

County Revenue Reference Guide

Taxes

Real Property Tax

Description: Tax charged by counties on the value of land and generally anything that is erected, growing or affixed to the land. The county sets a millage rate (\$1 per \$1, 000 of assessed value) and applies this to the county tax digest (taxable value of all property).

Legal Authority: Chapter 5 of Title 48

Publications:

- “Property Guide For the Georgia Taxpayer,” Georgia Department of Revenue: <https://etax.dor.ga.gov/PTD/adm/taxguide/index.aspx>
- Appraisal Procedures Manual, Georgia Department of Revenue: <https://etax.dor.ga.gov/ptd/cas/appman/index.aspx>
- Property Taxes: Investment in Your Community (Video), Association County Commissioners of Georgia, 2005.
- “Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights Planning Guide,” Association County Commissioners of Georgia, April 2000
- “Getting Serious About Property Tax Reform”, David L. Sjoquist, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, August 2003
- “County Ad Valorem Taxes Affecting Agriculture and Forestry: History, Trends, Legislation, and Related Issues in Georgia,” Coleman Dangerfield Jr., Bob Izlar, and Robert Ray Jr., Warnell School of Forest Resources, University of Georgia , May 1995.
- “Property Tax Incentives For The Georgia Landowner,” by C.W. Dangerfield, Bob Izlar, D.H. Newman and J.W. Baxter, Warnell School of Forest Resources, University of Georgia, December 2004: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/02value/legal/propertytaxincentives.pdf>
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- “Georgia’s Taxes: A Summary of Major State and Local Government Taxes,” 15th Edition, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, January 2009: http://aysps.gsu.edu/frc/files/Handbook_2009FIN.pdf
- “2008 Tax Guide for Georgia Citizens,” Bart L. Graham, Georgia Department of Revenue: https://etax.dor.ga.gov/taxguide/TSD_Tax_Guide_for_Georgia_Citizens_2008.pdf

- “A Guide to Property Taxes: The Role of Property Taxes in State and Local Finances,” NCSL:
<http://www.ncsl.org/IssuesResearch/BudgetTax/PropertyTaxes/tabid/12668/Default.aspx>
- Erosion of the Property Tax Base, Nancy Y. Augustine, Lincoln Land Initiative, 2009 (book)
- “Property Taxes for Local Finances: Research Results and Policy Perspectives,” Ronald C. Fisher, Lincoln Land Initiative, January 2009.
- A Brief History of the Property Tax in Georgia, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, July 2008: http://aysps.gsu.edu/Rpt_182FIN.pdf
- By the Numbers: Property Taxes in Georgia, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, June 2008
- Property Tax in Georgia, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, March 2008

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Personal Property Tax

Description: Tax charged by counties on the value of property that can be moved with relative ease, such as motor vehicles, boats, machinery, and inventoried goods.

Legal Authority: Chapter 5 of Title 48

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Public Utilities, Railroads and Airline Companies (Ad Valorem Tax)

Description: Tax charged by counties on the value of public utility property. Airlines return their property for taxation to the Department of Revenue. The value of this equipment is then distributed to counties based upon plane hours. The assessment of all properties owned by public utility companies and airline companies are proposed by the State Board of Equalization and then assessed by each county's board of tax assessors. The assessment of railroad equipment companies are determined by the State Board of

Equalization. The taxes are collected by the Revenue Commissioner and distributed to various counties.

Legal Authority: Sections 510 through 546 of Chapter 5 of Title 48

Publications:

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Heavy Duty Equipment (Ad Valorem Tax)

Description: Tax on the value of heavy equipment weighing more than 5,000 pounds and used primarily in construction, industrial, maritime or mining uses.

Legal Authority: Sections 505 through 509 of Chapter 5 of Title 48

Publications:

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Motor Vehicle (Ad Valorem Tax)

Description: Tax on the value of a motor vehicle. The state valuation is determined by using national market guide values, taking 50% of the fair market value plus 50% of the wholesale value. Commercial vehicles, trailers, and recreational vehicles are assessed by applying a depreciation table prepared by the state to the original purchase price.

Legal Authority: Sections 440 through 478.1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48

Publications:

- “Ad Valorem Motor Vehicle Assessment Manual,” Georgia Department of Revenue, 2008:
http://motor.etax.dor.ga.gov/forms/pdf/motor/MV_2008_MV_Assessment_Man_Mar_Ed.pdf
- “Motor Vehicle Titles Manual,” Georgia Department of Revenue:
http://motor.etax.dor.ga.gov/forms/pdf/motor/MV_Vehicles_Titles_Manual.pdf

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Mobile Homes (Ad Valorem Tax)

Description: Tax charged by counties on the value of a mobile home. This tax is collected when the location permit is issued on or before May 1st. Mobile homes that qualify for homestead exemption or for which a Certificate of Permanent Location has been properly filed with the Clerk of Superior Court and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicle Safety is not considered a mobile home for purposes of ad valorem taxation and will be taxed as real property.

