

Catalog of State Financial Assistance Programs

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Abstinence Education and Youth Development Grant Program

<http://www.children.georgia.gov>

- Administering Agency:** Governor's Office for Children and Families
7 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 351
Atlanta, GA 30334
- Total Funding Level:** Varies annually.
- Maximum per Applicant:** \$85,050 (45% match requirement).
- Criteria for Eligibility:** State or local governmental agencies and 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies, including faith based organizations.
- Criteria for Selection:** Competitive review process based on demonstration of project need, quality and practicality of proposed programming, cost effectiveness, degree of community support and feasibility of continuation funding plan. Applicants are encouraged to develop flexible, medically accurate, and effective abstinence-based plans responsive to their target population's specific needs. Programs are required to adhere to the A-H federal definition of abstinence education.
- How to Apply:** Continuation of requests for proposals for current grantees will be available in August 2011 www.children.georgia.gov
- For More Information Contact:** Kirby McClendon, Finance Administrator, (404) 656-5202,
Kirby.McClendon@children.ga.gov
John McGahee, Finance Grants Specialist, (404) 656-5168,
John.McGahee@children.ga.gov
Troy Scott, Finance Grants Specialist, (404) 232-1579,
Troy.Scott@children.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** Provides seed money for the development or expansion of youth development focused, teen pregnancy prevention programs utilizing abstinence education. Emphasis is given to comprehensive projects providing a variety of instruction and services, including abstinence education curricula, mentoring, academic assistance and community service.

Airport Improvement Program

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/localgovernment/intermodalprograms/aviation/Pages/AirportDevelopment.aspx>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Intermodal Programs-Aviation
4005 Fulton Industrial Boulevard
Atlanta, Georgia 30336
- Total Funding Level:** FY2013 funding \$37,573,471 (varies each fiscal year).
- Maximum per Applicant:** No limitation
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Airport must be publicly owned and open to the public.
- Criteria for Selection:** Application for State Assistance must be received by December 31st for funding the next fiscal year beginning in July. Projects are prioritized and selected on April 1, of each year.
(Copies of the Airport Aid Program's Policy and Standards Guide are available on the Aviation Programs website and upon request.)
- How to Apply:** Submit an Application for State Assistance (available upon request and also included in Policy and Standards Guide).
- For More Information Contact:** Corzetta Motley: (404) 631-1073, cmotley@dot.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** Financial assistance to owners of public airports for:
- Aviation Planning
 - Airport Capital Improvements
 - Airport Maintenance
 - Airport Approach Aids
- State participation is up to 75% of project cost.

Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development Funds

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/financing/programs/arc.asp>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** Georgia receives approximately \$3.5 million annually.
- Maximum per Applicant:** Up to \$300,000 for individual infrastructure project.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Must be beneficial to the 37-county area of Appalachian Georgia.
- Criteria for Selection:**
- Jobs created and eligible county.
 - Identifiable outcome measures.
 - Sustainability.
 - Documented local matching funds.
 - Minimum match is 50% from other sources.
- How to Apply:** Applicants with the potential projects are to contact the Appalachian Regional Commission Program Manager or Regional Development Centers. Pre-applications are prepared in August of each year.
- For More Information Contact:** Saralyn Stafford, State ARC Office, (404) 679-3166
- Type of Assistance:** Matching grants to support economic development projects in north Georgia.

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Programs Grant Program

<http://children.georgia.gov/>

Program Descriptions

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| Administering Agency: | Governor's Office for Children and Families 7 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 351 Atlanta, Georgia 30334 |
| Total Funding Level: | Unknown. |
| Maximum per Applicant: | Maximum \$115,000 for the initial 15-month award period, with a possibility of additional continuation funding. |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Must meet all of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be a public entity or 501(c)(3) non-profit organization;• Serve as the fiscal agent for the grant and the point of contact to GOCF-DHS; and• Be responsible, liable, and oversee financial, program and post-award reporting requirements. |
| Criteria for Selection: | The most recent Request for Proposal is designed for programs that provide parent education, support, and training for families with children ages 0-5, in elementary school, middle school, and/or high school (up to age 16). Proposals need to use the Triple P model. Priority will be given to programs in rural counties. |
| How to Apply: | Proposals must be mailed to the Governor's Office for Children and Family by May 30. |
| For More Information Contact: | Lindsey Dale, Prevention and Family Support Grants Specialist Tel: (404) 656-5156 E-mail: Lindsey.Dale@children.ga.gov |
| Type of Assistance: | Provides funding for programs with the hope that they will eventually be self-sustaining. |

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/Nutrition/NutritionServicesMain.aspx>

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| Administering Agency: | Department of Early Care and Learning Nutrition Services 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 754 East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334 |
| Total Funding Level: | Reimbursement for all creditable meals served to qualifying persons. The total funding level varies (entitlement program). |
| Maximum per Applicant: | CACFP providers are reimbursed based on the number of meals served to enrolled participants; the rate of reimbursement is based on the eligibility category of each participant enrolled in the program. Congress establishes the reimbursement rates each year. |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Sponsoring organizations/institutions that may participate in the CACFP are public/private non-profit and proprietary Title XIX/Title XX organizations licensed and approved to provide non-residential adult or child care services to enroll adults or children. |
| Criteria for Selection: | Varying reimbursement provided only for enrolled persons according to family incomes. |
| How to Apply: | Attend a training session conducted by the Office of School Readiness. |
| For More Information Contact: | Karen Robinson, Nutrition Services, Department of Early Care and Learning, tnle@dec.al.ga.gov , (404) 651-8197 |
| Type of Assistance: | Provide federal reimbursement to eligible institutions for meals and supplements served to eligible children enrolled in child care centers, outside-school-hours centers, emergency shelters, and day care homes, or to adults enrolled in centers approved to care for functionally impaired adults or adults over 60 years of age. |

Child Care and Development Fund

<http://decalfga.gov/QualityInitiatives/CCDFPlan.aspx> and <http://dfcs.dhr.ga.gov/caps> and <https://compass.ga.gov/selfservice/>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., SE
Atlanta, GA 30334
- Total Funding Level:** FFY 2012-2013, approximately \$19.4 million.
- Maximum per Applicant:** No Maximum amount. However, average award is approximately \$40,000.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Private for-profit, non-profit, public entities and individuals. Childcare programs must be licensed or exempt.
- Criteria for Selection:** Competitive bid process based on demonstration of project need, program design, goals and objectives, quality, evaluation, community linkages, and organizational capability.
- How to Apply:** Applicants should go to <http://dfcs.dhr.ga.gov/caps> and <https://compass.ga.gov/selfservice/>
- For More Information Contact: Carol Hartman
Phone: 404-463-3571
Fax: 404-651-7184
E-mail: Carol.Hartman@decalfga.gov

Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund

<http://gefa.georgia.gov/clean-water-state-revolving-fund>

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| Administering Agency: | Georgia Environmental Finance Authority 233 Peachtree Street, NE Harris Tower, Suite 900 Atlanta, Georgia 30303 |
| Total Funding Level: | Varies, but averages \$100 million per year. |
| Maximum per Applicant: | Up to \$25,000,000 per calendar year |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Available to cities, counties, and water and sewer authorities. Eligible costs include reasonable engineering, planning and design, construction and contingencies cost as they are incurred. |
| Criteria for Selection: | Project readiness, financial management, and compliance with federal planning, environmental review and public participation requirements. |
| How to Apply: | Request placement on CW Comprehensive List of Potential Loan Recipients by providing an application to GEFA. Inclusion on the List does not obligate community to participate further in the application process. Submit a pre-application any time during the year once project is on the Comprehensive List. |
| For More Information Contact: | Allison Halron, GEFA, (404) 584-1061, Allison@gefa.ga.gov |
| Type of Assistance: | Low interest loans at a 3% interest rate, with a closing fee of 2% for a maximum of 20 years to construct any number of publicly owned wastewater treatment improvements including treatment plants; pumping stations; collector sewer lines; interceptors; sewer line replacements and/or repairs; correct combined sewer overflow problems and remedies for non-profit source pollution problems. |

Community Development Block Grant Program---Regular Round

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/communities/CDBG/index.asp>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** \$40,000,000 (approximately) for annual competition.
- Maximum per Applicant:** Single-Activity: \$500,000 for regular competition. Multi-Activity: \$800,000 for regular competition. Local Match Requirement-Regular Competition: Grants up to \$300,000, or grants for single activity housing projects-no matching funds required. Grants amounts between \$300,000 and \$500,000, 5% local matching funds required. Grants amounts of more than \$500,000, 10% local matching funds required.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are units of general local government, excluding those metropolitan cities, urban counties and units of government eligible to participate in the urban counties or metropolitan cities programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Criteria for Selection:** Eligible applicants selected for funding will be those having the greatest need as evidenced by poverty and per capita income and whose applications most adequately address the needs of low and moderate income persons and have the greatest significant impact.
- How to Apply:** Attend Applicants Workshop. Submit applications by deadline (varies each year-usually April 1). Assistance in developing projects and preparing applications is available through Regional Commissions and private consultants. DCA will also provide technical assistance.
- For More Information Contact:** Joanie Perry: (404) 679-3175, joanie.perry@dca.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** Matching grant programs which can assist a wide range of eligible activities, including housing improvement projects, public facilities such as water and sewer lines, buildings such as local health centers or Headstart centers, and economic development projects.

Community Services Block Grant

<http://children.georgia.gov/>

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| Administering Agency: | Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Two Peachtree St., NW, Suite 21-253 Atlanta, Georgia 30303 |
| Total Funding Level: | \$19,416,122 |
| Maximum per Applicant: | Funds provided to designated eligible entities under contract to administer a program. |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Must be a designated eligible entity. |
| Criteria for Selection: | Degree of need in the agency's service delivery area. |
| How to Apply: | Contact the Department of Human Services for information. |
| For More Information Contact: | Kirby McClendon, Finance Administrator, Kirby.McClendon@children.ga.gov |
| Type of Assistance: | Funding for programs administered by designated eligible counties to provide a range of anti-poverty services and activities. |

Construction Loan Program

<http://gefa.georgia.gov/>

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| Administering Agency: | Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority 233 Peachtree Street, NE Suite 900 Atlanta, Georgia 30303 |
| Total Funding Level: | Varies |
| Maximum per Applicant: | Financing up to \$10 million; GEFA will only provide interim financing for the loan portion projects where USDA is the source of permanent financing |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Available to cities, counties, and water and sewer authorities. |
| Criteria for Selection: | Known source of permanent financing, including grants and Local Option Sales Tax. |
| How to Apply: | Submit an application at any time of the year. |
| For More Information Contact: | Arlene Durrah: (404) 584-1023, Arlene@gefa.ga.gov |
| Type of Assistance: | Short-term loans are made at low interest rates for improving water, wastewater and solid waste management systems. |

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program

<http://ojp.gov/ovc/grants/>

- Administering Agency:** Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
503 Oak Place, Suite 540
Atlanta, Georgia 30349
- Type of Assistance:** Provides federal funding to state and local governmental and private non-profit crime victim assistance service providers to continue existing projects or to implement new ones. Special consideration is given to projects serving victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse and previously underserved victims of violent crime.
- Total Funding Level:** FY 2013 \$12,919,588
- Maximum per Applicant:** None
- Criteria for Eligibility:** State agencies, local units of government, or private non-profit organizations.
- Criteria for Selection:** Every project receiving crime victim assistance funds must include as its principle mission concentrated services to at least one category of priority victims. In addition, feasibility, impact, budgetary requests and evaluation results are considered.
- How to Apply:** A Guidelines and Application Procedures booklet must be submitted to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council during specified periods of solicitation. Additional information regarding the application process can be obtained by contacting the Council directly.
- For More Information Contact:** Shontel Wright, 404-657-1961 or shontel.wright@cjcc.ga.gov

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

<http://gefa.georgia.gov/drinking-water-state-revolving-fund>

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| Administering Agency: | Georgia Environmental Finance Authority 233 Peachtree Street, NE Harris Tower, Suite 900 Atlanta, Georgia 30303 |
| Total Funding Level: | Varies, but averages \$50 million per year. |
| Maximum per Applicant: | Up to \$25,000,000 per community per calendar year |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Available to cities, counties, and water and sewer authorities. Eligible costs include reasonable engineering, planning and design, construction and contingency costs as they are incurred. |
| Criteria for Selection: | The primary purpose of the DWSRF is to maintain public health and compliance. Applicants that are out of compliance may use funds from the DWSRF program to return to compliance or to maintain compliance. Allowable activities include public water system improvements. |
| How to Apply: | Request placement on CW Comprehensive List of Potential Loan Recipients by providing an application to GEFA. Inclusion on the List does not obligate community to participate further in the application process. Submit a pre-application any time during the year once project is on the Comprehensive List. |
| For More Information Contact: | Allison Halron, GEFA, (404) 584-1061, Allison@gefa.ga.gov |
| Type of Assistance: | Low interest loans at a 3% interest rate, with a closing fee of 2% for a maximum of 20 years to construct any number of publicly owned wastewater treatment improvements including treatment plants; pumping stations; collector sewer lines; interceptors; sewer line replacements and/or repairs; correct combined sewer overflow problems and remedies for non-profit source pollution problems. |

Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DD RLF)

