

## Advanced Research Tools for Federal & State Grants



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- International Grant Trainers more than 20,000 students
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#### **HOUSE RULES**

- Use chat for connecting with your fellow attendees
- Use Q & A for questions you'd like Kimberly and Amanda to answer
- GMA will make all slides and handouts available to attendees
- This is being recording, and you will receive access to the recording via GMA

## grants.gov is NOT your only tool



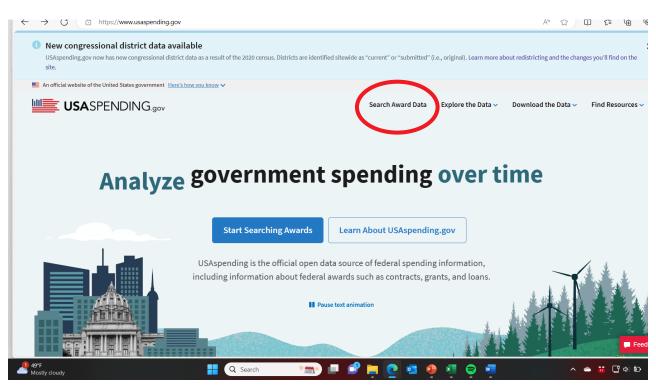
#### Reverse Engineer Your Search

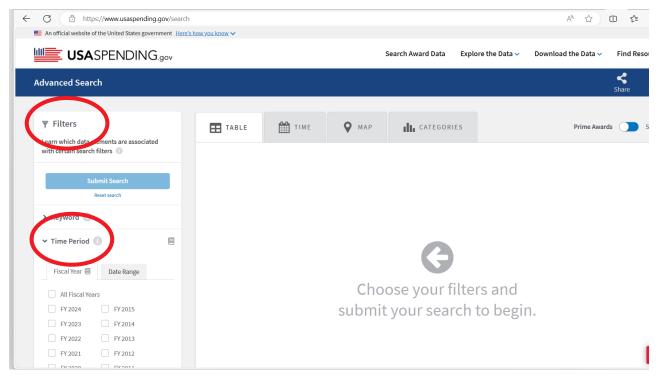
Look at similar communities in same geographical area, same size, same characteristic as your city or county – in Georgia and across the country

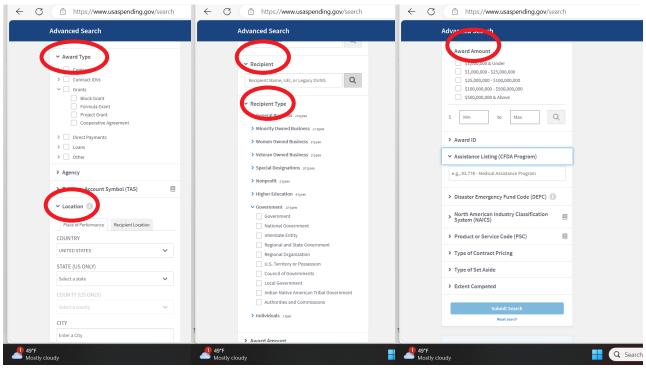
- Usaspending.gov
- Local government website
- Sign up for their e-news
- Read local papers
- Call their grants person and share intel



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### Search parameters

• Time Period: Fiscal Year 2023

• Award Type: Grants; Project Grant

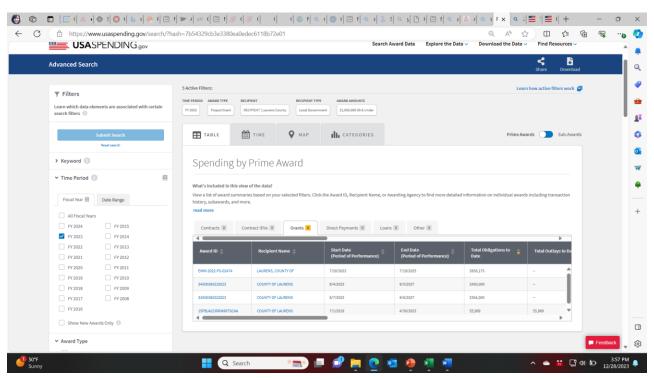
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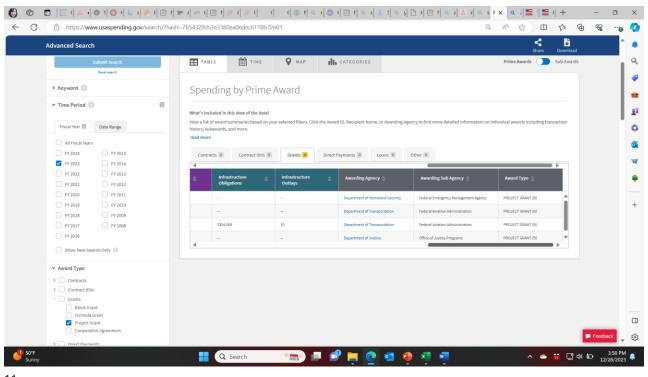
• Recipient: Laurens County

• Recipient Type: Local Government



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## Put Your Elected Officials to Work for You!