Legal Authority: Sections 440 through 451 and 490 through 495 of Chapter 5 of Title 48

Publications

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Standing Timber (Ad Valorem Tax)

Description: Tax on standing timber at the time it is sold or harvested. The tax is calculated by applying the millage rate to 100 percent of the timber's fair market value.

Legal Authority: Section 7.5 of Chapter 5 of Title 48

Publications:

- “Timber Harvest Tax: Who Pays, When, Where, and How Much?” Coleman W. Dangerfield, Bob Izlar, Warnell School of Forest Resources, University of Georgia, October 1998: <http://www.greenwoodland.com/docs/Forestry/Timber%20Harvest%20Tax.pdf>

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Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)

Description: Subject to countywide voter approval, a sales and use tax of 1% may be imposed to pay for maintenance and operational expenses that would normally have to be paid with property tax revenues. This tax is shared with municipalities based upon a negotiated certificate that must be updated at least every 10 years. A rollback on property taxes must be given annually in an amount equal to the sales tax generated in the prior year. The rollback must be shown on the property tax bills.

Legal Authority: Sections 80 through 96 of Chapter 8 of Title 48

Publications:

- “Alternative Formulas for Allocating LOST Revenues to Counties and Municipalities,” David L. Sjoquist and Laura Wheeler, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, April 2004.
- “Distributing Georgia’s General-Purpose Local-Option Sales Tax Revenues,” Dan W. Durning, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, January 1992.
- “Buoyancy of Georgia’s Sales and Use Tax,” David L. Sjoquist, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, March 2009:
http://aysps.gsu.edu/frc/files/Brief_191B.pdf
- “Sales Tax Exemption Guide,” Georgia Department of Revenue, July 2007.
- “Renegotiations of the Local Option Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Certificates,” Association County Commissioners of Georgia, October 2001.

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Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)

Description: SPLOST is an optional one percent special district sales and use tax used to fund capital outlay projects proposed by the county government and participating qualified municipal governments. County and municipal governments may not use SPLOST proceeds for operating expenses or maintenance of a SPLOST project or any other county or municipal facility or service.

The tax is imposed when the county board of commissioners or sole commissioner calls a local referendum in conformance with O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111 and the referendum is subsequently passed by the voters within that special district, i.e., county. The tax is collected on items subject to the state sales and use tax within the county, including the sale of motor fuels as defined in O.C.G.A. § 48-9-2. The SPLOST is also imposed on the sale of food and beverages, which are not subject to the state sales tax [O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3 (57)(D)(i)].

Several factors determine the length of time that a SPLOST may be imposed. In general, the tax may be levied for five years. If the county and qualified municipalities enter into an intergovernmental agreement, the tax may be imposed for six years. If no intergovernmental agreement exists and a Level One project is included, then the tax must run: (1) for five years, if the estimated cost of all Level One projects is less than 24 months of estimated revenues; or, (2) for six years, if the estimated cost of all Level One projects equals more than 24 months of estimated revenues. Once the tax terminates, it can be immediately continued without a gap in collections if a referendum is timely held in which the voters approve the new SPLOST.

Legal Authority: Sections 110 through 122 of Chapter 8 of Title 48

Publications:

- “Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax: A Guide for Counties,” Association County Commissioners of Georgia, 2005.
- “SPLOST: Building For The Future,” Georgia Municipal Association, June 2004: <http://www.gmanet.com/Publications.aspx?CNID=19957>
- “The Impact of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST): On Local Government Finance in Georgia,” Changhoon Jung, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, July 2002

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Homestead Option Sales Tax (HOST)

Description: Subject to countywide voter approval, a sales and use tax of one percent may be imposed to fund capital projects and provide tax relief on residential homesteaded property. Eighty percent of the revenue must be applied to rolling back county property taxes on homesteaded property and up to twenty percent of the revenue may be used for funding capital projects. A county must choose between imposing a LOST or HOST since the law does not allow for these two local sales taxes to be imposed simultaneously. HOST revenue may be shared with municipalities within the county through an intergovernmental agreement.

Legal Authority: Sections 100 through 109 of Chapter 8 of Title 48

Publications:

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Local Option Income Tax

Description: A local income tax may be imposed at the rate of one percent of taxable net income which is reasonably attributable to property owned and business done within the county. To enact the tax a referendum is required. More than 50 percent of the qualified electorate must vote in the election and more than one-half of the votes must be cast in favor of the tax. If imposed the tax would be collected and distributed to the imposing local government by the State Department of Revenue. This tax has not been utilized by any county.

Legal Authority: Section 140 of Chapter 7 of Title 48

Publications:

Hotel/Motel Tax

Description: Counties can levy an excise tax on the sale of rooms, lodgings and accommodations. The general rate authorized is up to 3%; however many counties may exceed this rate in varying amounts when the rate above 3% is used for certain, specified purposes generally related to tourism and trade show purposes.

