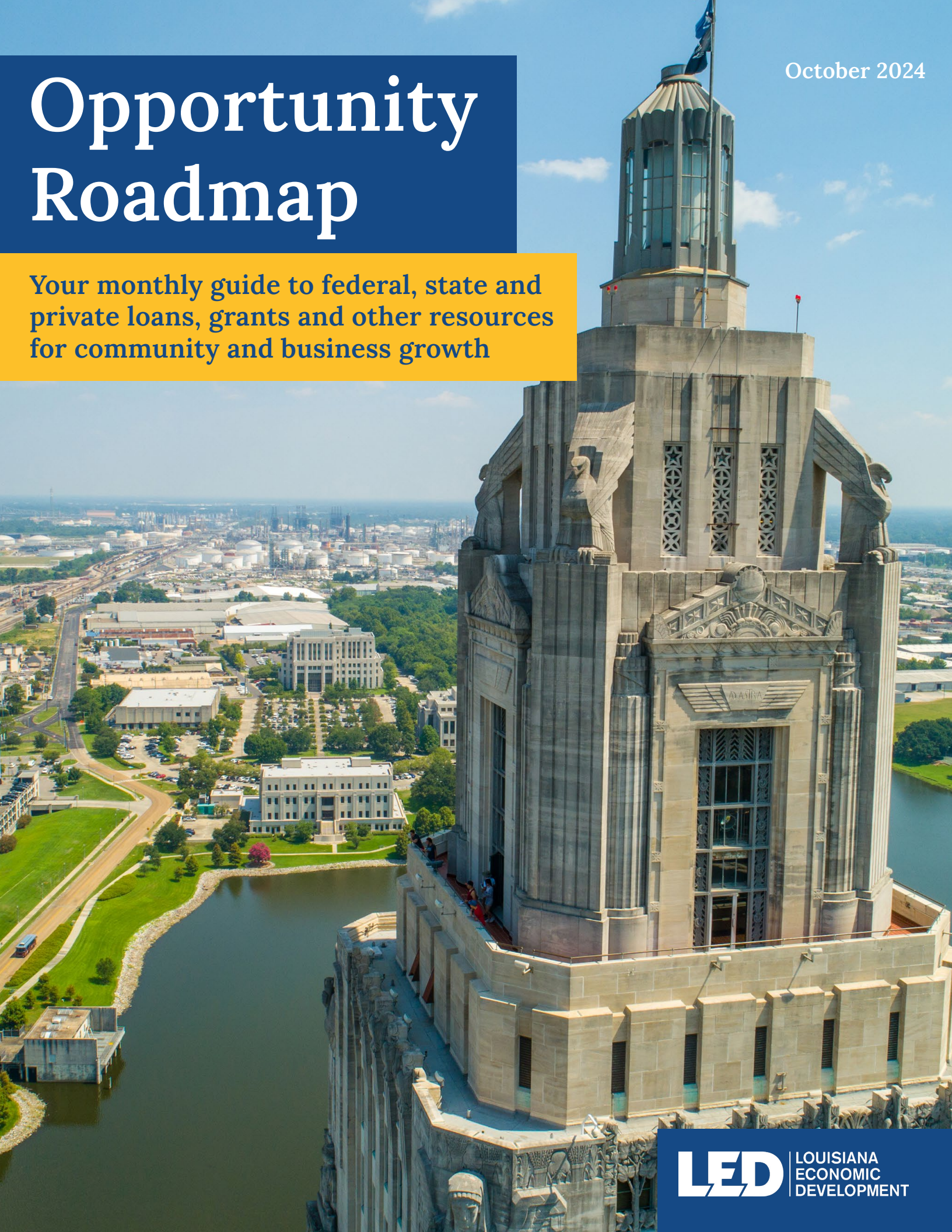


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# Opportunity Roadmap

Your monthly guide to federal, state and private loans, grants and other resources for community and business growth





## *Searching for resources but don't know where to start?*

You've come to the right place. At Louisiana Economic Development, we aim to support the efforts of regions that are continually capitalizing on opportunities, fostering job creation and enhancing the state's business environment. Sometimes, business and community leaders are unaware of all the resources available to help them grow. Or, they simply don't know where to look. To make it easier, we've created this go-to resource guide, updated monthly, that lists loans, grants, programs and other opportunities that federal, state, and private entities have made available in Louisiana. We hope you find it an essential reference as you maximize your community or business growth.

