

Selected Federal Agency Announcements for the Week ending July 31, 2020

The following is a selection of recent announcements from various federal and state sources to increase awareness of resources for economic development.

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I. Funding & Resource Announcements

A. [CEDS and Regional Planning](#)

Released Aug 10: U.S. Treasury Issues Updated Guidance on Coronavirus Relief Fund

On August 10, the U.S. Department of the Treasury recently published an updated set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the [Coronavirus Relief Fund \(CRF\)](#), which was authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Visit this Treasury webpage to read the [Updated FAQ](#). The \$150 billion CRF provides funding to state, county and municipal governments with populations over 500,000 to address necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

- **Related non-federal resource:** National Association of Counties (NACo) has compiled examples showing how some Counties are using their Coronavirus Relief Funds. Visit [NACo's website](#) to read more.

NEW - Apply by Sept 10. USDA Invites Applications from TA Providers for Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC)

The Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development is seeking applications from organizations to provide planning and/or implementation technical assistance to rural communities to foster placemaking under the Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC). This funding opportunity will be administered by the USDA Rural Development Innovation Center and is announcing up to \$1,000,000 in competitive cooperative agreement funds in fiscal year (FY) 2020. Funds can be used to help rural communities access planning resources to develop actionable placemaking plans, convene partners, identify community needs, and implement priorities to build rural prosperity. Since broadband access is an essential component to providing this type of assistance, the Agency encourages planning and technical assistance that helps build capacity for rural broadband expansion. Planning must directly benefit cities or towns with 50,000 residents or less. Click here for [access](#) to the solicitation.

Applications are due by September 10. USDA expects a total of five awards. **Additional Information:**

[Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge Web Site](#)

B. [Capital Access and Entrepreneurship](#)

Sep 15 Deadline - USDA RD Business & Industry (B&I) CARES Act Loans

USDA is making available up to \$1B in loan guarantees to help rural businesses meet their working capital needs during the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, agricultural producers that are not eligible for USDA Farm Service Agency loans may receive funding under USDA Business & Industry (B&I) CARES Act Program provisions included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. B&I CARES Act Program loans must be used as working capital to prevent, prepare for or respond to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. The loans may be used only to support rural businesses, including agricultural producers, that were in operation on Feb. 15, 2020.

The Department began accepting applications on May 22, 2020. Applications must be received no later than midnight Eastern Daylight Time on September 15, 2021, or until funds are expended. Program funding expires Sept. 30, 2021

Eligible applicants may contact their local USDA Rural Development State Office in the state where the project is located, and register for the June 3 Webinar to learn more at:

globalmeetwebinar.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1324161&tp_key=6067315417

Apply by Sep 15. BIA Grants to Tribes for Business Development Feasibility Studies

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs is making grants available for feasibility studies of economic development opportunities located in designated [Opportunity Zones](#).

The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), through its Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI), is soliciting proposals from Tribes for technical assistance funding to hire consultants to perform feasibility studies of economic development opportunities located in designated Opportunity Zones. Eligibility for funding is limited to those applicants whose proposed projects, businesses, or technologies will be located in designated Opportunity Zones. These grants are also intended to fund applicants to obtain qualified guidance on how the development projects, businesses, or technologies they propose can attract investments from an Opportunity Fund. See IEED webpage for details: <https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ieed/division-economic-development/nabdi>

Updates on the Fed's Main Street Lending Program

From the Boston Federal Reserve Bank's bulletin:

The goal of the [Main Street Lending Program](#) is to keep credit flowing to small and mid-sized businesses and nonprofit organizations that were in sound financial condition before the coronavirus pandemic but now need financing to maintain operations. In July, the Main Street Lending Program's [forms and agreements](#) were amended to include the Nonprofit Organization New Loan Facility and the Nonprofit Organization Expanded Loan Facility. The documents include technical changes to accommodate multi-borrower loans and to simplify terms. In addition, the Main Street (for-profit) FAQs and Nonprofit Organization FAQs were updated. For more information and updates, visit the [Main Street Lending Program web page](#).

C. Infrastructure

NEW: Depart of Defense Invites 16 Communities to Apply for \$50M Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (Webinar Aug 20).