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/economic/financing/programs/ddrlf.asp>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** Varies.
- Maximum per Applicant:** \$250,000 per applicant.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Downtown areas that generally have the following characteristics: A significant number of commercial structures 50 years old or older. A high percentage of empty storefronts. A feasibility/market analysis. A plan for attracting or retaining businesses. Municipalities with a population of 100,000 or less. Eligible activities can include various types of fixed asset financing. Working capital financing is not eligible for funding. Eligible project types can include a variety of public and private endeavors. All awards are made to local governments or development authorities, but eligible sub-recipients include developers and private businesses. Loan terms are usually no longer than 15 years. Interest rates are normally fixed at below market values.
- Criteria for Selection:** JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, as well as criminal justice-related research and evaluation activities.
- How to Apply:** Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.
- For More Information Contact:** Kimberly Carter: (404) 679-0604, kim.carter@dca.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** The purpose of the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DD RLF) is to assist cities, counties and development authorities in their efforts to revitalize and enhance downtown areas by providing below-market rate financing to fund capital projects in core historic downtown areas and adjacent historic neighborhoods where DD RLF will spur commercial redevelopment

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/byrne-jag-grant-overview>

- Administering Agency:** Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
104 MARIETTA STREET, SUITE 440
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-2743
- Total Funding Level:** Varies.
- Maximum per Applicant:** Varies.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Applicants are only open to city, county or state government agencies.
- Criteria for Selection:** See Criteria for Eligibility.
- How to Apply:** All current grant opportunities available through the CJCC can be found here:
<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/funding-opportunities>
- For More Information Contact:** Aaron Sayama, 404-657-1965, Aaron.Sayama@cjcc.ga.gov
Aisha Ford, 404-657-2045, Aisha.Ford@cjcc.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support various components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives.

Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESGP)

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/specialneeds/programs/esg.asp>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** Expected for State FY 2014 – FY 2014 Awarded: Emergency Solutions Grant: \$4,848,400; Housing Opportunity for Persons with Aids: \$2,520,057; Shelter Plus Care Matching: \$450,100; Shelter Plus Care Harm Reduction Services: \$396,300
- Maximum per Applicant:** General funding limits are as follows: Emergency Shelter Operations – no limit. Transitional Housing Operations – no limit; Essential Services - \$20,000 per program, Homelessness Prevention – see web link, Rapid Re-Housing – see web link; Project Homeless Connect - \$2,000 per activity. Web link <http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/SpecialNeeds/programs/esgapps.asp>
- Criteria for Eligibility:** To the extent determined by HTF Commission and DCA, private, nonprofit organizations and local government entities are eligible to apply for funds. Nonprofit organizations must demonstrate participation in local homeless provider groups and in continuum of care planning appropriate to the jurisdiction where their activities are located to the satisfaction of those jurisdiction(s). As per Federal regulations each applicant must obtain appropriate approval(s) from appropriate local government jurisdictions. Documentation of approval should be included in the application. In addition to all other Federal, State and local laws and regulations, all activities must be implemented in full compliance with HUD ESG program regulations
- Criteria for Selection:** Competitive applications are evaluated based on a number of factors, including sponsor capacity, cost effectiveness, service quality, experience, local need, capacity utilization, and local coordination.
- How to Apply:** **Go to:** <http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/SpecialNeeds/programs/esgapps.asp>
- For More Information Contact:** Christy Hahn: (404) 679-5293; Christy.Hahn@dca.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** To provide shelter and essential services to homeless or near homeless persons throughout the state by making available State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission (HTF) funds and Federal HUD Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) funds to nonprofit organizations and local government entities. This program is principally designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living as well as to prevent homelessness. All programs must demonstrate how activities will lead to stable housing outcomes.

Employment Incentive Program (EIP)

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/financing/programs/employmentincentive.asp>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** FY 2010: \$6.2 Million
- Maximum per Applicant:** \$50,000
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are units of general purpose government. Excluded are metropolitan "entitlement" cities, urban counties, and cities which elected to participate in an urban program.
- Criteria for Selection:** Facilitate and enhance job creation and/or retention, principally for persons of low and moderate income. EIP grants should leverage significant private investment. The EIP program also has as one of its aims the funding of viable projects which cannot otherwise take place without EIP assistance. The EIP program was not designed to provide assistance to businesses or industries which lack financial capacity or otherwise might be considered bad risks, nor was it designed to subsidize industries which do not need it in order to carry out proposed projects.
- How to Apply:** Attend economic development workshops. Assistance in developing projects and preparing applications is available through Regional Commissions and private consultants. Technical assistance is also available through DCA.
- For More Information Contact:** Elayne Miller, State Housing Trust for the Homeless, elayne.miller@dca.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** A grant program to support local projects intended to facilitate and enhance job creation and/or retention, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

Environmental Emergency Loan Program

<http://www.gefa.org/index.aspx?page=78>

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| Administering Agency: | Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority 233 Peachtree Street, NE Harris Tower, Suite 900 Atlanta, Georgia 30303 |
| Total Funding Level: | \$1,000,000 per fiscal year. |
| Maximum per Applicant: | \$300,000 |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Available to cities, counties, and authorities, based on a sense of urgency not resulting from a lack of maintenance. |
| Criteria for Selection: and/or the environment. | Environmental certification, documented immediate threat to human health |
| How to Apply: | Submit an application at any time of the year. |
| For More Information Contact: Arlene@gefa.ga.gov | Arlene Durrah: (404) 584-1023 |
| Type of Assistance: | Loans are made at a rate of 2 percent interest for projects that address immediate threats to public health or the environment. |

First Steps Georgia Funding Grant Program

<https://children.georgia.gov/child-abuse-and-neglect-prevention-rpf>

Administering Agency:

Governor's Office for Children and Families
7 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 351
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Maximum per Applicant:

Programs are eligible for a 12 month "mini-grant," applying for funding in the amount of \$6,000 and \$12,000 conditioned on the projected size of the population served.

Criteria for Eligibility:

- Be a public entity or 501(c)(3) non-profit organization;
- Serve as the fiscal agent for the grant and the point of contact to GOCF/DHS or provide a MOU with fiscal agent;
- Be responsible, liable, and oversee financial, program and post-award reporting requirements; and
- Plan or continue to provide universal, early intervention supports and services in accordance with the First Steps Georgia plan.

Criteria for Selection:

Eligible applicants must be applying to implement or continue universal, early intervention support and services in accordance with the First Steps Georgia plan.

How to Apply:

Must submit an original application, four copies, and an electronic copy. The electronic copy must be submitted on compact disc (CD) or flash drive only. Email copies will not be accepted.

For More Information Contact:

Elisa Storyk, Prevention and Family Support Grants Specialist
Phone: (404) 463-7018
E-Mail: Elisa.Storyk@children.ga.gov

Type of Assistance:

Provides "mini-grants" for services and supports that meet the criteria of First Steps Georgia and is a start-up or continuation of an existing First Steps grant award.

