

State Financial Assistance Programs

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Arts and Culture

Georgia Council for the Arts Grant Program

<http://gaarts.org/>

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.

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:	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Applicants may only apply for projects that are located within the applicant's jurisdictional boundaries.</p> <p>There are three types of projects that TBD funds will support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Brick-and-MortarResearchEvents
Criteria for Selection:	<p>Projects can be related to Georgia's unique cultural and heritage resources, natural areas, archaeological sites, architectural and engineering achievements, cultural landscapes, diverse heritage sites or artifacts. Projects may also include new secondary product creation (Secondary products are items that tourists purchase and take home).</p>
How to Apply:	<p>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.</p>
For More Information Contact:	<p>Bruce Green, Director, Tourism Product Development; bgreen@georgia.org 404-962-4092</p> <p>Cindy Eidson, Assistant Director of Product Development; ceidson@georgia.org 404-962-4844</p> <p>Tina Lilly, Grants Program Manager, Georgia Council for the Arts; tlilly@gaarts.org 404-962-4827</p>
Type of Assistance:	<p>The TPD program is designed to financially support sustainable tourism development activities at the local level that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintain and/or create jobs• attract tourists (visitors from outside of the community)• enhance the tourist's experience.

Criminal Justice

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program

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

- Administering Agency:** Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
104 Marietta St, NW
Suite 440
Atlanta, Ga 30303
Ph: 404.657.1956 or 877.231.6590
Fax: 404.657.1957
TTY: 404.463.7650
- 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:** Please note that the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has not approved individual allocation amounts for this solicitation. Any award made pursuant to this solicitation is dependent upon the receipt and availability of federal grant awards and any requirements/conditions attached thereto.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Awards are limited to 2013 Competitive Award recipient organizations that provide services to crime victims and are operated by a public agency, a nonprofit organization, or a combination of such agencies or 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.
Online:

<https://cjcc.georgia.gov/sites/cjcc.georgia.gov/files/2013%20VOCA%20RFP%20Application%20Final.pdf>
- For More Information Contact:** Shontel Wright, 404-657-1961 or shontel.wright@cjcc.ga.gov
Betty Barnard at 404-654-5691 or Betty.Barnard@cjcc.ga.gov

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.

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

Project Safe Neighborhoods

<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/psn-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:	Lead applicants are limited to units of local government and private/non-profit community organizations located in the following districts: Middle and Northern.
Criteria for Selection:	State agencies or units of local government must have developed a plan for forensic science laboratories that is designed to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner services, and must specifically describe the manner in which grant funds will be used to carry out that plan.
How to Apply:	Contact the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
For More Information Contact:	grants.info@cjcc.ga.gov
Type of Assistance:	Recipients are reimbursed on a monthly or quarterly basis. Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a nationwide network designed to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gang and gun violence and crime, and sustaining that reduction. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state and federal agencies in a unified offensive led by the U.S. Attorney of both districts with the State of Georgia.

Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/juvenile-justice-incentive-grant>

Administering Agency:	CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL 104 MARIETTA STREET, SUITE 440 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-2743
Total Funding Level:	FY 15 Awards total: \$6,820,000
Maximum per Applicant:	Varies per county.
Criteria for Eligibility:	Be a public government entity; Serve as the fiscal agent for the grant and point of contact to CJCC; Be responsible, liable, and oversee financial, program and post-award reporting requirements.
Criteria for Selection:	Applications to support juvenile court projects must be made by county commissions/boards of commissioners on behalf of the juvenile court. All local units of government are required in compliance with the Georgia Service Delivery Strategy Act in order to be eligible for state-administered financial assistance.
How to Apply:	The application must be submitted electronically using the link on the Council's website at http://cjcc.georgia.gov/funding-opportunities .
For More Information Contact:	Cristin Rollins, Ph.D. Carl Vinson Institute of Government The University of Georgia 706-542-0583 cristin@uga.edu www.vinsoninstitute.org
Type of Assistance:	The Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant will provide reimbursement funding for local programs designed to serve youth in the community who would otherwise be committed to Georgia's Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant gives communities incentives to offer judges more nonconfinement sentencing options. These could include substance abuse treatment or family counseling and are proven to better reduce recidivism for low-risk offenders. HB 242 will also allow judges to take into account both the severity of the offense and the risk of the individual when deciding the fate of juveniles, focus more time and resources on high-risk and dangerous offenders, and measure risk and results properly to keep as many of our juveniles as possible out of detention centers and prisons.

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment For State Prisoners Program

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

Administering Agency:	CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL 104 MARIETTA STREET, SUITE 440 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-2743
Total Funding Level:	Funds are reimbursements for grant program related expenses.
Maximum per Applicant:	Varies.
Criteria for Eligibility:	Applicants are limited to state agencies and units of local government.
Criteria for Selection:	RSAT funds may be used to implement three types of programs: residential, jail-based, and aftercare. Applications involving partnerships with community-based substance abuse treatment programs should be given priority consideration. To be eligible for funding, states must coordinate the design and implementation of treatment programs between state correctional representatives and the state alcohol and drug abuse agency (and, if appropriate, between representatives of local correctional agencies and representatives of either the state alcohol and drug abuse agency or any appropriate local alcohol and drug abuse agency). A state must also agree to implement or continue to require urinalysis or other proven reliable forms of testing, including both periodic and random testing— (1) of an individual before the individual enters a residential substance abuse treatment program and during the period in which the individual participates in the treatment program; and (2) of an individual released from a residential substance abuse treatment program, if the individual remains in the custody of the state.
How to Apply:	Follow application instructions provided by the BJA: http://cjcc.georgia.gov/sites/cjcc.georgia.gov/files/imported/vgn/images/portal/cit_1210/7/28/185880612RSAT-User-Guide.pdf
For More Information Contact:	grants.info@cjcc.ga.gov
Type of Assistance:	The main objective of the RSAT Program is to break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs. RSAT enhances the capability of states and units of local and tribal government to: Provide residential substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates; Prepare offenders for their reintegration into the communities from which they came by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs; Assist offenders and their communities through the reentry process through the delivery of community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services.

Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program

<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/voca-eligible-applicants>

Administering Agency:	CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL 104 MARIETTA STREET, SUITE 440 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-2743
Total Funding Level:	Varies; Utilizes combination of state and federal funds.
Maximum per Applicant:	Recipients must provide 20% of funding through cash/in-kind payments or utilization of volunteers. Sub-grantees required to use volunteers.
Criteria for Eligibility:	Applicants are limited to local government, nonprofit, or nongovernmental agencies or programs whose primary purpose is to provide direct services to victims of violent crimes and certain property crimes (such as larceny, burglary, and identity fraud.)
Criteria for Selection:	Selection based on funding levels and past ability of local governments to administer programs. Organizations that have not received VOCA funds in the past but wish to apply must demonstrate that at least 25% of their funding comes from non-federal sources.
How to Apply:	Contact the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
For More Information Contact:	betty.barnard@cjcc.ga.gov
Type of Assistance:	The Victims of Crime Act Victim's Assistance Grant Program supports direct services to crime victims (i.e. persons who have suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime). The federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) makes annual formula grants, which in turn are subgranted to local organizations, for states to ensure that crime victims' rights are upheld and that they play a meaningful role in the criminal justice process.

FY 2016 Accountability Court Transportation Application [**EXPIRED**]

<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/funding-opportunities>

- Administering Agency:** CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
104 MARIETTA STREET, SUITE 440
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-2743
- Total Funding Level:** Varies each year.
- Maximum per Applicant:** Varies per award and level of need. Matching funds not required, but encouraged.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Applicants are limited to local entities for new and existing Accountability Courts who applied for the FY'16 Accountability Court Grant. Multiple accountability courts are encouraged to coordinate their transportation projects and submit one application.
- Criteria for Selection:** Decisions will be made with respect to both available funds and project reasonability according to:
1. Past compliance with all financial and programmatic reporting requirements;
 2. Overall quality and completeness of the application;
 3. Demonstration of clear, measurable and appropriate standards;
 4. Demonstration of need including geographic location, local demographics, local statistics, other financial resources, etc.;
 5. Adequate correlation between the cost of the project and the objective(s) to be achieved; and
 6. Sharing resources among each accountability court within the circuit is strongly encouraged and one circuit wide grant application is preferred. All applications within each circuit will be reviewed together.
- How to Apply:** Fill out required forms:
<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/sites/cjcc.georgia.gov/files/FY16%20Transportation%20Grant%20Application.pdf>
- For More Information Contact:** acfc@gaacfc.org
- Type of Assistance:** The Georgia Accountability Court Funding Committee (ACFC) was created in 2012 by the Georgia Legislature and by Governor Nathan Deal to provide courts with the critical funding necessary to support the growth of Accountability Courts in Georgia to reduce the prison population.

State of Georgia FY'16 Sexual Assault Grant Program [EXPIRED]

<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/funding-opportunities>

- Administering Agency:** CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
104 MARIETTA STREET, SUITE 440
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-2743
- Total Funding Level:** Varies; The funding sources for this solicitation are the Georgia State Appropriations and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Preventive Health Block Grant.
- Maximum per Applicant:** Varies per award and level of need. Matching funds not required, but encouraged.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization or a public government entity;
Serve as the fiscal agent for the grant and the point of contact to CJCC;
Be responsible, liable, and oversee financial, program and post-award reporting requirements; and
Be certified to receive LVAP 5% funds.
- Criteria for Selection:** CJCC will accept applications from sexual assault programs for the purpose of intervention services to sexual assault victims, as well as awareness and education to Georgia's citizens on sexual assault prevention strategies that will change the attitudes of communities regarding nonconsensual sex and violence. Education and awareness activities will be accomplished through the provision of trainings, presentations, technical assistance, community outreach, direct service and collaboration. Core intervention services include the following listed below.
- Advocacy/crisis intervention
 - Emergency financial assistance
 - Follow-up contact
 - Follow-up exams
 - Forensic medical examinations
 - Individual/family therapy
 - Legal advocacy
 - Medical accompaniment
 - Support Groups
 - Assistance with Victims Compensation
- CJCC asks that applicants fully describe how their program will provide these intervention services along with the awareness and education activities.
- How to Apply:** Fill out required forms: <http://cjcc.georgia.gov/funding-opportunities>
- For More Information Contact:**
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| 404-657-2061 | 404-657-2224 |
- Type of Assistance:** CJCC is soliciting applications for the Sexual Assault Grant Program. Agencies must submit an application to be considered for funding. Agencies are encouraged to read this entire RFA thoroughly before preparing and submitting their grant application. This application is open to all agencies meeting eligibility guidelines for the Sexual Assault Grant Program; decisions about grant awards will be determined through a competitive process.