On August 10, the Secretary of Defense, instructed the Office of Economic Adjustment to invite grant applications from sixteen communities, based upon their top ranking by the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Review Panel. The Defense Community Infrastructure Program, is a pilot program that authorizes the Secretary of Defense to make grants, conclude cooperative agreements, and supplement funds available under other Federal programs to improve community infrastructure supportive of a military installation, where such assistance will enhance the military family quality of life, resilience, or military value.

- A list of rankings by all applicants can be viewed here: [DCIP Proposal Results](#). The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) will host a webinar on August 20th at 3:00pm EDT, to provide information about the competition. Click [here](#) to join.

Apply by Sep 1: Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grant Solicitation

The Secretary of the Interior, through the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), is soliciting grant proposals from Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Federally recognized Tribal entities to build Tribal capacity for energy resource regulation and management. The Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant program seeks to develop the Tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on American Indian and Native Alaskan land. Please contact DEMD with any questions or inquiries about the TEDC program or submission process: <https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ieed/division-energy-and-mineral-development/tedcp>

LOI Due Sept 15 / Oct 15. EPA Water Infrastructure Financing Programs (WIFIA/SWIFIA)

In July, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the 2020 notice of funding availability under its Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program, including funding for the new State infrastructure financing authority WIFIA (SWIFIA) program. These funding programs accelerate investment in critical water infrastructure through long-term, low cost, supplemental credit assistance under customized terms to creditworthy water and wastewater projects of national and regional significance.

This year's notice of funding availability prioritizes construction-ready projects in three areas: updating aging infrastructure; reducing exposure to contaminants; and water reuse and recycling. EPA will accept letters of interest from prospective WIFIA borrowers through **October 15**. EPA is also, for the first time, providing funds under [SWIFIA](#), a new program to offer low-interest loans to state water infrastructure programs (e.g., the State Revolving Funds) that then help finance needed water infrastructure projects in local communities. Letters of Interest for SWIFIA are due by September 15. For more information, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>.

Opens Sept 30: FEMA's FY20 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs

On August 4, 2020, FEMA posted the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Notification of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program and the new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) pre-disaster mitigation grant programs. FEMA's two competitive mitigation grant programs provide states, local communities, tribes and territories (SLTTs) funding for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to build a culture of preparedness by reducing disaster losses and protecting life and property from future disaster damages. This year there is \$160 million available in funding for FMA and \$500 million for BRIC. The BRIC priorities are to incentivize: public infrastructure projects; projects that mitigate risk to one or

more lifelines; projects that incorporate nature-based solutions; and adoption and enforcement of modern building codes.

The FY20 BRIC and FMA application period opens on **September 30, 2020**. Applications must be received in the [FEMA GO Portal](#) by **January 29, 2021**. **Note that FEMA will require applicants to have a current FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan at time of application and award.** Visit the [FY20 HMA NOFO webpage](#) for more information.

D. Manufacturing, Innovation, and Technology

Coming Soon: Energy Department to Issue “Connected Communities” Funding Opportunity for Commercial Building Energy Efficiency.

U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) announced its intent to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) entitled “Connected Communities.” EERE anticipates awarding 4-6 projects for up to \$7 million each in the form of cooperative agreements, or up to \$42 million. EERE’s *Building Technologies Office* would manage the FOA.

The FOA would support EERE’s *Grid-interactive Efficient Buildings* research initiative, which explores how smart building technologies and practices will enable American businesses and families to save energy and reduce their utility bills while protecting their comfort, productivity, and quality of life. EERE is working toward a future in which buildings can serve as reliable grid assets that operate dynamically with the grid to enhance efficiency, flexibility, and resilience. The full Notice of Intent can be viewed [HERE](#).

This NOO is designed to accelerate and streamline the partnering process, significantly reducing the time, cost, and risk of bringing a product to market. This arrangement, along with the reduction of each project’s cost share from 50% to 20%, encourages businesses to continue innovating despite the adverse economic conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more about the NOO [here](#).

E. Workforce Development

NEW: Apply by Sep 22. EPA FY21 Environmental Workforce Training Grant

EPA is soliciting applications to deliver Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. While Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants require training in brownfield assessment and/or cleanup activities, these grants also require that Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training be provided to all individuals being trained. EPA encourages applicants to develop their curricula based on local labor market assessments and employers’ hiring needs, while also delivering comprehensive training that results in graduates securing multiple certifications. Click this link for the full announcement: [FY2021 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training \(EWDJT\) Grants \(PDF\)](#)

Apply by Sept 24. USDA Agricultural Workforce Training Grants Program.

