funding must serve beneficiaries who are low- and moderate-income persons

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Community Planning and Development

FY 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Communities

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the development of viable urban communities by funding entitled cities and counties to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income individuals. Award recipients may use funds to conduct a variety of community-based activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and community services, facilities, and improvements. In addition, activities must be based on the priorities of the entitlement community.

The principal beneficiaries of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are low- and moderate-income persons, generally defined as a member of a family having an income equal to or less than the Section 8 low-income limit established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

CDBG funds must be used for activities that meet at least one of the following national objectives:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income individuals
- Aid in the prevention and elimination of slums and blight
- Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency that the applicant cannot finance without assistance

Eligible activities include:

- Acquisition of real property
- Relocation
- Clearance and demolition
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, and neighborhood centers
- Provision of public services, within program limitations
- Activities related to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Assistance to microenterprises or other for-profit entities when the recipient determines that such assistance is appropriate to carry out an economic development project

Award recipients must develop and follow a detailed plan that provides for and encourages citizen participation, particularly among persons of low- or moderate-income residing in lower income, slum, or blighted areas, or areas in which program funds will be utilized.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are entitlement communities that are principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, metropolitan cities with a population of at least 50,000, and qualified urban counties with a population of at least 200,000.

Eligibility for participation as an entitlement community is based on population data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau and metropolitan area delineations published by the Office of Management and Budget.

Funding

In FY 2024, an estimated $2,461,000,000 is available to support entitlement communities through formula allocations. HUD determines the amount of each entitlement grantee's annual funding allocation by a statutory dual formula which uses several objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

Performance periods are selected by the entitlement community typically over a 1-, 2- or 3-year period.

Matching and Cost Share

Matching funds are not required for this program.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the applicant's local HUD Field Office. A list of local offices can be found online at www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/staff#fieldoffices.

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/cdbg-entitlement-program-eligibility-requirements/

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Public and Indian Housing

FY 2023 HOPE VI Main Street Grant Program

Grant Overview

The HOPE VI Main Street Program provides grants to communities smaller than 50,000 in population to assist in the renovation of a historic, traditional central business district, or "Main Street" area by replacing unused, obsolete, commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units. Eligible applicants are county governments, city or township governments, and special district governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	$1.5 million	3
2018/2019	$1 million	2

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $2 million
Award Range: Up to $1,000,000
Match: 5 percent
Solicitation date: June 14, 2023
Proposal due: October 12, 2023

- Applicants are encouraged to include the provision of community and supportive services (CSS) to residents of the resulting affordable housing
- Homeownership counseling is required if the Main Street units are homeownership units

Click here for more information.

Awardee Profile

City of El Cerrito, California

AMOUNT: $500,000
YEAR: 2021

The City of El Cerrito, CA received funding to facilitate the construction of 67 affordable housing units. The project will contribute to revitalizing the Uptown commercial district while fulfilling goals established by the City's Affordable Housing Strategy.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Public and Indian Housing

FY 2023 HOPE VI Main Street Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide support to small communities to assist in the renovation of historic or traditional central business districts or Main Street areas by replacing unused, obsolete, commercial space in publicly or privately owned buildings with affordable housing units. The objectives of this program are to:

- Redevelop central business districts/Main Street areas
- Preserve historic or traditional Main Street area properties by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units
- Enhance economic development efforts in Main Street areas
- Provide affordable housing in Main Street areas

For the purposes of this program, affordable housing means rental or homeownership dwelling units provided to low-income families whose annual income is at or below 80 percent of the area median family income. A subset of units must be available to very low-income households, whose annual income is at or below 50 percent of the area median family income.

Eligible project activities include:

- Reconfiguration of commercial property, major rehabilitation of units that are not currently habitable, or new construction to provide affordable rental and homeownership housing within the Main Street area
- Acquisition of land or property for the purposes of developing, reconfiguring, or rehabilitating commercial space or non-habitable affordable housing units
- Long-term lease or transfer of project title for the purposes of obtaining tax credits or implementation of extended use restrictions
- Architectural or engineering activities, surveys, permits, and other planning or implementation costs
- Tax credit syndication activities
- Relocation activities for persons displaced as a direct result of acquisition, demolition, or rehabilitation of real property
- Management of improvements necessary for proper development and management, such as staff training, procedure manuals, accounting systems, lease documents, resident screening procedures, or data processing systems
- Community and supportive services
- Sale of homeownership housing units within the project
- Section 3 activities

Multifamily housing projects that include substantial alterations to housing or include new construction of housing must ensure that a minimum of 5 percent of the units or one unit, whichever is greater, accessible to persons with mobility impairments. An additional 2 percent, but not less than one unit, must be made accessible for persons with a hearing or vision impairment.

Projects must be within the boundaries of the applicant's Main Street area and located within the applicant's jurisdiction.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are county governments, city or township governments, and special district governments that meet the following criteria:

- Have a population of 50,000 or less
- Are not being served by a local or county/parish public housing agency (PHA) that administers more than 100 physical public housing units within the local government's jurisdiction (excluding Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher subsidized units)

Applicants may be located in the territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands. Applicants may also be located in the District of Columbia.

Joint applications are not permitted; however, applicants may enter into subaward agreements with nonprofit organizations, state governments, local governments, and for-profit entities.

Applicants may apply for only one project in one undivided Main Street area, although that area may include multiple buildings.

Applicants designated as a minority-serving institution or those partnering with a minority-serving educational institution or a historically Black college or university (HBCU), or whose project takes place in Promise Zones (PZs), will receive bonus points during the evaluation process.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately $2 million is available to support approximately two awards of up to $1,000,000 through this program. This solicitation includes $1,000,000 in FY 2022 funds and $1,000,000 in FY 2023 funds. The award amount will be based upon the total development cost (TDC) of the number and size of affordable housing units that will be developed through each project.

Project periods are expected to begin on March 1, 2024, and end on September 30, 2027, for a total of 48 months from the date of award notification. Funds must be expended by September 30, 2029.

Applicants must obtain prior approval from the funding agency before funds are released for property acquisition, if any, and construction. Costs for community and supportive services (CSS) are limited to 15 percent of the award amount.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 5 percent of the award amount via cash and/or in-kind services for this program. All matching contributions must be firmly committed at the time of application submission and used for eligible project costs.

Applicants should provide additional leveraged resources in excess of the match requirement using cash or in-kind services, including project leverage and area leverage. Area leverage must be demonstrated to be firmly committed to the rejuvenation effort as a whole. Match and project leverage do not count as part of area leverage.

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Community Planning and Development

FY 2024 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing)

Grant Overview

This program empowers communities that are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing and seeking to increase housing production and lower housing costs for families over the long term. The program aims to provide funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Eligible applicants state governments, county governments, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and multijurisdictional entities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$85 million	21

Key Information

Total Funding: $100,064,100
Award Range: $1 million - $7 million
Match: Not required
Solicitation Date: August 13, 2024
Proposal due: October 15, 2024

Click here for more information.

Awardee Profile

Los Angeles County

Amount: $6,700,000
Year: 2023

LA County received funding to support housing in unincorporated areas of the county - building and modernizing sewer and transportation infrastructure and facilitating construction in areas that are supported by major public transit infrastructure.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Community Planning and Development

FY 2024 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to empower communities that are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing and seeking to increase housing production and lower housing costs for families over the long term. The program aims to provide funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Funding will further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation.

Overall goals for this program include:

- Fairly and effectively awarding the program grant funding
- Elevating and enabling promising practices dedicated to identifying and removing barriers to affordable housing production and preservation, while preventing displacement
- Institutionalizing state and local analysis and implementation of effective, equitable, and resilient approaches to affordable housing production and preservation
- Providing technical assistance to help communities better fulfill the Consolidated Plan's requirement of identifying barriers to affordable housing and implementing solutions to address those barriers
- Affirmatively further fair housing by addressing and removing barriers that perpetuate segregation, barriers that inhibit access to well-resourced areas of opportunity for protected class groups and vulnerable populations, and barriers that concentrate affordable housing in under-resourced areas
- Facilitating collaboration and harness innovative approaches from jurisdictions, researchers, advocates, and stakeholders.