Formula and Title V Prevention Grant Programs

<http://children.georgia.gov/jj-grant-programs>

- Administering Agency:** Governor's Office for Children and Families
55 Park Place NE
Suite 410
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
- Total Funding Level:** Approximately \$2 million annually.
- Maximum per Applicant:** \$50,000-\$100,000
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Georgia's Formula and Title V Grant Programs have been rolled into the Office's Caring Communities Grant Program. Eligible applicants for this funding include: state or local governmental agencies and 501(c)(3) nonprofit agencies with designated local planning bodies for children and youth which have developed comprehensive community plans for improving services for children & families.
- Criteria for Selection:** Competitive review process based on demonstration of project need, quality, and practicality of proposed programming through a System of Care Framework, cost effectiveness, degree of community support and feasibility of continuation funding plan.
- How to Apply:** Competitive application process for new projects held annually during spring/summer. Training for potential applicants conducted each spring/summer. Application instructions and forms available on the Office's web site at www.children.ga.gov
- For More Information Contact:** Joe Vignati: (404) 656-5183; Joe.Vignati@children.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** Provides seed money for the development of delinquency prevention and intervention programs. Emphasis is given to community based programs providing alternatives to secure detention or enhanced probation services for juvenile offenders, and primary prevention projects serving high risk youth.

Georgia Allocation System

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/financing/programs/bondallocation.asp>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** \$100 per capita a year, or approximately \$999 million for projects ranging from the traditional industrial development bond (IDB) for manufacturing concerns and mortgage revenue bonds (MRB) for single family mortgages to bonds for multi-family housing development and exempt facility bonds..
- Maximum per Applicant:** See Total Funding Level.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** All state and local authorities authorized to issue private-activity, tax-exempt bonds.
- Criteria for Selection:** The local issuing authorities must approve the project, hold a public hearing, have local government approval, and general financing in place.
- How to Apply:** Submit an application, along with necessary attachments to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
- For More Information Contact:** Dee Leclair (404) 327-7909; Dee.Leclair@dca.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** For businesses and individuals seeking long-term, low-interest rate financing for the construction or improvements of manufacturing facilities, single-family and multi-family housing projects and exempt facility (i.e. solid waste control) projects. Federal law limits the annual issuance of private activity bonds in the state to an amount not exceeding a state ceiling imposed under the federal law. DCA is responsible for implementing a system for allocating the use of private activity bonds, as permitted by federal law, in order to further the economic development of the state, to further the provision of safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, and otherwise to further the purposes of the laws of the state which provide for the issuance of such bonds.

Georgia Children and Elderly Fund Program/Preschool Children with Special Needs

<http://aging.dhs.georgia.gov/documents/georgia-fund-children-elderly>

- Administering Agency:** Children's Trust Fund Commission
1720 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 912N
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
- Type of Assistance:** Grants to support new or expanded programs for children birth to age six who require specific services or treatment.
- Total Funding Level:** Depends upon amount donated by taxpayers.
- Maximum per Applicant:** Not Applicable.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Private non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and public agencies may apply, provided that public agencies apply as members of a community coalition.
- Criteria for Selection:** Competitive process based on program merits.
- How to Apply:** Complete application contained in Request for Proposals, available on request.
- For More Information Contact:** Carole Steele: (404) 206-6043

Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism/AmeriCorps-State Grants/Learn and Serve America K-12 Grants

www.americorpsga.org

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| Administering Agency: | Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism 60 Executive Park South, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30329 |
| Total Funding Level: | \$5.5 million annually, varies from year to year. |
| Maximum per Applicant: | Varies dependent on need. |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Any not-for-profit agency, unit of local government, school district, or institution of higher learning. Grants require significant local, non-federal match funds. |
| Criteria for Selection: | Competitive review by disinterested review panel which matches applications to national need statements and total measurable impact on local need. |
| How to Apply: | Call or write Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism for application and guidelines. |
| For More Information Contact: | Commission for Service and Volunteerism: americorpsga@dca.ga.gov DCA: kimberly.dupree@dca.ga.gov |
| Type of Assistance: | Grants to meet service needs which match national need areas as determined annually by the Corporation for National Service. |

Georgia Council for the Arts Grant Program

www.gaarts.org

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| Administering Agency: | Georgia Council for the Arts 75 Fifth Street, NW Suite 1200 Atlanta, Georgia 30308 |
| Total Funding Level: | Varies; FY2014 Approximately \$500,000 |
| Maximum per Applicant: | Partner Grants: \$25,000; Project Grants: \$5,000 |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Partner Grants are open to arts organizations only (non-profit, part of college/university, or local government). Project Grants are open to non-profits (including arts organizations), government entities, schools, colleges/universities, and libraries. |
| Criteria for Selection: | General eligibility requirements for applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programming must take place during the fiscal year.• Budget must show cash match for the request amount.• Programming must include a public component.• Programming should not promote a specific religious doctrine or political part or candidate.• A complete application must be submitted by the deadline. |
| How to Apply: | Go to the Georgia Council for the Arts Website, located here: http://gaarts.org/grant-funding/apply-for-a-grant |
| For More Information Contact: | Tina Lilly, Grants Program Manager, TLilly@gaarts.org , 404-962-4827 |
| Type of Assistance: | Partner Grants provide operating support for non-profit arts organizations located in Georgia. Project Grants provide support for are projects in Georgia. |

Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program

<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/>

- Administering Agency:** Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
503 Oak Place
Suite 540
Atlanta, Georgia 30349
- Total Funding Level:** Varies
- Maximum per Applicant:** \$25,000 per victim
- Criteria for Eligibility:** See Criteria for Selection.
- Criteria for Selection:** Persons applying for compensation funds must meet statutorily created eligibility requirements. For example, the victim must have suffered personal physical injury, financial hardship or death as result of a violent criminal victimization. Additionally, a completed application including police reports, documentation of medical expenses, death certificate, and/or verification of lost wages must be received by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Crime Victim Compensation Committee within 1 year from the date of the offense.
- How to Apply:** A Crime Victims Compensation Application can be obtained from any local prosecutor's office, victim assistance service provider, from our website (www.ganet.org/cjcc) or by contacting the Council directly.
- For More Information Contact:** Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, 404-657-2222

Georgia Fund Loan Program

<https://gefa.georgia.gov/georgia-fund>

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| Administering Agency: | Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority 233 Peachtree Street, NE Harris Tower Suite 900 Atlanta, Georgia 30303 |
| Total Funding Level: | \$45 million depending on available funds. |
| Maximum per Applicant: | \$3,000,000 per calendar year. The amount could be spread out over more than one project. |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Available to cities, counties, and water and sewer authorities. |
| Criteria for Selection: | Environmental certification and ability to repay. The amortization period max is 20 years. |
| How to Apply: | Submit an application form at anytime. |
| For More Information Contact: | Contact GEFA at: (404) 584-1023, Arlene@gefa.ga.gov |
| Type of Assistance: | Low interest loans for water and wastewater projects. Loans are provided from annual state appropriations and repayments from outstanding loans. Average approved time is three weeks. |