The Agricultural Workforce Training (AWT) Grants program seeks to develop a technology- and data-savvy workforce, ready for the field and industrial jobs within the food and agricultural sciences. Through the development of new workforce training programs, or the expansion, improvement, or renewal of existing workforce training programs at community, junior, and technical colleges/institutes, this program will expand job-based, experiential learning opportunities for students to enable a work-ready labor force for 21st century agricultural jobs. Visit NIFA’s website for more information: <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-education-workforce-development>.

NEW: Apply by Oct 8 - DOL \$40M Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants

The U.S. Department of Labor [announced](#) the availability of \$40 million in Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants to expand community colleges’ ability to meet labor market demand for a skilled workforce. The grants also build the capacity of community colleges to address challenges associated with the coronavirus health

Community colleges may apply for funding as a single institution to undertake capacity building at one institution, as a consortium of colleges in one state or across one or more community college districts in a state. The Department expects to fund approximately eight to 16 grants of up to \$2 million for single institutions and up to \$5 million for consortium applicants. The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is Oct. 8, 2020.

F. Open Federal Funding Opportunities:

Below is a list of previously highlighted funding opportunities that are still open. Enter the Opportunity Number in [Grants.gov](#) to see announcement details. You can also search [Grants.gov](#) for a full list of current federal opportunities, including programs not listed below.

Opportunity Number	Opportunity Title	AGENCY	Posted Date	Close Date
ED-GRANTS-062320-001	Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE): FY 2020 Education Stabilization Fund: Reimagine Workforce Preparation (ESF-RWP) Grants Program CFDA Number 84.425G	ED	06/23/2020	08/24/20
OPPE-15	Solicitation for Applications to Assist Persistent Poverty Farmers, Ranchers, Agriculture Producers and Communities through Agriculture Resources	USDA-DMOAO	07/15/2020	08/24/2020
OPPE-014	Funding Opportunity Announcement: Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers	USDA-DMOAO	07/15/2020	08/26/2020
BIA-TEDC-2020	Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grant; Solicitation	DOI-BIA	06/04/2020	09/01/2020

20-581	Disaster Resilience Research Grants	NSF	06/13/2020	09/15/2020
BIA-2020-NABDI	Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Grant; Solicitation of Proposals	DOI-BIA	06/18/2020	09/15/2020
EPA-OLEM-OBLR-20-03	FY21 ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB TRAINING (EWDJT) GRANTS	EPA	07/27/2020	09/22/2020
FOA-ETA-20-07	Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants	DOL-ETA	07/08/2020	10/08/2020
DHS-20-MT-047-00-99	FY20 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities	DHS-DHS	08/03/2020	01/29/2021
EDA-2019-DISASTER	FY 2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental	DOC-EDA	08/13/2019	Open
PWEEA2020	FY 2020 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs (Includes CARES Act Addendum)	DOC-EDA	10/18/2019 Updated 05/07/2020	Open
FR-6400-N-54	HUD's FY2020 and FY2021 Distressed Cities TA Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)	HUD	11/26/2019	Open
2020-NIST-MFGUSA-NEAP-01	NIST Manufacturing USA National Emergency Assistance Program	DOC-NIST	03/30/2020	Open

II. Webinars, Tools, and Research

(Please note information is provided for information only and is not an official recommendation or endorsement of the event, product, training or service)

August 27 @1pm –Advisory Board to Address Impact of the Pandemic on CDFIs

The CDFI Fund’s Community Development Advisory Board meeting will include two panel discussions and a report from the CDFI Fund Director on the activities of the CDFI Fund since the last Advisory Board meeting. The first panel discussion will focus on the impact of the pandemic and resulting economic distress on CDFIs and the clients and communities they serve, and how they have responded. The second panel will discuss the future needs of CDFIs and the clients and communities they serve and what is needed to address those needs. The link to the registration system can be found at: www.cdfifund.gov/cdab. Registration deadline is Tuesday, August 25, 2020. The full FEDERAL REGISTER August 11 notice about the open meeting is available [here](#).