HUD will prioritize applicants that demonstrate:

- Progress and a commitment to overcoming local barriers to facilitate the increase in affordable housing production and preservation
- An acute need for housing affordable to households with incomes below 100 percent of the area median income
- A commitment and ability to identify and remove barriers to:
    - expanding affordable housing in a manner that promotes desegregation
    - expanding affordable housing in well-resourced areas of opportunity for protected class groups that have systematically been denied equitable access to such areas
    - deconcentrating affordable housing and increasing housing choice

Applications are expected to align with the below applicable strategic goals and objectives:

- Support Underserved Communities
    - Advance Housing Justice
    - Reduce Homelessness
    - Invest in the Success of Communities
- Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing
    - Increase the Supply of Housing
- Promote Homeownership
    - Advance Sustainable Homeownership
- Advance Sustainable Communities
    - Guide Investment in Climate Resilience
    - Strengthen Environmental Justice

Eligible activities include but are not limited to:

Planning and Policy Activities Supporting Affordable Housing

- Developing or updating housing plans, community development strategies, and zoning and land use policies such as overlays to encourage multifamily and mixed use development or access to affordable housing, floating zones (such as redevelopment, workforce housing, or live/work zones in high opportunity areas), incentive zoning, transit-oriented development zones, or ordinances to encourage housing development or preservation
- Developing or updating housing plans, community development strategies, and zoning and land use policies to simplify, streamline, or change overlays that create a barrier to affordable housing development or preservation, such as architectural review or historic preservation overlays
- Developing proposals for new by-right permitting procedures to streamline affordable housing development and reduce discretionary approvals
- Developing new incentive programs for affordable housing development
- Expanding existing affordable housing incentive programs to wider geographies, including high-opportunity neighborhoods
- Developing proposals to reduce or eliminate requirements related to parking, building height, lot coverage, setbacks, minimum unit size, minimum lot size, floor area ratio, and other common land use controls
- Establishing incentive programs or flexibilities to enable and promote the adaptive reuse of vacant or underutilized properties for housing or mixed-use development
- Developing proposals to streamline and modernize local permit processing, such as by enabling one-stop or parallel-process permitting
- Developing proposals to streamline or eliminate requirements that unduly delay the permitting process or establish unreasonable thresholds for approvals, such as duplicative and burdensome hearings and documentation for variances, rezonings, or similar planning approvals
- Developing proposals to rezone to allow multifamily or mixed-use development including housing in office, commercial, and light industrial zones
- Developing proposals to expedite approvals for affordable housing development that meets certain criteria
- Developing proposals for higher-density zoning for current single-family and multi-family zones, including rezones to allow duplexes, triplexes, or fourplexes by-right in all areas zoned primarily for

single-family homes and encourage property owners to ensure that any infill development improves or maintains walkability

- Establishing incentive programs, designing pre-approved floorplans, or introducing more flexible zoning to enable and promote accessory dwelling units
- Developing proposals to replace discretionary design review procedures with objective design and development standards
- Developing proposals to eliminate restrictions on lower-cost housing types such as prefabricated or manufactured homes
- Developing proposals to update zoning or incentives to facilitate affordable housing on land owned by faith-based organizations
- Developing proposals to restructure fee schedules to eliminate burdensome costs for affordable housing development
- Creating affordable housing planning resources for member jurisdictions
- Developing regional planning models that enhance location efficiency by focusing on connecting housing, transportation, and economic growth
- Providing affordable housing developers a first look at tax sale properties and other government properties
- Developing proposals to eliminate, subsidize, waive, or otherwise reduce fees or other costs of property subdivision that may discourage the construction of affordable housing
- Developing proposals for policies that incentivize mixed-income development, such as the inclusion of affordable units in market rate properties
- Developing proposals to reform building codes, including through adopting or modifying model codes or consensus standards, to facilitate more affordable housing or otherwise reduce construction costs
- Developing proposals to harmonize land-use policies or building codes among adjoining municipalities and facilitate consistent regional development standards that streamline housing development

Development Activities

- Financing the construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing
- Acquisition or disposition of land or real property for the development of affordable housing
- Facilitating the conversion of commercial or other properties to new housing
- Establishing or assisting a community development financial institution (CDFI) to carry out financing strategies
- Providing large-scale technical assistance to affordable or non-profit developers, community land trusts, or other entities which leads to the development of affordable housing

Infrastructure Activities

- Installing new utilities and/or infrastructure improvements necessary for the development or preservation of affordable housing
- Upgrading existing utilities or improvements to increase an area’s overall capacity for new housing
- Establishing tax-increment financing districts to fund infrastructure improvements or affordable housing development, especially those that incentivize affordable housing development
- Increasing community resilience by investing in infrastructure improvements and nature-based solutions to mitigate the impacts of disasters, natural hazards, and extreme weather (such as flood

walls, green stormwater management systems, landscaping to reduce heat islands, and elevating existing structures), for the preservation of affordable housing and to make areas suitable for new affordable housing investment
- Investing in neighborhood amenities that benefit low-and-moderate income residents such as parks, community centers, bike lanes and improvements to the physical environment that increase public safety such as streetlights or sidewalks

Preservation Activities

- Acquisition or subsidization of at-risk housing for the purpose of preserving affordability
- Establishing loan or grant programs with affordability requirements or other mechanisms for rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units
- Creating anti-displacement policies and prevention measures, such as limitations on property tax increases for low-income homeowners near new development, ensuring the affordability of new developments, and relocation assistance
- Creating a right of first refusal and creating associated resources for tenants at risk of displacement
- Incentivizing replacement of affordable units for new construction
- Capacity building for non-profit entities seeking to pool resources, engage landlords regionally, work more cooperatively, undertake joint housing rehabilitation programs, or merge operations
- Establishing an affordable housing preservation seed fund
- Adaptive reuse of historic or commercial properties with minimum affordable housing requirements/set-asides
- Supporting shared housing through actions such as revising local occupancy regulations, rehabilitating units, establishing resident-matching programs, or similar activities
- Creating an implementation plan to freeze property tax assessments for LMI homeowners (except that the grant may not be used to pay the balance)
- Providing technical assistance to community land trusts or other entities which leads to the preservation of affordable housing
- Providing homebuyer education, assistance, appraisal programs, and other educational programs for LMI residents
- Preserving affordable housing in segregated, high poverty neighborhoods as part of a larger revitalization plan which improves conditions and eliminates disparities in access to opportunity between residents

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants state governments, county governments, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and multijurisdictional entities.

Applicants may only submit one application under this solicitation.

Prospective eligible applicants with overlapping are encouraged to partner on a single application, rather than submitting two competing applications.

Funding

In FY 2024, $100,064,100 is available to support an estimated 30 awards ranging from $1 million - $7 million through this program.

The estimated project start date is February 10, 2025. The project period is 6 years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

This program does not require cost sharing or matching but provides points for applications that propose qualified financial leverage and provide the required firm commitments and/or supporting documentation to support each source of financial leverage. Applicants must secure and use all financial leverage by the end of the period of performance. Grantees may use other Federal sources as financial leverage only if a program's authorizing statute permits such use.

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Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

FY 2025 Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide financing to support economic development, housing, public facilities, infrastructure, and other physical development projects, including improvements to increase resilience against natural disasters. Eligible applicants are states; community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement recipients, such as metropolitan cities and urban counties; non-entitlement communities that are assisted in the submission of applications by states that administer the CDBG program; and small businesses, incubators, or microenterprises.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2019	$63,146,000	8

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies
Match: None
Solicitation date: March 26, 2025
Proposal due: Rolling

- Prior to submitting an application, public entities are advised to contact the program staff.

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/section-108/section-108-program-eligibility-requirements/#overview

Awardee Profile

Malden, MA

AMOUNT: $1,200,000
YEAR: 2022

The purpose of the guaranteed loan fund is to support the renovation of Roosevelt Park. The project will upgrade the existing athletic field with a new multi-use synthetic turf field with an organic wood infill. The new park will boast a state-of-the-art athletic field with significantly improved capacity for recreation.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

FY 2025 Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide financing to support economic development, housing, public facilities, infrastructure, and other physical development projects, including improvements to increase resilience against natural disasters. This program is intended to provide Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients with the ability to leverage their annual award allocation to access low-cost, flexible financing.

