

Fayette County Strategic Development Plan



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Issues, Goals & Strategies

Plan Implementation:

- ◆ Create the Fayette County Leadership Alliance to oversee implementation of the Fayette County Strategic Development Plan
 - The Alliance may include mayors, county commission chair, school superintendent, Northwest Alabama Economic Development Alliance (C3) President & CEO, key business and industry leaders, and representatives from West Alabama Regional Commission, Alabama Power Company, Tombigbee Electric Cooperative, Bevill State Community College, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES), and chambers of commerce
 - The Alliance's role is to convene, plan, and act - bringing together local and external resources to enhance economic development and quality of life in Fayette County
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1. Housing

- ◆ Enhance the quantity and quality of residential housing (for purchase and rental), including apartments, starter homes, condos, townhouses, etc.

Implementation Strategies:

1. City of Fayette ACE Housing Committee to invite other municipalities to participate to facilitate collaboration on Fayette County housing issues
 2. Identify property for new housing and apartments; ensure that targeted property is zoned for housing development; prioritize first homes for those at beginning of career and affordable homes for lower-income residents
 - Focus on housing developments in Fayette, Berry, and along Highway 13
 3. Recruit, build relationships with, and provide incentives for real estate developers
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Lead:

- Fayette County Leadership Alliance
- City of Fayette ACE Housing Committee

Participants:

- West Alabama Regional Commission
- Mayors
- County Commission
- Real estate developers
- Local banks

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants (see p. 11 for a more detailed description of federal grant opportunities)
 - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 - Rural Community Development Initiative Grant

- Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant
- State appropriations / ADECA

2. Communications Technology

- ◆ Upgrade communications technology (including landline and cellular services and provision of high-speed Internet) throughout Fayette County

Implementation Strategies:

1. Convene a meeting of county, regional, and state stakeholders to gain support for technology improvements in cellular service and high-speed internet
2. Upgrade areas with poor cellular service, especially along state highways
3. Continue to expand Freedom Fiber broadband access and services
4. Support legislation to allow federal and state broadband/communication technology funds to be distributed to cellular service providers

Lead:

- County commission chair
- State legislators

Participants:

- Congressman Aderholt's Office
- West Alabama Regional Commission
- Mayors
- Tombigbee Electric Cooperative
- ADECA
- Cell tower owners
- Fayette County Tax Assessors' Office

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
 - Appalachian Regional Commission
 - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 - Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program
- State appropriations
- City/county governments

3. Lodging, Tourism & Retail Development

- ◆ Support improvements in the hospitality infrastructure, including hotels, bed and breakfasts, Airbnb, and other lodging options, as well as restaurants and entertainment

Implementation Strategies:

1. Market existing tourism assets (Guthrie Smith Park, Fayette County Multi-Purpose Complex, murals) to bolster tourism and improve prospects for recruitment of additional lodging businesses

2. Recruit lodging (hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts); identify potential sites and brands that may have an interest in locating
3. Develop diverse retail and commercial businesses (grocery stores, restaurants, shopping, office space, etc.)
4. Market Fayette County murals by connecting to the Alabama Mural Trail (alabamamuraltrail.org), add county murals to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association app, and creating a Fayette County mural app (working with West Alabama regional Commission GIS Department)

Lead:

- County commission chair
- City mayors

Participants:

- Chambers of commerce
- Real estate developers
- C3
- West Alabama Regional Commission

Funding:

- Federal appropriations / grants
 - Appalachian Regional Commission
 - US Department of Commerce
 - American Rescue Plan Act – Economic Adjustment Assistance Grants
 - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 - Rural Community Development Initiative Grants
- Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) grants
- State appropriations / grants
- West Alabama Regional Commission Revolving Loan Fund

4. Transportation Infrastructure

- ◆ Support completion of the new 4-lane project connecting Fayette to I-22.

