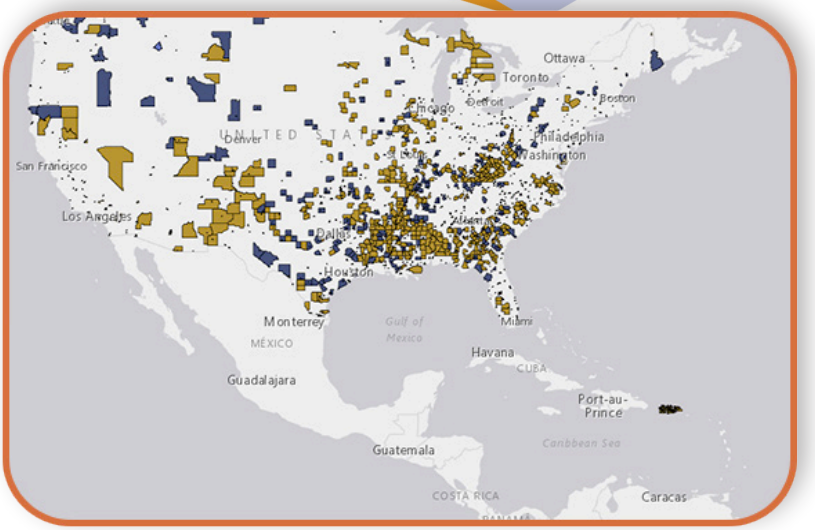
DISTRESSED CITIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Distressed Cities Technical Assistance (DCTA) program provides capacity building support to local governments serving communities with populations up to 50,000 that are economically distressed or experiencing persistent poverty. DCTA prioritizes cross-cutting, foundational support in the areas of financial management and organizational capacity so that local governments are better equipped to serve their communities and realize their long-term goals.

Visit HUD's interactive eligibility map to see if your local government may be eligible!

What is technical assistance (TA)?

In the context of DCTA, technical assistance (TA) is the transfer of skills, resources, and knowledge to organizations that want to improve their capacity to sustainably operate or realize their vision. TA recipients participate in activities and collaborate with experts (TA providers) to improve their abilities to pursue goals and overcome challenges.



Click HERE to view map

Or locate the map on the program website available HERE

Examples of local governments:

- **Cities**
- **Towns**
- **Villages**
- **Municipalities**
- **Counties**
- **Tribes**

REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Local governments may submit requests via the online template available at:

https://www.huduser.gov/portal/ota/distressed-cities-and-persistant-poverty-ta-program.html

Requests are considered as they are submitted.

Some non-profit organizations may receive technical assistance in partnership with their local government. For more information, visit our program website listed above.



PARTICIPATION APPROACHES AND BENEFITS

As outlined below, DCTA offers three primary approaches to building local government capacity. Key differences include – time investment, method of interaction, and the earned result.

General Direction and Advice: Participate in a few one-on-one sessions with TA providers to receive insights on specific challenges and goals.

Group of Peer Learning: Receive support and share experiences with peer communities facing similar challenges through guided sessions led by TA providers. For information on current offerings for this approach, contact distressedcities@hud.gov

Comprehensive Individualized Support: Work with TA providers over an extended period to understand and address foundational challenges and limitations of the organization.

DCTA equips local governments to serve their communities by:

- Improving financial management practices (e.g., managing cash flow, designing revenue structures, measuring fiscal conditions, drafting budgets, forecasting and planning, braiding funding sources, etc.)
- Strengthening organizational capacity (e.g., communicating internally, curating recruitment and retention programs, clarifying roles and responsibilities, supporting leadership and team development, etc.)
- Supporting economic revitalization and stabilization projects (e.g., troubleshooting roadblocks, building partnerships, engaging with stakeholders, tracking progress, determining feasibility, identifying resources, etc.)

MORE INFORMATION/QUESTIONS

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