Sep 21-25 Virtual Summit: National Tribal Broadband Summit

The Department of the Interior, in collaboration with USDA and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will showcase creative solutions to support tribal broadband development by connecting community leaders with information and resources to help identify opportunities for public and private sector solutions on tribal lands. Register or submit session proposals here:

<https://www.doi.gov/tribalbroadband>

NEW: USDA Recreation Economy Resource Guide

On August 10, USDA launched a [resource guide](#) to provide rural community leaders and economic development practitioners a complete list of programs at Rural Development, Forest Service, and National Institute for Food and Agriculture that can be used to support recreational economies in rural America. This guide addresses key factors necessary to build a sustainable recreational economy including natural resource management, conservation activities, infrastructure investment, business development and more. **Download the resource guide:** [Recreation Economy at USDA: Economic Development Resources for Rural Communities](#)

More Resources: USDA has also compiled federal assistance programs available for Rural communities in these online guides:

- **USDA Community of Prosperity Resource Matrix** [here](#)
- **USDA COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide**

NEW: Federal Advisory Council Releases Study on Women's Participation in SBIR/STTR

On August 12, the National Women's Business Council (NWBC) released the first comprehensive report and analysis of [Women's Inclusion in Small Business Innovation Research- \(SBIR\) and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs](#). NWBC is a federal advisory committee established to serve as an independent source of advice and policy recommendations to the President, the U.S. Congress, and to the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration on issues of importance to women business owners and entrepreneurs.

SBIR/STTR programs are a key source of financing for early-stage research and development (R&D) that translates discoveries into impactful products, services, and companies. This study found that across the 11 Federal agencies that fund SBIR/STTR programs, only 14.1% of Phase I awards were made to women owned small businesses, and about 13% of principal investigators (PIs) were women. The study also examines potential factors such as the presence of women-owned small businesses in STEM industries; SBIR funding agency outreach and initiatives; and promising practices on engaging women from organizations that support STEM entrepreneurs. Download the pdf [HERE](#)

NEW: OMB Issues Final Guidance on Grants and Agreements

The Office of Management and Budget has published "final guidance for grants and agreements" in the [August 13 Federal Register](#) describing revisions of OMB Guidance for Grants and Agreements. This revision reflects the foundational shift outlined in the President's Management Agenda (PMA) to set the stage for enhanced result-oriented accountability for grants. This guidance reflects the Administration's focus on improved stewardship and ensuring that the American people are receiving value for funds spent on grant programs. The revisions are limited in scope to support implementation of the President's Management Agenda, Results-Oriented Accountability for Grants Cross-Agency Priority Goal (Grants CAP Goal) and other Administration priorities; implementation of statutory requirements and alignment of these sections with other authoritative source requirements; and clarifications of existing requirements in particular areas within these sections.

New Video. US Export Centers - Free Training on Managing Export Shipping Costs and Risks

Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration hosts a wealth of resources for US Exporters, including online tools and training videos. A new video on Incoterms 2020 has recently been posted to help exporters ensure a smooth export transaction and avoid potentially costly mistakes. Visit the US Commercial Services website [Trade.gov/export-solutions](https://trade.gov/export-solutions) to View their [free video series](#) or contact your nearest [U.S. Commercial Service office](#).

Request for Information on Federal Coordination to Promote Economic Mobility

Through a [Request for Information \(RFI\) in the July 16 FEDERAL REGISTER](#), HHS and its interagency partners (Agriculture, Education, Labor, HUD, Treasury, SSA, CEA, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Domestic Policy Council) seek to gather feedback from our stakeholders-- state and local government agencies, local program operators, and the people that we serve. The information gathered in response to the RFI will be used to better inform the Council's priorities, working group activities, stakeholder engagement, and federal programs. Council members and the entire U.S. government are committed to a healthy and resilient America. COVID-19 has touched individuals and families in every corner of America--with communities across the country experiencing the pandemic in different ways. Feedback on the specific economic mobility, recovery, and resilience challenges in local communities in the short, medium, and long term is welcome. Comments are due by October 31.