Legal Authority: Sections 50 through 56 of Chapter 13 of Title 48

Publications:

- Hotel/Motel Tax Report: Summary of Expenditure Requirements by Authorizing Code Section, Department of Community Affairs: <http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/research/programs/hotelmoteltax.asp>
- Report of the 2004 Hotel/Motel Tax Survey, Department of Community Affairs: <http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/research/programs/hotelmoteltax.asp>

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- Patrick Vickers, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, (404) 679-3151, pvickers@dca.state.ga.us
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Business Occupation Tax

Description: A tax on businesses and occupations enacted through a local ordinance or resolution. These taxes are levied on businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations with one or more locations or offices in the unincorporated part of the county. All businesses or practitioners must be classified by the same criterion or combination of criteria; however a local government may provide for an exemption or reduction in occupation tax as part of a plan for economic development or to encouraging selected types of businesses or practitioners of selected occupations or professions to locate in the area.

Legal Authority: Sections 1 through 38 of Chapter 13 of Title 48

Publications:

- “Taxing and Licensing Businesses and Occupations Under Georgia Law,” Les A. Schneider and Robert E. Sellers, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, 1996
- “Occupation Taxes and Regulatory Fees: Make Them Work For Your City,” Georgia Municipal Association, July 2003:
<http://www.gmanet.com/Publications.aspx?CNID=19962>

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Insurance Premium Tax

Description: A tax on insurance premiums collected by insurance companies doing business in Georgia. A rate of 1% is imposed on life insurance premiums and rates up to 2.5% percent of the Georgia gross receipts of the depository financial institutions. Counties may provide that the minimum annual levy shall not exceed \$1,000. This tax is collected and distributed to local governments by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner.

Legal Authority: Chapter 8 of Title 33

Publications:

- “Insurance Taxation in Georgia: Analysis and Options,” Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, July 1998: <http://rmictr.gsu.edu/Premtax98/FRPR17.pdf>

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Financial Institutions Business License Tax

Description: Tax on the gross receipts of financial institutions located within the county, including within the incorporated areas. The rate imposed can not exceed 0.25 percent or one percent with a minimum levy of \$1,000.

Legal Authority: Section 93 of Chapter 6 of Title 48

Publications:

- “Taxation on Financial Institutions,” Georgia Department of Revenue

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Alcoholic Beverage Tax

Description: An excise tax on alcoholic beverages.

Distilled Spirits: Counties may levy excise taxes on distilled spirits at rates not to exceed 22 cents per liter or proportional rates for other sized containers of distilled spirits sold by the package. Counties may also levy excise taxes at rates up to 3 percent of the price charged for mixed drinks.

Malt Beverages: A uniform local government beer tax is levied at 5 cents per 12 ounces for bottled and canned malt beverages with proportional rates for sizes other than 12 ounces. The rate for bulk (tap or draft) malt beverages is \$6 per container for containers up to 15 1/2 gallons with proportionate rates for other sized containers.

Wine: Counties may levy excise taxes at rates not to exceed 22 cents per liter.

Legal Authority: Chapters 4, 5 and 6 of Title 3

Publications:

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Excise Tax on Rental Vehicles

Description: An excise tax of 3 percent on the rental charge for the rent or lease of a motor vehicle for 31 or fewer consecutive days. The county must expend the proceeds of this tax on promoting industry, trade, commerce, and tourism.

Legal Authority: Sections 90 through 97 of Chapter 13 of Title 48

Publications:

Expert Contacts:

Real Estate Transfer Tax

Description: Tax on the value of transferred real estate. The tax is equal to \$1 for the first \$1,000 or fractional part and 10 cents for each \$100 or fractional part of the consideration or fair market value of the real estate.

Legal Authority: Sections 1 through 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 48

Publications:

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- Your local Superior Court Clerk

Intangible Tax

Description: A tax on real estate security deeds securing long term notes (more than 3 years). The tax is \$1.50 for each \$500 or fraction of the face amount of the note secured by the real estate.

Legal Authority: Sections 60 through 77 of Chapter 6 of Title 48.

Publications:

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- Reg Lansberry, Georgia Department of Revenue, (404) 417-2212, Reg.Lansberry@dor.ga.gov
- Your local Superior Court Clerk

Fees

Cable Franchise Fees

Description: Cable Franchise Fees are implemented as part of a service agreement executed between the county and a cable television provider in the unincorporated area. The fee is intended to reimburse the county for the use of public right-of-way and for other public services associated with the functioning of the cable television enterprise.

Legal Authority: Chapter 18 of Title 36

Publications:

- “An Analysis of Franchise Fees in Georgia,” Bruce A. Seaman, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, August 1999

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Impact Fees

Description: Development impact fees are charged to new developments at the time a building permit is issued and are used to finance public facilities (water, sewer, roads, bridges, storm-water management, parks, greenspace, police, fire, emergency medical, rescue, and libraries) that are impacted by the growth. The fee is an alternative to existing residents having to pay more in taxes to accommodate new growth and residents.

