

TOP GRANT RESOURCES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN GEORGIA

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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More Information

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

Community Development Block Grant Redevelopment Fund (CDBG- RDF)

A set aside of the state's CDBG funds that can be used for public infrastructure and facilities, such as water and sewer, storm drainage, street improvements, fire protection, housing rehabilitation, Senior Centers, Health Departments, Boys and Girls Clubs, Head Starts, and Developmental Health facilities. The project must eliminate slum and blight and contain a job creation element. Application deadline: None, applications accepted year-round.

More Information:

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

Immediate Threat and Danger (ITAD)

A set aside of the state's CDBG funds, ITAD can be used for small public infrastructure and facilities, such as water and sewer, storm drainage, street improvements, and fire protection. The condition must be urgent and pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. Application deadline: None, applications accepted year-round.

More Information:

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

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Georgia Department of Transportation administers this program for areas of the state with populations less than or equal to 200,000. Eligible activities large scale projects (\$1,000,000 plus) include Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities, (including non-motorized paths (including engineering

costs)), Streetscape Improvements (including engineering costs), and the Safe Routes to School Program. Annual application period.

More Information

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

Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB)

Invest in transportation projects that demonstrate a high degree of local commitment; address critical local and state transportation needs, including economic development and mobility; include innovative transportation solutions that are close to the start of, at, or under construction, and demonstrate a high degree of feasibility. Annual application period.

More information

www.srta.ga.gov/gtib

RAISE Grants

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Discretionary Grant program provides a unique opportunity for the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives.

More Information

<https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/infrastructure/tiger/>

Safe Streets For All (SS4A)

The SS4A program grants go directly to regional, local, and Tribal communities for implementation, planning, and demonstration projects driven at the local level to improve safety and help prevent deaths and serious injuries on the nation's roadways.

More information

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

USDA Water/Wastewater Loans and Grants

US Department of Agriculture provides (USDA) loan funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. Rural areas and towns must have fewer than 10,000 people. Application deadline: None, applications accepted year-round.

More Information

www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/ga

USDA Community Facilities (Loans and Grants)

USDA provides loan and grant funds that can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities and purchase equipment for 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. Application deadline: None, applications accepted year-round.

More Information

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

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA)

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) offers three low-interest financing programs for drinking water, reservoir and water supply, water quality, stormwater, and solid waste infrastructure: The Georgia Fund (state funds), Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) (federal funds), and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) (federal funds). Application deadline: None, applications accepted year-round.

More Information

<https://gefa.georgia.gov/financial/loan-programs>

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

A regional economic development partnership of federal, state, and local government established by Congress in 1965 that provides financial investment and technical assistance to eligible applicants in support of community and economic development in Georgia's 37-county Appalachian region in the areas of Economic Opportunities, Ready Workforce, Critical Infrastructure, Natural and Cultural Assets, Leadership and Community Capacity. Annual application period.

More information

<https://www.arc.gov/funding/GrantsandFunding.asp>

Southern Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC)

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) is a federal-state partnership authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill to promote and encourage economic development in areas of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and all of Florida. SCRC invests in projects that support basic infrastructure, business development, natural resources, and workforce/labor development. SCRC's mission is to help create jobs, build communities, and improve the lives of those who reside in the 408 counties of the seven-state region.

More information

<https://scrc.gov/>

HOUSING

Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP)

Administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, this grant funds owner occupied housing rehabilitation and construction to benefit low to moderate income individuals.

More information

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/rental-housing-development/home-investment-partnership-program-home-1>

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OneGeorgia Equity Rural Workforce Housing Initiative

This initiative provides flexible funding to support the following objectives: the development of affordable for-sale, single-family housing with sale prices between \$125,000- \$290,000 and the development of single- or multi-family rental housing with a per unit cost of between \$125,000- \$290,000 for 2 or more-bedroom units with affordable rents for at least 10 years. Grants also available for public infrastructure needed to support housing development.

More information

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

Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program; this program provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes, or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

More information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants>

Multi-Family Housing Direct Loans

This program provides competitive financing for affordable multi-family rental housing for low-income, elderly, or disabled individuals and families in eligible areas.

More information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/multi-family-housing-direct-loans>

Housing Preservation Grants

Provides grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing occupied by low and very-low-income people.