State of Georgia FY'16 Accountability Court Grant Program [EXPIRED]

<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/funding-opportunities>

- Administering Agency:** CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
104 MARIETTA STREET, SUITE 440
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-2743
- Total Funding Level:** The amount available for distribution will be determined by the legislature in the 2015 session.
There is a 10% cash match requirement. Please note: this match will likely increase every year.
- Maximum per Applicant:** Varies per award and level of need. 10% matching funds of total cost required.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Applicants are limited to local entities for new and existing Accountability Courts. Felony Court submissions are limited to one application per circuit, per court type (i.e. Adult Drug, Veterans, or Mental Health Court) unless the courts are distinctly different as evidenced by different team members. State, Magistrate and Juvenile Court submissions are limited to one application per county, per court type (i.e. DUI, Family Dependency Treatment, Misdemeanor Drug, Juvenile Drug, or Juvenile Mental Health Court).
- Criteria for Selection:** Decisions will be made with respect to both available funds and project reasonability according to:
1. Past compliance with all financial and programmatic reporting requirements;
 2. Overall quality and completeness of the application;
 3. Demonstration of clear, measurable and appropriate standards;
 4. Demonstration of need including geographic location, local demographics, local statistics, other financial resources, etc.;
 5. Adequate correlation between the cost of the project and the objective(s) to be achieved; and
 6. Sharing resources among each accountability court within the circuit is strongly encouraged and one circuit wide grant application is preferred. All applications within each circuit will be reviewed together.
- How to Apply:** Fill out required forms:
<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/sites/cjcc.georgia.gov/files/FY16%20Grant%20Application.pdf> and send application to
<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=kKIEVV7fXBVqTB9fQcM6vw>
- For More Information Contact:** Aaron Sayama
Planning and Policy Development Specialist
aaron.sayama@cjcc.ga.gov
404-657-1965
- Type of Assistance:** The Georgia Accountability Court Funding Committee (ACFC) was created in 2012 by the Georgia Legislature and by Governor Nathan Deal to provide courts with the critical funding necessary to support the growth of Accountability Courts in Georgia to reduce the prison population.

Economic Development

Appalachian Regional Commission Economic Development Grant Program

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

- 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:** There are 4 goal areas that potential projects should relate to:
1. Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia to reach parity with the nation.
 2. Strengthen the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy.
 3. Develop and improve Appalachia's infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive.
 4. Build the Appalachian Development Highway System to reduce Appalachia's isolation.
- 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.

Community Development Block Grant Program---Regular Round

http://www.dca.ga.gov/communities/CDBG/programs/downloads/CDBG_Applications/2015/2015CDBGApplicantsManual.pdf

- 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.

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

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:	Grant amounts under this special program will generally not exceed \$500,000 per award. The maximum grant amount may be increased if warranted by extraordinary public benefit to be achieved by a particular project. Eight (8) million dollars or eleven percent (11%), whichever is greater, from each federal fiscal year's allocation to the Department of Community Affairs for the Community Development Block Grant Program will be set-aside for this program.
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:	Gabriel Morris at 404.679.3174 or Gabriel.morris@dca.ga.gov Staci Tillman at 404.679.0668 or staci.tillman@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.

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 \$1,009,734,300 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 (ie. 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 Downtown Renaissance Fund

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/>

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231
- Total Funding Level:** Varies
- Maximum per Applicant:** \$500,000
- Criteria for Selection:** Competitive review process to determine the merit of the applications and the proposed uses of the funds. A loan guarantee will be based upon an analysis of the proposed project's potential enhancement of downtown development opportunities, creditworthiness, overall project feasibility, project impact and soundness of the proposed strategy. Complete rules can be accessed at:

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/economic/Financing/programs/RenaissanceFund.asp>
- How to Apply:** Pre-applications and applications may be accessed through the official website of The Department of Community Affairs at:
www.dca.ga.gov
- For More Information Contact:** Brian Williamson
Deputy Commissioner
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329
Brian.williamson@dca.ga.gov
404-679-1587
- Type of Assistance:** Financing and technical assistance for local governments, downtown development authorities, urban development authorities, special districts and non-profit organizations to encourage economic and small business development, historic preservation, private investment, public improvements, leadership development, training, design assistance and financing in the effort of improving downtown districts.

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.

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:** Single-community applications cannot exceed \$20,000 in Local Development Fund grant assistance. Joint applications must demonstrate a need for joint submission and cannot exceed \$50,000 in Local Development Fund assistance. ***Match Requirements:*** In all cases, no more than 50% of the total project cost can be paid for by the Local Development Fund and **any other state funds**. A local cash or in-kind match no less than dollar for dollar of the grant amount is required. The match must be available for expenditure at the time of the grant award. **Funds expended prior to the date of grant award cannot be counted as match**. Each party to a joint application must demonstrate that it will contribute, in some way, to the required local match.
- Criteria for Eligibility:** All municipalities, counties, consolidated governments, and joint partnerships of municipal, county and consolidated governments are eligible to apply for grants from the Local Development Fund.
- 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:** The purpose of the Local Development Fund is to provide eligible recipients with limited state financial assistance to meet important local community development or improvement needs without supplanting other major sources of assistance.
- For More Information Contact:** Cynthia Easley: (404) 679-4789
Cynthia.Easley@dca.ga.gov

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

<http://www.georgia.org/competitive-advantages/workforce-division/about-office/>

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:	Services must be provided to economically disadvantaged individuals or to dislocated workers.
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.