Legal Authority: Chapter 71 of Title 36

Publications:

- “A General Overview of Impact Fees – Volume One,” Georgia Department of Community Affairs, May 1992: <http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/downloads/ImpactFeesVoll.pdf>
- “Impact Fees – Georgia’s Comprehensive Requirements” – Volume Two, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, May 1992:

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/planningqualitygrowth/programs/impactfees.asp>

- Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements, Georgia Department of Community Affairs:
- A Practitioner's Guide to Development Impact Fees, James C. Nicholas, Arthur C. Nelson, and Julian C. Juergensmeyer, American Planning Association, 1991
- "Principles and Practices," 2005 ARC Guide

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Stormwater Utility Fees

Description: A dedicated fee used to distribute storm water management costs to property owners based upon the property's impervious surface area (i.e. rooftops, concrete driveways, sidewalks, etc.).

Legal Authority:

- "Home Rule" provision on the Georgia Constitution, Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I, III and VI
- McLeod v. Columbia County, 278 Ga. 242 (2004)

Publications:

- "Elements of a Stormwater Management Plan," Association of State Floodplain Manager, May 1999
- "Executive Summary- Drainage and Stormwater Management Action Guide," NACO 2001
- "Stormwater Management, Three Profiles of County Based Initiatives," NACO 2001
- "Water Resources: A Toolkit for Local Governments," Department of Community Affairs:
<http://www.georgiaplanning.com/watertoolkit/main.asp?PageID=24>

Expert Contacts:

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E-911 Fees

Description: A surcharge to every subscriber of a hard-wired or cellular telephone with an address in the county; the amount of the surcharge is up to \$1.50 for every hard-wire telephone line where the county provides enhanced 9-1-1 service, \$1.00 for every cellular phone where the county provides 9-1-1 service with automatic number identification only, and up to \$1.50 for every cellular phone where the county provides 9-1-1 service with both automatic number identification and automatic location information. The surcharge is collected by the telephone service provider and remitted to the government providing the 9-1-1 service, minus a 3% administrative fee (and a cost recovery fee of up to \$.45 for cellular phones only).

Legal Authority: Sections 120 through 139 of Chapter 5 of Title 46

Publications:

- “911 Emergency Telephone Number Plan,” Georgia Emergency Management Agency:
[http://www.gema.state.ga.us/ohsgemaweb.nsf/a29ce156b1dc53e1852571180043368a/f020594cf66f1ead85257115005aee55/\\$FILE/911%20Emergency%20Telephone%20Number%20Plan.pdf](http://www.gema.state.ga.us/ohsgemaweb.nsf/a29ce156b1dc53e1852571180043368a/f020594cf66f1ead85257115005aee55/$FILE/911%20Emergency%20Telephone%20Number%20Plan.pdf)
- “Emergency 9-1-1 Services: A Guide for Georgia Local Governments,” by John O’Looney, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, The University of Georgia

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Real Estate Filing Fee

Description: Fee for filing instruments pertaining to real estate. \$10 for the first page and \$2 for each additional page

Legal Authority: Section 77(f) (1)(A)(i) of Chapter 6 of Title 15 and Section 51(b) of Chapter 14 of Title 47

Publications:

Expert Contacts:

- Your local superior court clerk

State Financial Assistance Programs:

Abstinence Education Grant Program

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

Program Descriptions:

Administering Agency:

Governor's Office of Children and Families
55 Parkplace, NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

Total Funding Level: Varies annually.

Maximum per Applicant: \$325,000

Criteria for Eligibility: State or local governmental agencies and 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies, including faith based organizations.

Criteria for Selection: Competitive review process based on demonstration of project need, quality and practicality of proposed programming, cost effectiveness, degree of community support and feasibility of continuation funding plan. As of spring 2009, grants are available for current abstinence education grantees only.

How to Apply: Continuation of requests for proposals by current grantees goes through June 15th 2009. Training for potential applicants conducted each January. Application instructions and forms available on the web site www.children.georgia.gov

For More Information Contact: Danielle Ruedt: (404) 656-5168

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Type of Assistance: Provides seed money for the development or expansion of youth development focused, teen pregnancy prevention programs utilizing abstinence education. Emphasis is given to comprehensive projects providing a variety of instruction and services, including abstinence education curricula, mentoring, academic assistance and community service.

Airport Aid Program

<http://georgia-aviation.dot.ga.gov>

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Intermodal Programs-Aviation
276 Memorial Drive, SW

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Total Funding Level: Currently \$3,800,000 (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 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: Carol L. Comer: (404) 505-4869

Type of Assistance: Financial assistance to owners of public airports for:

*Aviation Planning

*Airport Capital Improvements

*Airport Maintenance

*Airport Approach Aids

State participation is up to 75% of project cost.