Depending on the type of project, award recipients have two basic options for using the loan funds:

- Reloan the funds to a third-party business or developer, known as third-party loans
- Conduct projects directly or through subrecipient partners, which may include nonprofit organizations or public agencies that help design and manage the project on behalf of the local government

All projects and activities must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the elimination or prevention of slums and blight, or meet urgent needs of the community. Eligible project activities include:

- Acquisition of real property
- Rehabilitation of publicly owned real property
- Housing rehabilitation eligible under CDBG
- Construction, reconstruction, or installation of public facilities, including street, sidewalk, and other site improvements
- Related relocation, clearance, and site improvements
- Loans to for-profit businesses for economic development purposes
- Payment of interest on the guaranteed loan and issuance costs of public offerings
- Debt service reserves
- Finance fees
- Public works and site improvements in colonias
- Affordable housing construction in limited circumstances

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement recipients, such as metropolitan cities and urban counties; non-entitlement communities that are assisted in the submission of applications by states that administer the CDBG program; and small businesses, incubators, or microenterprises.

Non-entitlement communities eligible to receive CDBG funds under the funding agency's Small Cities Program (Hawaii) are also eligible to apply. The public entity may serve as the borrower or designate a public agency partner as the borrower.

Applicants are required to conduct pre-submission and citizen participation activities prior to submitting an application.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support loans through this program. The maximum loan amount will be calculated as follows:

- Entitlement public entities: up to five times the public entity's latest approved CDBG entitlement amount, minus any outstanding Section 108 commitments and/or principal balances on Section 108 loans
- State-assisted public entities/non-entitlement public entities: up to five times the latest approved CDBG amount received by its state, minus any outstanding Section 108 commitments and/or principal balances on Section 108 loans for which the state has pledged its CDBG funds as security
- Non-entitlement public entities eligible under the funding agency's Small Cities Program: generally, up to five times the latest approved CDBG amount received by the state, minus any outstanding Section 108 commitments and/or principal balances on Section 108 loans for which the state has pledged its CDBG funds as security

The maximum repayment period for a loan is 20 years. The funding agency has the ability to structure the principal amortization to match the needs of the project and borrower, including periods of interest-only payments.

Interest rates charged on variable borrowing will be priced at the three-month Treasury Auction Bill rate plus 35 basis points. Current rates can be found online at *www.treasurydirect.gov/auctions/upcoming*.

Fixed/permanent financing is linked to yields on U.S. Treasury obligations of similar maturity to the principal amount. A small additional basis point spread, depending on maturity, will be added to the Treasury yield to determine the actual rate. The applicant's cost of administering a loan may be allocated to the CDBG administration cap of 20 percent, or the costs may be included as an activity delivery cost in carrying out the project.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program. A loan guarantee fee will be determined annually in the appropriation process. The fee will be a percentage of the loan amount and may be paid with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, loan guarantee proceeds from this program, or other funds. The fee must be paid upon disbursement of the loan proceeds. An advance fee of $70 will be charged per advance and will be deducted automatically from every advance. The fee covers all reasonable expenses and disbursements made by the fiscal agent.

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https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/section-108/section-108-program-eligibility-requirements/#overview

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Policy Development and Research

FY 2025 Thriving Communities Technical Assistance

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support local governments receiving federal infrastructure funds, directly or through state pass-through grant, in creating thriving communities and ensuring housing needs are addressed when designing and implementing infrastructure investments. The program will provide technical assistance (TA) that is specifically focused on integrating housing and transportation planning to support disadvantaged communities as local governments design and implement infrastructure plans. Eligible applicants are local governments and Native American Tribes.

Program History

Year	# of Awards
2024	6

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Rather than providing monetary awards, this program provides technical assistance
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: Rolling
Proposal due: Rolling

- Requests will be reviewed as they are received and must be submitted using this link.
- Local governments are encouraged to work with regional organizations, non-profits, philanthropies, or other cross-sector partnerships, but the request for TCTA must be made by the local government.

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/tcta/#TCTA-who

Awardee Profile

City of Port Saint Lucie, FL

YEAR: 2024

This program will help Port St. Lucie staff develop an action plan for addressing the housing challenges identified in the soon-to-be completed Housing Needs Assessment, with a particular focus on ensuring the availability of housing for working families near existing or planned transportation hubs, near job centers, or in other areas with good transportation access to local and regional job centers.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Policy Development and Research

FY 2025 Thriving Communities Technical Assistance

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support local governments receiving federal infrastructure funds, directly or through state pass-through grant awards, in creating thriving communities and ensuring housing needs are addressed when designing and implementing infrastructure investments. The funding agency will provide technical assistance (TA) that is specifically focused on integrating housing and transportation planning to support disadvantaged communities as local governments design and implement infrastructure plans.

The program's TA providers will assist local governments with ensuring housing needs are considered as part of their larger infrastructure investment plans, while also supporting equitable development and local economic development ecosystems in disadvantaged communities. Access to affordable, high-quality housing is an essential component of community revitalization and must be considered in conjunction with transportation to ensure equitable development. Local governments may receive TA that focuses on one or more of the following areas:

- Preservation: preserving affordable housing and protecting residents and businesses from displacement as new infrastructure is deployed
- Regulatory reform: identifying and implementing regulatory and procedural reforms to reduce unnecessary barriers to location-efficient housing that impede housing production and increase development costs
- Land utilization: identifying and using vacant, abandoned, or underutilized land located on or near transportation projects that is suitable for housing development, including land owned by federal, state, and local governmental entities as well as the private sector, to create location-efficient housing
- Coordination: improving coordination among public entities, such as local housing, transportation, planning, and community development departments, and between public entities and state recipients of infrastructure funding; transit authorities and other quasi-public entities; the private sector; and locally based organizations, to support a holistic and regional approach to housing and transportation

The following types of TA are provided through this program: on-call technical assistance to resolve discrete, well-defined challenges through direct guidance of an expert consultant over a short period of time; and in-depth technical assistance to address strategic, complex programmatic, or multiple layered and inter-related challenges through direct guidance and coaching from a team of expert consultants over a period of several months. The recipient jurisdiction's staff will meet with program staff to determine which TA approach most effectively supports the project timeline and goals. Both TA approaches will also include access to training, tools, and other resources.

To be eligible for technical assistance, jurisdictions must request TA to address housing needs in relation to a federally funded transportation project. In addition, the infrastructure project must support equitable development and local economic development ecosystems in disadvantaged communities. Examples of how the TA provided through this program may support the applicant's housing goals in connection with a transportation project include:

- A project to construct multimodal improvements and connect a disadvantaged community may include TA to preserve affordable housing in that community
- Creation of a new transit line may include TA to identify and implement regulatory reforms to speed permitting for multifamily construction along the planned line
- Development of a walking and biking trail may include TA to develop anti-displacement strategies
- Improvements in transit connectivity along a corridor may include TA to identify vacant or underutilized land the local jurisdiction could use to create location-efficient housing
- Revitalization of a rural main street may include TA to identify strategies to preserve and produce housing near the main street
- A transit project may include TA to capture land value increases caused by the development through creation of special assessment tax districts to fund affordable housing along the transit corridor

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are units of general local government and Native American Tribes. To be eligible, the applicant's jurisdiction must have received federal transportation funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) directly or through state pass through grants. Preference will be given to jurisdictions that have received competitive DOT funds. In addition, priority will be given to jurisdictions with a population of fewer than 250,000. The county does not need to be disadvantaged; however, the proposed housing activity related to the transportation project must benefit one or more disadvantaged communities within the county.

Funding

Rather than providing monetary awards, this program provides technical assistance (TA) to help local government applicants as they address housing needs while deploying transportation funds. The funding agency anticipates serving 15-20 jurisdictions.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There is no match required for this program.

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https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/tcta/#TCTA-who

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Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2025 Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Eligible applicants are community groups and nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, national parks, and local, state, and federal agencies.