Georgia Heritage Grants

<http://georgiashpo.org/sites/uploads/hpd/pdf/GA%20HERITAGE%20FACT%20SHEET%2012-11.pdf>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Division
2600 Hwy 155 SW, Suite C
Stockbridge, GA 30281
- Total Funding Level:** \$83,471 was awarded in FY2014.
- Maximum per Applicant:** \$40,000 for Development Projects, \$20,000 for Predevelopment Projects.
- Criteria for Eligibility:**
- All local governments and nonprofit organizations in existence for at least 3 Years are eligible to apply.
 - Must have documentation of matching funds (equal to at least 40% of the project cost).
 - Must ensure that all grant assisted work meets the applicable Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology and Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.
 - Must have properties that are listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National and Georgia Registers of Historic Places, and be listed prior to reimbursement of funds
 - Must agree to execute a Covenant Agreement on the property to assure public access, maintenance, and compliance with preservation standards for five years (applies to development projects only)
- Criteria for Selection:** Appropriateness of methodology, grant management capability, public support, statewide priorities, preservation potential/benefit, new constituency, geographical and demographic distribution, relative importance of the property according to Georgia's historic preservation plan, and distribution among types of properties, uses and sponsors.
- How to Apply:** Annual application schedule with mid-July deadline.
- For More Information Contact:** Carole Moore: (404) 651-5566, Carole.Moore@dnr.state.ga.us
- Type of Assistance:** A matching grant program to assist eligible applicants with the rehabilitation of Georgia Register-listed historic properties and related activities.

Tourism Product Development Agreement

<http://www.gaarts.org/images/PDFs/fy15%20tpd%20guidelines.pdf>

Administering Agency: Georgia Council for the Arts
75 Fifth Street, NW
Suite 1200
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Total Funding Level: Varies

Maximum per Applicant: Varies

Criteria for Eligibility:

- Applications will only be accepted from city or county local governments or authorities, as defined in the Official Code of Georgia (OCGA) statutes or the Constitution
- Eligible applicants may partner with non-profit organizations, businesses, individuals, or other government entities and the Agreement funds may ultimately go to the partner organization/person. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Applicant and the Partner/recipient signed by both parties must be submitted at the time of the application.
- Applicants may only apply for projects that are located within the applicant's jurisdictional boundaries.
- There are three types of projects that TBD funds will support:
 - Brick-and-Mortar
 - Research
 - Events

Criteria for Selection:

The TPD program is designed to financially support sustainable tourism development activities at the local level that maintain and/or create jobs, attract tourists (visitors from outside the community), and/or enhance the tourist's experience.

How to Apply:

Applications must be submitted through e-Grant (<http://gaarts.org/grant-funding/apply-for-a-grant/e-grant>). The applications must be submitted by a city, county, or local authority.

For More Information Contact:

- Bruce Green, Director, Tourism Product Development; bgreen@georgia.org 404-962-4092
- Cindy Eidson, Assistant Director of Product Development; ceidson@georgia.org 404-962-4844
- Tina Lilly, Grants Program Manager, Georgia Council for the Arts; tlilly@gaarts.org 404-962-4827

Type of Assistance:

Provides funding for existing projects.

Grant for Residential and Reintegration Services

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/default.aspx>

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| Administering Agency: | Georgia Department of Education Division for Special Education Services and Supports 205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE Atlanta, GA, 30334 |
| Total Funding Level: | N/A |
| Maximum per Applicant: | The minimum amount considered for a grant application to be processed is \$30,000. |
| Criteria for Eligibility: | Private residential schools in Georgia to which students are recommended for placement must meet applicable standards and be on the approved state list. Private out of state schools must meet the requirements of the state in which they are located. |
| Criteria for Selection: | Funding will be awarded based on the following priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children with profound and severe disabilities requiring residential services who are wards of the State.• Children with profound and severe disabilities requiring reintegration from a residential program.• Children with profound disabilities needing residential services.• Children with severe disabilities needing residential services. |
| How to Apply: | Annual application schedule with mid-July deadline. |
| For More Information Contact: | Ginny O.Connell: 404-657-9953, goconnell@doe.k12.ga.us |
| Type of Assistance: | The Grant for Residential and Reintegration Services (GRRS) can assist a school system with full/partial funding for a high cost placement of a student with disabilities to a private residential program or reintegration back from a residential program. |

Grant for Residential and Reintegration Services

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/default.aspx>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Education
Division for Special Education Services and Supports
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, GA, 30334
- Total Funding Level:** N/A
- Maximum per Applicant:** The minimum amount considered for a grant application to be processed is \$30,000.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Private residential schools in Georgia to which students are recommended for placement must meet applicable standards and be on the approved state list. Private out of state schools must meet the requirements of the state in which they are located.
- Criteria for Selection:** Funding will be awarded based on the following priority:
- Children with profound and severe disabilities requiring residential services who are wards of the State.
 - Children with profound and severe disabilities requiring reintegration from a residential program.
 - Children with profound disabilities needing residential services.
 - Children with severe disabilities needing residential services.
- How to Apply:** Annual application schedule with mid-July deadline.
- For More Information Contact:** Ginny O.Connell: 404-657-9953, goconnell@doe.k12.ga.us
- Type of Assistance:** The Grant for Residential and Reintegration Services (GRRS) can assist a school system with full/partial funding for a high cost placement of a student with disabilities to a private residential program or reintegration back from a residential program.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS Program (HOPWA)

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/specialneeds/programs/hopwa.asp>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** For FY2011, \$4.8 million was awarded.
- Maximum per Applicant:** For operations and service activities (other than development) funding is generally less than \$225,000 per organization per year. For development activities that include acquisition, new construction and/or rehabilitation, assistance is generally limited to \$200,000 per project or organization. Subject to need or availability of funds, limits may be waived at the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. Funds are distributed under a formula that is based on AIDS surveillance from the CDC, cumulative AIDS cases, and area incidences.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** To the extent determined by Housing Trust Fund Commission and DCA, private, nonprofit organizations and local government entities are eligible to apply for funds. Eligible activities are those named in current HUD regulations for the HOPWA program. Activities include, but are not limited to housing, housing or fair housing information, acquisition, rehabilitation, limited new construction, rental assistance (including shared housing), homelessness prevention, supportive services (health, mental health, assessment, drug and alcohol, day care, personal assistance, nutritional services, etc.), general case mgt., housing operating subsidies, and technical assistance. Sponsor administrative costs are limited to 7% of the grant amount. Each activity and its location must be approved by appropriate local government jurisdictions. All activities must be conducted in full compliance with program regulations published at 24 CFR & 574.
- Criteria for Selection:** Funding decisions and funding amounts will be based upon the following factors: relative need for activity, the availability of other HOPWA providers within the service area, relative quality of housing or services to be provided, amount of funds requested, value of applicant's contributions (cash and in-kind), number of persons to benefit from activity, standard costs for housing and services, and other Federal or State assistance available to applicant. Development (acquisition, new construction and rehabilitation) funding decisions and funding amounts will be based upon the following factors: relative need for activity, amount of funds requested, value of applicant's contributions (cash and in-kind), other Federal or State assistance available to applicant, numbers of persons to benefit from activity; and project strategy and feasibility.
- How to Apply:** Contact the Department of Community Affairs to receive more information regarding program guidelines and deadlines.
- For More Information Contact:** Phillis Thomas: (404) 679-0651, Phillis.Thomas@dca.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** To provide housing and supportive services to low income persons with HIV related needs, exclusively in the State's 139 county HUD defined entitled area. This area includes the Counties of Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Clayton, Coweta, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding and Walton.