Appalachian Regional Commission Business Development Revolving Loan Fund

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

Program Descriptions

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: Only private, for-profit businesses are eligible to receive RLF loan funds. These include new, existing, or expanding enterprises. Banks, saving and loan institutions, and finance companies are eligible for this program. Developers may receive RLF funds if their tenants are private, for-profit businesses that are willing to commit to job creation or retention and to other program requirements.

Criteria for Selection: * Jobs created and eligible county.

* Identifiable outcome measures.

* Sustainability.

* Documented local matching funds.

* Minimum match is 50% from other sources.

How to Apply: Applicants with potential projects are to contact the Appalachian Regional Commission Program Manager or Regional Development Centers.

For More Information Contact: Russell Morrison: (404) 679-4825

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Type of Assistance: Matching Grants to support economic development projects in the Appalachian region of Georgia.

Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development Funds

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

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

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

Total Funding Level: Georgia receives approximately \$2.5 million annually.

Maximum per Applicant: Up to \$300,000 for individual infrastructure project.

Criteria for Eligibility: Must be beneficial to the 37-county area of Appalachian Georgia.

Criteria for Selection: * Jobs created and eligible county.

* Identifiable outcome measures.

* Sustainability.

* Documented local matching funds.

* Minimum match is 50% from other sources.

How to Apply: Applicants with the potential projects are to contact the Appalachian Regional Commission Program Manager or Regional Development Centers. Pre-applications are prepared in August of each year.

For More Information Contact: James Thompson: (404) 679-1584

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Type of Assistance: Matching grants to support economic development projects in north Georgia.

Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund

<http://www.gefa.org/Index.aspx?page=80>

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Environmental Facilities 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: Dependent upon the community population:

Population of 0 to 3,000 = up to \$10,000,000

Population of 3,001 to 25,000 = up to \$15,000,000

Population of 25,001 to 100,000 = up to \$25,000,000

Population of 100,001 to 300,000 = up to \$35,000,000
Population of over 300,000 = up to \$50,000,000

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 a brief project description, preliminary cost estimates and anticipated project initiation. Inclusion on the List does not obligate community to participate further in the application process. Submit a preapplication any time during the year once project is on the Comprehensive List.

For More Information Contact: Jason Bodwell: (404) 584-1011
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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.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

<http://www.gefa.org/Index.aspx?page=81>

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Environmental Facilities 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: Dependent upon the community population:

Population of 0 to 3,000 = up to \$10,000,000
Population of 3,001 to 25,000 = up to \$15,000,000
Population of 25,001 to 100,000 = up to \$25,000,000
Population of 100,001 to 300,000 = up to \$35,000,000
Population of over 300,000 = up to \$50,000,000

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 a brief project description, preliminary cost estimates and anticipated project initiation. Inclusion on the List does not obligate community to participate further in the application process. Submit a preapplication any time during the year once project is on the Comprehensive List.

For More Information Contact: Jason Bodwell: (404) 584-1011

Jason@gefa.ga.gov

Type of Assistance: Low interest loans at a 3% interest rate, with a closing fee of 2% for a maximum of 20 years to construct any number of publicly owned wastewater treatment improvements including treatment plants; pumping stations; collector sewer lines; interceptors; sewer line replacements and/or repairs; correct combined sewer overflow problems and remedies for non-profit source pollution problems.

Community Development Block Grant Program---Regular Round

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

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

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

Total Funding Level: \$36,000,000 (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 of \$300,000 to \$500,000, 5% local matching funds required. Grants 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). Assistance in developing projects and preparing applications is available through Regional Development Centers and private consultants.

For More Information Contact: Joanie Perry: (404) 679-3173

jperry@dca.state.ga.us

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.

Construction Loan Program

<http://www.gefa.org/Index.aspx?page=149>

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority
233 Peachtree Street, NE
Suite 900

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Total Funding Level: Varies

Maximum per Applicant: \$3,000,000 in interim 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.

Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DD RLF)

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

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

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

Total Funding Level: variable

Maximum per Applicant: \$250,000 per applicant.

Criteria for Eligibility: Non-entitlement cities and counties that have 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 100,00 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 loans are made to local governments but eligible sub-recipients include development authorities and private businesses. Loan terms are usually no longer than 15 years. Interest rates are normally fixed at below market values.

Criteria for Selection: See Criteria for Eligibility.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.

For More Information Contact: Alan Dickerson: (404) 486-0224

adickers@dca.state.ga.us

Type of Assistance: To assist small and middle-sized communities in implementing quality downtown development projects. Assistance is provided by making low-cost, reasonable-term loans to non-entitlement cities and counties.

Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP)

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

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

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

Total Funding Level: Net Federal fiscal year 2008 funds available under the HUD ESPG Program are \$2,693,150. State Housing Trust Fund Commission funds available are estimated to be \$4,000,000; a total of \$5,745,150. From this amount, Urgent Needs applications shall be funded from a July 1 program residual of \$250,000 in State or Federal funds.

Maximum per Applicant: General funding limits are as follows: Emergency Shelter Operations-\$60,000 per facility. Transitional Housing Operations-\$30,000 per facility; Essential Services - \$30,000 per activity, Homeless Prevention-\$20,000 per program, Technical Assistance-\$10,000 per activity, and Development - \$125,000 per organization. The limit for Development projects may be exceeded for new projects that will shelter more than 50 persons.

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 and Department of Community Affairs policy, each applicant must obtain appropriate approval(s) from appropriate local government jurisdictions for each activity and its location. 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 ESPG program regulations published at 24 CFR & 576.

Criteria for Selection: Applications are evaluated based on sponsor capacity, cost effectiveness, service quality, experience, local need, capacity utilization, and local coordination.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and deadlines.

For More Information Contact: Elayne Miller: (404) 679-0651

Elayne.miller@dca.ga.gov

Type of Assistance: To provide shelter and essential services to 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 operating homeless housing and/or providing services to the homeless. 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.

Employment Incentive Program (EIP)

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

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

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

Total Funding Level: \$5,000,000

Maximum per Applicant: \$500,000

Criteria for Eligibility: Eligible applicants are units of general purpose government. Excluded are metropolitan "entitlement" cities, urban counties, and cities which elected to participate in an urban program.

Criteria for Selection: Facilitate and enhance job creation and/or retention, principally for persons of low and moderate income. EIP grants should leverage significant private investment. The EIP program also has as one of its aims the funding of viable projects which cannot otherwise take place without EIP assistance. The EIP program was not designed to provide assistance to businesses or industries which lack financial capacity or otherwise might be considered bad risks, nor was it designed to subsidize industries which do not need it in order to carry out proposed projects.

How to Apply: Attend economic development workshops. Assistance in developing projects and preparing applications is available through Regional Development Centers and private consultants. Technical assistance is also available through DCA.

For More Information Contact: Grants for Public Infrastructure: Andy Yarn: (404) 679-1589

(ayarn@dca.state.ga.us)

Assistance to for-profits (Loans): Nyanza Duplessis: (404) 679-0593 (ndupless@dca.state.ga.us)

Type of Assistance: A grant program to support local projects intended to facilitate and enhance job creation and/or retention, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

Environmental Emergency Loan Program

<http://www.gefa.org/Index.aspx?page=150>

Program Descriptions

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: \$500,000

Criteria for Eligibility: Available to cities, counties, and authorities, based on a sense of urgency not resulting from a lack of maintenance.

Criteria for Selection: Environmental certification, documented immediate threat to human health and/or the environment.

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: Loans are made at a rate of 2 percent interest for projects that address immediate threats to public health or the environment.

Formula and Title V Prevention Grant Programs

<http://children.georgia.gov/02/gov/gocf/home/0,2790,113927404,00.html>

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Governor's Office for Children and Families
55 Park Place NE
Suite 410
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$3.5 million annually.

Maximum per Applicant: \$50,000-\$100,000

Criteria for Eligibility: Formula Grants Program: state or local governmental agencies and 501(c)(3) non profit agencies. Title V Grants Program: County governments with designated local planning bodies for children and youth (ie. Family Connection sites) which have developed comprehensive community plans for improving services for children & youth. Proposed projects must be addressed in the County's comprehensive plan.

Criteria for Selection: Competitive review process based on demonstration of project need, quality and practicality of proposed programming, cost effectiveness, degree of community support and feasibility of continuation funding plan.

How to Apply: Competitive application process for new projects held annually during early spring. Training for potential applicants conducted each January. Application instructions and forms available on the Council's web site at www.cycg.state.ga.us

For More Information Contact: Joe Vignati: (404) 508-6585
Joe.vignati@children.ga.gov

Type of Assistance: Provides seed money for the development of delinquency prevention and intervention programs. Emphasis is given to community based programs providing alternatives to secure detention or enhanced probation services for juvenile offenders, and primary prevention projects serving high risk youth.

Georgia Allocation System

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

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Total Funding Level: \$62.50 per capita. The state ceiling for 2001 is \$511,625,000. The state is divided in the following manner: Economic Development Share:\$217,440,000, Housing Share: \$217,441,000, and Flexible Share: \$76,744,000.

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:

How to Apply: Submit an application, along with necessary attachments to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

For More Information Contact: Bobby Stevens: (404) 679-4943
bstevens@dca.state.ga.us

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 Commission for Service and Volunteerism/AmeriCorps- State Grants

www.americorpsga.org

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Total Funding Level: \$5 million annually, varies from year to year.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies dependent on need.

Criteria for Eligibility: Any not-for-profit agency, unit of local government, school district, or institution of higher learning. Grants require significant local, non-federal match funds.