Implementation Strategies:

1. Coordinate with ALDOT and state legislators to ensure prompt and effective implementation of the project

Lead:

- State legislators
- ALDOT
- County commission chair
- Mayors

Participants:

- County engineer
- West Alabama Regional Commission – Rural Planning Organization (RPO)

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
 - US Department of Transportation
 - FY2022 National Infrastructure Investments
 - Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant
 - Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program
 - Economic Development Administration
 - American Rescue Plan Act - Economic Adjustment Assistance
- State appropriations / ALDOT
- City/county governments

◆ Improve other highway infrastructure, including streets, roads, and bridges

Implementation Strategies:

1. Meet with ALDOT and state legislators to gain support for priority state highway projects for the county
 - Continue efforts to provide 4-lane highway access from municipalities to I-22
 - 4-lane SR 13 throughout Fayette County, with connections to communities
 - Develop I-22 exit for Highway 13
2. Pave/repave city and county streets and roads
3. Develop county and city capital budgets that support transportation development and other priority infrastructure projects

Lead:

- State legislators
- ALDOT
- County commission chair
- Mayors

Participants:

- County engineer
- West Alabama Regional Commission – Rural Planning Organization (RPO)

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
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 - Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program
 - Economic Development Administration
 - American Rescue Plan Act - Economic Adjustment Assistance
- State appropriations / ALDOT
- City/county governments

◆ Develop regional public transportation strategies / services

Implementation Strategies:

1. City of Fayette ACE Transportation Committee to invite other municipalities to participate to facilitate collaboration on Fayette County public transportation issues
 - Identify transportation needs and explore options and strategies to assist citizens with transportation options for work, healthcare, shopping, etc.

Lead:

- City of Fayette ACE Transportation Committee

Participants:

- West Alabama Regional Commission - Rural Planning Organization (RPO)
- Mayors
- County commission chair

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
 - Appalachian Regional Commission
 - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 - Rural Community Development Initiative Grants
 - Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant
- State appropriations / ALDOT
- RC&D grants
- City/county governments
- West Alabama Regional Commission Revolving Loan Fund

5. Business Development

◆ Support existing business retention and expansion

Implementation Strategies:

1. Convene meetings of C3 and plant managers to identify needs and develop strategies (meet as needed)
2. Increase private sector funding for C3 to support existing industry program
3. Conduct educational roundtables for county business and industry leaders on relevant issues (e.g., workforce development, labor supply issues, housing, etc.)

Lead:

- C3

Participants:

- County business leaders
- Bevill State

- Mayors
- County commission chair
- Industrial development boards (IDB's)

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
 - Appalachian Regional Commission
 - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 - Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program
 - Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program
 - US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
 - American Rescue Plan Act, Economic Adjustment Assistance
- State appropriations / ADECA
- City/county governments
- IDBs
- Private sector businesses
- Bankers

◆ Develop/improve industrial sites/parks (with infrastructure to accommodate business targets)

Implementation Strategies:

1. Identify properties for future industrial development and ensure adequate supportive infrastructure
 - [Develop an industrial park in North Fayette County closer to Interstate-22 \(on the new 4-land route connecting the City of Fayette with I-22\)](#)
2. Maintain a “world-class” C3 website with updated, relevant information for prospective business and industry
3. Convene a meeting of mayors, IDBs, and C3 CEO to identify needs and develop strategies
4. Develop a virtual spec building that can be tailored to a company’s needs (market on C3 website)
5. Expand/enhance City of Fayette industrial parks

Lead:

- C3

Participants:

- Mayors
- County commission chair
- State legislators
- IDBs
- West Alabama Regional Commission
- Alabama Power Company
- Tombigbee Electric Cooperative
- Other utilities
- Large landowners

Funding:

- Federal appropriations /grants
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
 - Appalachian Regional Commission
 - Economic Development Administration
 - American Rescue Plan Act - Economic Adjustment Assistance
- USDA
- State appropriations / ADECA
- City/county governments
- IDBs

◆ Support small business and entrepreneurial development

Implementation Strategies:

1. Convene a meeting of county small business owners to identify needs and develop strategies to address needs (include Small Business Development Center at the University of Alabama)
2. Coordinate with C3 to develop the “Golden Eagle District” in downtown City of Fayette (rails-to-trails, farmers market, and other small business ventures)
3. Conduct educational roundtables for small business owners on issues of interest (e.g., downtown development, labor issues, etc.)
4. Establish training and support programs for entrepreneurs who are interested in working from home (e-commerce, business management, etc.)
5. Support downtown revitalization for Fayette County cities