Program History

In 2021, the program assisted more than 350 communities across the United States to improve parks, establish trails, access rivers, and protect special places.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Match: Not required
Proposal due: March 1, 2025

- Applicants should discuss their proposed project and current application process with the appropriate regional program manager.
- Rather than providing monetary funds, this program provides technical assistance from National Park Service staff.

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm

Awardee Profile

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Tucson, AZ

YEAR: 2020

NPS-RTCA collaborated with the school and local partners on design concepts and infrastructure improvements for the Anza Cultural History Park. The park, which is centered around the historic Anza Expedition of 1776, features newly installed accessible amenities which assist all users in accessing the various recreational opportunities.

Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2025 Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will partner the funding agency's conservation and recreation planning professionals with award recipients to help local communities realize their conservation and outdoor recreation visions and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills.

Projects typically fall under one of the following focus areas; however, the funding agency will consider other projects that fall outside of these focus areas:

- Build healthy communities through parks, trails, and outdoor opportunities: improve access to outdoor recreation and park amenities on land and water that support healthy lifestyles for all users
- Conserve natural lands, rivers, and watersheds: strengthen the conservation and stewardship of public lands, waterways, and wildlife habitat
- Engage youth in outdoor recreation and stewardship: connect young people to the outdoors to develop a lifelong appreciation of recreation and nature
- Strengthen the organizational capacity of project partners: develop and strengthen effective and sustainable community organizations and partner groups
- Support the funding agency and community networks: facilitate strategic planning and collaboration between national parks and communities to achieve shared goals

Examples of the types of assistance provided through this program include:

- Defining project vision and goals
- Inventory and mapping community resources
- Identifying and analyzing key issues and opportunities
- Engaging collaborative partners and stakeholders
- Designing community outreach and participation strategies
- Developing concept plans for trails, parks, and natural areas
- Setting priorities and building consensus
- Identifying funding strategies
- Developing a sustainable organizational framework to support the project
- Creating project management and strategic action plans
- Coaching teams, groups, and partnership networks

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, local, or federal government agencies, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and national parks.

Applicants must list key partners committed to the project and their anticipated role(s) and contribution in the application. National parks and other federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations.

Funding

Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will partner the funding agency's conservation and recreation planning professionals with award recipients to help local communities realize their conservation and outdoor recreation visions and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills.

Project start dates will be coordinated with the funding agency. Assistance will be provided on an annual basis with extensions based on mutual agreement with the funding agency.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants must detail any additional resources that will be contributed by the applicant organization in the application.

Contact Information

Interested applicants should reach out to the appropriate state program manager to discuss the proposed project and current application process. Contact information is available here.

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm

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Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2025 Brownfields Assessment Grants (Assessment Coalition Grants)

Grant Overview

Brownfields Assessment Grants provide funding for developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, conducting site assessments, developing site-specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans related to brownfield sites. Eligible lead applicants are state and county governments, federally recognized Indian tribes other than in Alaska, Alaska Native Regional Corporations, Alaska Native Village Corporations, Metlakatla Indian Community, regional planning commissions, and councils of governments. Additionally, land clearance authorities, redevelopment agencies, and community-based nonprofit organizations are eligible as non-lead applicants.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$40 million	26

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $35 million
Award Range: $500,000 to $1.2 million
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: September 3, 2024
Proposal due: November 14, 2024

- EPA recommends applicants contact their Regional Brownfields office prior to submitting an application.

More information is available here.

Awardee Profile

Orange County Council of Governments, CA

AMOUNT: $1.5 million
YEAR: 2024

Orange County Council of Governments was awarded $1.5 million in funding to inventory sites and conduct 18 Phase I and 15 Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop 10 cleanup plans and two area-wide plans, and support community engagement activities.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2025 Brownfields Assessment Grants (Assessment Coalition Grants)

Detailed Summary

Brownfields Assessment Grants provide funding for developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, conducting site assessments, developing site-specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans related to brownfield sites.

Assessment Coalitions are designed for one "lead" eligible entity to partner with two to four eligible entities that do not have the capacity to apply for and manage their own EPA cooperative agreement and otherwise would not have access to Brownfields Grant resources. Additionally, EPA strongly encourages coalitions to include eligible community-based nonprofit organizations as non-lead members to help promote strong local engagement and to ensure the community's concerns and vision for revitalization are incorporated into the project.

Eligible funding activities include direct costs associated with the inventory, site prioritization, community involvement, site reuse planning, assessment, and cleanup planning for brownfield sites. In addition to direct costs associated with the inventory, site prioritization, community involvement, site reuse planning, assessment, and cleanup planning for brownfield sites, Assessment Grant funds may be used for:

- Direct costs associated with programmatic management of the grant, such as required performance reporting and environmental oversight.
- A local government may use up to 10% of its grant funds for (a) health monitoring of populations exposed to hazardous substances from a brownfield site; and (b) monitoring and enforcement of any institutional control used to prevent human exposure to any hazardous substance from a brownfield site.
- A portion of the Brownfields Grant may be used to purchase environmental insurance.

Conducting Brownfields Planning & Developing Site Reuse Plans

Successful brownfields reuse and redevelopment often depends on early consideration of the range of potential future uses for each brownfield site. Local community priorities, market conditions, infrastructure availability, environmental contamination, public health issues, and local ordinances shape brownfield site reuse opportunities. Having a site reuse plan grounded in these local conditions will directly influence how that site is characterized, assessed, and cleaned up. Where multiple sites are connected through location, infrastructure, economic, social, and environmental conditions, EPA encourages communities to take an area-wide approach to planning for the assessment, cleanup, and reuse of these brownfield sites. This focus on multiple brownfield sites will result in more coordinated strategies for cleanup and area revitalization versus a site-by-site focus.

Participant Support Costs

Participant support costs are allowable under Assessment Grants with prior approval by the EPA Award Official or Grants Management Officer. Examples of activities that may be allowable as participant support costs include stipends for attendees at community meetings, attendee travel to community meetings, or childcare expenses to encourage attendance at community meetings. A community liaison can serve as a key resource to help ensure the community members' goals and interests are reflected in the planned reuse of individual brownfield sites as well as the revitalization of the areas in which they live, work, play, learn, and pray. In addition to the eligible use of participant support costs described above, recipients may use a portion of the Assessment Grant for eligible participant support costs associated with one community liaison per target area who is not an employee of the grant recipient or an employee of a non-lead member's organization. This may include reasonable stipends to compensate an individual community member's time and travel costs for participating in project-related meetings (e.g., meetings with the community, meetings held by a brownfields advisory board, etc.) and time associated with other specific tasks that are directly tied to related community engagement efforts. Note that stipends may only be paid for actual time spent working on tasks associated with the project and must not duplicate support provided through other federal, state, tribal, or local programs.

Assessment Coalitions will be required to assess at least two sites in each coalition member's geographic boundary.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible lead applicants are state and county governments, federally recognized Indian tribes other than in Alaska, Alaska Native Regional Corporations, Alaska Native Village Corporations, Metlakatla Indian Community, regional planning commissions, and councils of governments. Additionally, land clearance authorities, redevelopment agencies, and community-based nonprofit organizations are eligible as non-lead applicants.

Assessment Coalitions must have at least one non-lead member that has bever been awarded a Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, or Cleanup (MARC) Grant.

Entities that have an open Brownfields MARC Grant are eligible to be a non-lead coalition member but must demonstrate that they have drawn down 70.00% of the funding for each MARC Grant.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $35 million is available for an estimated 29 cooperative agreements ranging from $500,000 to $1.2 million per grant. The project period for Assessment Coalition Grants is up to four years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Assessment Grants do not require applicants to provide a cost share or match.