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.

Regional Assistance Program (RAP)

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/economic/financing/programs/downloads/RAPAppManual.pdf>

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.

Education

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

<http://dec.al.ga.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 2013-2015:

FY 2012 Federal CCDF allocation (Discretionary, Mandatory and Matching): \$187,348,787
Federal TANF Transfer to CCDF: \$0.00
Direct Federal TANF Spending on Child Care: \$0.00
State CCDF Maintenance-of-Effort Funds: \$22,182,651.00
State Matching Funds: \$39,820,413.00
- 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@dec.al.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** Subsidized child care in Georgia is provided through the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program to help low income families afford quality child care. The CAPS program is administered in all 159 Georgia counties through the county Department of Family and Children Services.

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

<http://www.servega.org/docs/GCSV-NOFO2014.pdf>

- 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:** AmeriCorps programs are managed by some of the most respected organizations in the state. Organizations eligible for the AmeriCorps grant are non-profits (501C3), colleges/universities, municipalities. For profit organizations are not eligible to apply. The AmeriCorps programs are funded in part through an AmeriCorps grant.
- 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:** AmeriCorps grant funding in Georgia is highly competitive and involves a state review and approval of grant applications followed by a final federal approval. The process is long and can be tedious but the rewards for successful applicants are tremendous! Be sure to follow the steps listed below:
- 1. Learn as much as you can about AmeriCorps programs.** Helpful websites include www.servega.org and www.americorps.gov.
 - 2. Attend a GCSV Grant Application Workshop or review the CNCS Recorded Webinars** to understand the application and funding process and program expectations. [General Technical Assistance workshops](#) will be provided by GCSV staff in Atlanta, Rome and Moultrie. All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the three workshops.
 - 3. Develop a Complete AmeriCorps Application** - Review the following documents for the 2015-2016 NOFO and Application Instructions. The application instruction packet includes directions for new, re-competing, and continuation applications.
- For application and instructions visit:
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/upload/AppinstructionsFINAL.pdf>
- For More Information Contact:** Commission for Service and Volunteerism: americorpsga@dca.ga.gov
DCA: kimberly.dupree@dca.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** The Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism is a part of the Department of Community Affairs. Our mission is to promote service and volunteerism in Georgia through AmeriCorps national service grants, community volunteer recognition, and support of local volunteer organizations and efforts.

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: <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.

Emergency Management

Environmental Emergency Loan Program

<http://gefa.georgia.gov/water-and-sewer-financing>

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:	Water and sewer financing available at any time to cities, counties, and authorities for projects needed to protect community health or safety due to an emergency situation.
Criteria for Selection: and/or the environment.	Environmental certification, documented immediate threat to human health
How to Apply:	Applications received year round.
For More Information Contact:	Jason Bodwell at jason@gefa.ga.gov or 404.584.1129 Arlene@gefa.ga.gov
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.

Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)

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

- Administering Agency:** Georgia Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
- Total Funding Level:** DCA will reserve a minimum of 65% of Federal funding for the DCA ESG Entitlement area.
1. Federal ESG (approximately \$3.3 million)
 - Rapid Re-Housing
 - Emergency Shelter
 2. State Housing Trust Fund (approximately \$1.5 million)
 - Hotel/Motel Vouchers
 - Transitional Housing for populations for which rapid re-housing is not an ideal intervention
- Maximum per Applicant:** Expected for State FY 2015 – FY 2016 Awarded:
- Emergency Shelter - \$50,000 per project
 - Transitional Housing - \$40,000 per project
 - Essential Services - \$50,000 per project
 - Short- and Medium-Term Rental Assistance and Stabilization Services - average costs per family/household will vary by region according to rent reasonableness and fair market rents for the area and approval by DCA
 - Project Homeless Connect - \$2,000
 - HMIS - \$25,000
- 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:** Phillis Thomas at phillis.thomas@dca.ga.gov 404.679.0651 or
Whittney Mitchell at Whittney.mitchell@dca.ga.gov 404.679.0654
- 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.

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:

Grant amounts under this program generally cannot exceed \$50,000. A grant awarded under the Immediate Threat and Danger Program cannot be for more than 50% of the project cost. The applicant (local government) must provide at least 10% of the project cost.

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: To request an application [email CDBG](#) or call (404) 679-3168.

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.