Immediate Threat and Danger Grant

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/communities/cdbg/programs/threatdanger.asp>

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Office of Grant Administration
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Total Funding Level:

\$500,000.

Maximum per Applicant:

\$50,000 - not to exceed half of total project cost (\$200,000 reserved for "major disaster").

Criteria for Eligibility:

Eligible applicants are units of general purpose local government, excluding those metropolitan cities, urban counties, and units of government eligible to participate in the urban counties or metropolitan cities program of the U.S. Department of HUD.

Criteria for Selection:

Applications must address an event or situation which has a particular urgency and uniqueness which adversely affects or impacts a community and its citizens and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. The event or situation must have a sense of urgency and be of recent origin or have recently become urgent. Recent origin is defined as a condition that developed or became critical within 18 months of application. Ample descriptions of the cause of the threat, and probable ramifications, must be provided.

How to Apply:

Contact DCA staff to determine if problem may be eligible for funding and to request an application. Assistance in developing projects and preparing applications is available through Regional Development Centers and private consultants.

For More Information Contact:

Pam Truitt: (404) 679-5240
Pam.truitt@dca.ga.gov

Type of Assistance:

A 50 % matching funds for community development activities having a particular urgency when existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. Local funds must comprise at least 10% of project costs.

Job Tax Credit

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/taxcredits/programs/taxcredit.asp>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Office of Grant Administration
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** Not applicable.
- Maximum per Applicant:** \$750, \$1,250, \$2,500, or \$3,500 tax credit per year for five years for each new full-time job. \$3,500 credits are available in the bottom 71 less-developed counties (tier 1) and in less developed census tract areas. \$2,500 credits are available in counties ranked 72-106 (tier 2), \$1,250 credits are available in counties ranked 107-141 (tier 3), and \$750 credits are available in counties ranked 142-159 (tier 4). Additional credits of \$500 per job are available for locating in a joint development authority jurisdiction. Total tax credit is limited to 100% of a business's total tax liability for job creation in tier 1 and tier 2 counties and to 50% of a business's total tax liability for job creation in tier 3 and tier 4 counties each year, but unused credits are carried forward for ten years from the time the jobs are created. Credits may also be used against withholding in tier 1 and less-developed census tract areas.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Generally, only businesses involved in manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, information processing, research and development, and tourism, or the headquarters of any such businesses, are eligible for the credit. In the bottom 40 counties, any type of business may qualify if job creation and other standards are met. A business must increase employment by an average of five (in tier 1 counties), ten (in tier 2 counties), fifteen (in tier 3 counties) or twenty-five (in tier 4 counties) new full-time jobs and maintain them for at least one year to qualify for the credit. Credits are available in years two through six after job creation depending on the number of jobs maintained. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs annually ranks Georgia counties and designates tier 1, tier 2, tier 3 and tier 4 counties. The Department also periodically ranks and designates less-developed census tract areas. For businesses creating jobs in less-developed census tract areas, 30% of new fulltime jobs must be held by residents of less-developed census tracts areas or tier 1 counties.
- Criteria for Selection:** Available to all businesses which meet the above criteria.
- How to Apply:** Contact the Department of Community Affairs for application information.
- For More Information Contact:** Dawn Sturbaum, (404) 679-1585.
- Type of Assistance:** A tax credit on Georgia income taxes for eligible businesses that create new jobs in counties or "less-developed" census tract areas.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

www.gastateparks.org

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Suite 1352
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Total Funding Level:

Varies from year to year based on federal congressional appropriations and fund allocations from the U.S. Department of Interior. For fiscal year 2013-14, Georgia awarded approximately \$1,000,000.

Maximum per Applicant:

Varies from year to year based on appropriations. For Fiscal Year 2008, the maximum was \$100,000.

Criteria for Eligibility:

Applicants must be legally constituted entities (county, incorporated city, or an authority or commission established under enabling legislation).

Criteria for Selection:

Available upon request. Applications are scored based on measured and incentive criteria to determine priority rankings. Proposals that target acquisition, development, and rehab efforts. Proposals with an overall planning effort will see a greater score.

How to Apply:

Applications for the LWCF annual funding cycle are solicited in early fall through the Regional Development Centers, with the application deadline approximately December 31. Workshops are scheduled at the beginning of the funding cycle.

For More Information Contact:

Becky Kelley: (770) 389-7270
director@dnr.state.ga.us

Type of Assistance:

50% matching grants for acquisition of real property and development of facilities for general purpose outdoor recreation.

Local Development Fund

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/economic/financing/programs/ldf.asp>

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Total Funding Level:

As of 2007, there is no funding currently available for this fund. When funding becomes available, it will be posted on this website:
<http://www.dca.ga.gov/economic/financing/programs/ldf.asp>

Maximum per Applicant:

N/A

Criteria for Eligibility:

All Georgia cities and counties are eligible to apply, provided:

- * The Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs has certified them as a "qualified local government", and they have met all DCA reporting requirements.
- * They are eligible to receive solid waste grants, loans and permits as outlined in the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, if applying for solid waste related activities.
- * They can demonstrate to the Department of Community Affairs that they: (a) have a broad based local leadership; and (b) have developed a reasonable community planning and development strategy.
- * They can commit local funds as a "match" for the Local Development Fund grant. A local cash or in-kind match no less than dollar for dollar of the grant amount is required.

Criteria for Selection:

The applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- * Feasibility (to include such factors as reasonableness of budgets and timetables, adequate consideration of all the factors necessary for implementation, commitment from other funding sources, etc.).
- * Impact of the project on the community and need of the community.
- * Strategy (to include assessment of the soundness of the strategy outlined in the application, extent of local commitment, and a determination of how well the project supports the community's plan).

How to Apply:

All applications must be submitted in a format prescribed by the Department of Community Affairs and signed by the Chief Elected Official(s) of the applicant community(s), and received by the applicable deadlines. Semi-annual competitions are held in the spring and the fall of each year.