Funding opportunities can be used for projects ranging from infrastructure upgrades to strategic plans, workforce training, and community improvements. Target audiences include:

- » Regional Economic Development Organizations
- » Local Economic Development Organizations
- » Planning Districts
- » Communities
- » Parish and Municipal Governments

## New Items

- » **National Science Foundation**
  - Humans, Disasters and the Built Environment
- » **Department of Commerce**
  - Coastal Zone Management Habitat
- » **Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality**
  - Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund
- » **USDA Rural Development Department of Agriculture**
  - Waste & Water Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grant
  - Waste & Water Disposal Loan & Grant Program
  - Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)
- » **Environmental Protection Agency**
  - Region 6 Targeted Brownfields Assessment
  - Water Technical Assistance Request
  - Community Change Grant Program
- » **U.S. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**
  - National Fish Passage Program Base Funding
- » **LITACorp**
  - Technical Assistance Program
  - Matching Funds Grant Program (MFGP)
- » **US Department of Housing and Urban Development**
  - Thriving Communities Technical Assistance
- » **Delta Regional Authority**
  - Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF)
- » **U.S Department of Transportation**
  - Airport Zero Emission Vehicle and Infrastructure Pilot Program
  - Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration Grants
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# Loans

## USDA Rural Development

### **BUSINESS & INDUSTRY LOAN GUARANTEES**

For-profit or non-profit businesses, cooperatives, federally-recognized tribes, public bodies, and individuals engaged or proposing to engage in a business are eligible for this loan.

#### **Use of funds:**

- » Business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development.
- » The purchase and development of land, buildings, and associated infrastructure for commercial or industrial properties
- » The purchase and installation of machinery and equipment, supplies or inventory
- » Debt refinancing when such refinancing improves cash flow and creates jobs
- » Business and industrial acquisitions when the loan will maintain business operations and create or save jobs

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*Grant award maximum 80%**

### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM**

Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents are eligible for this program.

#### **Use of funds:**

- » Health Care Facilities
- » Public Facilities
- » Community Support services
- » Public Safety Services
- » Educational Services
- » Utility Services (i.e. telemedicine or distance learning equipment)
- » Local Food Systems
- » For a complete list see Code of Federal Regulations [7 CFR, Part 1942.17\(d\)](#) for loans; [7 CFR, Part 3570.62](#) for grants

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*Grant award maximum 55%**

### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM**

Eligible applicants include lenders who have the legal authority, financial strength and sufficient experience to operate a successful lending program. This includes lenders that are subject to supervision and credit examination by the applicable agency of the United States or a State.

#### **Use of funds:**

*Funds can be used to construct, enlarge, extend or otherwise improve essential community facilities. Guarantee funds can also be used for refinancing the debt of an essential community facility.*

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- » Health care facilities and services, including but not limited to hospitals
- » Fire rescue, and public safety facilities and services
- » Community, public, social, educational, or cultural facilities or services
- » Transportation facilities such as streets, bridges, roads, ports, and airports
- » Certain utility projects when not eligible for Rural Utilities Service financing, gas distribution systems, recycling and transfer centers or stations
- » Telecommunications end-user equipment when related to public safety, medical,

or educational telecommunication links when not eligible for Rural Utilities Service financing

- » Water infrastructure facilities such as levees, dams, reservoirs, inland waterways, canals, and irrigation systems
- » Purchase and installation of renewable energy systems for use by an essential community facility (conditions apply)
- » Land acquisition and necessary site preparation including access ways and utility extensions to and throughout an industrial park site
- » Community parks, community activity centers, and similar types of facilities

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*Maximum 80% guarantee**

### **ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN & LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM**

Eligible applicants include most retail or power supply providers serving qualified rural areas, including state and local governmental entities, federally-recognized Tribes, nonprofits including cooperatives and limited dividend or mutual associations, and for-profit businesses.

