



OCTOBER 2024 GRANT RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

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U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Build to Scale (B2S) program Application Deadline: Oct. 28th. EDA invites organizations who support technology and innovation, especially high-growth companies to apply for \$5M which also includes startups - to develop, demonstrate, and utilize the next critical and emerging technologies.

Examples include:

- Building public and private capacity for entrepreneurs and innovators to invent, improve, and bring to market new products and services in critical, emerging, and transformative sectors and industries.
- Accelerating the growth of regional economies that are focused on industries of the future.
- Empowering communities to provide proof-of-concept and commercialization assistance to technology innovators and entrepreneurs.
- Equitably and inclusively increasing access to capital for technology-enabled entrepreneurs.

Eligible applicants: City or township governments; special district governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); county governments; and non-profits (with /without a 501 (c)(3) tax designation). Visit EDA's Build to Scale website, <https://www.eda.gov/funding/programs/build-to-scale>. To apply visit, <https://sfgrants.eda.gov/s/funding-program/a2jSJ0000003YoLYAU/fy-2024-build-to-scale>. The funding opportunity # is EDA-B2S-2024.

Agency Contact: U.S. Economic Development Administration, oie@eda.gov.

NC DPS seeks Letters of Interest (LOI) for the BRIC/FMA 2024 grant cycles. FEMA has allocated an anticipated \$2 billion in funding between the



BRIC and FMA programs for the 2024 grant cycle. These programs are annual, competitive grants, that are not related to a declared disaster. The BRIC program aims to shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending towards research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience.

BRIC projects can include shovel-ready construction projects aimed at mitigating the risk of natural hazards to public infrastructure, or plans/studies to help develop future projects (e.g. called *Capabilities & Capability Building proposals*). BRIC projects include up to a 75% federal cost share, but higher federal cost shares may be available for communities who are considered economically disadvantaged. The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant is available to eligible cities, towns or counties. The goal of this program is to reduce the risk of repetitive flood damage to structures currently insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program mainly focuses on property elevations or acquisitions. FEMA has allocated \$800 million for FMA projects for this upcoming grant cycle.

For either program, the first step in beginning the application process is to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI). **LOI deadlines** are as follows:

- BRIC LOI Deadline: October 31, 2024
- FMA LOI Deadline: December 1, 2024

Information on Submitting an LOI:

- Review of the NCEM BRIC2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Register for an account or login at the NCEM Salesforce Portal (tutorial included on weblink below).
- Answer the 7 narrative questions on the LOI form in Salesforce.
- Upload 3 PowerPoint slides using the LOI Slide Template.
- Upload 5 (optional) attachments to support your proposal.
- Submit your LOI by the deadlines indicated above.

The focus of the LOI is to summarize your community's need/problem that the proposed project is expected to solve along with an explanation of the proposed work. You will also need to identify how nature-based solutions are being considered in the scope of work, and how the proposed project is being responsive to the effects of climate change. The LOI must also indicate what populations within your community will be impacted, specifically focusing on any benefits to disadvantaged populations.

For more comprehensive information on either the **BRIC or FMA grant cycle**, submission deadlines and detailed instructions on submitting an LOI, [please visit Non-Disaster Grants | NC DPS](#). For **FMA project questions**, please reach out to **Sara Deskar**, Community Planner, at Eastern Carolina Council at sdeskar@eccog.org or 252-671-1608. For BRIC inquiries, please field questions to **Kaine Riggan**, Grant Development Specialist at North Carolina Department of Public Safety at Kaine.Riggan@ncdps.gov



CDBG's 2024 Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) Program Extended: Oct. 31st. Due to the impacts of Hurricane Helene and Potential Tropical Cyclone #8, the Rural Economic Development Division (REDD), NC Department of Commerce is extending its program.

The maximum grant amount is \$950,000 per grantee with some restrictions for specific activities. For the 2024 CDBG-NR round, projects that have or are seeking Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and/or are restoring housing in storm impacted areas may be considered for up to \$5 M. Potential Applicants are encouraged to, first discuss their proposed project with the CDBG Director, Valerie D. Moore Fegans at Valerie.fegans@commerce.nc.gov, or CDBG Section Chief to confirm eligibility prior to the application deadline.

