

# Community Resources

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## Community Development Block Grants

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides formula-based block grant funding to states and eligible localities. The CARES Act allocated \$5 billion in funding for the CDBG program to enable nearly 1,240 states, counties, and cities to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it, including the expansion of community health facilities, child care centers, food banks, and senior services. Of the amounts provided \$2 billion will be allocated to states and units of local governments that received an allocation under the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula, \$1 billion will go directly to states to support a coordinated response across entitlement and non-entitlement communities, and \$2 billion will be allocated to states and units of local government, cities and counties based on the prevalence and risk of COVID-19 and related economic and housing disruption.

The CARES Act eliminates the cap on the amount of funds a grantee can spend on public services, removes the requirement to hold in-person public hearings in order to comply with national and local social gathering requirements, and allows grantees to be reimbursed for COVID-19 response activities regardless of the date the costs were incurred. The CARES Act also allows grantees to combine prior year funds with new funding in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

States and communities will be able to apply for funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) to plan and implement economic recovery strategies in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The CARES Act includes \$1.5 billion for EDA to administer grants through its established Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program. EDA assistance can be used to help rebuild impacted industries such as tourism or manufacturing supply chains, capitalize local funds to provide low-interest loans to businesses of all sizes, and support other locally-identified priorities for economic recovery.

EAA projects can include, but are not limited to:

- “strategy grants” to create or update a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or disaster recovery plan;
- construction or upgrades to public infrastructure, including broadband;
- construction and operations of business incubators;



- capitalization of revolving loan funds, which generally assist small businesses, and other initiatives to improve access to and utilization of private capital;
- activities that support the creation of businesses and jobs, including economic diversification strategies; and
- market or industry research studies, technical assistance, training, and capacity-building efforts.

**Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants include EDA-designated Economic Development Districts (EDDs); Indian tribes or a consortium of Indian tribes; states and local governments; institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions; and nonprofit organizations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.