Type of Assistance:

Matching grants to fund community improvement activities of local governments in Georgia. Examples of the types of activities that could be funded include: downtown development projects, public parking facilities, historic preservation projects, tourism and related marketing activities, recreation improvements, community facilities (such as museums, community centers, etc), limited solid waste activities (such as recycling and multi-county planning), activities implementing approved comprehensive plans, and historic preservation improvements to historic public buildings such as courthouses and city halls. Ineligible grant activities are general improvements or renovations to nonhistoric public buildings, or water and sewer activities.

For More Information Contact: Cynthia Easley: (404) 679-4789
Cynthia.Easley@dca.ga.gov

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant

<http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/energy-assistance>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Human Services
Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS)
2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 21-265
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
- Total Funding Level:** \$61,157,824
- Maximum per Applicant:** Funds provided to designated Community Action Agencies under contract to administer program.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Must be a designated Community Action Agency to distribute block grant funds to income eligible households.
- Criteria for Selection:** Recipient households must be income eligible and be responsible for paying the cost of energy for the primary home heating source. Also, recipients must be United States citizens or legally admitted aliens.
- How to Apply:** Contact the Department of Human Resources for information.
- Type of Assistance:** Funds programs to provide financial assistance to eligible low income households to help defray the cost of home energy, provide low-cost home improvement weatherization, and assistance for weather-related home energy emergencies.
- For More Information Contact:** Jocelyn Fowler: (404) 463-7259
jjfowler@dhr.state.ga.us

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/housingdevelopment/programs/housingTaxCredit.asp>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** Approximately \$14.2 million of annual federal credit authority, with a matching amount of state credit available.
- Maximum per Applicant:** Limits are placed on developer participation and the amounts of credit per development award.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** For profit and nonprofit sponsors/developers who have not been in default or out-of compliance with any DCA administered program within a twelve month period prior to the application date. Eligible buildings contain one or more units designed for long-term, continuous residential rental use. Buildings used as transitional housing for the homeless may also be eligible.
- Criteria for Selection:** Applications are accepted during announced application cycles. Applications are competitively scored and ranked in accordance with the State's Qualified Allocation Plan. Selected developments are underwritten for financial feasibility and need for credit.
- How to Apply:** Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.
- For More Information Contact:** The Multifamily Housing Finance and Development Programs, DCA
- Type of Assistance:** Provides federal and state income tax credit for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of rental housing affordable to low-to-moderate income families and individuals.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

<http://www.gastateparks.org/item/18195>

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Trails & Greenways
Division of State Parks
2600 Hwy. 155, Suite C,
Stockbridge, GA 30281

Total Funding Level:

Varies from year to year based on federal congressional appropriations and fund allocations from the Federal Highway Administration. For fiscal year 2014, Georgia's portion was approximately \$1,740,137

Maximum per Applicant:

Fiscal year 2012, maximum was \$100,000 and the minimum was \$25,000.

Criteria for Eligibility:

Applicants must be legally constituted entities (county, incorporated city, or an authority or commission established under enabling legislation), state or federal agencies.

Criteria for Selection:

Available upon request. Applications are scored based on Trails Program Selection Criteria to determine priority rankings.

How to Apply:

Applications for the RTP annual funding cycle are solicited in the Fall (following completion of the federal budget process) through the regional commissions and the Division's contact listing of individual trail enthusiasts, trails groups, recreation departments and/or local governments, state and federal agencies.

For More Information Contact: Loren Moore (770) 389-7274, Loren.Moore@gadnr.org

Type of Assistance:

Acquisition and/or development grants (80% federal / 20% local) for motorized and nonmotorized recreational trails including new trail construction, maintenance/rehabilitation of existing trails, trail-side and trail-head facilities.

Regional Assistance Program (RAP)

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/financing/programs/regionalassistance.asp>

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Total Funding Level:

\$1,128,125 is budgeted on an annual basis.

Maximum per Applicant:

\$500,000 per multi-county or regional economic development implementation program.

Criteria for Eligibility:

Cities, counties, development authorities, joint development authorities, Regional Development Centers.

Criteria for Selection:

Construction or acquisition projects must be owned or operated by at least two local governments with the participation of at least two counties, or be owned or operated by a joint development authority involving two or more counties.
* Multi-county or regional projects that do not involve construction must demonstrate service to a multi-county area.

How to Apply:

RAP grants are available throughout the fiscal year. Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.

For More Information Contact:

Irette Patterson: (404) 982-3506, irette.patterson@dca.ga.gov

Type of Assistance:

Grants for Regional Economic Development.

Regional Economic Assistance Projects (REAP)

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/DevelopmentTools/programs/REAP.asp>

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Total Funding Level:

Varies.

Maximum per Applicant:

Varies.

Criteria for Eligibility:

Eligible applicants for REAP designation are developers of projects as those terms are defined in sections 110-20-1-.02(6) and (10) of the **REAP Rules**. In order to receive REAP certification, a project, in combination with any adjacent facility included by a reciprocal use agreement, must (a) be not less than 250 acres in size or located on or adjacent to a lake of not less than 2,500 acres in size, (b) where required, have zoning which is appropriate to the planned uses and plans which are consistent with other land use regulations, and (c) provide for at least three of the following criteria: (i) one or more regulation 18-hole golf courses, with a clubhouse providing food service, (ii) a commercial boat marina with at least 300 boat slips and a facility providing food service, (iii) a full-service restaurant with minimum seating for 75 or more persons, (iv) at least 100 residential units, (v) at least 200 rooms for overnight stays, (vi) conference facilities with capacity for 150 participants, or (vii) be located in a county in which a state-operated facility or authority provides services or products, or both, to the general public.

A project that does not include an adjacent facility subject to a reciprocal use agreement need only meet two of the criteria listed above in (c). Upon determination by the Commissioner that the project will confer substantial benefits upon the local jurisdiction, application of not more than one of the criteria set forth in Code section 50-8-191 or the program rules may be waived at the applicant's request.

Criteria for Selection:

All applications received from eligible applicants will be reviewed to determine whether a project meets the REAP criteria and complies with the REAP Rules.

How to Apply:

Applicants must first submit an application to the municipal corporation or county in which the project will be located, as specified in Code section 50-8-191 and section 110-20-1-.05(6) of the Rules. Upon approval of the project by resolution of the proper local government, the applicant must submit an application to the Department, with supporting documentation from the local government, in a format prescribed by the Department.

For More Information Contact: Inna Kharoujik: (404) 679-0593, inna.kharoujik@dca.ga.gov

Type of Assistance:

Regional Economic Assistance Projects (REAP) provides a mechanism for local and state governments and the private sector to cooperate on large-scale tourism-related projects with multiple uses that will create jobs and enhance the local tax base. REAP will assist in producing growth and development, particularly in rural areas, resulting in additional local tax revenue and providing high-caliber employment opportunities in the tourism and hospitality industries.

