



# State Assistance Programs Available to Qualified Local Governments

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA)

**Appalachian Regional Commission Economic Development Grant Program** Provides matching grant funds to eligible applicants to support economic development projects in North Georgia.

**Appalachian Region Business Development Revolving Loan Fund**  
Allows local downtown development authorities and industrial development authorities to make below market rate loans to qualified businesses for downtown projects. Loans may be made on a limited basis to projects outside downtown areas that do not compete with downtown uses (e.g., manufacturing).

**Capital Felony Grant Programs**  
Reimbursement to county government general fund for expenses incurred in capital felony trials.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**  
Grant program requiring a small local match. Can assist a wide range of eligible activities, including housing improvement projects, public facilities such as water and sewer lines, buildings such as local health centers or head start centers, and economic development projects.

**CDBG Loan Guarantee Program (Sec 108)**  
Financing tool to assist non-entitlement governments with certain unique and large-scale economic development projects that cannot proceed without the loan guarantee.

**Downtown Revolving Loan Fund**  
Designed to assist non-entitlement cities and counties in implementing quality downtown development projects. Loans may be used for a variety of public or private projects that involve infrastructure improvements, real estate development or redevelopment, and purchase or lease of equipment (in some cases).

**Employment Incentive Program**  
A grant program to be used locally for loans to business or for public facility improvements (e.g. water, sewer)

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) Cont'd

**Local Development Funds**  
Matching grants for local government development-related activities that cannot be funded from other sources. Types of activities that could be funded include: downtown development projects, public parking facilities, historic preservation projects, tourism and related marketing activities, multi-county solid waste planning and some community facilities.

**Regional Assistance Program**  
Grants to local governments and local government authorities for multi-county activities important to regional economic development.

**The Redevelopment Fund**  
Provides flexible financial assistance to local governments to assist them in implementing challenging economic and community development projects that cannot be undertaken with existing public sector grant and loan programs.

**Quality Growth Grant Program**  
Provides eligible recipients with financial assistance to implement quality growth initiatives that promote better management of growth and development that enhances the quality of life in a community.

## GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY (GEFA)

**Water and Sewer Loan Program**  
Loan funds available from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority to cities, counties and water/sewer authorities for financing the construction of water and sewer improvements.

**Solid Waste and Recycling Loans and Grants** Loan funds available from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority for the financing of solid waste projects, and grants for solid waste planning.

**State Revolving Loan Fund**

supporting local projects facilitating job creation and/or retention, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

**Georgia Home Composting Grant Program**

Disburses funds of up to \$10,000 to local governments that educate their citizens about the benefits of home composting.

**Immediate Threat and Danger Grant**

A 50% matching grant with a primary objective of funding activities to meet urgent community development needs. Grants are provided where other official resources are not available.

Low interest loans available from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority for the construction of wastewater facilities.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR)**

**Recreation Grants**

Grants available from Georgia DNR for local government recreation needs.

**Historic Preservation Grants**

Grants available from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for preservation activities.

**Greenspace Program**

Grants to assist eligible cities and counties in preserving at least 20 percent of their land areas as connected or open greenspace that can be used for informal recreation and natural resource protection.

**GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION (GFC)**

**Urban & Community Forestry Financial Assistance Program Grants**

Provides financial assistance to local governments for projects that enhance urban and community forest resources. Types of projects include: tree canopy and greenspace inventories, proper tree care education for city staff, adoption or revision of best management practices for community trees and/or tree ordinances, storm damage mitigation, arborist or urban forecaster consultant services, raising awareness about the benefits of trees, community forest master plans and urban watershed education.

**ONEGEORGIA AUTHORITY**

Economic development grants and loans to local governments within tier 1 and tier 2 counties.