



June 2025 Grant Resources Newsletter



Welcome to ECC's June 2025 Grant Resources Newsletter. This is a resource for local government employees, elected and appointed officials, and other community-focused individuals in the ECC region for receiving information about upcoming opportunities, relevant updates, and useful tools pertaining to grants.

Grants

State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID)

Note: Mandatory pre-application deadline was May 12, 2025.

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) has posted the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its 2025 SEID Grant Program. This program is intended to spur economic development within the SCRC region, which includes all nine counties of ECC.



Local governments are eligible to apply, and awards will range from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000. Total funding for this program is \$21.1 million.

Federal cost share may not exceed **80%** for counties classified as **Distressed**, which includes **Greene, Jones, and Lenoir**.

Federal cost share may not exceed **50%** for counties classified as **Transitional**, which includes **ECC's remaining counties**.

Eligible activities include infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure projects for economic development that are applicable to the goals and objectives of the SEID program (see NOFA for details).

The full application is due no later than July 18, 2025.

Links

- Click [HERE](#) to view the NOFA.
- Click [HERE](#) to visit the SCRC's Grants and Programs webpage. Contact information for the State Program Manager can be found here.

Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund



The National Parks Service has posted a notice for its 2025 Disaster Recovery Grant Program. This program is to provide capacity grants and physical preservation grants to areas that were under a major disaster declaration in 2023 or 2024. For the ECC region, this only includes **Carteret and Onslow counties**.

Local governments are eligible for physical preservation grants under this program. Awards may range from \$75,000 to \$15 million. Total funding for this program is \$48 million.

There is no required non-Federal match.

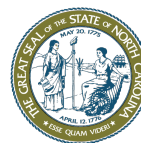
Eligible activities include recovery and repair of historic and cultural resources in areas that were under a major disaster declaration in 2023 or 2024. Resources must be listed or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or designated a National Historic Landmark.

Applications are due in late July 2025.

Links

- Click [HERE](#) for the Preservation Grant Fact Sheet.
- Click [HERE](#) to view the program summary on Grants.gov.

Rural Downtown Economic Development Grants (RDEDG)



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The Rural Economic Development Division of the NC Department of Commerce is accepting applications for RDEDG. The purpose of this program is to encourage economic development through investment in downtowns.

Local governments with downtowns in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties (or with downtowns in rural census tracts in Tier 3 counties) are eligible to apply. **All counties within the ECC region are either Tier 1 or Tier 2, with the exception of Carteret County, which is Tier 3.** A rural census tract has a population density of less than 500 people per square mile based on 2020 Census data. Refer to this NC Commerce map [HERE](#) showing Tier 3

rural census tracts.

There is no minimum award amount, and the maximum amount is \$850,000. Furthermore, the award amount cannot exceed \$12,500 per job created or retained. Required local match is 5%.

Local governments in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties involved with the NC Main Street and Rural Planning Center will be given priority.

Eligible projects are located in a downtown district and include:

- Public infrastructure improvements (e.g., streetscapes, alleys, parks). Parking lots are excluded.
- Renovation or additions to public buildings that are available to the community (e.g., libraries, community centers).
- Renovations or additions on publicly owned properties that can be zoned for mixed use.

Applications are due on August 21, 2025.

Links

- Click [HERE](#) for the guidelines document.
- Click [HERE](#) for the project page on commerce.nc.gov.

Fiscal Year 2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program



The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has posted the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to support long-term economic recovery in areas that received a major disaster declaration in the calendar year 2023 or 2024. For the ECC region, this only includes **Carteret and Onslow counties**.

Eligible applicants include local governments in the areas specified above. Total funding for this program is \$1,447,000,000, and federal cost share is generally 80%. Award amount range depends on the selected project pathway.

Eligible projects fall under three pathways:

- The **Readiness Path** is for non-construction projects focused on planning and building capacity for future projects related to economic development and disaster recovery. The award range for this pathway is \$250,000 to \$500,000. Some project examples include strategic planning, additional staff, or preparation for future construction projects.
- The **Implementation Path** is for construction and non-construction projects that improve local economies and disaster resilience. The award range for non-construction projects is \$100,000 to \$5 million, and the award range for construction projects is \$2 million to \$20 million. Some project examples include infrastructure improvements, workforce training programs, and revolving loan funds.
- The **Industry Transformation Path** is for a portfolio of three to five projects under a public-private partnership that improves or develops a specific industry sector. The award range for this pathway is \$20 million to \$50 million.

Applications under the **Industry Transformation Path** are due on March 3, 2026.

Applications under the **Readiness Path** and **Implementation Path** are accepted on a continuous basis until funds are gone or the NOFO is canceled.

Links

- Click [HERE](#) to access the NOFO.

- Click [HERE](#) to access the project's page on EDA.gov.

ARPA Updates

Office Hours

The UNC School of Government (SOG) hosts office hours via Zoom for discussions on local government finance including ARPA.



Upcoming office hours:

June 19, 2025: 12:00-12:45 PM.

June 24, 2025: 8:30-9:30 AM.

Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link.

Meeting ID: 954 8190 9044

Passcode: 779726

Click [HERE](#) for the office hours page on UNC SOG's NC Finance Connect website. Consider bookmarking this page to stay up to date on future offerings.

Reminder: If your entity accepted ARPA SLFRF funds, you must maintain an active registration on [SAM.gov](#). If you've forgotten your entity's expiration date, please consider checking your registration status on SAM.gov soon!

Reminder: ECC staff are available to provide ARPA SLFRF technical assistance to local governments within our nine-county region. There is no cost for this service. Reach out to ECC staff if you have questions or concerns related to:

- SAM.gov registration
- Treasury notices / documentation requests
- ARPA compliance requirements
- Anything else related to ARPA SLFRF

Updates

ECC Services



Would you like to pursue a grant opportunity but are short-staffed? Consider grant writing and administration services offered by ECC. Please contact ECC staff if you are interested.

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