III. Recent Awards

Education Department Awards STEM-Focused Grants to 17 HBCUs, MSIs

On August 10, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced \$3.9 million in new grant awards to 17 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) to improve science and engineering education programs for students. The grant is part of the Department of Education's [Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program \(MSEIP\)](#), which supports expanding the scientific and technological capacity of the United States to build global competitiveness by increasing the number of minority graduates in STEM fields. The [press release](#) lists all the grantees and the [abstracts](#) are available online.

DOD Selects Six Defense Manufacturing Communities Support Program Designees

On August 17, the Department of Defense Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment announced the decision selecting six consortia as designees under the new Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program (DMCSP) authorized under Section 846 of the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act. The DMCSP is designed to support long-term community investments that strengthen national security innovation and expand the capabilities of the defense industrial ecosystem. Designees will be invited to apply for grant funding as authorized by the program, to be administered by the Office of Economic Adjustment. For list of designees, see: <https://oea.gov/Defense-Manufacturing-Community-Support-Program>

DOL Awards \$102M in Trade Adjustment Assistance For Workers Grants

The U.S. Department of Labor recently announced the award of nearly \$102.5 million in grants to 47 states and Puerto Rico through the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program. This annual formula grant provides funding to states for Training and Other Activities, including training services, job search and relocation allowances, and employment and case management services to serve eligible workers affected by foreign trade. The Department distributed \$266.4 million to states in FY 2020 Training and Other Activities funding in an initial allocation in April 2020. This second distribution of \$102.5 million together with the initial allocation represents 90 percent of the amount of Training and Other Activities funds available for the fiscal year. A final distribution of the remaining 10 percent will be made in September. [A full list of states receiving funding in this distribution is available](#)

Trade-affected workers experience losses in income when their wages or hours are reduced or jobs lost when their employers send their work to firms overseas. The Department uses the TAA Program to provide training, reemployment services, and income support in the form of Trade Readjustment Assistance to eligible workers and Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance to eligible workers age 50 and older, to help them find new employment. [Learn more about on the TAA for Workers Program](#)

IV. Disaster Recovery Resources & Info

Economic Recovery Support & the National Disaster Response Framework

On behalf of the Department of Commerce, EDA leads the Economic Recovery Support Function (ERSF), under the National Disaster Response Framework (NDRF). Read more about EDA's role in Disaster Recovery here: <https://www.eda.gov/disaster-recovery/>

Following are weblinks to federal programs and resources to assist with economic recovery following major disasters:

Federal Disaster Declarations

- [FEMA Disasters Webpage](#): Database for declared disasters.
- [Emergency Declaration for COVID-19. March 13, 2020.](#)

COVID-19 Disaster Assistance Resources

- [Government Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19](#): Overview page for federal COVID-19 websites.

Department of Commerce (DOC) Resources

- [DOC COVID-19 Homepage](#)

Census Bureau Resources

- [Census COVID-19 Homepage](#)
- [COVID-19 Demographic and Economic Resources](#)
- [Weekly Business Formation Statistics](#)
- [Small Business Pulse Survey](#)

Economic Development Administration (EDA) Resources

- [EDA COVID-19 Homepage](#)

Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Centers Received CARES Act Funding

- [MBDA and CARES Act Funding](#)

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

- [Manufacturing Extension Partnership \(MEP\) Centers Received CARES Act Funding.](#)
- [NIST Manufacturing USA National Emergency Assistance Program](#)

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

- [CARES Act Funding for Assistance to Fisheries](#)

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA): Broadband USA

- [NTIA Updates Comprehensive Guide to Federal Broadband Funding.](#)

ERSF Partner Agencies (FEMA, Labor, SBA, Treasury, USDA)

- [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#): current disaster declarations and related resources
- [Department of Labor Coronavirus Resources](#): for workers and employers, including job training, unemployment insurance and workplace safety information.
- [Small Business Administration \(SBA\) COVID-19 Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources](#): Assistance for small businesses and entrepreneurs to access business advice, contracting assistance, and capital to maintain and grow operations.
- [Treasury Department CARES Act Homepage](#): provides Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidance for taxpayers, assistance for state and local governments available through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and other assistance to preserve American jobs, industries and communities, including Opportunity Zones.
- [United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) COVID-19 Homepage](#) Economic development needs from business grants and loans to broadband and other critical infrastructure are summarized in their [COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#)