Lead:

- Chambers of commerce

Participants:

- Small Business Development Center
- C3
- West Alabama Regional Commission
- Mayors
- Beville State

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
 - Appalachian Regional Commission
 - USDA
 - Rural Business Development Grants
 - Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program
 - Farmers Market Promotion Program
 - Local Food Promotion Program
 - Economic Development Administration
 - FY2021 American Rescue Plan Act Economic Development Assistance
- Opportunity Alabama
- Private sector

- Cities and counties
- West Alabama Regional Commission Revolving Loan Fund

6. Workforce Development

- ◆ Improve the workforce training system (career tech, community college, apprenticeships, etc.)

Implementation Strategies:

1. Create a vocational training school / career center to serve all Fayette County school students
2. Strengthen workforce partnerships with Bevill State and business community
 - Coordinate Bevill State Community College technical training curriculums with the needs of local business and industry
 - Bevill State continue to work with local high schools to emphasize career tech, dual enrollment, Work Keys, and other programming to advance skills of high school graduates
 - Support two-year training certificate programs (HVAC, welding, health sciences, etc.)
 - Explore innovative Amazon Web Services (AWS) Academy-style training in coding, cloud services, website design, etc.
4. Support apprenticeship programs (funding for tuition/fees); start apprenticeship programs in local high schools
5. Develop initiatives to change mindsets about technical training and manufacturing careers (target students, parents, teachers, and guidance counselors)
6. Provide training in "soft skills" (attitude, dress, interviews, resumes, work ethic) to prepare young people for employment; make "Ready to Work" program available to community college and high school students
7. Support and market adult education programs for residents who lack a high school diploma or GED
8. Support training and certification programs for incumbent workers

Lead:

- Bevill State Community College

Participants:

- School superintendents
- Chambers of commerce
- West AlabamaWorks! - Executive Director
- Alabama Office of Apprenticeship – Region 3 Program Manager
- Business leaders
- C3
- Mayors
- County commission chair
- ACES

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
 - Appalachian Regional Commission
 - Department of Health & Human Services

- Community Health Worker and Paraprofessional Training Program
- US Department of Labor
 - Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) Grant Program
 - Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC): A Grant Initiative for the Appalachian and Delta Regions
 - Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants
 - Pathway Home 3
- US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
 - American Rescue Plan Act- Economic Adjustment Assistance
- US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 - Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program
- State appropriations/grants
 - Alabama Workforce Stabilization Program
- West AlabamaWorks!
- City/county governments

Federal Grant/Funding Opportunities

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes provisions related to federal aid for highway, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, research, hazardous materials, and rail programs. It also includes funding for broadband access, clean water, and electric grid renewal. This act included approximately \$1.2 trillion in federal spending. According to information from the US Department of Transportation, Alabama is expected to receive the following from the infrastructure law over five years:
 - \$5.8 billion in highway and bridge funds (about 32% more per year than current federal funding)
 - \$402 million to improve public transportation options across the state
 - \$142 million for airport infrastructure
 - \$128 million to reduce transportation-related emissions
 - \$79 million for the expansion of electric vehicle charging networks in the state
 - \$44 million for commercial motor vehicle safety efforts to reduce crashes
 - \$32 million for highway safety traffic programs
 - About \$146 million to “increase the resilience of its transportation system”
 - About \$100 million for broadband
 - About 782 million for the water infrastructure

Appalachian Regional Commission

- Priorities
 1. Building Businesses
 2. Workforce Ecosystems
 3. Community Infrastructure
 4. Regional Culture and Tourism
 5. Leaders and Local Capacity
- Programs
 - ♦ **INSPIRE Initiative (Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems)**
 - ♦ Eligible applicants: State, municipalities, counties, education institutions, non-profits, local development districts, Native American tribes
 - ♦ Authorized purposes: This ARC initiative addresses the substance abuse crisis by creating or expanding a recovery ecosystem that will lead to workforce entry or re-entry. Successful projects could include investments in healthcare networks that support substance use disorder professionals, recovery-focused job training programs, as well as initiatives designed to coordinate, or link, recovery services and training that support the recovery ecosystem, among others.
 - ♦ Typical funding amount: Maximum award is \$500,000
 - ♦ **Construction Projects**
 - ♦ Roads, buildings, water systems, broadband, other brick-and-mortar projects
 - ♦ **Non-Construction Projects**
 - Workforce training, food systems, asset development, and other human capital initiatives
 - ♦ **ARC Revolving Loan Fund**

