



# Current **FUNDING**

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**GRANTS, LOANS, AND OTHER  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**



Economic &  
Community  
Development

*ECG's Office of Economic & Community Development  
assembles available grants and funding opportunities in a  
variety of categories supporting local development initiatives*

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## Education, Training, and Workforce



### U.S. Department of Labor

#### Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG)

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

When Georgia-Pacific, LLC announced in May that it would be closing its containerboard manufacturing mill in Cedar Springs, Georgia, the news was a major blow for more than 500 employees. Now, thanks to a newly awarded \$1.8 million federal grant, WorkSource Georgia and its partners will have more resources to help affected Georgia workers find new jobs and opportunities.

The funding comes through a U.S. Department of Labor Employment Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG). This 3-year grant, awarded to the Technical College System of Georgia's Office of Workforce Development, is designed to help local economies recover from large layoffs and closures by focusing on reemployment. Funds will be distributed specifically through WorkSource Southwest Georgia which administers federal workforce development programs for the region and has local access points to serve affected workers.

To apply, please contact one of the following WorkSource Georgia offices:

#### **Albany WorkSource Southwest Georgia (One-Stop Comprehensive Center)**

1608 South Slappey Blvd. Albany, GA 31706

(229) 430-5042

[swga\\_wioaworks@equusworks.com](mailto:swga_wioaworks@equusworks.com)

#### **Thomasville WorkSource Southwest Georgia**

LOCATED in GDOL Career Center – Thomasville

403 North Broad Street Thomasville, GA 31792

(229) 227 -2677

[swga\\_wioaworks@equusworks.com](mailto:swga_wioaworks@equusworks.com)

#### **Moultrie WorkSource Southwest Georgia**

220 North Main Street Moultrie, GA 31768

(229) 891-2036

[swga\\_wioaworks@equusworks.com](mailto:swga_wioaworks@equusworks.com)

<https://www.tcsg.edu/tcsg-and-worksource-ga-to-invest-in-displaced-workers-of-georgia-pacific-closure/>



## Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Equity Fund (One Georgia Authority)

Type: Grant or Loan

Deadline(s): 1/9/2026; 4/10/2026

The purpose of the Equity Fund is to provide a program of financial assistance that includes grants, loans and any other forms of assistance to finance activities that will assist applicants in promoting the health, welfare, safety, and economic security of the citizens of the state through the development and retention of employment opportunities in areas of greater need. Not all areas of the state are eligible to apply. Click for the official eligibility map.

Eligible Use: Projects relating to water and sewer infrastructure, road, rail and airport improvements, industrial parks, workforce, technology, and tourism.

Contact the OneGeorgia Team: Gina Webb, OneGeorgia Director, [gina.webb@dca.ga.gov](mailto:gina.webb@dca.ga.gov)

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



## Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Research Grants Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 9/7/2027

The FAA's Aviation Research Grants Program provides funding to support aviation-related research on topics with the potential to gain further knowledge in emerging aviation technologies. Grants under this program are awarded to conduct research for the long-term growth of civil aviation.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/328902>



## Voya Financial Group Voya Foundation Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Voya Foundation grants are focused on Financial Resilience. The organization works to ensure that youth are equipped with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) expertise and financial knowledge necessary to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce and make smart financial decisions that lead to a secure retirement.

<https://www.voya.com/page/voya-foundation>



## Infrastructure and Utilities



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

#### Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grant

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

This program helps eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for proposed USDA Rural Development water or waste disposal projects.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants-8>



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

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

Type: Loan or Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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

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



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

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

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



## U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) RD Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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



## U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal – State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 1/7/2026

This program provides funding for capital projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service, including privately operated intercity passenger rail service.

### Eligible Projects:

- A project to replace, rehabilitate, or repair infrastructure, equipment, or a facility used for providing intercity passenger rail service to bring such assets into a state of good repair
- A project to improve intercity passenger rail service performance, including reduced trip times, increased train frequencies, higher operating speeds, improved reliability, expanded capacity, reduced congestion, electrification, and other improvements, as determined by the Secretary
- A project to expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service
- A group of related projects as described above
- The planning, environmental review, and final design of an eligible project or group of projects described above

<https://railroads.dot.gov/federal-state-partnership-intercity-passenger>



## U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

The Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program provides funding for technical, planning, and public works and infrastructure projects in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. These adverse impacts may result from a steep decline in manufacturing employment following a plant closure, changing trade

patterns, catastrophic natural disaster, a military base closure, or environmental changes and regulations.

