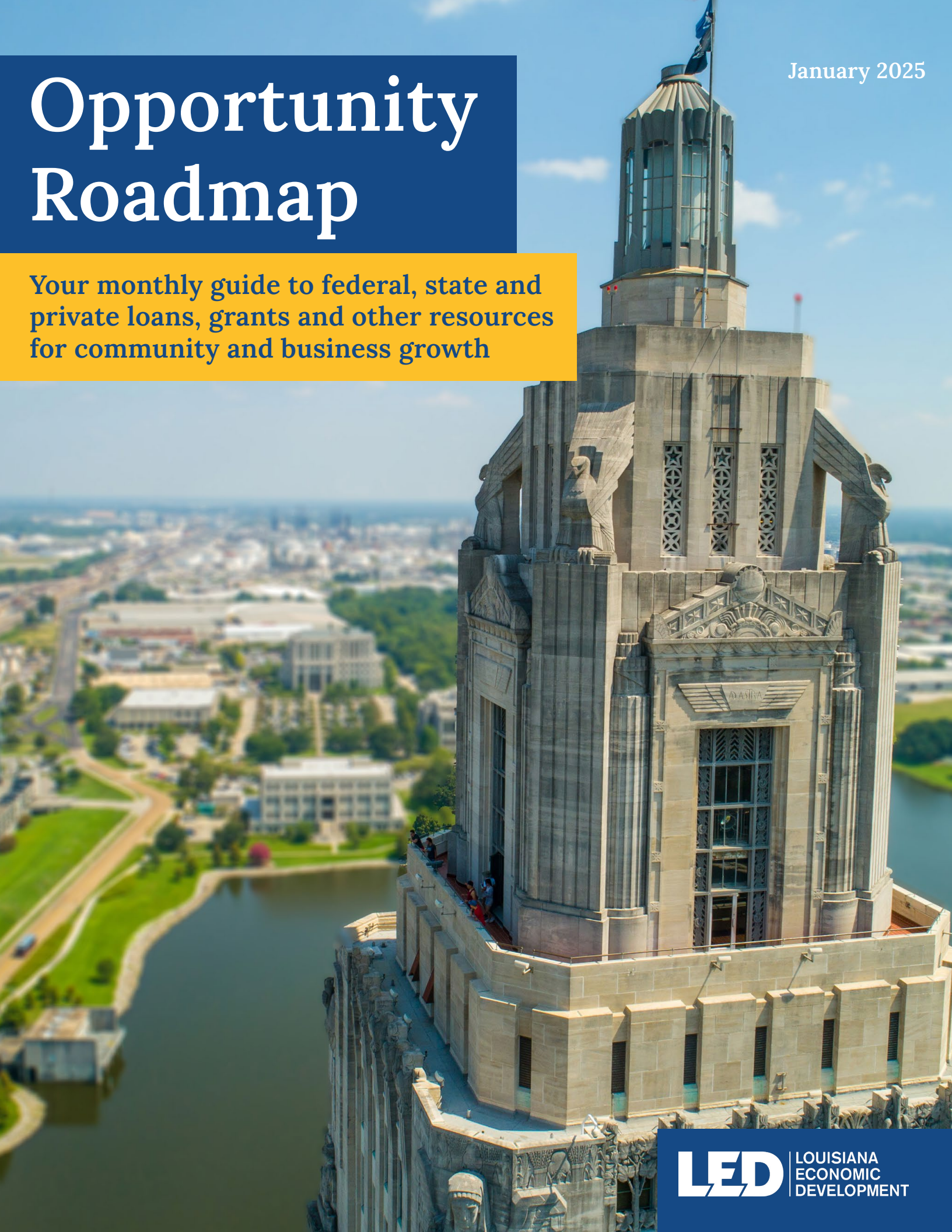


# Opportunity Roadmap

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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

- » [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
  - [Farmer to Farmer](#)
- » \*Deadline January 28

## Upcoming Deadlines

- » [USDA Rural Development](#)
  - [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- \*Deadline February 28

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# Loans

## USDA Rural Development

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

This loan can be used for 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, and debt refinancing. B&I loans approved in Fiscal year 2025 will receive an 80% guarantee. This Loan is For-profit or non-profit businesses, cooperatives, federally-recognized tribes, public bodies, and individuals engaged or proposing to engage in a business.