Additional Selected Federal Recovery Resources:

- Department of Defense (DOD) [COVID-19 JATF Industry Portal](#). COVID-19 National Response Team Joint Acquisition Task Force Industry Portal for Procurement and Grant Opportunities.
- Department of Education (DOE): [Education Stabilization Fund](#). These funds support state education agencies and local education agencies during the pandemic.
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Lifeline and Broadband Services. [Keeping Americans Connected](#)
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD): [HUD COVID-19 Homepage](#).
See in particular:
 - [CDBG COVID-19 Resources](#)
 - [Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities to Support Infectious Disease Response](#)
 - [Coronavirus Resources: Public Housing Agencies](#)

- Health and Human Services (HHS): [HHS COVID-19 Homepage](#).

Non-Federal Resources

- National Association of Development Organizations (NADO): [RDO COVID-19 Resource Center](#)
- International Economic Development Council (IEDC): [Leadership in Times of Crisis: A Toolkit for Economic Recovery and Resiliency](#)
- Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA): [COVID-19 Resource Center](#)

EDA Disaster Supplemental Funding Available for 2018/19 Natural Disasters

EDA Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), made available \$587 million for eligible grantees in communities impacted by presidentially declared natural disasters in 2018, and by floods and tornadoes in 2019. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. View Opportunity Number [EDA-2019-DISASTER](#) on Grants.gov, and contact your EDA Regional Office representative for eligibility information and application assistance.

- [Disaster Supplemental Web page](#): For more information, view EDA’s September 2019 webinar and [EDA Grants Made Under the 2018 Disaster Supplemental \(DS\) Appropriation](#).

Congressional Research Service -2020 Hurricane Season FAQ

On July 24, CRS issued a report ahead of the 2020 Hurricane Season to address frequently asked questions regarding Federal Disaster Assistance for Hurricanes During the COVID-19. The report is focused on FEMA and SBA funds available following emergency and major disaster declarations under the Stafford Act. Read the report here: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R46385>

NIST Funding Available for MEP Disaster Assessment Program

- [NIST MEP Disaster Assessment Program](#): NIST will accept applications from MEP Centers on a rolling basis based on the date of the subject FEMA Disaster Declaration. See NOFO (2020-NIST-MEP-MDAP-01) for full details.

EPA Toolkit Features Resources to Prepare for Natural Disasters

- [How to Prepare for Natural Disasters: A Pre-Disaster Toolkit for Small to Medium-Sized Communities](#): A toolkit from the [EPA Urban Waters Federal Partnership](#)

HUD Technical Assistance (TA) for Disaster Recovery in Small Cities.

- [Distressed Cities Technical Assistance \(DCTA\) Program](#)
 - The following resources are the newest webinars, reports, and other information available on the [DCTA Program Resources page](#)
 - Note: HUD strongly encourages interested jurisdictions to contact their [HUD Local Office](#) prior to submitting a request for TA.

V. State Opportunities and Events

For questions regarding state opportunities, please contact state offices.

A. Illinois

The resources listed below are from

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/AboutDCEO/GrantOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx>.

Rebuild Illinois Regional Economic Development Grant Program

The Rebuild Illinois Regional Economic Development Program is a new initiative funded by Public Act 101-0029. This program will provide grants to strengthen local economies and encourage the development of industry clusters.

This award utilizes capital grant funds to fund regional economic development projects based upon the criteria included in Governor Pritzker's Five-Year Economic Development Plan. The State has allocated \$16,500,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds to the Regional Economic Development (RIRED) component. A grant ceiling of \$2,000,000 per project has been established. Grants for less than \$250,000 will not be awarded.

Application window is open for a period of time with no specific due dates for applications. More information can be found [here](#).

Rebuild Illinois Shovel Ready Sites Grant Program

The Rebuild Illinois Competitive Shovel Ready Sites Program (RISRS) is a new initiative funded by Public Act 101-0029. Through Rebuild Illinois, grants will provide funding for projects that entail substantial improvements to an underused site in order to make it 'shovel ready' for future development and investment. When the project is complete, the site must be confirmed as available for sale and/or development, has appropriate zoning, boundary survey, clear title, environmental conditions, soil conditions, and infrastructure in place or engineer-planned. A minimum of \$1 million of RISRS funds will be spent for brownfield redevelopment.

