

## EDA Provides Technical Assistance Grants to Advance Development Priorities

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### About EDA

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) provides investments in construction, technical assistance, planning, and capacity building to support business start-up and expansion in towns and cities all across the country to build strong, durable and resilient local economies that produce good wages for American workers. EDA partners with regional economic development partners to advance locally-developed projects that link to the region's longer-term, sustainable economic development strategies.

The **Technical Assistance Program** is designed to provide resources to inform local decision-making and drive effective economic development across the region. Investments through this program can support a range of activities, including feasibility studies, cluster studies, export strategies, innovation assessments, and other related initiatives. All EDA investments are designed to help realize economic development objectives outlined in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) or alternate EDA accepted regional planning document.

### Eligible Applicants

Applicants for EDA assistance must be an eligible entity, as defined by either (1) a designated Economic Development District; (2) an Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (3) a State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (4) an institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; *or* (5) a public or private nonprofit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.

### Matching Share Requirements

Generally, the amount of an EDA award may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the project. However, EDA regulations provide that projects *may* receive an additional amount that may not exceed up to 30 percent of the total project cost, based on the relative needs of the Region in which the project will be located, as outlined in 13 C.F.R. § 301.4(b)(1) and as determined by EDA. Typically, EDA construction grants require cash match that is available, unencumbered, and from eligible sources at the time of submission of a full application.

### Accessing and Submitting the EDA grant applications

EDA accepts applications for technical assistance programs at any point in the year; Application forms and information can be accessed: <https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>.

### For More Information

EDA has state representatives who are available to answer questions, advise on project and proposal/application development, and otherwise assist applicants in developing the most complete and competitive Proposal and/or Applications possible. EDRs do not make funding decisions, but provide useful technical assistance in helping communities consider variety of public, private, and foundation resources that may be leveraged to advance their development goals.

Hillary Sherman serves as the NC EDR and can be reached at [hsherman@eda.gov](mailto:hsherman@eda.gov) or 404.730.3013 (office). **Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the NC EDR to discuss the proposed project and EDA's application process and requirements *prior* to submitting either a proposal or full application. All parties interested in EDA grants are strongly encouraged to fully review the applicable EDA FFO and regulations prior to submitting an application.**