#### **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**

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses. Up to 75% grant approval for projects. This Loan is for public bodies, community based non profit corporations, and Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents.

#### **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**

This program provides loan guarantees to eligible lenders to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Funds can be used to construct, enlarge, extend or otherwise improve essential community facilities. Eligible borrowers include public bodies, Indian Tribes, Federally recognized Tribes, and non profit organizations. Loans approved in Fiscal year 2025 will receive an 80% guarantee. The maximum amount of a guaranteed loan is \$100 million.

#### **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**

This program makes insured loans and loan guarantees to nonprofit and cooperative associations, public bodies, and other utilities. State and local governmental entities, federally recognized tribes, nonprofits, and for profit businesses eligible to apply for this program. Funds may be used for maintenance, upgrades, expansion, replacement of distribution, sub transmission and headquarters facilities, energy efficiency, and renewable energy systems. This loan guarantees up to 100% and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

#### **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

The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant programs provide funding for rural projects through local utility organizations. The USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they pass through to local businesses for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas.

- » 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)
- » This program is only open to current or former Rural Utilities Service Electric or Telecommunication borrowers and not-for-profit utilities eligible under the Rural Electrification Act.

**\*Application deadlines for quarterly funding competitions are no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on:  
Third Quarter, March 31; and Fourth Quarter, June 30.  
\*\$300K Max grant amount  
\*\$2M Max loan amount**

### RURAL HOUSING SITE LOANS

The Rural Housing site loan provides two types of loans to purchase and develop housing for low and moderate-income families. Nonprofit organizations and federally-recognized tribes are eligible for this loan and applications accepted on a rolling basis.

- » 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

This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of the telephone service and broadband in rural areas. State and local governmental entities, federally recognized tribes, non-profits, and for profit businesses are all eligible to apply for this loan program.

- » This loan guarantees up to 80% and allows lenders to extend credit to qualified borrowers in rural areas and applications for this program are accepted on a rolling basis.
- » 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)

The WIFIA program accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long term, low cost, supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects. Examples of eligible projects include wastewater conveyance and treatment projects, drinking water treatment and distribution projects, and desalination, aquifer recharge, and water recycling projects.

Eligible applicants include:

- » Local, state, tribal, and federal governments are eligible to apply for this program and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.



- » 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**

This program provides direct loans and loan guarantees to finance development of railroad infrastructure. Funds may be used 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; Reimburse planning and design expenses relating to activities listed above; Refinance outstanding debt incurred for the purposes listed above; and Finance transit-oriented development.

- » Railroads, state and local governments, and government sponsored authorities and corporations are eligible to apply for this program and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

## Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

### **BROWNFIELD CLEANUP REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

- » LDEQ's Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) 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
- » Public, private, and nonprofit entities are all eligible to apply for this program and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

## Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

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

- » This program provides 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.
- » Some of the monies are designated for technical assistance to small public water systems serving under 10,000 population.
  - » **Technical Assistance**  
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**\*Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

## Louisiana Public Facilities Authority

### LOW INTEREST LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND BANK PROGRAM

- » This program saves local governments money by providing up to 25% of a financing at a reduced interest rate. The local government works with its local bank to borrow 75% of the necessary funds from the local bank at a negotiated interest rate.

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

**\*Max up to 25%**

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOW INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM

- » This 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. The borrower works with its local bank and borrows 60% of the necessary funds at a negotiated interest rate. The LPFA provides the remaining 40% of the loan at an interest rate equal to one-half of the local bank's interest rate.

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

**\*Max up to 40%**

## Grants

### Delta Regional Authority

#### COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CIF)

This program's investments support projects that address flood control, basic public infrastructure and transportation infrastructure projects, 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 Eligible applicants include local government units, federally recognized Tribes, economic development organizations, and non-profit entities.

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

This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. To be eligible, the applicant must be rurally located public bodies, nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes.