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.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM)

[http://www.gema.ga.gov/Mitigation/Pages/Pre-Disaster-Mitigation-Program-\(PDM\).aspx](http://www.gema.ga.gov/Mitigation/Pages/Pre-Disaster-Mitigation-Program-(PDM).aspx)

Administering Agency:	Georgia Emergency Management Agency P.O. Box 18055 Atlanta, Georgia 30316
Total Funding Level:	Varies; Utilizes combination of state and federal funds.
Maximum per Applicant:	The Federal share of PDM funding cannot exceed 75% of the total eligible project cost. For communities that meet FEMA's definition of being a small and impoverished community, the PDM funding cannot exceed 90% of the total eligible project cost. The non-Federal share may be met with cash, contributions, certain other grants such as Community Development Block Grants, Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) flood insurance payments, or in-kind services.
Criteria for Eligibility:	Public agencies, including state and local governments. Applicants must participate and be in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) if a special flood area has been mapped.
Criteria for Selection:	To be considered for PDM funding, local governments must have a FEMA approved mitigation plan.
How to Apply:	Applicants must use FEMA's eGrants system to enter their application for PDM grants. eGrants is an electronic grant system developed by FEMA as part of the Federal Government's eCommerce initiative. Application intake will be managed through the FEMA eGrants system. Follow instructions provided on GEMA website: http://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program
For More Information Contact:	For your local FEMA Office: FEMA Regional Offices For your state official that oversees mitigation: State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO)
Type of Assistance:	The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program was authorized by §203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act), 42 USC. Funding for the program is provided through the National Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund to assist States and local governments (to include Indian Tribal governments) in implementing cost-effective hazard mitigation activities that complement a comprehensive mitigation program. The PDM program provides funds to states, territories, Indian tribal governments, and communities for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations. PDM grants are to be awarded on a competitive basis and without reference to state allocations, quotas, or other formula-based allocation of funds.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

<http://www.gema.ga.gov/Mitigation/Pages/Hazard-Mitigation-Grant-Program.aspx>

Administering Agency:	Georgia Emergency Management Agency P.O. Box 18055 Atlanta, Georgia 30316
Total Funding Level:	Varies; Utilizes combination of state and federal funds.
Maximum per Applicant:	The Federal share of HMGP funding cannot exceed 75% of the total eligible project cost. For declared counties, the State provides 10% of the overall project cost. The remaining non-federal share may be met with cash, contributions, certain other grants such as Community Development Block Grants, or with in-kind services.
Criteria for Eligibility:	Public agencies, including State and local governments; and Certain private non-profit organizations or institutions that provide essential services to the general public. Applicants must have a federally approved mitigation plan to be eligible for HMGP funds.
Criteria for Selection:	Conform to the State's hazard mitigation plan; Conform to the requirements of floodplain management and protection of wetlands (44CFR Part 9, and Executive Orders 11988 and 11990); Conform to environmental regulations (44CFR part 10) and to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and all other Federal, State, and local environmental regulations; Address a repetitive hazard in the project area, or one that poses a significant risk to life and property, and provides a long term or permanent solution to reducing the threat from the hazard; Be cost-effective (the reduced future damages discounted to present value should exceed the initial project cost); Be the most practical and environmentally sound alternative after considering a range of options; Projects must be located in communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and are also in good standing in the NFIP.
How to Apply:	Please contact your State Hazard Mitigation Officer, or federally-recognized tribal/local government official to obtain information on the HMGP application process.
For More Information Contact:	For your local FEMA Office: FEMA Regional Offices For your state official that oversees mitigation: State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO)
Type of Assistance:	Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 established the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The purpose of the program is to provide funds to State agencies and local governments in the aftermath of a disaster for projects that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from the effects of natural hazards. The program enables mitigation measures identified in state and local mitigation plans to be implemented during the recovery from a disaster. HMGP funding is allocated based on a formula percentage of the Stafford Act Assistance received. Georgia's Enhanced Plan approval allows for the State to receive 20% of the estimated aggregate amounts of disaster assistance. This is one-third more than States without Enhanced Plan status.

Health, Family and Children

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

<http://www.decal.ga.gov/Nutrition/Search.aspx>

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:	Shani Drake at shani.drake@decal.ga.gov or 404-656-3221.
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.

First Steps Georgia Funding Grant Program [NO FUNDING]

<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.

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 or casteele@dhr.state.ga.us Sheila Phillips: 404-657-5253 or slphillips@dhr.state.ga.us

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.

Historic Preservation

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.

Housing

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:** The State of Georgia, through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), receives about \$2 MD annually to provide HOPWA funding for the balance of state (126 counties).
- Maximum per Applicant:** Maximum Grant Amounts and Funding Factors - There are no minimum and maximum funding amounts established for this program. Applicants are advised to scale their requests based on housing need for eligible persons, organizational capacity, funding history, the types of activities proposed, number of counties served, including participation in state or regional referral networks. Applicants are encouraged to develop cost effective proposals. For those applicants seeking continued funding, past spending practices and performance will be considered when determining award amounts. In the event DCA has determined through the competitive process that an existing sponsor with a history of unspent contact monies should be awarded new funds, DCA reserves the right to reduce the award based on the contractual history and the reasonableness of the request. Existing grantees must justify the need for an increase in funds if requesting an amount in excess of past awards.
- 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.

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:	\$49,975,601 for FY2015
Maximum per Applicant:	Funds provided to Community Action Agencies under contract with 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.

Section 8 Rental Assistance

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

Infrastructure

Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund

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

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.

Construction Loan Program

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

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.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

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

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.

Georgia Fund Loan Program

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

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:	Applications received year round.
For More Information Contact:	Jason Bodwell at jason@gefa.ga.gov or 404.584.1129
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.