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grant-toolkit/economic-adjustment-assistance-program>



## U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

### Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (TIFIA)

Type: Loan

Deadline: Ongoing

The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program provides credit assistance for qualified projects of regional and national significance. Many large-scale, surface transportation projects - highway, transit, railroad, intermodal freight, and port access - are eligible for assistance. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, transit agencies, railroad companies, special authorities, special districts, and private entities. The TIFIA credit program is designed to fill market gaps and leverage substantial private co-investment by providing supplemental and subordinate capital. Each dollar of Federal funds can provide up to \$15 in TIFIA credit assistance and support up to \$50 in transportation infrastructure investment.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia>



## U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

### Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (TIFIA) - Rural Project Initiative (RPI)

Type: Loan

Deadline: Ongoing

The Rural Project Initiative is aimed at helping improve transportation infrastructure in America's rural communities. Eligible projects include: Roads, bridges and tunnels; Transit systems including infrastructure, bus and train stations, and buses and passenger rail vehicles and facilities; Intermodal connectors; Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; Freight transfer facilities; Sea and inland waterway ports, and even; Airports - under certain circumstances. For the purposes of this initiative, a rural project is one that is located outside of an urbanized area with a population greater than 150,000 individuals as determined by the Bureau of Census.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia/tifia-rural-project-initiative-rpi>



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

## Sustainability



### Georgia Forestry Commission

#### Making the Shade Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: 10/10/2025

The Making the Shade program provides grant funding to create healthier, shaded playground areas on elementary school campuses. This funding (up to \$10,000) is available to elementary schools, PTAs, neighborhood associations, and community groups. In addition, GFC's Community Foresters help with species selection, location, planting, and maintenance education.

<https://gatrees.org/urban-community-forestry/making-the-shade-program/>



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

#### Better Buildings Challenge

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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

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

## Housing and Community Development



### Community Heart & Soul

#### Seed Grant Program

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Community Heart & Soul is a resident-driven process that engages the entire population of a town in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it. The Seed Grant Program provides start-up funding for resident driven groups in small cities and towns looking to implement the Community Heart & Soul model. Grant funding of \$10,000 requires a 1:1 cash match. Eligible uses includes:

- Heart & Soul Coaching
- Project Coordination
- Project-Related Expenses

<https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/>



### Georgia Department of Community Affairs

#### CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program

Type: Loan Guarantee

Deadline: Ongoing

The CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program is an economic and community development financing tool authorized under Section 108 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The program is a method of assisting non-entitlement local governments with certain unique and large-scale economic development projects that cannot proceed without the loan guarantee. In order to be eligible a project must meet all applicable CDBG requirements and result in significant employment and/or benefit for low and moderate income persons. Projects that are eligible for financing under existing federal, state, regional or local programs will generally not be considered for guarantee assistance unless the programs would fail to fully meet a project's need.

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



### Georgia Department of Community Affairs

#### Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF)

Type: Grant to Lenders (grants for DDAs to lend to businesses)

Deadline: Ongoing

The purpose of the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) is to assist cities, counties and development authorities in their efforts to revitalize and enhance downtown areas by providing below-market rate financing to fund capital projects in core historic downtown areas and adjacent historic neighborhoods where DDRLF will spur commercial redevelopment. Eligible applicants under this program shall be municipalities with a population of 100,000 or less, counties with a population of

100,000 or less proposing projects in a core historic commercial area, and development authorities proposing projects in a core historic commercial area in municipalities or counties with a population of 100,000 or less. The ultimate user of funds may be a private business or a public entity such as a city or development authority.

Contact: Cherie Bennett, [cherie.bennett@dca.ga.gov](mailto:cherie.bennett@dca.ga.gov)

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/downtown-development-revolving-loan-fund-ddrlf>



## Georgia Department of Community Affairs

### Redevelopment Fund (RDF)

Type: Grant or Loan (Flexible Financial Assistance)

Deadline: Ongoing

Recognizing that redevelopment projects can be the most challenging economic and community development projects a local government may undertake, the Redevelopment Fund (RDF) was created as a set-aside of Georgia's non-entitlement CDBG Program. The RDF provides local governments access to flexible financial assistance to help them implement projects that cannot be undertaken with the usual public sector grant and loan programs. The RDF finances locally initiated public/private partnerships to leverage investments in commercial, downtown, industrial redevelopment, and revitalization projects that may not proceed otherwise. Unlike other DCA CDBG programs, the RDF uses the CDBG national objective of "eliminating slums or blight." As a result, many smaller scale projects (in downtown areas or blighted industrial areas) may be competitive for RDF financing.