#### **Use of funds:**

- » Maintenance
- » Upgrades
- » Expansion
- » Replacement of distribution, sub transmission and headquarters (service, warehouse) facilities
- » Energy efficiency
- » Renewable energy systems
- » For additional details, see the Code of Federal Regulations

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*Loan guarantees up to 100%**

### **RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM IN LOUISIANA**

Eligible applicants include current Rural Utilities Service (RUS), electric or telecommunication borrower, any former RUS borrower that has repaid or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act, or any not-for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan.

- » USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas.

- » Funding can be used to establish Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs)

**\*Application deadlines for quarterly funding competitions are no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time)**

**on: First Quarter, September 30; Second Quarter, December 31; Third Quarter, March 31; and Fourth Quarter, June 30.**

**\*\$300K Max grant amount**

**\*\$2M Max loan amount**

### **RURAL HOUSING SITE LOANS**

Eligible applicants include private or public non-profit organizations, non-profits that have the legal authority to operate a revolving loan fund, non-profits that have the financial, technical and managerial capacity to comply with relevant federal and state laws and regulations, federally-recognized tribes

- » USDA Rural Development offers specific loans to eligible entities to purchase and develop housing sites for low- and moderate-income families.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE LOANS & LOAN GUARANTEES

Eligible applicants include most entities that provide telecommunications in qualified rural areas including state and local governmental entities, federally recognized tribes, non-profits, including cooperatives, and limited dividend or mutual associations, for-profit businesses.

- » This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*Max up to 80%**

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### EPA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT (WIFIA)

Eligible applicants include:

- » Local, state, and tribal government entities, partnerships and joint ventures, corporations and trusts, and clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs
- » WIFIA program can fund development and implementation activities for eligible projects
- » Development phase activities, including planning, preliminary engineering, design, environmental review, revenue forecasting, and other pre-construction activities
- » Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and replacement activities
- » Acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, environmental mitigation, construction contingencies, and acquisition of equipment
- » Capitalized interest necessary to meet market requirements, reasonably required reserve funds, capital issuance expenses and other carrying costs during construction

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*49% of project cost MAX**

## U.S Department of Transportation

### RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FINANCING (RRIF) PROGRAM

Eligible borrowers include railroads, state and local governments, government-sponsored authorities and corporations, limited option freight shippers that intend to construct a new rail connection, and joint ventures that include at least one of the preceding.

- » Direct loans and loan guarantees to acquire, improve, or rehabilitate intermodal or rail equipment or facilities including track, components of track, bridges, yards, buildings and shops, and including the installation of positive train control systems; develop or establish new intermodal or railroad facilities; and finance transit-oriented development.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**



## Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

### BROWNFIELD CLEANUP REVOLVING LOAN FUND

- » Public, private and nonprofit entities are all eligible to apply for LDEQ's Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) which provides low interest loans with flexible terms to support the environmental cleanup of vacant and underutilized properties to get them ready for reuse.
- » LDEQ's BCRLF currently has a 0% interest rate, and nonprofit and government entities are eligible for 30% loan forgiveness. Funding goes to the entity applying for assistance who then hires a qualified environmental contractor to complete cleanup activities. Repayment generally starts six months after the Certificate of Occupancy is issued or two years after the cleanup is completed (whichever is first) to allow time for the project to produce income

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

## Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

### THE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM (DWRLF)

- » Established to provide low-interest loans and technical assistance to public water systems in the state to assist them in complying with Federal and State drinking water regulations and to ensure that their customers are being provided with safe drinking water in order to protect the public health.

- » **Technical Assistance**

Some of the monies are designated for technical assistance to small public water systems serving under 10,000 population.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

## Louisiana Public Facilities Authority

### LOW INTEREST LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND BANK PROGRAM

- » The LPFA's Low Interest Local Government Bond Bank Program saves local governments money by providing up to 25% of a financing at a reduced interest rate.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*Max up to 25%**

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOW INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM

- » The LPFA's Rural Development Low Interest Loan Program helps provide local governments and non-profits with interim financing for capital and infrastructure projects until permanent financing is received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development Program.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*Max up to 40%**

## Grants

### Delta Regional Authority

#### COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CIF)

Investments support projects that address flood control, basic public infrastructure and transportation infrastructure projects.