Natural Resources

Forest Land Protection Act Valuation

<https://dor.georgia.gov/forest-land-protection-act-valuation>

Administering Agency:	Department of Revenue Local Government Services Division 4125 Welcome All Road, Suite 701 Atlanta, Ga. 30349
Total Funding Levels:	Provides and Ad Valorem tax exemption for property primarily used for the good faith subsistence or commercial production of trees, timber, or other wood and wood fiber products and excludes the entire value of any residence located on the property.
Maximum per Applicant:	Varies per applicant. Local governments are reimbursed by the State for 50% of the lost revenue up to 3% of digest revenues and 100% of lost revenue above 3% of digest revenues.
Criteria for Eligibility:	Forest land conservation use property may include land that has been certified as environmentally sensitive property by the Department of Natural Resources or property that is kept in accordance with a recognized sustainable forestry certification program. The property may have secondary uses such as the promotion, preservation, or management of wildlife habitat; carbon sequestration in accordance with the Georgia Carbon Sequestration Registry; mitigation and conservation banking that results in restoration or conservation of wetlands and other natural resources; or the production and maintenance of ecosystem products and services such as, but not limited to, clean air and water.
Criteria for Selection:	15-year covenant agreement between the taxpayer and local board of assessors is limited to forest land tracts consisting of more than 200 acres when owned by an individual or individuals or by any entity registered to do business in Georgia.
How to Apply:	Fill out application: http://dor.georgia.gov/documents/property-tax-application-and-questionnaire-forest-land-conservation-use-property
For More Information Contact:	Georgia Department of Revenue Digest Compliance Section 4125 Welcome All Road, Suite 701 Atlanta, Georgia 30349 (404)724-7000 Local.Government.Services@dor.ga.gov
Type of Assistance:	This is a voluntary tax program for owners of large tracts of forest land that are not eligible to enroll in the existing Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) program due to acreage and ownership restrictions. In return for agreeing to keep the land in a complying use, landowners receive a lower property tax rate on their forest property.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

<http://gastateparks.org/grants/lwcf>

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.

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.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

<http://gastateparks.org/grants/rtp>

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:

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 non-motorized recreational trails including new trail construction, maintenance/rehabilitation of existing trails, trail-side and trail-head facilities.

Public Safety

Bulletproof Vest Partnership

<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/bulletproof-vest-partnership>

Administering Agency:	CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL 104 MARIETTA STREET, SUITE 440 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-2743
Total Funding Level:	\$277 million
Maximum per Applicant:	Varies.
Criteria for Eligibility:	Recognized units of general government as defined by the BVP statute and recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau employing law enforcement officers as defined by the BVP Grant Act.
Criteria for Selection:	State and local governments must identify the total number, type, and projected cost of vests for the applicants eligible and participating law enforcement officers by the application closing date.
How to Apply:	Contact the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
For More Information Contact:	grants.info@cjcc.ga.gov
Type of Assistance:	<p>The federally-funded Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) is a reimbursement program for state agencies that is administered by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.</p> <p>BVP was created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act, which is a U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to assist local and state law enforcement agencies, other eligible state agencies, and educational institutions with law enforcement functions in obtaining lifesaving equipment.</p>

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program

<http://cjcc.georgia.gov/paul-coverdell-grant-overview>

Administering Agency:	CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL 104 MARIETTA STREET, SUITE 440 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-2743
Total Funding Level:	FY 2014: \$10,504,868
Maximum per Applicant:	Varies. FY 2014 Maximum payout for State of Georgia: \$233,777
Criteria for Eligibility:	State agencies and units of local government.
Criteria for Selection:	State agencies or units of local government must have developed a plan for forensic science laboratories that is designed to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner services, and must specifically describe the manner in which grant funds will be used to carry out that plan.
How to Apply:	Contact the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
For More Information Contact:	grants.info@cjcc.ga.gov
Type of Assistance:	<p>The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program was developed to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. Among other things, funds may be used to eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic evidence and to train and employ forensic laboratory personnel, as needed, to eliminate such a backlog. Recipients of this funding, as stated by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), must use the grant for one or more of the following three purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To carry out all or a substantial part of a program intended to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner services in the state, including those services provided by laboratories operated by the state and those operated by units of local government within the state;To eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic science evidence, including, among other things, a backlog with respect to firearms examination, latent prints, toxicology, controlled substances, forensic pathology, questioned documents and trace evidence;To train, assist and employ forensic laboratory personnel as needed to eliminate such a backlog.

Governor's Office of Highway Safety General Innovative Grants

<http://www.gahighwaysafety.org/fullpanel/uploads/files/rfp-innovative-grants-for-2016-final.pdf>