This award utilizes capital grant funds to fund shovel ready sites projects based upon the criteria included in Governor Pritzker's Five-Year Economic Development Plan. The State has allocated \$13,000,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds to the competitive Shovel Ready Sites (RISRS) component. A grant ceiling of \$2,000,000 per project has been established. Grants for less than \$250,000 will not be awarded.

Application window is open for a period of time with no specific due dates for applications. More information can be found [here](#).

B. Minnesota

The resources listed below are from <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>.

The Office of Broadband Development (OBD) is soliciting applications for Border to Border Broadband grant funding of broadband infrastructure projects.

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- [Broadband Grant Application](#)

All applications must be received at DEED on or before the application deadline of **September 30, 2020 no later than 4:00 p.m.** Completed applications and all required supporting documentation – one electronic copy in Microsoft Word format on a USB drive – must be received by DEED’s Office of Broadband Development on or prior to 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2020 to be deemed eligible for funding. Grant award decisions are anticipated by early 2021.

Small Cities Development Program

The Small Cities Development Program Unit is accepting preliminary proposals, the first stage in the grant application process for eligible activities addressing community needs for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, rental and/or commercial building rehabilitation or public facility improvements through the Small Cities Development Program (SCDP).

[Application for Preliminary Proposals](#)

The deadline for the submission of applications is 4:30 p.m. on November 17, 2020.

Proposals must be submitted to the Department of Employment and Economic Development, Business and Community Development Division, Small Cities Development Program Unit, 1st National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200, St. Paul, MN 55101-1351. One original and one copy of the preliminary proposal are required. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. All copies must be complete and submitted by the deadline to be considered for funding.

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership – Low Income Worker

The Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Board is soliciting applications for MJSP Low Income Worker Training Program grants. In accordance with Section 116L.02, the Low Income Worker Training Program is designed to help individuals with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level receive training to acquire additional skills in order to move up the career ladder into higher paying jobs and economic self-sufficiency.

[Request for Proposal](#)

The deadline for the submission of applications is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020. No late proposals will be considered.

Proposals must be submitted as one file, including attachments, in a PDF format to Department of Employment and Economic Development, Business and Community Development Division, Minnesota Job Skills Partnership via email to deed.mjsp@state.mn.us. Only proposals received by the deadlines posted above will be eligible for consideration at the October 26, 2020 MJSP Board meeting. No exceptions will be made in the event of technical issues or delays.

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership – Partnership/Pathways

The Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Board is soliciting applications for grant funding for new and incumbent worker training programs. MJSP will accept applications for the Partnership and Pathways Programs, Short Form and Pre-Development.

[Request for Proposal](#)

The deadline for the submission of regular applications is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020. Short Form and Pre-Development applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020. No late proposals will be considered.

Proposals must be submitted as one file, including attachments, in a PDF format to Department of Employment and Economic Development, Business and Community Development Division, Minnesota Job Skills Partnership via email to deed.mjsp@state.mn.us. Only proposals received by the deadlines posted above will be eligible for consideration at the October 26, 2020 MJSP Board meeting. No exceptions will be made in the event of technical issues or delays.

Minnesota State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Program

The Minnesota Trade Office (MTO), an agency within the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, is soliciting applications for funding for eligible small and medium-sized businesses to participate in export development activities that will assist the company to begin exporting or increase their exports from Minnesota. **Proposals are accepted until all funds are committed.**

Applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis as they are received. Proposals must be submitted electronically to [Aeli Wiebolt](#).

For complete information on the STEP Program, see the [Export Financing Programs webpage](#).

C. Wisconsin

The resources listed below are from <https://wedc.org/focus-forward/programs-resources/>.

Wisconsin Capacity Building Grants

The goal of the Capacity Building (CB) Grant Program is to support local and regional economic development efforts in the state of Wisconsin.

The program provides funds to assist organizations and local and regional economic development groups to further the goals of WEDC in its efforts to foster an advanced economic development network within the state of Wisconsin. More information can be found [here](#).

Community Development Investment Grant

The goal of the Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Program is to incent primarily downtown community development in the state of Wisconsin.