#### They Do More Than You Know

- Staff at your US Senators' & Representatives' Offices
- State Elected Officials
- Local Elected Officials





#### Text-a-Friend

#### **Build Your Network**

- Professional Organizations
- Online Communities
- Community/Social Organizations
- Make Your Own



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#### **Networks We Have Found Beneficial**

- Grant Professionals Association & Georgia Chapter
  - GrantZone online discussion group with over 3,100 grant professionals (must be a member of GPA to join – www.grantprofessionals.org)
  - www.ggpa.org meets virtually the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10am
- LinkedIn follow and connect with other grant professionals
- Georgia Municipal Association resources specifically for cities -Grant Resources for Cities (gacities.com)
- Georgia Association of Regional Commissions Grant Project Award List - GARC Grant Projects (arcgis.com)
- Build Your Own Community those who are working on grants in local governments within your regional area will best understand grants that fit your community's needs; a good place to start – those who are attending this webinar series!



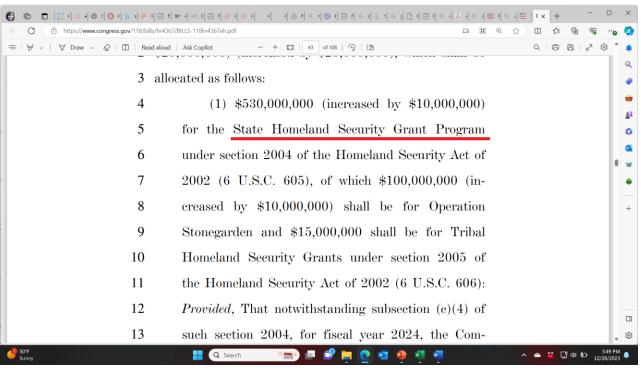


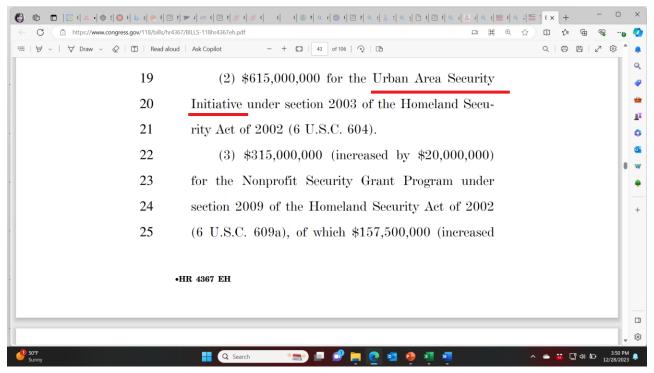
#### Federal Appropriations Bills

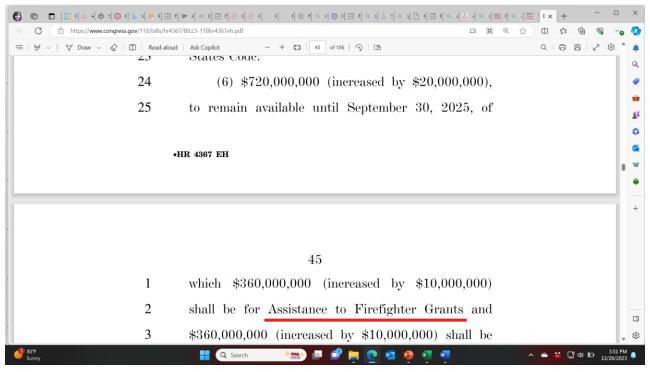
- You can look at the grant programs and amount allocated to each within the appropriation bills for each federal agency
- Example here: FY2024 Department of Homeland Security
- "For activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Federal assistance through grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other activities, \$3,742,460,342..."

BILLS-118hr4367eh.pdf (congress.gov)

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## Focus on State Funders and Regional Agencies vs. Federal Funds

#### WHY?

- Only competing statewide vs. across all 50 states, territories, and other locations
- More access to the funders
- Typically, more assistance with the process from training webinars, to feedback on applications, to conversations with funders
- Typically, a less complicated application (though not always)
- More access to State officials (Senators, Representatives, Agency Heads) for your elected official to garner support for projects



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## Build Connections with State and Regional Agencies

- Dive into websites
- Signup for newsletters and emails
- Attend trainings, webinars, and meetings
- Encourage elected officials to get involved with organizations and board opportunities (especially at your regional commissions)



## Fundraising HayDay Podcast Episodes

- S1, E7 Grant Prospect Research
- S1, E13 Private Funding & How to Approach It
- S1, E14 Public Funding & You
- S4, E11 Prospect Research: What's Old is New Again
- S5, E6 Other Duties as Assigned: Writing Grants When It's Not in Your Title (Interview with Jonesboro Mayor Joy Day)
- S6, E5 What Can Elected Officials Do For You?

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