The CDBG-NR program is designed to provide grants to non-entitlement local governments for housing, housing-related activities, and public facilities. Approximately \$4.76 million of the \$12,292,736 available is set aside for the Rural Community Development Fund, which allows Tier 1 communities to submit non-housing projects as a sole activity.

The 2024 CDBG-NR guidelines and application can also be found on the NC Commerce website at www.commerce.nc.gov. Awards are anticipated to be announced on December 16, 2024. For questions and technical assistance, please contact John F. Brooks, CDBG Section Chief, at john.brooks@commerce.nc.gov or (919) 814-4663 or TDD 1-800-735-2962.



USDA's Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program offers a Post Disaster Assistance Alternative. Those who seek EWP assistance do not need to reside in an area that has been declared a national disaster, although they do require a city / county or conservation district project sponsor; the program provides help to eligible people and conserves natural resources. NRCS may provide up to 75% for emergency construction; local sources may provide 25% in cash or in-kind services. Congressional approval must be conferred. For more information, visit the website at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/ewp-emergency-watershed-protection/north-carolina/emergency-watershed>.

Program Contacts:

- Eastern NC Contact: NRCS Area 3 EWP Coordinator in Goldsboro, (919) 751-0976.
- Jim Kjelaard, Acting Emergency Watershed Protection Program Manager, (919) 873-2130, email Jim.Kjelaard@nc.usda.gov.



Duke Energy Foundation Grants up to \$20,000. Duke Energy Foundation's approach to grantmaking and community engagement opportunities focuses on improving the lives of local communities today and in the future. Under each focus area are examples of the types of grants the Foundation would consider

supporting. Grants are not limited to the examples listed, nor are programs stemming from the listed examples guaranteed for funding. Specific preferences will vary by state jurisdiction. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Vibrant Economies

- Provide workforce development training for jobs vital to the energy economy.
- Enhance community revitalization and local economic development efforts.
- Support economic recovery for customers and communities facing unprecedented challenges.
- Offer energy and engineering education for K-12 students and teachers.

Climate Resiliency

- Specify environmental projects supporting land conservation, clean water, and biodiversity of plant and animal species.
- Prepare resiliency projects that prepare communities for and mitigate against the effects of climate change.
- Supply natural disaster preparedness and response programming.
- Plan projects strengthening thriving natural environments, including access to green space, in historically underserved communities.

Opportunity and Inclusion

- Deliver programs supporting a just transition for communities moving toward cleaner energy infrastructure.
- Support initiatives supporting upward mobility for families and individuals in the communities Duke Energy serves.
- Present programs reducing structural barriers and promoting access to opportunity for underserved communities.

To apply, help, and program FAQs, visit <https://foundation.duke-energy.com/grants>.



T-Mobile Hometown Partners with Main Street America - Community Project Applications. Shovel-ready projects - to upgrade technology, for the creation of outdoor space / a community center, or in the arts, may be submitted for \$50,000. The next grant cycle is 10/31-12-23/2024; the 5-year grant will conclude in 2026. For more information visit, <https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>.



US Department of Labor announces reintegration grant for Homeless Veterans. The intent of the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), is an employment-focused competitive Federal financial assistance program, is to enable America's Veterans to reach their full employment potential and obtain high-quality career outcomes for Veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness. The

Department encourages applicants to propose strategies to achieve economic prosperity, address historical inequities, and provide equitable access and outcomes to marginalized groups.

Eligible Applicants: (partial list) County, City or Town governments, Special district governments, Nonprofits/501(c)(3), Public Housing authorities. The program is entitled, Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (**HVRP**), Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program (IVTP), and the Homeless Women Veterans' and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program (HWVHWC), but it is referred collectively as **HVRP**.

The Funding Opportunity Announcement was updated on Sept. 18th and currently continues to be developed. The estimated deadline is April 12, 2025 by 11:59 PM. Information about the discretionary grant is available at <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356463>.

Agency Contact: Tamara Holland, HVRPFOA@dol.gov.



The Golden LEAF Foundation, was featured during ECC's 1st Annual Networking & BBQ/Social held on Oct. 3rd; the Foundation focuses on 4 priority areas: *Job Creation and Economic Investment; Agriculture; Workforce Preparedness; and Community Competitiveness and Capacity*.