Eligible applicants include:

- » Counties/parishes, cities, or other political subdivisions of a state, including a special purpose district of a state or local government engaged in economic or community development activities or a consortium of political subdivisions,
- » Public or private nonprofit organizations or associations,
- » Regional development organizations,
- » Economic development organizations,
- » Workforce investment boards,
- » Unions/labor organizations,
- » Community-based organizations,
- » Faith-based organizations,
- » Public Institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education,
- » Minority-serving institutions,
- » Trade/technical schools,
- » Historically Black Colleges & Universities, and
- » Basic public infrastructure, including water and wastewater facilities, electric and gas utilities, broadband delivery, and solid waste landfills; transportation infrastructure such as local roadways, bridges, rail, port facilities, airports; flood control

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*\$500K-\$2M Max award**

### USDA Rural Development

#### EMERGENCY COMMUNITY WATER ASSISTANCE GRANTS

To be eligible, the applicant must be rurally located public bodies, nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes

**Use of funds:**

- » Water transmission line grants up to \$150,000 to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply
- » Water source grants up to \$1,000,000 are to construct a water source, intake or treatment facility

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*\$150K max water transmission line grant**

**\*\$1M max water source grant**

#### MULTIFAMILY HOUSING RENTAL ASSISTANCE

This program provides payments to owners of USDA-financed Rural Rental Housing or Farm Labor Housing projects on behalf of low-income tenants unable to pay their full rent.

- » Project owners as part of their Rural Rental Housing or Farm Labor Housing new construction financing applications are eligible to apply.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

### MUTUAL SELF-HELP HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Provides grants to qualified organizations to help them carry out local self-help housing construction projects. Grant recipients supervise groups of very-low- and low-income individuals and families as they construct their own homes in rural areas. The group members provide most of the construction labor on each other's homes, with technical assistance from the organization overseeing the project.

- » Eligible applicants include government non-profit organizations, federally-recognized tribes, and private non-profit organizations

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

### SPECIAL EVALUATION ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND HOUSEHOLDS IN LOUISIANA

This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects.

- » Most state and local governmental entities, nonprofits, and federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

### STRATEGIC ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To be eligible for SECD, a project must be eligible for the covered program, be carried out in a rural area, support a multi-jurisdictional and multi-sectoral strategic community investment plan.

#### **Use of funds:**

- » SECD supports projects that promote and implement strategic community investment plans. Rural Development also can assist by identifying additional resources, convening partners, and helping leverage federal, state, local and private funding.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

### WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM IN LOUISIANA

This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include most state and local governmental entities, private nonprofits, and federally-recognized tribes.

#### **Use of funds:**

- » Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution
- » Sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal
- » Solid waste collection, disposal and closure
- » Storm water collection, transmission and disposal

In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as:

- » Legal and engineering fees
- » Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment
- » Start-up operations and maintenance
- » Interest incurred during construction
- » Purchase of facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service
- » Other costs determined to be necessary for completion of the project
- » See [7 CFR Part 1780.7 and 1780.9](#) for a complete list.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

### WASTE & WATER DISPOSAL PREDEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANT

Eligible applicants include rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less and federally recognized tribal lands.

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

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*\$60K Max award**

## U.S. Department of Commerce NOAA Office of Coastal Management

### COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT HABITAT PROTECTION AND RESTORATION COMPETITION

- » Any coastal state or territorial CZM Program that has been approved by NOAA is eligible for funding which can be used for eligible state and territory Coastal Zone Management Programs for coastal habitat restoration; coastal habitat restoration planning, engineering, and design; and coastal land conservation projects.

**\*Application Deadline January 9, 2025**

**\*\$200K-\$6M Max award**

## U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

Eligible applicants include principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), other metropolitan cities with populations of at least 50,000, qualified urban counties with populations of at least 200,000

#### **Use of funds:**

- » Acquisition of real property
- » Relocation and demolition
- » Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- » Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes
- » Public services, within certain limits
- » Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- » Provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

### SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Eligible applicants include the following public entities:

- » States
- » Metropolitan cities and urban counties (i.e., CDBG entitlement recipients)
- » Non-entitlement communities that are assisted in the submission of applications by States that administer the CDBG Program
- » Non-entitlement communities eligible to receive CDBG funds under the HUD-Administered Small Cities CDBG Program

- » The Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program (Section 108) provides Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients with the ability to leverage their annual grant allocation to access low-cost, flexible financing for economic development, housing, public facility, and infrastructure projects.  
**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

### **THRIVING COMMUNITIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Eligible applicants include general local government, which include villages, towns, cities, counties, and other small municipalities, as well as tribes.