<https://dca.georgia.gov/financing-tools/infrastructure/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/redevelopment-fund>



## The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation

### 1722 Foundation Grant

Type: Grants

Deadline: 12/8/2025

1:1 matching grants of up to \$10,000 are available for the following historic preservation projects in Georgia: exterior painting, exterior finishes and surface restoration, fire detection/lightning protection/security systems, repairs to/restoration of porches, roofs and windows, repairs to foundations and sills, and chimney and masonry repointing.

To demonstrate the sustainability of historic sites, applicants may be required to submit a condition assessment and restoration plan or stewardship plan that has been prepared or updated within the last five years. If an appropriate plan does not exist, the Foundation will consider providing support for development of a plan on a case-by-case basis.

<https://www.georgiatrust.org/resources/grants-fellowships/>



## The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Callahan Incentive Grant

Type: Grants

Deadline: 12/8/2025

1:1 matching grants of up to \$5,000 are available for non-profit or governmental organizations in Georgia, and may be granted to one or more projects, depending on the quality of the applicants in a given year.

Criteria for Eligibility:

- Grants are only available to sites listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Grant funding shall be used for capital –“bricks and mortar” – improvements to a historic site.
- Applications for planning, consultants, speakers, or overhead expenses will not be considered.
- Grant funds will require a dollar for dollar match. The match may be in the form of cash or documented volunteer hours. Volunteer hour value shall be calculated at minimum wage per hour rate for actual work performed to the historic site.
- Grant funds shall provide significant impact towards a full rehabilitation or restoration of the historic site.
- The project shall demonstrate significant community impact. Support for the project should include a wide range of stakeholders, including community organizations, community leaders, and individuals.
- Projects should also exhibit a sustainable plan for long term use and maintenance, including economic self-sufficiency to the extent possible.
- Projects should be completed within one year of the date of the award. A final report will be required.
- Grant funds will be reimbursed in the amount awarded following the completion of work.

<https://www.georgiatrust.org/resources/grants-fellowships/>



## Walmart Spark Good Local Grant

Type: Grants

Deadline: 12/8/2025

Walmart believes that investing in local communities strengthens our business as well as the communities we serve. Local grants are designed to support local organizations that meet the unique needs of the communities where we operate, build pride among all associates, and deepen relationships with our customers. Each year, Walmart U.S. stores, Sam's Clubs and Distribution Centers award local cash grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000.

Facility managers consider the following criteria when recommending a grant:

- o **Mission Aligned:** The grant addresses a specific need in their community and makes sense for Walmart or Sam's Club to help solve (for example, Walmart is a large grocer, so we often fund hunger relief).

- o **Builds Trust:** The grant supports an organization that is legally compliant and seeks to bring people together without divisiveness.
- o **Effectiveness:** It is clear what the organization does, how funds will be used and the impact the grant will have in the community. Click [here](#) for examples.

<https://www.walmart.org/how-we-give/program-guidelines/spark-good-local-grants-guidelines>



## University of Georgia – Carl Vinson Institute of Government

### Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process (RSVP)

Type: Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing

The Downtown Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Process assists downtowns through the creation of a community-supported vision, plan, and implementation program. The RSVP is both a downtown master planning process and a downtown planning document that illustrates the community's vision for the future and provides the steps to get there. Driven by a robust public input process that seeks the participation of all community members, RSVPs help local governments and community partners prioritize top downtown issues and work to establish a consensus around what must be achieved in the short and long-term.

<https://cviog.uga.edu/services/community-planning-resilience/rsvp.html>



## Wells Fargo

### Wells Fargo Foundation

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Wells Fargo and Wells Fargo Foundation collaborate with a wide range of national and local nonprofit organizations that align with our strategic funding priorities: financial health, housing affordability, small business growth, and sustainability to address these complex societal issues and help create a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future.

Grant Proposals are evaluate based on the following considerations:

- Ability to measure and report on established outcomes-based success metrics aligned to strategic objectives, which includes providing a forecast of expected outcomes in the application and may also require periodic impact reports with actual project/program results.
- Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and leverage racial equity/social justice and sustainability best practices and principles
- Promote innovative and scalable solutions
- Incorporate human capital and volunteerism opportunities

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/grant-process/>



## The Skatepark Project

### The Skatepark Project – Community Activation Grant / Supply the Ride

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

This application is for organizations seeking funding for skateboarding-related programs. The Skatepark Project's Community Activation Grant offers funding and technical assistance to help support the development and implementation of skateboarding-related programs in the United States and internationally.

The Skatepark Project's Community Activation Grant/Supply the Ride Grant is awarded to qualified applicants in amounts up to \$5,000.