Contact Information

Applicants should contact their Regional Brownfields Office with questions regarding this program.

https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/marc-grant-application-resources

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Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2025 Brownfields Cleanup Grants

Grant Overview

Brownfield Cleanup Grants provide funding for eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant. Eligible applicants are local governments, land clearance authorities or another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government, government entities created by a state legislature, regional councils or groups of general purpose units of local government, redevelopment agencies, states, Indian Tribes other than those located in Alaska, Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community, nonprofit organizations, limited liability corporations in which all members are nonprofits, and qualified community development entities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$88.4 million	63
2023	$91.2 million	90

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $100 million
Award Range: Up to $4 million
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: September 4, 2024
Proposal due: November 14, 2024

- EPA recommends applicants contact their Regional Brownfields office prior to submitting an application.

More information is available here.

Awardee Profile

City of Meriden, CT

AMOUNT: $975,240
YEAR: 2024

The city will receive $975,240 in federal funding to clean a brownfield and foundation rubble at the former Church and Morse building in the downtown.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2025 Brownfields Cleanup Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to carry out cleanup activities on brownfield sites owned by the applicant. A brownfield site is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) § 101(39) as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.

Cleanup Grant applicants must have an ASTM E1903-11 Phase II environmental site assessment report(s) or equivalent site investigation report(s) complete that indicates a basic understanding of the contaminants that need to be remediated on each site, even if further Phase II assessment work is required prior to proposal submission.

In addition to direct costs associated with the remediation of a brownfield site, grant funds may be used for:

- Direct costs associated with programmatic management of the grant, such as required performance reporting, cleanup oversight, and environmental monitoring of cleanup work.
- A local government may use up to 10% of its grant funds for the following activities:
    - Health monitoring of populations exposed to hazardous substances from a brownfield site; and
    - Monitoring and enforcement of any institutional control used to prevent human exposure to any hazardous substance from a brownfield site
- A portion of the Brownfields Grant may be used to purchase environmental insurance

EPA requires that applicants adequately describe environmental outputs (performance measures) and outcomes to be achieved under assistance agreements.

Awards made under this program should support of EPA's FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Awards made under this announcement should support Goal 6 - Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.1 – Clean Up and Restore Land for Productive Uses and Health Communities of EPA's Strategic Plan.

Applicants should discuss and provide specific examples of how the proposed Brownfields Cleanup Grant project will address environmental justice challenges. EPA defines environmental justice as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Applicants should also provide specific examples of how the proposed Brownfield Cleanup Grant project will address climate vulnerabilities. Recipients may also consider strategies that align with the U.S. Department of Labor and Department of Commerce's eight Good Jobs Principles to the greatest extent possible, including compliance with prevailing wage requirements.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments; land clearance authorities or another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government; government entities created by a state legislature; regional councils or groups of general purpose units of local government; redevelopment agencies; states; Indian Tribes other than those located in Alaska, Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community; nonprofit 501©(3) organizations; limited liability corporations and partnerships in which all partners are nonprofits; and qualified community development entities.

An applicant must be the sole owner of the site that is the subject of the Cleanup Grant and must own the site by November 14, 2024. If awarded a Cleanup Grant, the recipient must retain ownership of the site(s) while Brownfields Cleanup Grant funds are disbursed for the cleanup of the site(s).

To be eligible for a Brownfields Grant to address hazardous substances at a brownfield property, eligible entities must demonstrate that they:

- Are exempt from CERCLA liability; or
- Qualify for funding because the property was publicly owned and acquired prior to January 11, 2002; or
- Meet the requirements for asserting an affirmative defense to CERCLA liability through one of the landowner liability protections (e.g., the bona fide prospective purchaser liability protection per CERCLA § 101(40)).

In addition to the basic Brownfield Grant eligibility criteria, eligibility for petroleum sites is determined by applying the criteria established in the statute: there can be no viable responsible party, the applicant cannot be potentially liable for cleaning up the site, and the site must not be subject to a RCRA corrective action order.

Current EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant recipients must demonstrate that that they have drawn down and dispersed at least 70 percent of all current Brownfield Multipurpose Assessment awards funds by October 1, 2024 in order to apply for funding through this program.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $100 million is available to make awards as follows:

- Approximately 30 awards of up to $500,000 to clean up one brownfield site or to allocate up to $500,000 among multiple sites
- Approximately 23 awards between $500,001 and $2,000,000 to clean up one brownfield site or to allocate among multiple sites
- Approximately 10 awards between $2,000,001 and $4,000,000 to clean up one brownfield site or to allocate among multiple sites

The project period for Cleanup Grants is up to four years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Consistent with the direction on cost sharing in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, cost sharing and matching funds are not required under this competition.

Contact Information

Applicants should contact their Regional Brownfields Office with questions regarding this program.

https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/marc-grant-application-resources

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2025 Brownfield Community-wide Assessment Grants

Grant Overview

This program provides funding for developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, conducting site assessments, developing site-specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans related to brownfield sites. Eligible applicants are local governments; land clearance authorities; government entities created by a state legislature; regional councils or groups of general-purpose units of local government; redevelopment agencies; states; Indian Tribes; Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community; nonprofit organizations; limited liability corporations; and qualified community development entities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$215 million	267
2022	$147.5 million	237

Key Information

Total Funding: $46 million
Award Range: $300,000 to $500,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: September 3, 2024
Proposal due: November 14, 2024

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356303

Awardee Profile

Livingston County, NY

AMOUNT: $1,500,000
YEAR: 2024

Livingston County, New York received funding from the Community-wide assessment grant to developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, conducting site assessments, developing site-specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans related to brownfield sites.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2025 Brownfield Community-wide Assessment Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, conducting site assessments, developing site-specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans related to brownfield sites. A portion of the Assessment Grant funding must be used to conduct site assessments. Assessment Grant funds may not be used to conduct cleanup activities.

A brownfield site is defined as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.

A Community-wide Assessment Grant is appropriate for communities that are beginning to address their brownfield challenges, as well as for communities that have ongoing efforts to bring sites into productive reuse.

Funding can be used for the direct costs associated with the inventory, site prioritization, community involvement, site reuse planning, assessment, and cleanup planning for brownfield sites. In addition, assessment grant funds may be used for:

- Direct costs associated with programmatic management of the grant
- Local governments may use up to 10% of its grant funds for the following activities:
    - Health monitoring of populations exposed to hazardous substances from a brownfield site
    - Monitoring and enforcement of any institutional control used to prevent human exposure to any hazardous substance from a brownfield site
- A portion of the grant funds may be used to purchase environmental insurance

EPA requires that applicants adequately describe environmental outputs and outcomes to be achieved under assistance agreements. Applicants must include specific statements describing the environmental results of the proposed project in terms of well-defined outputs and, to the maximum extent practicable, well-defined outcomes that will demonstrate how the project will address environmental justice challenges.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments; land clearance authorities or another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general-purpose unit of local government; government entities created by a state legislature; regional council established under governmental authority or group of general-purpose units of local government established under Federal, state, or local law; redevelopment agencies chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a state; states; Indian Tribes other than those located in Alaska; Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla

Indian Community; nonprofit organizations; limited liability corporations in which all partners are nonprofits; limited partnerships in which all general partners are nonprofit organizations; and qualified community development entities.

Funding

For FY 2025, approximately $46 million is available to support an estimated 92 awards through this program ranging from $300,000 to $500,000 per grant. Grants will be awarded as cooperative agreements with a project period of up to four years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Cost sharing and matching funds are not required under this competition. Voluntary cost share will not be accepted under this competition.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2025 Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants

Grant Overview

This program provides funding to recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents of solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities with the skills needed to obtain full-time, sustainable employment. Eligible applicants are local governments, land clearance authorities, regional councils, Indian tribes including Alaskan tribes, and nonprofit organizations.

Program History

	Funding	# of awards
2024	$12 million	29

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $14 million
Award Range: Up to $500,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: May 17, 2024
Proposal due: August 15, 2024

- Applications that target high-need individuals will be reviewed more favorably
- All projects must offer the 40-hour hazardous waste operations and emergency response training as part of the training curriculum.

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/354298

Awardee Profile

Mott Community College
Flint, Michigan

AMOUNT: $195,050
YEAR: 2013

Mott Community College requested and received $195,050 to fund the Environmental Workforce Training Program, a project that targets current participants in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program located in the City of Flint, Michigan, and the surrounding areas. The project provides technology training and employment in the recovery and development of over 130 acres of brownfield sites in the area.