**\*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

This program 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 for this program are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

### RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

This program funds economic development programs in rural areas, such as training and technical assistance, business counseling, feasibility studies, and technical reports. Funding can also be used for acquiring or developing land and rural distance learning for job training. Eligible entities include government entities and non-profits serving rural areas. There is no maximum grant amount, but smaller funding requests will be prioritized.

**\*Application Deadline February 28, 2025**

### 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, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

### STRATEGIC ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This program 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.

- » 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.
- » Applications for this program are accepted on a rolling basis.

**\*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. Funds may be used for 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.

Most state and local governmental entities, private nonprofits, and federally-recognized tribes are eligible to apply for this program and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**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**

This program helps eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for proposed USDA Rural Development water or waste disposal projects. Eligible applicants include rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less and federally recognized tribal lands.

- » The max award for this program a \$60k and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

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

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

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

This program provides annual grants to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Funds may be used for activities such as Acquisition of real property, Relocation and demolition, Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures, and activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources.

Eligible applicants include principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 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**

This program allows local governments to leverage portions of their CDBG funds into federally guaranteed loans large enough to pursue physical and economic revitalization projects capable of redeveloping entire neighborhoods. Funds from this program can fund economic development, housing, public facilities, infrastructure, and other physical development projects, including improvements to increase their resilience against natural disasters.

States, metropolitan cities and urban counties, and non-entitlement communities that are assisted in the submission of applications by States that administer the CDBG Program are eligible to apply for this program, and applications accepted on a rolling basis.

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**

This technical assistance program is 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.

General local government, which include villages, towns, cities, counties, and other small municipalities, as well as tribes are eligible to apply for this program, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

- » 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

This program deploys 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 include State departments of transportation (State DOT), Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA), and tribal governments.

**\*Application Deadline: April 15, 2025**

**\*100K-1M Max award**

### TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

This 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.

- » State and local governments, regional transportation authority, transit agencies, school district, tribal government, and nonprofit entities are eligible to apply for this program, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**\*Application accepted on a rolling basis**

## U.S. Economic Development Administration

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

This program 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, Native American tribal governments, city or township governments, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, and, special district governments.

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

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### FARMER TO FARMER

This program seeks projects that improve water quality, habitat, resilience, and environmental education through the demonstration of innovative practices on working lands. Projects activities must improve water quality, habitat, or resilience within the Gulf of Mexico watershed. Funding is available to develop innovative practices within farming communities, measure the results of those practices, and identify how the practices will be incorporated into farming operations.

- » Governmental entities, including state agencies, interstate agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, institutions of higher learning, and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for this program.

**\*Application Deadline: January 28, 2025**

**\*2M Max award**

**REGION 6 TARGETED BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT**

This program provides 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.

- » Local government units, a quasi-public entity, such as a community development organization, non-profit entities, tribal governments can apply for this program. If the redevelopment benefits the general public, private owners may be eligible to apply.
- » Applications for this program are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

**WATER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

The TA 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.

- » Local governments/communities, drinking water utilities/systems, wastewater utilities/systems, stormwater utilities/systems, states, tribes, territories, non-governmental organizations are eligible to apply for this program, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

**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**

**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.

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

**\*\$40K Max award**



## 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.

- » Public charity or private foundation, school, hospital, governmental unit or religious institution that holds nonprofit, and state or local governments are eligible to apply for this program.

**\*Application Window: Open Applications are accepted on a rolling basis  
\*\$1000 Max award**

#### OPEN GRANTS

Focuses on improving communities as a whole. Looks 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 villages, towns, municipalities, and parishes/police juries.

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

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

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

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

- » Interested communities can submit letters of intent on a rolling basis.

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

## SC Johnson

### SC JOHNSON GRANTS

This program's primary focus is on institutions or organizations that serve or directly affect communities where SC Johnson has operations with pillars that include helping society thrive, promoting sustainability, and helping to strengthen communities by advancing economic and social mobility through equal access to education and housing.

- » 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.

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

## Programs and Initiatives

### Department of Health and Human Services

#### RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING

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.

- » 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.

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

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



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