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State and Federal Resources for Infrastructure Projects



Select Resources by Project Category

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Public Safety

- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
 - Office of Justice Grant Programs
 - Body Worn Camera Policy &
 Implementation Program
- USDA RD Community Facilities Grants and Loans
- FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program



Telecommunications/ Broadband

- USDA RD Farm Bill Broadband Loans and Loan Guarantees
 - USDA Rural Utilities Services (RUS) programs
 - Community Connect Grants
 - Distance Learning and
 Telemedicine
 - Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantees
 - Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees
- Broadband USA/National Telecommunications and Infrastructure Association (NTIA) programs



Water & Wastewater

- Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) loan funds and principal forgiveness
- USDA Rural Development loans and grants
- Georgia Rural Water Association training and technical assistance
- Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- OneGeorgia Authority Equity Fund
- Georgia Environmental Protection Division Section 319 Grants
- UNC Water/ Wastewater Funding Sources and Water/ Stormwater Dashboards



Transportation

- Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants (LMIG)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- BUILD Grants
- Georgia Transportation
 Infrastructure Bank

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Parks/Recreation

- Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants
 - Recreational Trails Program



Downtown Development

- DCA Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DD RLF)
- Georgia Cities Foundation Revolving Loan Fund (GCF RLF)



Community Facilities

- USDA RD Community Facilities Grants and Loans
- DCA Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- EPA Brownfields Grants

Things to Consider/Questions to Ask

Grant and loan funds are intended to be used as the "last piece of the puzzle" to complete a project. Check your city's QLG status to make sure you are eligible to receive grant funds, and keep in mind that some grants are reimbursements, not cash up front.

- Before applying for grant funding, the city should have a clear plan in place.
 - 1. A clear description of the project, including location, scope of work for the project, evidence of community support, and the intended outcome of the project in measurable terms (new jobs created, number of housing units constructed, number of residents served, e.g.)
 - 2. Demographic data about your community (the GMA Data Tools can help you find that information)
 - 3. A detailed budget showing sources and uses of funds (local, state, federal, private, in-kind)
 - 4. A detailed timeline for steps to complete the project
 - 5. An explanation of why grant funds are needed
 - 6. Some projects will require submission of engineering and/ or architectural plans, photos, and letters of support from local officials, residents, or businesses
 - 7. The federal government no longer provides earmarks for projects. If your application is for federal funds, your congressional representative will be able to assist with a letter of support and should be able to monitor progress of your application as it moves through the review process. Members of Congress can also request a status report from the agency.
- There is no such thing as a 100% grant award. To obtain grant funds, a city must provide local matching funds or an in-kind match.
- Identify an agency contact who can assist you with questions about your application.
- Review the applicant and project eligibility requirements.
- Understand the city's liability and responsibilities for using grant funds. For example, the agency may require the city to set up a separate bank account for grant funds after the award is made. Awardees will also be required to follow state and federal guidelines for administering grant funds, including Davis-Bacon requirements.
- The work does not end once you receive the award. The city will either need to devote staff time to grant administration, or engage a consultant or regional commission to help so that funds are used according to state and federal guidelines.



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