<https://skatepark.org/the-skatepark-project-grants/>



## Georgia Department of Natural Resources

### Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Type: Grants and Loans

Deadline: 10/17/2025

During the 2018 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed [House Bill 332](#) and [House Resolution 238](#), establishing the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act. On November 6, 2018 Georgia voters passed the amendment with 83% support. This newly founded grant program will provide a dedicated funding mechanism to support parks and trails and protect and acquire lands critical to wildlife, clean water and outdoor recreation across the state of Georgia.

The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act became effective July 1, 2019. Applicants may apply for Conserve Georgia grants and loans through the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program by completing an online application. Eligible proposals include projects that support state parks and trails; support local parks and trails of state and regional significance; provide stewardship of conservation land; or acquire critical areas for the provision or protection of clean water, wildlife, hunting, fishing, military installation buffering, or for natural resource-based outdoor recreation.

<https://gadnr.org/GOSP>

## Entrepreneurship and Innovation



### Verizon Digital Ready Small Business Ready Grant

Type: Grants

Deadline: 12/10/2025

The Verizon Small Business Digital Ready Grant is part of Verizon's commitment to equip one million small businesses with the tools and resources they need to thrive in today's digital economy, ultimately strengthening their local communities.

In addition to the hundreds of hours of free courses, coaching sessions, and networking opportunities offered through the Verizon Small Business Digital Ready program, Verizon, in partnership with LISC will award a total of \$500,000 in grant funding during this grant period. Fifty (50) grantees will each receive a \$10,000 grant, further advancing Verizon's commitment to support small businesses.

<https://digitalready.verizonwireless.com/course-details/id-capital-offering>



### Minority Business Development Agency – U.S. Department of Commerce ACE Loan

Type: Grants

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

MBDA funds third-party organizations that provide services in support of the Agency's mission to promote the growth and global competitiveness of minority business enterprises (MBEs). We often publish funding opportunity announcements to invite applications for grants, cooperative agreements, and other funding sources. Read on to learn about federal grants currently available.

<https://www.mbda.gov/financial-resources/grants>



### Wish Local Empowerment Program

Type: Grants

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

We recognize that as a large e-commerce company we have the responsibility to help uplift others. Black-owned small businesses have long faced hardship due to systemic racism. But small businesses like yours are integral to the makeup of America. So we are dedicating a \$2M dollar fund to give roughly 4,000 Wish Local small business partners financial support. The selected recipients will receive amounts between \$500 - \$2000. This program will only be open to Black-owned stores, to help promote equality and diversity in American business.

<https://www.wish.com/local/empowerment>



## HerSuiteSpot

### HerRise MicroGrant for Small Business

Type: Grants

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a monthly basis

The HerRise MicroGrant offers financial support to innovative women who struggle to secure funding for their community-impacting small businesses. The HerRise MicroGrant, providing \$1,000 each month, is available to under-resourced women, including women of color entrepreneurs, across a variety of industries. Your business must be:

- 51% owned by women
- Currently registered in the US
- Less than \$1 million in gross revenue

<https://www.hersuitespot.com/herrise/>



## Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs (ACE)

### ACE Loan

Type: Loans and Technical Assistance

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

ACE is a Georgia 501(c)(3) nonprofit and community development financial institution (CDFI) that provides capital, coaching, and connections to help borrowers create and grow sustainable businesses that generate jobs. We have provided more than \$171 million in loans and business advisory services to support 2,300+ small business owners and helped create or save 18,000+ jobs for Georgians.

Providing loans to eligible business owners to meet the demands of their growing business is one of our hallmarks. We do this by delivering Capital, Coaching, and Connections for underserved borrowers and communities that create and retain jobs in our market area.

<https://aceloans.org/apply-for-a-loan/small-business-loans/>



## WomensNet

### Amber Grant for Women

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed at the end of each month

WomensNet founded the “Amber Grant” in 1998. The grant was set up with one goal in mind: to honor the memory of a very special young woman, Amber Wigdahl, who died at just 19 years old — before realizing her business dreams. Today, WomensNet carries on that tradition, proudly giving away at least \$30,000 every month in Amber Grant money.

<https://ambergrantsforwomen.com/business-grants-women-georgia/>



## Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

Type: Loan

Deadline: Ongoing

The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (the “Act”) became law in the fall of 2010. The Act created the State Small Business Credit Initiative, funded with \$1.5 billion to strengthen state lending programs that support small businesses and manufacturers. Of the total amount funded, Georgia was allocated \$48,024,748. Currently, Georgia’s SSBCI offers two programs.