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Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)FY

2025 U.S. Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents of solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities with the skills needed to obtain full-time, sustainable employment. This program promotes the facilitation of activities related to assessment, cleanup, or preparation of contaminated sites, including brownfields, for reuse, while simultaneously building a local workforce with the skills needed to perform remediation work that is supportive of environmental protection and environmental health and safety. Training programs funded by the Brownfields Job Training Grant provide program graduates with the opportunity to seek and obtain environmental jobs that contractors may otherwise fill from outside the affected community. EPA intends to use this grant opportunity to support the creation of good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and the incorporation of strong labor standards and workforce programs.

Brownfields Job Training Grants help residents take advantage of jobs across a spectrum of brownfield related activities, including the assessment, cleanup, remediation, and planning/site preparation for the revitalization of brownfields. This can involve the assessment and cleanup of solid and hazardous waste; chemical risk management; stormwater management relating to site cleanup; planning and site preparation for low impact development activities; planning and site preparation for green infrastructure installation and maintenance; and vulnerability assessment and contamination mitigation planning. Applicants will be evaluated on the extent to which they partner with and secure hiring commitments from local contractors and other stakeholders in communities where EPA-funded projects are located.

All training must relate to facilitating the inventory of brownfield sites, site assessments, remediation of brownfield sites, community involvement, or site preparation.

Eligible uses of funds include:

- Personnel costs, including fringe benefits, for instructors to conduct training and other tasks associated with programmatic training
- Personnel and data infrastructure costs to support programmatic reporting requirements, performance management, and program evaluation
- Costs for recruiting, screening, and placement of individuals in the training program
- Personnel costs for caseworkers or other specialists
- Costs for training materials and work gear associated with the training curriculum
- Development and refinement of existing curricula for training
- Personnel costs for employer engagement activities
- On-the-job training insurance for trainees
- Mentorship associated with on-the-job training, such as peer mentors where an experienced employee is paired with a new trainee

- Costs associated with health exams, drug testing, or licensing fees directly related to the training and/or the placement of graduates in environmental work

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are general purpose units of local government; Land clearance authorities or other quasi-governmental entities that operate under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government; government entities created by a state legislature; regional councils or groups of general purpose units of local government; redevelopment agencies that are chartered or otherwise sanctioned by states; states; Indian tribes other than in Alaska; Intertribal consortia; Alaskan Native Regional Corporations; Alaska Native Village Corporations; and the Metlakatla Indian Community; and nonprofit organizations, which may include: workforce investment boards, labor unions, & public and private nonprofit educational institutions.

Applicants may, but are not required to, propose forming a coalition to carry out their Brownfields Job Training Program.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $14 million is available to support an estimated 20 awards of up to $500,000 through this program. The award period is five years. Training is anticipated to be concluded by the end of the fourth year, and the fifth year of the award will be devoted to the placement of remaining graduates in employment and reporting accomplishments data to the funding agency. Applicants may propose completing the grant in less than five years.

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Cost sharing or matching is not required for this program, however applicants will be evaluated on leveraged commitments.

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https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/354298

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2024 Brownfields Multipurpose Grants

Grant Overview

Multipurpose Grants provide funding to carry out a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities, including planning and additional community engagement activities. Eligible applicants are local governments, land clearance authorities or another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government, government entities created by a state legislature, regional councils or groups of general purpose units of local government, redevelopment agencies, states, Indian Tribes other than those located in Alaska, Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community, nonprofit organizations, limited liability corporations, and limited partnerships in which all partners are nonprofits, and qualified community development entities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	$8.8 million	11
2022	$14 million	17

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $20 million
Award Range: Up to $1,000,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: September 21, 2023
Proposal due: November 13, 2023

More information is available here.

Awardee Profile

Killingly, CT

AMOUNT: $800,000
YEAR: 2022

Grant funds will be used to conduct three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds will be used to remediate the 17-acre Ballouville Mill site, the 12-acre Danielson-Putnam Twin Drive-in site, and the one-acre Old Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY2024 Brownfields Multipurpose Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for the direct costs associated with the inventory, site prioritization, site reuse planning, community involvement, assessment, cleanup planning, and cleanup of a brownfield site within a discrete target area, such as a neighborhood, a number of neighboring towns, a district, a corridor, a shared planning area or a census tract. Multipurpose grant funding must be used to conduct both assessment and cleanup activities.

Multipurpose Grant recipients will be required to, at a minimum, conduct one Phase II environmental site assessment and remediate one site. Additionally, Multipurpose Grant funding must be used to develop an overall plan for revitalization of the target area (which must include a feasible reuse strategy of at least one priority site) if a plan does not already exist.

Funds can be used for:

- Developing inventories of brownfield sites;
- Prioritizing sites;
- Conducting community involvement activities;
- Conducting environmental site assessments;
- Developing cleanup plans and reuse plans related to brownfield sites;
- Carry out cleanup activities on brownfield sites owned by the applicant;
- Developing an overall plan for revitalization
- Direct costs associated with programmatic management of the grant, such as required performance reporting and environmental oversight;
- A portion of funds can be used for purchasing environmental insurance.
- A local government may use up to 10% of its grant funds for the following activities:
    - Health monitoring of populations exposed to hazardous substances from a brownfield site; and
    - Monitoring and enforcement of any institutional control used to prevent human exposure to any hazardous substance from a brownfield site.

Projects that allocate at least 70% of the funds for tasks directly related to site-specific work, including site assessments, remediation, and associated tasks (with at least 25% of the total award amount designated for tasks directly associated with site remediation) will be evaluated more favorably.

Awards made under this program should support EPA's Strategic Plan. All applications must be for projects that support this goal and objective.

Additionally, the funding agency expects that projects will advance the Biden Administration's Justice40 priorities which promises to deliver at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from key federal investments to disadvantaged communities.

Grant funds may not be used for the payment of:

- Direct costs for proposal preparation;
- A penalty or fine;
- A federal cost share requirement;
- Administrative costs, including all indirect costs and direct costs for grant administration in excess of five percent of the total amount of EPA grant funding, with the exception of financial and performance reporting costs;
- A response cost at a brownfield site for which the recipient of the grant or subaward is potentially liable under CERCLA § 107; or
- A cost of compliance with any federal law, excluding the cost of compliance with laws applicable to the cleanup.
- Unallowable costs (e.g., lobbying) under 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include local governments, land clearance authorities or another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government, government entities created by a state legislature, regional councils or groups of general purpose units of local government, redevelopment agencies, states, Indian Tribes other than those located in Alaska, Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community, nonprofit organizations, limited liability corporations and limited partnerships in which all partners are nonprofits, and qualified community development entities.

An applicant must be the sole owner of at least one brownfield site within their target area by November 13, 2023, where cleanup activities will be conducted. Entities liable for contamination on the site are not eligible for brownfields grant funding.

Entities applying for this program are ineligible from applying for the FY 2024 Brownfields Assessment Grants or FY 2024 Brownfields Cleanup Grants.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $20 million is available to support an estimated 20 awards ranging from $400,000 to $1,000,000 through this solicitation.

The project period is up to five years.

Match and Cost Sharing

Cost sharing and matching funds are not required under this competition.

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Contact your Regional Brownfields Office for questions regarding this program.

https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-multipurpose-grants

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2025 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants

Grant Overview

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants provide funding to capitalize an RLF program. RLF programs provide loans and subgrants to eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum. Eligible applicants are local governments, land clearance authorities or another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government, government entities created by a state legislature, regional councils or groups of general purpose units of local government, redevelopment agencies, states, Indian Tribes other than those located in Alaska, Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community, nonprofit organizations, limited liability corporations in which all members are nonprofits, and qualified community development entities.

Program History

The Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants were previously part of the Brownfields Multipurpose Grants solicitation. The EPA has now divided the Multipurpose solicitation into multiple individual programs.

Key Information

Total Funding: $15 million
Award Range: $800,000 to $1 million
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: September 3, 2024
Proposal due: November 14, 2024

More information is available here.