Upon meeting the requirements of the REAP statute and the REAP Rules, including local government endorsement and certification by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, a developer of a certified REAP project may apply to the Georgia Department of Revenue for a state license for the sale of malt beverages, wine, or distilled spirits by the drink for consumption on the premises only.

Scenic Byways Discretionary Program

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary/2012nsbp.cfm>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Planning
No. 2 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
- Total Funding Level:** For FY 2012, the total funds awarded were \$37,054,987.
- Maximum per Applicant:** This varies according to project type.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Project criteria and selections are made by the Federal Highway Administration.
- Criteria for Selection:**
- * Byway criteria:
Projects associated with highways have been designated as a National Scenic Byway or All-American Road and that are consistent with the corridor management plan for the byway. Projects along a State-designated scenic byway that are consistent with the corridor management plan for the byway and is carried out to make the byway eligible for designation as a National Scenic Byway or All-American Road.
 - * Project criteria: For states that submit more than one project, consideration is given to the individual State's priorities. Projects that yield direct and indirect benefits to the experience of travelers and visitors. The timely use of scenic byway funds in the completion of prior approved projects. Commitment of other private and public funding sources to complement the requested discretionary funding. Projects which have completed all necessary environmental approvals and have design and construction plans ready for implementation. Additional considerations such as national geographic distribution and Congressional direction on specific projects or programs.
- How to Apply:** Request to be placed on the Office of Planning's mailing list for the annual solicitation of Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant applications.
- For More Information Contact:** Jordan Hoffman, State Scenic Byways Coordinator: (404) 651-7603
Joy Still, Special Projects Branch Chief: (404) 656-5726

Section 8 Rental Assistance

http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/RentalAssistance/programs/hcvc_program.asp

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** Approximately \$75 million.
- Maximum per Applicant:** Section 8 rental assistance through DCA is available in 149 of Georgia's 159 counties. Contact DCA for further information.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Eligibility for the program is based primarily on household income.
- Criteria for Selection:** Interested households are required to submit an application for review for determination of household eligibility.
- How to Apply:** Contact DCA to receive information regarding the program guidelines and deadlines.
- For More Information Contact:**
- Athens Regional Office**
1061 Dowdy Road, Suite 201
Athens, GA 30606-5700
706-369-5636
888-318-0354
- Eastman Regional Office**
21 Industrial Boulevard
Eastman, GA 31023
478-374-6962
888-340-6112
- Waycross Regional Office**
500 Alice Street
Waycross, GA 31501
912-285-6280
888-879-2549
- Type of Assistance:** Provides rental subsidies on behalf of low-income families and individuals to participating landlords who agree to maintain their rental properties to the required Housing Quality Standards.

State and Local Assistance (SLA)

www.gema.ga.gov

Administering Agency:

Georgia Emergency Management Agency
P.O. Box 18055
Atlanta, Georgia 30316

Total Funding Level:

Approximately \$1,250,000 per year.

Maximum per Applicant:

Varies

Criteria for Eligibility:

Have a local Emergency Management program established by law; operate under an approved personnel merit system; have a local Emergency Operations Plan that conforms to state requirements; have a state approved Statement of Work; conduct periodic training and exercising of plans; and comply with other requirements set forth by GEMA.

Criteria for Selection:

Funding priority is given to jurisdictions:

- with a substantiated record of accomplishment in Emergency Management;
- most vulnerable to disaster emergency situations;
- expected to provide reception areas and shelters; and
- meeting GEMA's recommended standards for staffing and other capabilities.

How to Apply:

Contact GEMA for information concerning establishing a qualified Emergency Management organization. All local governments meeting criteria are eligible for funding.

For More Information Contact:

Charley English: (404) 635-7001, charley.english@gema.ga.gov

Type of Assistance:

Provides up to 50% matching funds for necessary and essential state and local Emergency Management personnel and administrative expenses.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., SE
Atlanta, GA 30334
- Total Funding Level:** Varies (Entitlement Program).
- Maximum per Applicant:** Reimbursement for all creditable meals served to qualifying persons.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Sponsoring organizations/institutions that may participate in the SFSP are private non profit, governmental institutions and school food service authorities in areas where 50% or more of a school's population qualifies based on income or programs which provide services to qualifying populations.
- Criteria for Selection:** See Criteria for Eligibility.
- How to Apply:** Attend a training session conducted by the Department of Early Care and Learning.
- For More Information Contact:** DECAL Office: 404-656-5957
- Type of Assistance:** Provide federal reimbursement to eligible institutions for meals and supplements served to eligible children when school is not in session.

Transportation Enhancement Program

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/localgovernment/FundingPrograms/TransportationEnhancement/Pages/default.aspx>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree NW
Atlanta, GA. 30308
- Total Funding Level:** Approximately \$23 million annually divided among 13 Congressional Districts.
- Maximum per Applicant:** \$1 million per project application.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Contact the Department of Transportation.
- Criteria for Selection:** Contact the Department of Transportation
- How to Apply:** Application available on website. Request an application package from the Office of Planning. Submit the application in accordance with the published application schedule. Sponsors are responsible for obtaining environmental clearances and permits. Sponsors must provide a 20% local match.
- For More Information Contact:** E-mail: tprogram@dot.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** Federal funding for twelve categories of transportation enhancement activities:
- *Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles.
 - *Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - *Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic and historic sites.
 - *Scenic or historic highway programs (including provision of tourist and welcome center facilities).
 - *Landscaping and other scenic beautification.
 - *Historic preservation.
 - *Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities(including historic railroad facilities and canals).
 - *Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including conversion for use as pedestrian or bicycle trails)
 - *Archaeological planning and research.
 - *Control and removal of outdoor advertising.
 - *Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity.
 - *Establishment of transportation museums.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

http://workforce.georgia.gov/sites/workforce.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/GOWD-WIA%20Policy%20Manual%20PY2012.pdf

Administering Agency:

Governor's Office of Workforce Development
Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.W.
1408 West Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Total Funding Level:

Approximately \$64 million annually.

Maximum per Applicant:

Funding is provided through grants to designated local agencies to administer program.

Criteria for Eligibility:
dislocated workers.

Services must be provided to economically disadvantaged individuals or to

Criteria for Selection:

Local agencies specify criteria based on local priorities and the needs of the eligible population and local labor market.

How to Apply:

Contact the Workforce Investment Areas staff or any training provider in the local geographic area. See website at www.dol.state.ga.us

For More Information Contact:

Blake Ashbee, Interim Executive Director: (404) 463-5030;
bashbee@georgia.gov

Type of Assistance:

This program was formerly known as the Georgia Job Training Partnership Act. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) was signed into law in August 1998 and went into effect July 1, 2000. The Workforce Investment Act will involve a new approach to delivering employment and training services throughout Georgia. The Workforce Investment Act Funds programs administered by designated local agencies to prepare economically disadvantaged youth and adults for unsubsidized jobs. Some funds are also available for workers dislocated from their jobs due to plant closures and mass layoffs.