1. GA LPP (Georgia Loan Participation Program) is a program where the State purchases a participation of up to 25% of an approved loan, for loans ranging from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000.
2. Georgia SBCG (Small Business Credit Guaranty) is a 50% loan guaranty program with a current maximum loan amount of \$400,000 with a \$200,000 guarantee.

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/state-small-business-credit-initiative-ssbci>



## Georgia Tech – Enterprise Innovation Institute Economic Development Research Program (EDRP)

Type: Technical Assistance Matching Grant

Deadline: Ongoing, reviewed on a rolling basis

The Center for Economic Development Research at Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovation Institute will be funding a new round of Economic Development Research Program (EDRP) projects and is looking for communities to submit their applications for research. The mission of EDRP is to assist local communities by providing affordable economic development and policy research to enhance their competitive positions. The types of research include strategic planning and visioning, economic forecasting, fiscal and economic impact analysis, community assessments, downtown development planning, and workforce analysis and planning to name a few. If your community has a need for economic development research, is willing to become actively involved in the project during the study phase and follow-up implementation, and is willing to provide some level of cost match, Georgia Tech and EDA want to partner with you to conduct the research. There are limited funds available and projects will be chosen based on local commitment, likelihood of implementation, level of cost match, and obviously a match with the capabilities of the research team at Georgia Tech. We look forward to getting your applications and partnering with you to meet your community’s research needs.

Contact: Candice McKie, Project Manager, [cmckie@gatech.edu](mailto:cmckie@gatech.edu), 404.385.2053

<http://cedr.gatech.edu/edrp/>



## U.S. Chamber of Commerce

### CO-100 2025

Type: Grant

Deadline: To be announced in the spring

Formerly the America's Top Small Business Awards, the CO-100 is run by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This grant is open to all small business owners who are U.S. residents and run a for-profit business that has been in operation for at least one year. One winner receives a \$25,000 grant. Ten additional businesses also receive \$2,000 grants. Applications for the 2025 cycle open in the spring.

<https://www.uschamber.com/co/co-100>

## Quality of Life



### United States Tennis Association (USTA)

#### Facility Funding

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

The USTA offers competitive grant applications to facilities that meet additional requirements outlined below –

- Category 1: Basic Facility improvements, including fixed tennis court amenities (i.e. backboards, windscreens, smart court access, etc.) and blended 36' and 60' tennis line installation on existing tennis courts.
- Category 2: Resurfacing of existing 36', 60', and 78' tennis courts. Converting 78' tennis courts to stand-alone 36' tennis courts. Fencing.
- Category 3: New construction or existing facility reconstruction of 36', 60' and 78' courts. Lighting.

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/coach-organize/tennis-support/facility-assistance.html>

### Institute of Museum and Library Services

#### Museums for America

Type: Grant

Deadline: 11/14/2025

The Museums for America program supports museums of all sizes and disciplines in strategic, project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, professional development, community debate and dialogue, audience-focused studies, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation. Museums for America has three project categories:

- Lifelong Learning
- Community Engagement
- Collections Stewardship and Access

Cost Share Requirement: You must provide funds from non-federal sources in an amount that is equal to or greater than the amount of your IMLS request.

Lifelong Learning Contact: Helen Wechsler, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist,

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

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

Collections Stewardship and Access Contact: Mark Feitl, Senior Museum Program Officer,

[mfeitl@imls.gov](mailto:mfeitl@imls.gov), 202.653.4635

<https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/museums-america>



## KABOOM!

### KABOOM! Community-Built Playspace Grants

Type: Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Note: Greater Atlanta area only

Description: Our Community-Built Playspace grants are a partnership between your community, one of our dedicated funding partners, and KABOOM! As a Community Partner, you'll lead a process that will center your community's voices — both kids and adults — to design, plan, and build a new playspace using our signature community-build model. Depending on your community's needs, available space on your property, and available funding, KABOOM! offers three different types of playspaces. Once you've submitted an application, KABOOM! will evaluate your eligibility for the different types, and begin a conversation with you to determine which playspace is best for your community's kids. You can preview the application questions here. Take the quiz to confirm your eligibility for this grant. Submit any inquiries through contact form or email [apply@kaboom.org](mailto:apply@kaboom.org).

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



## Anheuser-Busch

### The Anheuser-Busch Foundation

Type: Foundation Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Note: Cartersville only

The Anheuser-Busch Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations in communities where company facilities are located.

The Foundation focuses on supporting organizations that help individuals and communities thrive, including organizations that address the following:

- disaster preparedness and relief;
- economic development;
- education;
- environmental sustainability;
- military personnel and their families; and,
- responsible drinking.

<https://www.anheuser-busch.com/community/community-service>

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