The program will support urban, small city and rural community redevelopment efforts by providing financial incentives for shovel-ready projects with emphasis on, but not limited to, downtown community-driven efforts. Funded activities should lead to measurable benefits in job opportunities, property values and/or leveraged investment by local and private partners. More information is located [here](#).

D. Indiana

The resources listed below are from <https://iedc.in.gov/programs>.

Industrial Grant Fund (IDGF)

The Industrial Grant Fund (IDGF) provides assistance to municipalities and other eligible entities as defined under I.C. 5-28-25-1 with off-site infrastructure improvements needed to serve the proposed project site. Upon review and approval of the Local Recipient's application, project specific Milestones are established for completing the improvements. IDGF will reimburse a portion of the actual total cost of the infrastructure improvements. The assistance will be paid as each Milestone is achieved, with final payment upon completion of the last Milestone of the infrastructure project. More information can be found [here](#).

Skills Enhancement Fund (SEF)

The Skills Enhancement Fund (SEF) provides assistance to businesses to support training and upgrading skills of employees required to support new capital investment. The grant may be provided to reimburse a portion (typically 50%) of eligible training costs over a period of two full calendar years from the commencement of the project.

Grants from the Skills Enhancement Fund must lead to post-secondary credentials, a nationally-recognized industry credential, or specialized company training for both new hires and existing workers, and an increase in wages for existing employees.

E. Ohio

The resources listed below are from the [JobsOhio website](#).

JobsOhio Economic Development Grant

The JobsOhio Economic Development Grant was created to promote economic development, business expansion, and job creation by providing funding for eligible projects in the State of Ohio. Grant decisions are based on a number of project factors, including but not limited to job creation, additional payroll, fixed-asset investment commitment, project return on investment, and project location.

The program requires the creation of jobs within a specified period of time and may consider the amount of proceeds per job created. JobsOhio may consider providing assistance for eligible projects that improve operational efficiencies or production expansion, along with the retention of jobs.

The JobsOhio Economic Development Grant is reimbursement-based and requires supporting documentation. More information can be found [here](#).

JobsOhio Workforce Grant

The JobsOhio Workforce Grant was created to promote economic development, business expansion, and job creation by providing funding for the improvement of worker skills and abilities in the State of Ohio. Grant decisions are based on a number of project factors, including but not limited to job creation, additional payroll, fixed-asset investment commitment, project return on investment, and project location. More information can be found [here](#).

JobsOhio Research & Development (R&D) Center Grant

The JobsOhio Research & Development (R&D) Center Grant program was created to facilitate new strategic corporate R&D centers in Ohio. Such R&D Centers will support the development and commercialization of emerging technologies and/or products that align with one or more of JobsOhio's targeted industries (Advanced Manufacturing, Aerospace & Aviation, Automotive, Healthcare, Financial Services, Food Processing, Information Technology, Logistics & Distribution and Shale Energy & Petrochemicals). Examples of projects could include, among other areas of focus, Additive Manufacturing (3-D Printing), Advanced Materials, Aeropropulsion, Autonomous Vehicles, Biomedical, Carbon Fiber, Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, Financial Technology (FinTech), Energy Storage/Fuel Cells, Internet of Things (IoT), Sensors and Unmanned Aerial Systems.

JobsOhio funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis, first with respect to fixed assets and second, with respect to non-fixed assets, in each case with supporting documentation required with respect to dollars invested. All awards under the R&D Center Grant program are subject to approval by the Chief Investment Officer (CIO). More information can be found [here](#).

F. Michigan

Information on capital access resources is available on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's website located [here](#). Two of these resources are highlighted below.

Northern Initiatives Program

The program provides up to \$2 million in loan funds to Northern Initiatives through MEDC's Capital Access program to be used to assist businesses impacted by the COVID-19 virus. Due to the volume of requests, Northern Initiatives has put a temporary hold on accepting new requests and expects to reopen inquiries in mid-May.

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Capital Access Program

The Capital Access Program uses small amounts of public resources to generate private lender financing, providing small businesses in Michigan access to capital that might not otherwise be available. Similar to a loan loss reserve fund, the bank, the borrower, and the MEDC pay a small premium into a reserve that makes it possible for the borrower to receive financing.

View the Capital Access Program (CAP) fact sheet for more information