- » Technical assistance designed to support coordination and integration of transportation and housing in infrastructure planning and implementation. Jurisdictions can leverage infrastructure investments to revitalize communities, ensure equitable access to resources, create economic opportunities for residents and businesses, and improve housing availability, affordability, and quality.  
**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

## **U.S Department of Transportation**

### **ACCELERATED INNOVATION DEPLOYMENT (AID) DEMONSTRATION GRANTS**

Deploy pilot, innovative practices, or technologies in any phase of a highway transportation project between project planning and delivery to significantly accelerate the adoption of innovative technologies by the surface transportation community.

- » Entities eligible to apply are State departments of transportation (State DOT), Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA), and tribal governments.  
**\*Application Deadline: April 15, 2025**  
**\*100K-1M Max award**

### **RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FINANCING (RRIF) PROGRAM**

Direct loans and loan guarantees to acquire, improve, or rehabilitate intermodal or rail equipment or facilities, including track, components of track, bridges, yards, buildings and shops, and including the installation of positive train control systems; develop or establish new intermodal or railroad facilities; and finance transit-oriented development

- » Eligible borrowers include railroads, state and local governments, government-sponsored authorities and corporations.  
**\*Application Deadline: November 1, 2024**

### **TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM**

- » The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program provides funding for a variety of generally smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities; construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas; community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management; environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity; recreational trails; safe routes to school projects; and vulnerable road user safety assessments.  
**\*Application accepted on a rolling basis**

## U.S. Economic Development Administration

### BUILD TO SCALE (B2S):

The Build to Scale (B2S) program supports organizations that strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystems to support entrepreneurs as they build and scale technology-driven businesses—and the employees in the new, good jobs they create—to make and deliver new technology products and services.

Eligible applicants include a state, an Indian Tribe, a city or other political subdivision of a state, and an entity whose application is supported by a state or political subdivision of a state and that is:

- » A nonprofit organization;
- » An institution of higher education;
- » A public-private partnership;
- » A science or research park;
- » A federal laboratory;
- » A venture development organization;
- » An economic development organization or similar entity that is focused primarily on improving science, technology, innovation, or entrepreneurship;

**\*Application deadline: October 28, 2024, at 4:59 EST.**

**\*\$5M Max award**

### PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS INCLUDING CARES ACT FUNDING

Under this NOFO, EDA solicits applications from applicants in order to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, planning, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works program and EAA program.

Eligible applicants include a state, an Indian Tribe, a city or other political subdivision of a state, and an entity whose application is supported by a state or political subdivision of a state and that is:

- » Eligible applicants include state governments
- » Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- » City or township governments
- » Country governments
- » Nonprofits
- » Private institutions of higher education
- » Special district governments
- » Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

**\*Application accepted on an ongoing basis**

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT PROGRAM

- » The Community Change Grants will fund community-driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation. This historic level of support will enable communities and their partners to overcome longstanding environmental challenges and

implement meaningful solutions to meet community needs now and for generations to come. There will be two tracks of funding under this opportunity. Track I will fund approximately 150 large, transformational community-driven investment grants of \$10 million - \$20 million. Track II will fund approximately 20 meaningful engagement grants of \$1 million - \$3 million. Grants cannot exceed 3-years in duration.

\* **Track 1 - \$10M-\$20M; Track 2 - \$1M-\$3M**

\***Application deadline November 21, 2024**

### **REGION 6 TARGETED BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT**

Free targeted brownfields assessments (TBAs) to support brownfields projects; assessment services include brownfield inventories, area-wide planning, site environmental assessments and investigations, and site cleanup planning.

- » Eligible applicants include local government units, a quasi-public entity, such as a community development organization, non-profit entities, tribal governments. If the redevelopment benefits the general public, private owners may be eligible.