- Administering Agency:** Governor's Office of Highway Safety
7 M.L.K. Jr Dr NW #643, Atlanta, GA 30334
(404) 656-6996
- Total Funding Level:** Varies.
- Maximum per Applicant:** Based on program need. Ranges from \$10,000-\$250,000
- Criteria for Eligibility:** Potential grantees/partners include, but is not limited to: local law enforcement agencies, county health departments, high schools (private and public), colleges and universities (private and public), citizen groups, civic organizations, churches and faith-based communities, county councils, mayors, EMS, county agencies, not-for-profit organizations (i.e. Safe Kids of Georgia, MADD, etc. and others).
- Criteria for Selection:** Potential grantee(s) must develop a program proposal as well as an organizational management plan that clearly outlines the channels of communication and responsibility. Potential grantee(s) must also demonstrate its willingness and ability to accept and implement the planned programs by showing staffing, equipment, office space and other resources that will be dedicated to this effort. Applications submitted must include letters of support/references from at least two of the following: local law enforcement, school systems, local safety advocate organizations and/or medical organizations. Programs planned, implemented and evaluated must be "specific" and focused on the issues of saving lives and reducing injuries.
- How to Apply:** ALL grant applications must be submitted through GOHS online Electronic Grants for the Office of Highway Safety (eGOHS) System.
The link to be website is: www.egohs.org.
Certification signature page must be signed in "blue ink" with an original and three (3) copies mailed to GOHS within five (5) business days after the submission of the grant application within eGOHS. Mail to:
Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS)
ATTN: Ms. Candice Hamilton
7 Martin Luther King Jr Drive; Suite 643
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
- For More Information Contact:** Lauren Armour (ESA)
(404) 656-6996
larmour@gohs.ga.gov
- Type of Assistance:** Educational grants designed to promote the development and implementation of innovative programs to address highway safety problems relating to alcohol/impaired driving, pedestrian & bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, occupant protection, traffic records/data programs and distracted driving.

Governor's Office of Highway Safety Georgia Young Adult Program

<http://www.gahighwaysafety.org/grants/application-process/>

Administering Agency:	Governor's Office of Highway Safety 7 M.L.K. Jr Dr NW #643, Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-6996
Total Funding Level:	Varies.
Maximum per Applicant:	Varies, based on school population.
Criteria for Eligibility:	Must be an accredited university or college in the State of Georgia.
Criteria for Selection:	Develop an educational program addressing: Alcohol education Alcohol abuse prevention Impaired driving Underage drinking Safety belts Speeding Risk reductions Other destructive decisions - See more at: http://www.gahighwaysafety.org/campaigns/georgia-young-adult-program/#sthash.YPoI74Uf.dpuf
How to Apply:	Grant selection process begins in March of each year through an online application process. Contact Kelly Cutts at GOHS for more information.
For More Information Contact:	Kelly Cutts Young Adult Planner Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety kcutts@gohs.ga.gov
Type of Assistance:	Educational grants designed to promote the development and implementation of innovative programs to address highway safety problems relating to alcohol/impaired driving, pedestrian & bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, occupant protection, traffic records/data programs and distracted driving.

Governor's Office of Highway Safety Georgia SADD Innovative Grants

<http://www.gahighwaysafety.org/grants/application-process/>

Administering Agency:	Governor's Office of Highway Safety 7 M.L.K. Jr Dr NW #643, Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-6996
Total Funding Level:	Varies
Maximum per Applicant:	GOHS Grant awards to any SADD chapter will be \$2000. Grants for colleges and universities are based on student population size and average between \$5,000 and \$10,000.
Criteria for Eligibility:	Potential grantees/partners include, but is not limited to: local law enforcement agencies, county health departments, high schools, colleges and universities, citizen groups, civic organizations, churches and faith-based communities, county councils, mayors, EMS, fire department, county agencies, not-for-profit organizations (i.e. Safe Kids of Georgia, MADD, etc. and others).
Criteria for Selection:	Potential grantee(s) must develop a program proposal as well as an organizational management plan that clearly outlines the channels of communication and responsibility. Potential grantee(s) must also demonstrate its willingness and ability to accept and implement the planned programs by showing staffing, equipment, office space and other resources that will be dedicated to this effort. Applications submitted must include letters of support/references from at least two of the following: local law enforcement, school systems, local safety advocate organizations and/or medical organizations. Programs planned, implemented and evaluated must be "specific" and focused on the issues of saving lives and reducing injuries.
How to Apply:	Fill out online application at: http://www.egohs.org/Portal.asp
For more Information Contact:	Kelly Cutts Young Adult Planner Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety kcutts@gohs.ga.gov
Type of Assistance:	Grants designed to promote public awareness, education and information programs targeted to underage drivers in regards to drinking age laws, zero tolerance laws and respective penalties. Programs that involve partnerships with law enforcement are preferred.

Transportation

Airport Improvement Program

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/InvestSmart/Aviation/Forms/ApplicationforStateAssistance.pdf>

- 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.

Scenic Byways Discretionary Program (NSBP)

<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:	<p>* 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.</p> <p>* 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.</p>
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
Type of Assistance:	The National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) recognizes roads having outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational, and archaeological qualities. NSBP funding supports projects that manage and protect these roads and improve visitor facilities.

Transportation Enhancement Program

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/IS/Funding/TE#tab-1>

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: teprogram@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.

Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) [EXPIRED]

