



BEFORE YOU APPLY FOR AN EDA GRANT



Where do I start?

Initial Resources

- EDA website: www.eda.gov
- Grants.gov or eda.gov/funding-opportunities
- One NOFO per grant program
 - Types of projects
 - Eligible applicants
 - Cost sharing requirements
 - Application deadlines





***EDA's Economic Development Representatives
and Economic Development Districts***

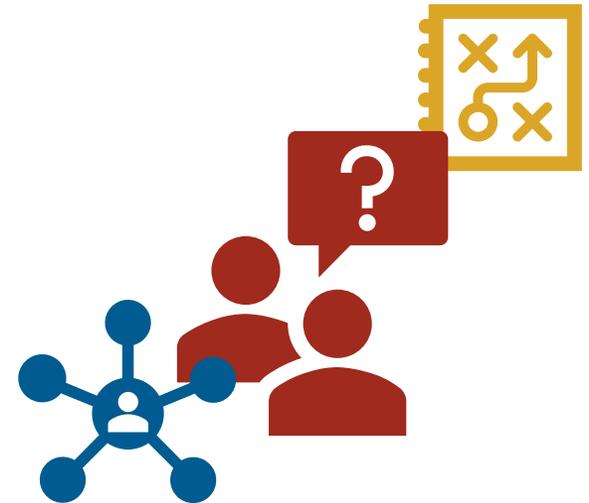
Economic Development Representatives (EDRs)

- Field-based EDA staff members to support each state
- EDRs are there to:
 - Provide information on EDA programs
 - Help applicants navigate forms/requirements
 - Provides feedback/technical assistance on potential projects
 - Understand regional economic development needs/considerations
 - Connect with other local partners and stakeholders



Economic Development Districts (EDDs)

- Organizations that provide planning and technical assistance for regional economic development initiatives.
- **Membership:** Representatives of local government (municipalities, counties, etc.), private companies, community leaders, workforce development boards, institutions of higher education, minority and labor groups, nonprofits, economic development organizations, and other key stakeholders.
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):** A regional economic development plan that brings key stakeholders together and is designed to build capacity and guide economic resiliency.



Find your EDD: eda.gov/resources/directory

No EDD in your area? Connect with your EDR.





***Determining Eligibility and Preparing for Application
Submission***

Determining Eligibility

Eligible applicants include:

- ✓ Economic Development Districts
- ✓ Federally-recognized Indian Tribes
- ✓ States and political subdivisions of states (e.g., municipalities, counties), which may include special purpose entities such as regional water and sewer districts, airport commissions, and regional economic development commissions
- ✓ Institutions of higher education
- ✓ Public or private nonprofit organizations or associations working in cooperation with a political subdivision of a state

EDA cannot award grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or for-profit entities



Economic Development Impact

Applicants should be able to demonstrate the project's economic impact on the region. Impacts vary by project but may include:

- ✓ Facilitate job creation
- ✓ Increase capacity for economic development
- ✓ Foster business expansion
- ✓ Attract private investment
- ✓ Facilitate resilience to future economic disasters

If you are unsure whether your project is considered economic development or community development, please contact your EDR.



Ineligible Projects

EDA does not support any investment relating to community development activities, including:

- ✓ Swimming pools
- ✓ Zoos
- ✓ Golf courses
- ✓ Casinos or gaming projects
- ✓ Projects that support general governmental or public safety functions
- ✓ Requests to supplement operating budgets or replace lost revenue



Matching Funds

Required matching share must:

- ✓ Be committed to the project for the period of performance
- ✓ Be available as needed
- ✓ Not be conditioned in any way that may preclude its use consistent with EDA investment assistance requirements

Examples of in-kind contributions include:

- ✓ Space
- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Services

For each source of the matching share, applicants must submit a commitment letter/document signed by an authorized representative providing the matching funds.

All in-kind contributions must be appropriately documented.

Check each NOFO for matching fund requirements!



EDA's Investment Priorities



Equity



Recovery & Resilience



Workforce Development



Manufacturing



Technology-Based Economic Development



Environmentally-Sustainable Development



Exports & Foreign Direct Investment

Questions?

Visit <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/> to learn more about applying to EDA's programs.

Find contact information for your state or region at <https://eda.gov/contact/>