\***Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

### **WATER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

EPA WaterTA aims to assist communities with applications for federal funding, quality infrastructure, and reliable water services in partnership with drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities and local government.

- » Eligible applicants include Local governments/communities, drinking water utilities/systems, wastewater utilities/systems, stormwater utilities/systems, states, tribes, territories, non-governmental organizations.

\***Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

## **National Endowment for the Arts**

### **CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

This program supports community-based efforts to address the impacts of climate change and COVID-19 by safeguarding cultural resources and fostering cultural resilience through identifying, documenting, and/or collecting cultural heritage and community experiences. The program prioritizes projects from disadvantaged communities in the United States or its jurisdictions, and NEH encourages applications that employ inclusive methodologies.

Eligible applicants include public and State controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, private institutions of higher education, nonprofits, and Native American tribal governments.

#### **Dates:**

- » Forecasted Post Date: February 20, 2025
  - » Estimated Application Due Date: May 20, 2025
- \*\$150K Max award

### **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

This program supports community-based efforts to address the impacts of climate change and COVID-19 by safeguarding cultural resources and fostering cultural resilience through identifying, documenting, and/or collecting cultural heritage and community experiences. The program prioritizes projects from disadvantaged communities in the United States or its jurisdictions, and NEH encourages applications that employ inclusive methodologies.

Eligible applicants include Nonprofits, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), private institutions of higher education, city or township governments, county governments, public and State controlled institutions of higher education state governments.

**Dates:**

- » Forecasted Post Date: February 20, 2025
  - » Estimated Application Due Date: May 20, 2025
- \*\$350K Max award**

## National Science Foundation

### HUMANS, DISASTERS AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (HBDE) PROGRAM

- » The program focuses are ongoing and emerging hazards to populations (individuals, households, businesses, organizations, and agencies) and built environments (critical infrastructures, physical and cyber spaces, and buildings). Successful proposals shall address all three elements (i.e., humans, disasters, and the built environment) and have the potential to contribute to theories or insights that hold over a broad range of scales, conditions, and sectors. Research funded through this program is expected to build a deeper understanding of human behaviors at the interface of engineering and society and inform how communities manage their risk and adapt to changing patterns in climate, extreme weather, and other hazards.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

## U.S. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

### NATIONAL FISH PASSAGE PROGRAM BASE FUNDING

Financial assistance to remove instream barriers and restore aquatic organism passage and aquatic connectivity through dam removals, culvert replacements, floodplain restoration and reconnection, and installation of fishways

Eligible applicants include:

- » County governments
- » Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- » Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- » Independent school districts
- » For profit organizations other than small businesses
- » City or township governments
- » Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- » Small businesses
- » Special district governments
- » Private institutions of higher education
- » State governments
- » Individuals
- » Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education



- » Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- » Others (see text field entitled “Additional Information on Eligibility” for clarification)
- » Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

\*Applications deadline December 31, 2024

## Louisiana Division of Administration

### SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT CONSOLIDATION PLANNING GRANT

- » Provides funds to assist units of general local government in the consolidation of non-profit/municipal water systems to create sustainable, financially solvent, and stable potable water systems. Examples of eligible costs are engineering fees to develop a preliminary engineering report, legal and recordation fees, and administrative costs relating to the consolidation of potable water systems.

\*\$40K Max award

\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis

## Non-governmental entities

### Entergy

#### MICRO GRANTS

Entergy’s Micro Grants Program accepts requests for up to \$1,000 in all program areas: arts and culture, community improvement/enrichment, economic development, education/literacy, environment and healthy families.

Eligible applicants include:

- » A public charity or private foundation that qualifies as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity
- » A school, hospital, governmental unit or religious institution that holds nonprofit status similar to that of 501(c)(3) organizations
- » A state or local government, but only if a donation thereto is made exclusively for public purposes
- » A war-veterans organization that qualifies as a 501(c)(19) tax-exempt entity
- » A volunteer fire department that qualifies as a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt entity

\*Application Window: Open Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

\*\$1000 Max award

#### OPEN GRANTS

Focuses on improving communities as a whole. We look for giving opportunities in the areas of arts and culture, education and workforce development, poverty solutions and social services, healthy families, and community improvement.