<http://www.georgiatolls.com/gtib/grant-program-guidelines/#gra>

Administering Agency:	State Road and Tollway Authority 47 Trinity Ave. SW, 4th Floor Atlanta, GA 30334
Total Funding Level:	Varies per year.
Maximum per Applicant:	There is currently no minimum threshold. Grant applications are limited to a maximum funding request amount of 25 percent of funds currently available for grants. Based on current funding available, the maximum grant request amount is \$4 million.
Criteria for Eligibility:	"Eligible Costs" are costs related to preliminary engineering, traffic and revenue studies, environmental studies, right of way acquisition, legal and financial services associated with the development of the qualified project, construction, construction management, facilities, and other costs necessary for the qualified project. "Eligible Projects" are currently restricted to those roadway projects that satisfy the requirements of being "motor-fuel tax eligible" as set forth in O.C.G.A. §32-1-1 et seq.. (Transit and airport projects are currently ineligible for GTIB assistance due to the fact that the primary GTIB funding is from Motor Fuel Tax.)
Criteria for Selection:	Upon receipt of the Application package, the GTIB will review the Application to determine, among other things, whether the Applicant meets the eligibility requirements such as a project cost and feasibility, whether the project meets the eligibility requirements of the requested funding and whether the costs that the Applicant seeks to pay for using GTIB funds constitute Eligible Costs. Projects with matching grants will receive greater consideration.
How to Apply:	Fill out required forms: http://cjcc.georgia.gov/sites/cjcc.georgia.gov/files/FY16%20Grant%20Application.pdf and send application to https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=kKIEVV7fXBVqTB9fOcM6vw
For More Information Contact:	Applicants may email gtibinfo@georgiatolls.com with questions.
Type of Assistance:	The objectives in administering the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank shall be to: Make an additional funding resource available to government units in order to initiate and complete transportation projects. Give priority to bridge and highway (road) projects that are close to the start of, at, or under construction, have a higher degree of contributed matching funds, and have been initiated by government units, particularly cities and counties. (Transit and airport projects are currently ineligible for GTIB assistance due to the fact that the primary GTIB funding is from Motor Fuel Taxes). Select projects for financing that add transportation and economic value to local communities and/or the State. Ensure consistency, fairness, and efficiency in the evaluation of applications. Provide for a smooth operational process that maintains loan and grant documents, manages the GTIB's capital prudently, tracks loan expenditures/repayments, and provides adequate reporting.

Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG)

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Local/LMIG>

Administering Agency:	Georgia Department of Transportation One Georgia Center 600 West Peachtree NW Atlanta, GA 30308
Total Funding Level:	Varies. Total amount of allocation is based on the total centerline road miles for each local road system and the total population of each county or city as compared with the total statewide centerline road miles and total statewide population.
Maximum per Applicant:	See above. Counties are responsible for a 10% or 30% match to obtain LMIG funds as stated in the Transportation Investment Act (TIA). The counties and cities in the River Valley Region, Central Savannah River Area, and the Heart of Georgia Region will be at the 10% match. All other remaining counties and cities will be at the 30% match.
Criteria for Eligibility:	The following activities/projects will be eligible for LMIG funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preliminary engineering (including engineering work for R/W plans and Utility plans)• Construction supervision & inspection• Utility Adjustments or replacement• Patching, leveling and resurfacing a paved roadway• Grading, Drainage, Base and Paving existing or new roads• Replacing storm drain pipe or culverts• Intersection improvements• Turn lanes • Bridge repair or replacement• Sidewalk adjacent (within right of way) to a public roadway or street• Roadway Signs, striping, guardrail installation• Signal installation or improvement• Aggregate Surface Course for dirt road maintenance
Criteria for Selection:	Local agencies specify criteria based on local traffic priorities and the needs of the eligible population.
How to Apply:	Fill out and send LMIG Application form: http://www.dot.ga.gov/PartnerSmart/Local/LMIGReportsForms/LMIGAPPLICAITON.pdf
For More Information Contact:	Office of Local Grants 600 West Peachtree Street, NW Atlanta, GA 30308 (404) 347-0240
Type of Assistance:	Grant allows local governments to have greater flexibility and quicker delivery for transportation projects while allowing the GDOT to effectively administer the program with a reduced workforce and new funding match requirements.

Rural Transit Assistance Program (Section 5311)

http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13093_3555.html

Administering Agency:	Georgia Department of Transportation One Georgia Center 600 West Peachtree NW Atlanta, GA 30308
Total Funding Levels:	Federal share is 80% for capital projects. Federal share is 50% for operating assistance. Federal share is 80% for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) non-fixed-route paratransit service, using up to 10% of a recipient's apportionment. Rural Formulas 83.15% of funds apportioned based on land area and population in rural areas 16.85% of funds apportioned based on land area, revenue-vehicle miles, and low-income individuals in rural areas.
Maximum per Applicant:	Varies per applicant, based on need.
Criteria for Eligibility:	States, Indian tribes Subrecipients: State or local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, operators of public transportation or intercity bus service that receive funds indirectly through a recipient. Eligible Activities: Planning, capital, operating, job access and reverse commute projects, and the acquisition of public transportation services.
Criteria for Selection:	Grants are non-competitive and needs based. Federal Transit Administration apportions Section 5311 funds to the States by a statutory formula using the latest available U.S. decennial census data. Eighty percent of the statutory formula is based on the nonurbanized population of the States. Twenty percent of the formula is based on land area. No State may receive more than 5 percent of the amount apportioned for land area. In addition, FTA adds amounts apportioned based on nonurbanized population according to the growing States formula factors of 49 U.S.C. 5340 to the amounts apportioned to the States under the Section 5311 program.
How to Apply:	Contact GDOT
For More Information Contact:	GDOT Intermodal Division Carol Comer – Director (404) 347-0573
Type of Assistance:	Matching grant program administered by GDOT that enables rural counties to access federal funding for creating and maintaining transit services. The Formula Grants For Other than Urbanized Areas is a rural program that is formula based and provides funding to states for the purpose of supporting public transportation in rural areas, with population of less than 50,000.