Job Creation and Economic Investment priorities include:

- Enhance investment in publicly owned infrastructure.
- Strengthen investment in privately owned property, plant, and equipment.
- Multiply new full-time jobs created.
- Boost average annual wage of new full-time jobs.
- Grow business start-ups.

For more information on this priority visit, <https://goldenleaf.org/priorities/economic-development/>.

Agriculture priorities are to develop new crops, expand markets, train farmers in cost-effective methods and value-added innovations through the following criteria:

- Multiply the number of participants at agricultural trainings.
- Expand new publications directed towards farmers.
- Foster monthly use of agricultural facilities that benefit farmers.

For more information see, <https://goldenleaf.org/priorities/agriculture/>.

Workforce Preparedness' priorities include:

- students earning at least one academic credential (curriculum diploma, certificate, or associate degree/con ed certificate) in the area funded.
- students earning at least one industry/third party certification, license, or other credential (nonacademic) in the area funded.
- high school students completing CTE pathways in the area funded.
- secondary or post-secondary students participating in work-based learning.
- secondary students receiving meaningful exposure and opportunities to explore local career opportunities.

To learn more visit, <https://goldenleaf.org/priorities/workforce/>.

The Community-based Grants Initiative (CBGI) is by invitation only – ultimately to each of the 8 administrative regions' Prosperity Zones within all 100 counties. Visit the map at <https://www.commerce.nc.gov/about-us/nc-prosperity-zones>. Competitive project must focus on each of the Golden LEAF's 4 funding priorities to build capacity.

Annually, the Golden LEAF Board of Directors meets in February, April, June, August, October, and December. Applications are presented to the Golden LEAF Foundation Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting that is not less than 6 weeks after submission of the completed proposal. Occasionally, proposals may be submitted at an earlier Board meeting if Golden LEAF is able to complete its review prior to the meeting. For more information, call the Golden LEAF Foundation - (252) 442-7474.

UPDATES



Mark your calendars; watch for registration to open soon.

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

**Tues., Dec. 3rd and Wed., Dec. 4th, 2024, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM,
ECC Board Room, 233 Middle St., 3rd Floor.**



FEMA GO-Grant Management Modernization (GMM) Team's Newsletter provides Enhancements.

FEMA GO also shares planned system improvements, timely training resources, tools, and tips for users. The 1st FEMA GO Quarterly User Focus Group Webinar was held in June to provide targeted feedback for its recent releases and survey responses to new enhancements. The 2nd FEMA GO Quarterly User Focus Group Webinar will be held on Oct. 17, from 3:00-4:30 PM via Adobe Connect. To join the meeting, click the following link: <https://fema.cosocloud.com/femagofocusgwebinar/>.

Access the FEMA GO Help Desk during its hours of operation – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM ET. The Help Desk accepts phone calls at 1-877-585-3242 and emails at femago@fema.dhs.gov.



SAM.gov will return to Grants.gov by the end of 2024. Annual registration for [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) will become a baseline system requirement for submitting grant applications on [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov). Reminder: The [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) registration often takes several weeks to complete; immediately begin or renew the registration process.

Grants.gov: Upcoming maintenance dates: Oct. 19-21 and Nov. 16-18, 2024. Visit the website's calendar, <https://www.grants.gov/support/grants-gov-maintenance-calendar>.



HUD Updates Guidance - Environmental Review process. Below are the NC updates since July 2024:

Coastal Barrier Resource System: Modified reference to guidance for acquiring Flood Insurance Rates Map. Guidance is now under Flood Insurance.

Endangered Species Act: Added a link to reference the Region IV "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service {USFWS} Clearance to proceed with Federally Insured Loan and Grant Project Requests."

Noise Abatement and Control: Added the equation for projecting traffic volumes for situations where a transportation department projection is not available and linear growth can be assumed.

Wild and Scenic River: Updated the guidance for adding Nationwide River Inventory Rivers to NEPAassist (EPA's web-based tool to determine environmental/demographic factors related to Environmental Justice).

For more information visit HUD's Environmental Compliance website, <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/>. Contact: Lenwood Smith, HUD's Environmental Protection Specialist, (336) 851-8054.

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Eastern Carolina Council continues its mission- to improve the region's quality of life by providing human, planning, and economic development services to local governments and area residents by leveraging resources and collaborating regionally.

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