Tips

- Applicants should provide specific examples of how the proposed Brownfields RLF program will address environmental justice challenges.
- Applicants should provide specific examples of how the proposed Brownfield RLF program project will address climate vulnerabilities.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2025 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to capitalize an RLF program. RLF programs provide loans and subgrants to eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum. Site eligibility will be determined by EPA after grant award and prior to expending grant funds at any site. Sites where hazardous substances and petroleum contamination are distinguishable must meet eligibility requirements for both contaminants.

A brownfield site is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) § 101(39) as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.

In addition to direct costs associated with the cleanup of a brownfield site, RLF Grant funds may be used for:

- Direct costs associated with programmatic management of the grant, such as required performance reporting, cleanup oversight, environmental oversight of cleanup work, and funds management.
- A local government may use up to 10% of its grant funds for the following activities:
    - health monitoring of populations exposed to hazardous substances from a brownfield site; and
    - monitoring and enforcement of any institutional control used to prevent human exposure to any hazardous substance from a brownfield site.
- A portion of the Brownfields Grant, loan, or subgrant may be used to purchase environmental insurance.

The activities to be funded under this announcement support EPA's FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. Awards made under this announcement will support Goal 6 – Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.1 – Clean Up and Restore Land for Productive Uses and Health Communities of EPA's Strategic Plan.

Recipients may also consider strategies that align with the U.S. Department of Labor and Department of Commerce's eight Good Jobs Principles to the greatest extent possible, including compliance with prevailing wage requirements.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments; land clearance authorities or another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government; government entities created by a state legislature; regional councils or groups of general purpose units of local government; redevelopment agencies; states; Indian Tribes other than those located in Alaska, Alaska Native

Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community; nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations; limited liability corporations and partnerships in which all partners are nonprofits; and qualified community development entities.

A coalition of two or more eligible entities may apply; however, one entity must be designated as the lead applicant. The non-lead coalition members may not be an agency or instrumentality of or affiliated with the lead member (for example, a county and the redevelopment authority of the same county); except for coalitions in which the state is the lead and one of the members is a regional council or regional commission that is created by a state legislature through a charter or another official action. Coalition members may not be members of other RLF Coalition applications, nor submit an RLF Grant application as an individual applicant, in the FY25 competition cycle. A coalition member wishing to apply as part of a different RLF Coalition or as an individual applicant must withdraw from the coalition.

Only eligible entities that do not have, or are not a part of (i.e., a coalition member), an open cooperative agreement for a Brownfields RLF at the time of application may apply for funding under this solicitation.

Entities receiving RLF subgrants must own the subject site throughout the period of performance of the subgrant, but borrowers are not subject to the same requirement.

RLF Grant recipients may not subgrant or provide a discounted loan to themselves (i.e., to clean up a site the RLF recipient itself owns even if the site is owned by another agency within the same unit of government). Unlike intra-governmental loans, intra-governmental subgrants and intra-governmental discounted loans are not allowed under the RLF program. However, if the city redevelopment agency is a separate legal entity that is not subject to the chief executive's direct supervision and control, it may be eligible. These eligibility determinations are made on a case-by-case basis since state and local laws vary widely. However, the RLF Grant recipient may subgrant to other coalition members if EPA awards an RLF Coalition Grant.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $15 million is available for an estimated 15 awards ranging from $800,000 to $1 million per grant. An RLF Grant recipient must use 50% or more of the total amount of EPA grant funding to provide loans for the cleanup of eligible brownfield sites and associated eligible programmatic capability. The remaining EPA funding may be used for eligible programmatic costs, including issuing and managing subgrants to clean up eligible brownfield sites.

For an individual loan, the amount of principal discounted may be any percentage of the total loan amount up to 50%, provided that the total amount of the principal forgiven for that loan shall not exceed $500,000 per site.

Subgrants are limited to $500,000 per site.

The project period is up to five years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Cost sharing and matching funds are not required for this program.

Contact Information

Applicants should contact their Regional Brownfields Office with questions regarding this program.

https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-revolving-loan-fund-rlf-grants

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2024 Recreation Economy for Rural Communities

Grant Overview

This program provides planning assistance to bring together local residents and other stakeholders to help communities that are seeking to grow their outdoor recreation and tourism economy, invest in their Main Streets, and conserve forests and other natural lands. Eligible applicants are local governments, Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations and institutions representing any U.S. community, as well as local colleges, public universities, or extension agencies.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	N/A	25
2019	N/A	10

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: N/A
Match: Not required
Proposal due: October 16, 2024

- Rather than providing monetary awards this program provides planning assistance to communities.

https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities

Awardee Profile

Beverly, Ohio

YEAR: 2022

The village of Beverly and partners planned to create a multi-use trail in the village to allow people to safely bike and walk, with the long-term goal of connecting the trail to the Marietta River Trail, which would link the community to other local recreational assets.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2024 Recreation Economy for Rural Communities

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help communities that are seeking to grow their outdoor recreation and tourism economy, invest in their Main Streets, and conserve forests and other natural lands. Through this program, award recipients will receive planning assistance from a funding agency planning team that will help bring together local residents and other stakeholders to decide on strategies and an action plan to grow the local outdoor recreation economy.

Ultimately, by encouraging growth on Main Streets and in existing neighborhoods, the program seeks to promote outdoor recreation to help foster community revitalization, protect air and water quality, create jobs, support economic growth and diversification, and offer new opportunities for people to connect with the natural world. Partner communities are encouraged to pursue activities that foster environmentally friendly community development and Main Street revitalization through the conservation and sustainable use of public or private forests or other natural resources.

Examples of such activities include:

- Ensuring local residents, including young people, have connections and opportunities related to nearby outdoor assets to foster community pride, good stewardship, and local economic benefits
- Developing or expanding trail networks to attract overnight visitors and new businesses and foster use by local residents
- Developing in-town amenities, such as broadband service; electric vehicle charging; housing; or shops, restaurants, or breweries, to serve residents and attract new visitors and residents with an interest in nearby outdoor assets
- Marketing local downtowns and Main Street as gateways to nearby natural lands to capture and amplify outdoor recreation dollars
- Developing a community consensus on the management of outdoor assets to reduce potential conflicts and ensure sustainable use of resources
- Engaging in stewardship of outdoor recreation assets and mitigating and adapting to climate change and other environmental challenges
- Ensuring that all residents and visitors, particularly those that have not historically been engaged in outdoor recreation and Main Street revitalization efforts, have equitable access to and can benefit from the growing outdoor recreation economy

The planning assistance process will take place over several months, with a focal point being a facilitated community workshop. At the workshop, participants will work together to identify a vision, goals, and specific actions to realize the locally set goals.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments, Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations and institutions representing any U.S. community. Local colleges, universities, and extension agencies may also serve as the lead organization for the assistance; however, it will be important to show in the application how the applicant will be able to bring together community stakeholders, including residents, to a public workshop.

Special consideration will be given to communities that are:

- Small towns and rural communities
- Economically disadvantaged communities
- Tribal and Alaskan Native Village communities
- Communities located in the Northern Border region of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont, as detailed online at *www.nbrc.gov*
- Communities located in the Appalachian region, as detailed online at *www.arc.gov*
- Communities in the Denali region representing rural Alaska, as detailed online at *denali.gov*

Regional organizations, including councils of governments, are eligible. In cases where an application covers a larger region, the application should identify a strong local partner and should explain the place-based focus of the project. Applicants may apply for more than one neighborhood or town in the region through multiple, separate applications; however, no more than one application from a single neighborhood or town will be selected for assistance.

Funding

Rather than monetary awards, this program will provide planning assistance to an expected 20 to 25 communities, which will consist of a facilitated community workshop and planning/follow-up calls. Award notifications will be provided in early 2025.

Community workshops will likely occur in 2025, the exact timing of which will depend on the community's preference in consultation with the planning assistance team. Planning calls generally begin three to four months before the community workshop, and follow-up calls generally are completed three to four months after the workshop. The planning assistance team typically works with each selected community for approximately 8 to 12 months for the entire project.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants may incur minimal costs, such as staff and volunteer time devoted to planning and participating in the required planning assistance workshop and will be responsible for any costs associated with securing a venue and/or providing refreshments.