Eligible applicants include:

- » A public charity or private foundation that qualifies as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity
- » A school, hospital, governmental unit or religious institution that holds nonprofit status similar to that of 501(c)(3) organizations
- » A state or local government, but only if a donation thereto is made exclusively for public purposes
- » A war-veterans organization that qualifies as a 501(c)(19) tax-exempt entity
- » A volunteer fire department that qualifies as a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt entity

\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis

## The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation

### THE FRUIT TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM

- » Municipal entities, local nonprofits and public schools are eligible to apply to support the planting of fruitful trees and plants to alleviate hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities and improve the surrounding environment. Trees can be planted at community gardens, city and state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, schools, and other locations where they will serve the greater community. The Foundation provides high-quality trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training and manuals.

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

## LITACorp

### MATCHING FUNDS GRANT PROGRAM (MFGP)

The Matching Funds Grant Program (MFGP) assists Louisiana local governments with meeting local cost share requirements established by grant programs funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Entities eligible to apply for a grant through the MFGP is limited to political subdivisions, including:

- » Villages
- » Towns
- » Municipalities
- » Parishes (i.e., police jury)

**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

**\*\$50K-\$1M Max award**

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

LITA's TA provides services that include, but are not limited to, the following: strategic planning, project development, funding identification, grant writing, grant administration, and more.

- » Assistance with strategic planning, project development, funding identification, grant writing, grant administration.

**\*Letter of Intent accepted on a rolling basis**

## SC Johnson

### SC JOHNSON GRANTS

To be eligible, your organization must be a registered, qualified tax-exempt, section 501(c)(3) charity based in the United States, or a government entity such as a school, library, or public agency.

**Primary focus is on institutions or organizations that serve or directly affect communities where we have operations. Our giving pillars include creating:**

- » **A Healthier World:** Help society thrive by addressing vector-borne disease, strengthening healthcare systems with increased access, addressing food insecurity and enabling healthier outcomes.

- » **A More Sustainable World:** Promote sustainability, with a focus on reducing, reusing and recycling plastic waste and supporting environmental conservation with a focus on healthy oceans and forests and carbon reduction initiatives
- » **A World with More Opportunity:** Open doors for those in need by strengthening communities while advancing economic and social mobility through equal access to education and housing.  
**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

## Walmart

### SPARK GOOD LOCAL GRANTS

These local grants are designed to address the unique needs of the communities where we operate.

**Organizations applying must meet one of following criteria:**

- » An organization holding a current tax-exempt status as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and deed verified.
- » City agency that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes and deed verified.
- » A K-12 public or nonprofit private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large, such as food pantries, soup kitchens and clothing closets and deed verified.

**There are eight (8) areas of funding for which an organization can apply. Please review the areas listed below to ensure your organization's goals fall within one of these areas.**

- » Community and Economic Development
- » Diversity and Inclusion
- » Education
- » Environmental Sustainability
- » Health and Human Service
- » Hunger Relief and Healthy Eating
- » Public Safety
- » Quality of Life

**\*Applications accepted on a quarterly basis**

**\*\$5k Max grant award**

### **Application Deadline:**

Grant applications for calendar year 2024 will be accepted on a quarterly basis

Deadlines for submissions are as follows:

- » 1. Quarter 3: August 1 – October 15
- » 2. Quarter 4: November 1 – December 31

**\*Applications accepted on a quarterly basis**

**\*\$5k Max grant award**

## Programs and Initiatives

### Department of Health and Human Services

#### RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING

Eligible applicants are rural emergency medical service agencies operated by a local or tribal government (fire-based and non-fire based) and rural non-profit emergency medical service agencies.

- » The purpose of this program is to recruit and train EMS personnel in rural areas with a particular focus on addressing substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring disorders (COD) substance use and mental disorders. Recipients will be expected to train EMS personnel on SUD and COD, trauma-informed, recovery-based care for people with such disorders in emergency situations and, as appropriate, to maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serve in an EMS agency.

**\*Application Deadline: May 1, 2025**

**\*\$200k Max award**



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