More information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-grants>

Rural Housing Site Loans

Provide two types of loans to purchase and develop housing sites for low- and moderate-income families: Section 523 loans are used to acquire and develop sites only for housing to be constructed by the Self-Help method; Section 524 loans are made to acquire and develop sites for low- or moderate-income families, with no restriction as to the method of construction.

More information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-housing-site-loans>

Single Family Housing Direct Home Loans

Also known as the Section 502 Direct Loan Program; this program assists low- and very-low-income applicants obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing in eligible rural areas by providing payment assistance, a type of subsidy that reduces the mortgage payment for a short time. The amount of assistance is determined by the adjusted family income.

More information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-direct-home-loans>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works Construction

EDA provides funding for public infrastructure associated with private investment and job creation in traditional economic development, such as manufacturing, warehouse/distribution, or industrial development. Application deadline: None, applications accepted year-round.

More information

<https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

CDBG – Employment Incentive Program (EIP)

A set aside of the state's CDBG funds that can be used for public infrastructure and facilities, such as water and sewer, storm drainage, street improvements, fire protection. The project must have

private investment and job creation. Application deadline: None, applications accepted year-round.

More information

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

OneGeorgia Equity and Edge

State grant funds administered by DCA. The Equity program is a capacity building “equal the playing field” program and the Edge program requires legitimate competition outside of Georgia “edge out the competition”. Application Deadline: 4:00 PM on the 2nd Friday of January, April, July, and October of each year. Must be invited to apply for Edge funds.

More information

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

Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA)

Georgia Department of Economic Development recommends that DCA invest in projects as part of Georgia’s incentive package through the REBA program. Eligible activities include but are not limited to, land acquisition and site development, public infrastructure improvements, publicly-owned machinery and equipment, publicly-owned/privately-leased fixed assets and machinery and equipment. Application deadline: None, applications accepted year-round. Must be invited to apply for REBA funds.

More information

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

USDA Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)

RBDG provides technical assistance and training for small rural businesses, such as training, acquisition of land/equipment, pollution control measures, feasibility studies, incubators, etc. Annual application period.

More information

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

COPS Hiring

Covers portion of salary for hiring new officers; requires a commitment to retain the position. Annual application period.

More information

<https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>

Bulletproof Vest

Purchase of body armor; requires the adoption of “mandatory wear policy”. Annual application period.

More information

<https://www.ojp.gov/bvpbasi/>

Body Worn Camera

Purchase of body-worn cameras and systems; requires policies on record retention/use of video. Annual application period.

More information

<https://bja.ojp.gov/program/body-worn-cameras-bwcs/overview>

Byrne JAG (allocation and open competition)

Provides funding necessary to support a range of program areas, including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, crime victim and witness initiatives, mental health programs, and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams. Annual application period.

More Information

<https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview>

Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (AFG)

Funding for personal protective equipment, firefighting equipment, vehicles, and training. Annual application period.

More Information

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

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

Funding for projects in the following categories: Community Risk Reduction, Code Enforcement/Awareness, Fire and Arson Investigation, National/State/Regional Programs and Studies. Requires retention of positions. Annual application period.

More Information

<https://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants>

RECREATION

Recreational Trails Grant (RTP)

Administered by Georgia Department of Natural Resources with funding from FHWA, eligible activities include trail construction, trail maintenance, trail education, hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, and the use of other off-road motorized vehicles. Funding cycle every two years.

More Information

<https://gadnr.org/rtp>

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Administered by Georgia Department of Natural Resources with funding from the Department of the Interior, eligible activities are acquisition and development of outdoor recreation facilities. Funding cycle every two years.

More Information

<https://gastateparks.org/lwcf>

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; this is new funding from the state for acquisition of property, to include conservation easements; local stewardship funding for maintenance, restoration or improvement projects; combination projects that involve both the acquisition of land, lease, or conservation easement purchase, AND a maintenance, restoration or improvement project.

More Information

<https://gadnr.org/gosp>

This document was prepared as an additional handout for the GMA Money, Money, Money Training Course. Information was compiled by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Visit <https://www.gacities.com/Resources/Grants.aspx> for a comprehensive listing of grants and grant resources.