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https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Arts

FY 2025 Our Town Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support creative placemaking projects that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Projects supported through this program will engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, nonprofit institutions of higher education, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal communities or tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	$3.9 million	51

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: $25,000 - $150,000
Match: 50 percent
Solicitation date: April 23, 2024
Proposal due: August 1, 2024 (Grants.gov); August 15, 2024 (NEA portal)

https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Awardee Profile

Art Students League of Denver
Denver, CO

AMOUNT: $100,000
YEAR: 2022

This project received funding to support the training of low-inco youth in job skills, urban design, and creative placemaking.

Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Arts

FY 2025 Our Town Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support creative placemaking projects that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Projects supported through this program will engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities.

Projects should focus on community-identified or -supported goals and may include collaborative strategies such as:

- Planning activities such as artist/designer-facilitated community planning, cultural planning, cultural district planning, creative asset mapping, or public art planning, that incorporate artists and culture bearers as key project leads
- Design processes including, design of artist spaces, design of cultural facilities, or public space design
- Supporting the creative economy through creative business development or professional artist/designer development
- Creating opportunities for community building and arts engagement through artist residencies, arts festivals, community co-creation of art, performances, and public art

Competitive projects will:

- Clearly identify local characteristics of a community and aim to understand, address, and/or develop a response to a facet of life in that community
- Demonstrate a specific role for the arts, culture, and design to strengthen the local community
- Pilot new arts, culture, and design activities that are led by a diverse range of local partners
- Establish new or deepen existing authentic, cross-sector partnerships that engage area residents, local governmental or quasi-governmental entities, and community-based nonprofit partners
- Advance inclusive community engagement and community-desired outcomes for a place
- Lay the groundwork for long-term systems change that sustains the integration of arts, culture, and design into strategies for strengthening communities over the long term
- Demonstrate alignment with the funding agency's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility

For FY 2025, the funding agency is particularly interested in arts, culture, or design projects that address health/well-being, transportation/infrastructure, or climate-related challenges within a community.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, nonprofit institutions of higher education, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal communities or tribes.

Applications must be submitted by one organization and require at least one partner organization. The applicant/partner pair must include a nonprofit organization and a local government or quasi-government

entity. If neither the nonprofit organization nor the local government entity have the requisite arts, culture, or design expertise necessary to carry out the project, a third partner with that arts, culture, or design expertise is required. Additional partners across all sectors are encouraged.

For U.S. territories where no local government exists, the territory government may serve as the local government applicant or required partner.

Applicants may apply to other programs offered by the funding agency, including the Grants for Arts Projects program; however, each request must be for a distinctly different project or a distinctly different phase of a project. Applicants with other awards from the funding agency or pending applications with activities and/or project periods that will overlap with their proposed project must contact the program staff, using the information provided in the Contact section, for guidance to ensure that the projects are different or for a distinctly different phase of a project. Applicants that have applied to the funding agency in the past and were not recommended for funding may apply again to any funding opportunity, including this program.

Previous award recipients may apply for a distinctly different project or a distinctly different phase of the project from that which was previously funded. No award recipient may receive more than one award from the funding agency for the same activities during the same project period.

An organization may serve as the eligible applicant on up to two applications. A partnering organization may serve as a partner on as many applications as they like. Exceptions to the application limit are made only for parent organizations that have separately identifiable and independent components. A parent organization that comprises separately identifiable and independent components may submit an application for each such component. In addition, a parent organization may submit one application on its own behalf for a project that is different from any project submitted in an application by its independent component(s). An eligible independent component must be a unit that is both programmatically and administratively distinct from the parent organization.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from $25,000 to $150,000 through this program. The funding agency will issue very few awards at or above the $100,000 level; these awards will only be issued for projects of significant scale and impact.

Award notifications will be made in April 2025.

The project period may last up to two years and may begin no earlier than July 1, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

In general, it is preferable that applicants provide some cash match, and the funding agency will look very carefully at projects showing largely in-kind contributions.

Matching contributions may include funds that are proposed but not yet committed at the time of the application deadline.

Funds raised prior to the project may be used as a match; however, matching funds must be spent on eligible project activities during the proposed project period.

Costs that pertain strictly to preparing a site specifically for the art or design work, such as slabs or pedestals, landscaping that is necessary for the art work, and landscaping that is the art work may be used for the match.

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Small Business Administration
Agency: Office of Investment and Innovation

FY 2024 Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to help under-represented entrepreneurs successfully compete for the funding agency's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs, which strengthen the technological competitiveness of small businesses across the country. Eligible applicants are public and private entities and organizations that intend to use funding to provide outreach, financial support, and/or technical or business assistance to the next generation of research and development (R&D)-focused small businesses.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2019	$9,000,000	33

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $9 million
Award Range: Up to $200,000
Match: Varies
Solicitation date: May 21, 2024
Proposal due: June 20, 2024

- Eligibility is limited to applicants located in states or U.S. territories that lack an existing award.

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=334454

Awardee Profile

University of Arkansas

Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center

AMOUNT: $125,000
YEAR: 2018

This project received funding to design to stimulate economic development with outreach, training, mentoring, financial support and business/ technical assistance.

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FY 2024 Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help under-represented entrepreneurs successfully compete for the funding agency's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs, which strengthen the technological competitiveness of small businesses across the country. Funding will support eligible organizations to execute state-based programs, which may also collaborate regionally, that increase the number of SBIR/STTR proposals leading to an increase in the number of SBIR/STTR awards from women, socially/economically disadvantaged individuals, and small businesses in under-represented areas, which are typically rural states. Projects that demonstrate innovation and creativity in providing assistance are strongly encouraged.

Awards issued through this program will build the SBIR/STTR ecosystem through:

- Outreach: increasing the pipeline of SBIR/STTR applicants through training and outreach, and building the capacity of partner organizations and individuals to support SBIR/STTR applicants and existing award recipients
- Technical and business assistance: supporting entrepreneurs and startups through programs or services that improve proposal development and team creation, providing assistance that leads to the commercialization of technology developed through SBIR/STTR program funding, and forming or encouraging relevant mentoring networks to provide business advice and counseling
- Financial support: making grants or loans to applicants to pay a portion or all the cost of developing SBIR/STTR proposals (Phase 0), attending relevant conferences, and bridging gaps between phases

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public and private entities and organizations that intend to use funding to provide outreach, financial support, and/or technical or business assistance to the next generation of research and development (R&D)-focused small businesses. All applicants must be endorsed by the appropriate state governor or their authorized designee as the only approved applicant for that state.

Only entities located in states and territories that lack an existing award recipient through this program are eligible to apply. A list of current award recipients can be found online at *www.sbir.gov/about-fast*.

No more than one proposal will be accepted per applicant.

- Funding

A total of $9 million is available to support approximately 45 cooperative agreements of up to $200,000 each through this program.

The total project period will be comprised of an initial budget period of 12 months and four non-compete continuation (NCC) budget periods of 12 months each that will be approved solely at the funding agency's discretion based on continuing program authority, the availability of funds, and satisfactory performance and compliance with all terms and conditions of the award. The first budget period will begin on September 30, 2024, and end on September 29, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching requirements will vary according to the applicant's state, as follows:

- The 22 states receiving the fewest number of Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBTT) Phase I awards: Applicants must provide a one-to-two match.
- The 16 states receiving the greatest number of SBIR/SBTT Phase I awards: In general, applicants must provide a one-to-one match. Applicants must provide 50 cents for each federal dollar that will be directly allocated to serve small businesses located in a qualified census tract, as defined under Section 42(d)(5)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- All other states not previously described: In general, applicants must provide a three-to-four match. Applicants must provide 50 cents for each federal dollar that will be directly allocated to serve small businesses located in a qualified census tract.

Up to 5 percent of the total award amount provided through this program may be used for planning activities that are excluded from the nonfederal matching requirements for this program.

At least 50 percent of the required match amount must be provided via cash contributions. The remaining match amount may be provided via indirect costs and/or in-kind contributions. With the exception of the Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) program, funds provided under any other federal program may not be used as a match.

Funding provided through this program may not be commingled with other monies.

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