Criteria for Selection: Competitive review by disinterested review panel which matches applications to national need statements and total measurable impact on local need.

How to Apply: Call or write Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism for application and guidelines.

For More Information Contact: Kate Webb.: (404) 679-4940
staff@americorpsga.org

Type of Assistance: Grants to meet service needs which match national need areas as determined annually by the Corporation for National Service.

Georgia Folklife Project Grant

http://www.gaarts.org/programs_traditionalarts.asp

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Council for the Arts
260 14th Street, NW
Suite 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Total Funding Level: Varies

Maximum per Applicant: \$7,500 Apprenticeship Grants.

Criteria for Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations and local governments are eligible to apply.

Criteria for Selection: Peer panel review.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Council for the Arts for an application form and submission deadlines. the deadline is early march of every year.

For More Information Contact: Brandy Klopp: (404) 685-2794
bklopp@gaarts.org

Type of Assistance: Folklife Project Grants; Apprentice Grants. Matching grants are given to projects that document, present and preserve the state's traditional folk arts and culture.

Georgia Fund Loan Program

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

Program Descriptions

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: \$20,000 TO \$10,000,000 per calendar year. The amount could be spread out over more than one project.

Criteria for Eligibility: Available to cities, counties, and water and sewer authorities.

Criteria for Selection: Environmental certification and ability to repay. The amortization period max is 20 years.

How to Apply: Submit an application form at anytime.

For More Information Contact: contact GEFA at: (404) 584-1000
Arlene@gefa.ga.gov

Type of Assistance: Low interest loans for water and wastewater projects. Loans are provided from annual state appropriations and repayments from outstanding loans. Average approved time is three weeks.

Georgia Heritage Grants

<http://www.gashpo.org/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=38&txtPage=1>

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Division
156 Trinity Ave., S.W., St. 101
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Total Funding Level: *Approximately \$35,000 available for the 2010 year cycle.*

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.

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 (July 13th) deadline.

For More Information Contact: Carole Moore: (404) 463-8434
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 Opportunities for People with AIDS Program (HOPWA)

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

Program Descriptions

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

Total Funding Level: Net federal fiscal year 2009 funds available under the HUD Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids Program are estimated to be \$276,088,000 to 131 grantees, representing 90 eligible metro areas and 41 eligible states. Additional allocations may be made from funds recaptured from prior year obligations.

Maximum per Applicant: For operations and service activities (other than development) funding is generally less than \$225,000 per organization per year. For development activities that include acquisition, new construction and/or rehabilitation, assistance is generally limited to \$200,000 per project or organization. Subject to need or availability of funds, limits may be waived at the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. Funds are distributed under a formula that is based on AIDS surveillance from the CDC, cumulative AIDS cases, and area incidences.

Criteria for Eligibility: To the extent determined by Housing Trust Fund Commission and DCA, private, nonprofit organizations and local government entities are eligible to apply for funds. Eligible activities are those named in current HUD regulations for the HOPWA program. Activities include, but are not limited to housing, housing or fair housing information, acquisition, rehabilitation, limited new construction, rental assistance (including shared housing), homelessness prevention, supportive services (health, mental health, assessment, drug and alcohol, day care, personal assistance, nutritional services, etc.), general case mgt., housing operating subsidies, and technical assistance. Sponsor administrative costs are limited to 7% of the grant amount. Each activity and its location must be approved by appropriate local government jurisdictions. All activities must be conducted in full compliance with program regulations published at 24 CFR & 574.

Criteria for Selection: Funding decisions and funding amounts will be based upon the following factors: relative need for activity, the availability of other HOPWA providers within the service area, relative quality of housing or services to be provided, amount of funds requested, value of applicant's contributions (cash and in-kind), number of persons to benefit from activity, standard costs for housing and services, and other Federal or State assistance available to applicant. Development (acquisition, new construction and rehabilitation) funding decisions and funding amounts will be based upon the following factors: relative need for activity, amount of funds requested, value of applicant's contributions (cash and in-kind), other Federal or State assistance available to applicant, numbers of persons to benefit from activity; and project strategy and feasibility.

How to Apply: Contact the Department of Community Affairs to receive more information regarding program guidelines and deadlines.

For More Information Contact: Phillis Thomas: (404) 679-0651
pthomas@dca.state.ga.us

Type of Assistance: To provide housing and supportive services to low income persons with HIV related needs, exclusively in the State's 139 county HUD defined entitled area. This area includes the Counties of Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Clayton, Coweta, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding and Walton.

Immediate Threat and Danger Grant

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

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

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

Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Total Funding Level: \$500,000 (\$200,000 reserved for "major disaster").

