



## OCTOBER 2023 GRANT RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

### GRANTS



**EDA is accepting applications under Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs** to support and accept construction, planning, technical assistance grant applications to advance job creation. EDA is a federal agency that provides grant funds to support a range of construction and non-construction activities, which will advance economic development and enhance the competitive environment in which jobs can be created and private investment leveraged. Public entities, or nonprofit entities working in collaboration with local governments, looking for support to construct or renovate public assets, or to conduct analysis or regional technical assistance programs with clear economic development outcomes should consider EDA's grant programs. The Public Works and Economic Development Adjustment Assistance Programs have a rolling deadline! For additional information, please visit <https://sfgrants.eda.gov/s/> or contact Hillary Sherman at [hsherman@eda.gov](mailto:hsherman@eda.gov) to discuss program projects.



**CDBG, Neighborhood Revitalization Program:** NC received approximately \$47M in CDBG funds for 2022, of which approximately \$12.5M will be made available for the 2023 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The program will include approximately \$5M for Rural Community Development Fund (RCDF) projects. These funds will not require a housing-focused activity and are available to the 40 most economically distressed counties (Tier 1) and its municipalities only. The 2023 Tier 1 counties located on the NC Commerce website at [www.commerce.nc.gov](http://www.commerce.nc.gov). Use the Application Summary for CDBG's Neighborhood Revitalization Program, identify the funding request as RCDF, and ensure that the request does not exceed \$950,000.

The CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program will support 3 livability principles that guide sustainability and resiliency throughout areas that receive funding. Regardless of the program activity or activities local governments pursue, CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program projects must incorporate at least 1 of the 3 livability principles as an area of focus: 1) Promote equitable, affordable housing. Expand location and energy-efficient housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, races, and ethnicities to increase mobility and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation; 2) Support existing communities. Target federal funding toward existing communities - through strategies like transit-oriented, mixed-use development, and land recycling - to increase community revitalization and the efficiency of public works investments and safeguard rural landscapes; and 3) Value communities and neighborhoods. Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods - rural, urban, or suburban.

**Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on November 15, 2023.** For an application or for additional information see Application | CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Program Guidance and Application | NC Commerce or contact Angela Williams at





**EPA offers Brownfields Assessment Grant:** A "Brownfields site" is one that has been abandoned or is underused property because the potential or real threat of environmental contamination has obstructed its redevelopment. North Carolina's Brownfields Program is administered by DEQ's Division of Waste Management, which works in tandem with property owners and developers to redevelop these sites.

Background: In spring 2022 EPA awarded DEQ Brownfields with a \$2M community-wide assessment grant for 3 historically disadvantaged areas across the State (Central Appalachian Region, Lumber River Basin, and Northeast Coastal Plain). These grant funds will be utilized for environmental assessments, reuse planning, community engagement, and grant management in the initial targeted areas. During Jan. 2023 procurement contracts were offered to 3 contractors.

Throughout the 5-year grant cycle, which closes out in Sept. 2027, DEQ Brownfields will work with partner communities and contractors to complete these tasks and encourage productive reuse within disadvantaged communities. Visit <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/brownfields-redevelopment-section/assessment-grant>.

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## WEBINAR

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**DEQ Brownfields Redevelopment will host a *Brownfields* webinar on Wed., Nov. 15th. The hybrid webinar, offered by ECC from 10:00-11:30 AM in ECC's 3rd Floor Conference Room, will be presented by Joselyn Harriger, DEQ Grants Coordinator for Brownfields Redevelopment Section, Division of Waste Management. The session will focus on the following: Types of environmental assessment; due diligence; risk evaluation; vapor intrusion; EPA and DEQ Brownfields programs; and available grant funding. Register here, <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=gppuxoyab&oeidk=a07ejznb4bocodd37d8>**

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## UPDATES

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**ECC will host its third Grant Writing Workshop on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 4:30** to be held in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room. Attendees will learn about the various types and categories of grants, including federal, state, and private foundation grants. During the step-by-step approach to developing a grant application, resources containing terminology and useful websites will be provided. Bring an identified community need and be ready to write a grant to request it! To register, click on this link <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=gppuxoyab&oeidk=a07ek02fy99cf140f7f>

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## ARPA UPDATE

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**ARP OFFICE HOURS:** The School of Government just released new dates:

- ☐ Thursday, October 12 – 12:00-1:00 PM (Focus on Subawards)
- ☐ Thursday, October 19 – 8:30-10:30 AM (Focus on ARPA Basics)
- ☐ Tuesday, October 24 – 12:00-1:00 PM
- ☐ Tuesday, October 31 – 8:30-9:30 AM

**ZOOM LOG IN**

Here is the new Zoom Log in for all Office Hour Sessions:

<https://zoom.us/j/95481909044?pwd=U1E2VHNhN2luSoJEYTJqZTZTMFRWdz09>

Meeting ID: 954 8190 9044

Passcode: 779726

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**Enhancements to the Grants.gov Experience:** Work is being done on the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website to provide a more intuitive and responsive-user experience with improved security and enhanced navigation. This will be in alignment with the website with the United States Web Design System (USWDS), which is a federal standard for providing accessible and mobile-friendly websites to all users. The content on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) will remain the same; now, it will be more user-friendly, fresh, and advanced.

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## RESOURCES

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**Economic Development Capacity Index available for use:** EDA has partnered with Argonne National Lab to create the Economic Development Capacity Index, a tool designed to assist in providing accessible, informative economic development data organized around key development areas that can be utilized by economic development professionals and local leaders to inform decision-making. To access the tool, go to:  
[https://disgeoportal.egs.anl.gov/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?data\\_id=dataSource\\_2-EDCI\\_August2022\\_5153\\_2602\\_4787\\_6171%3A17%2CdataSource\\_4-EDCI\\_August2022\\_5204\\_3810%3A17&id=2f5c49623f354a8cbc95414784ca3e34&page=page\\_1&utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://disgeoportal.egs.anl.gov/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?data_id=dataSource_2-EDCI_August2022_5153_2602_4787_6171%3A17%2CdataSource_4-EDCI_August2022_5204_3810%3A17&id=2f5c49623f354a8cbc95414784ca3e34&page=page_1&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=).

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**NADO publishes new information on Inclusive CEDS Engagement Strategies:** The National Organization Development Organizations (NADO) continues to update and reveal promising practices that Economic Development Districts are employing to design and implement regional economic development planning efforts. A new update has been added to feature examples of how EDDs are working to promote inclusive engagement within strategy development and implementation. To learn more, please go to:  
<https://www.nado.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Berkshire-Regional-Planning-Commission-CEDS-Process-Case-study-Final.pdf>

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