Maximum per Applicant: \$50,000 - not to exceed half of total 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: Bobby Smith: (404) 679-3168

Type of Assistance: A 50 % matching grant program whose primary objective is to fund activities which the State certifies are designed to meet community development needs having a particular urgency because 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.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

www.gastateparks.org

Program Descriptions

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 2009, Georgia's portion was approximately \$1.2 million.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies from year to year based on appropriations. Fiscal year 2001, maximum was \$75,000.

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

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

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

For More Information Contact: Becky Kelley: (404) 656-9448
director@dnr.state.ga.us

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

Local Development Fund

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

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

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

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$620,000.

Maximum per Applicant: \$10,000 - for single community projects / \$20,000 for multi-community projects.

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

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

Criteria for Selection: The applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

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

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

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

halls. Ineligible grant activities are general improvements or renovations to nonhistoric public buildings, or water and sewer activities.

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

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

<http://www.georgiaparks.org/net/content/item.aspx?s=18195.0.1.5>

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Attn: Parks Trails/Grants Coordinator
Parks, Recreation, and historic sites division
2 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, SE Suite 1352
Atlanta, GA 30334

Total Funding Level: Varies from year to year based on federal congressional appropriations and fund allocations from the Federal Highway Administration. For fiscal year 2008, Georgia's portion was approximately \$1,697,796.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies from year to year based on appropriations. Fiscal year 2008, 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 RDCs 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: Bryan Alexander: (404) 656-3830
Bryan_alexander@dnr.state.ga.us

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

Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant Program

<http://www.gefa.org/Index.aspx?page=310>

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority
100 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 2090

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Total Funding Level: \$1,500,000 per year.

Maximum per Applicant: Up to \$25,000 per single jurisdiction, up to \$50,000 per multi-jurisdictional application.

Criteria for Eligibility: Available to cities, counties, or multi-jurisdictional solid waste authorities.

Criteria for Selection: Project impact and funding availability.

How to Apply: File an application during the open period. Currently, GEFA is not accepting applications for RWR grant program. Please check with Jennifer Wilson for any upcoming fund availabilities.

For More Information Contact: Jennifer Wilson: (404) 584-1000
jwilson@gefa.ga.gov

Type of Assistance: Grants for the purchase of recycling equipment and support of other recycling and source reduction programs.

Regional Assistance Program (RAP)

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

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

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

Total Funding Level: \$1,128,125 will be available for funding in fiscal year 2002.

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
ipatterson@dca.state.ga.us

Type of Assistance: Grants for Regional Economic Development.

Regional Economic Assistance Projects (REAP)

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

Program Descriptions

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(5) and (9) 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, (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 five following criteria: (I) one or more regulation 18-hole golf courses, with a clubhouse providing food service, (II) a full-service restaurant with minimum seating for 75 or more persons, (III) at least 100 residential units, (IV) at least 200 rooms for overnight stays, or (V) conference facilities with capacity for 250 participants. A project that does not include an adjacent facility subject to a reciprocal use agreement need only meet two of the five criteria listed above in (c).

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: 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 fall of each year.

For More Information Contact: Dawn Sturbaum: (404) 679-1585

dsturbaum@dca.state.ga.us

Type of Assistance: The purpose of Regional Economic Assistance Projects (REAP) is to provide 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. Regional Economic Assistance Projects 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. Additional benefits include sound project development, consistent governmental review and approval, responsible project implementation, and project monitoring and reporting. Upon meeting the requirements of the statute and these 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.

Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)

<http://www.dot.state.ga.us/localgovernment/FundingPrograms/larp/Pages/default.aspx>

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of State Aid
No. 2 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$59,000,000.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies.

Criteria for Eligibility: County and city governments are eligible to apply.

Criteria for Selection: The selection of projects is based on an engineering evaluation of need, service to be provided vs. cost, local government priority and availability of funds. LARP is strictly a road resurfacing program that can repay up to 100% of the resurfacing costs

How to Apply: Submit a prioritized list of proposed projects. As the local government is prepared to proceed with a particular project from the priority list, request it in writing.

For More Information Contact: State Aid Administrator: 404-347-0240

Type of Assistance: The State Aid Program is structured to assist local governments (counties or cities) in improving their road and street programs. This program normally requires participation in the cost of projects. The Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) is structured to assist local governments in maintaining the structural integrity of their paved roads and streets, by leveling and resurfacing deteriorated pavement. This program does not require local participation cost. Engineering assistance is provided for other transportation projects. i.e., Community Development Block Grants, etc.

State and Local Assistance (SLA)

www.gema.ga.gov

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Emergency Management Agency
Office of the Governor
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: Gary W. McConnell: (404) 624-7000

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

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

http://www.dol.state.ga.us/wp/wia_system_guidelines.htm

Program Descriptions

Administering Agency:

Georgia Department of Labor
148 International Boulevard, NE
Suite 650
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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: Cynthia R. Robinson: For Job Training Programs: (404) 232-3775; For Grants and Contracts: (404) 232-3590
Cynthia.robinson@dol.state.ga.us

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.