US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

• Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

- Eligible applicants: State government, municipal and county governments, non-profits, public housing authorities, institutions of higher education, independent school districts, federally recognized tribal governments, special district governments
- Authorized purposes: The Rural Housing Service will make grants to public bodies and private non-profit corporations to provide technical assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. The technical assistance and/or training will help to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs are identified, the grantee can assist in identifying public and private resources to finance those identified community facility needs.
- Typical funding amount: \$0 - \$150,000
- Announcement / Closing Date: USDA-RD-CFTAT-2022 / [5/23/2022](#)

• Farmers Market Promotion Program

- Eligible applicants: State government, municipal and county governments, non-profits, public housing authorities, institutions of higher education, small business, for-profit organizations other than small business, independent school districts, federally recognized tribal governments, special district governments
- Authorized purposes: This program focuses on: supporting and promoting domestic direct producer-to-consumer marketing such as farmers markets, roadside stands, agritourism activities, community-supported agriculture programs, or online sales; encouraging the development of value-added agricultural products; developing marketing strategies for producers of local food and value-added products; facilitating regional food chain coordination; promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm waste; responding to changing technology needs in indirect producer-to-consumer marketing; and covering expenses related to cost incurred in obtaining food-safety certification and improvements to food safety practices and equipment.
- Typical funding amount: \$50,000 - \$500,000
- Announcement / Closing Date: USDA-AMS-TM-LFPP-G-22-0002 / [5/16/2022](#)

• Local Food Promotion Program

- Eligible applicants: State government, municipal and county governments, non-profits, public housing authorities, institutions of higher education, small business, for-profit organizations other than small business, independent school districts, federally recognized tribal governments
- Authorized purposes: This program focuses on: supporting the processing, aggregation, distribution, and storage of local and regional food products that are marketed locally or regionally; encouraging the development of value-added agricultural products; assisting with business development plans and feasibility studies; developing marketing strategies for producers of local food products; facilitating regional food chain coordination; promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm waste; responding to changing technology needs in indirect producer-to-consumer marketing; and covering expenses related to cost incurred in obtaining food-safety certification and improvements to food safety practices and equipment.
- Typical funding amount: \$25,000 - \$500,000
- Announcement / Closing Date: USDA-AMS-TM-LFPP-G-22-0001 / [5/16/2022](#)

• Rural Business Development Grants

- Eligible applicants: Municipal and county governments, state agencies, non-profits, authorities, rural cooperatives, Federally recognized tribes
- Authorized purposes: This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue. Feasibility studies or economic impact studies may be eligible. (Example: This program can help small towns develop an economic development analysis to evaluate the area's capacity to become a recreation destination).

- ♦ Typical funding amount: \$10,000 - \$500,000
 - ♦ Announcement / Closing Date: RD-RBS-22-01-RISE / [4/19/2022](#)
- **Rural Community Development Initiative Grants**
 - ♦ Eligible applicants: Public bodies, non-profits, Federally recognized tribes
 - ♦ Authorized purposes: To improve housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural communities. (Example: Program funds may be used to provide technical assistance to subgrantees in strategic plan development, board training, fundraising, development of childcare facilities)
 - ♦ Typical funding amount: \$50,000 - \$250,000 (match required)
 - ♦ Announcement / Closing Date: USDA-RD-HCFP-RCDI-2022 / [4/19/2022](#)
- **Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program**
 - ♦ Eligible applicants: Non-profits, state entities, public bodies, higher education institutions, Federally recognized tribes
 - ♦ Authorized purposes: To create and augment high-wage jobs, accelerate the formation of new businesses, support industry clusters, and maximize the use of local productive assets in eligible low-income rural areas. (Example: This program may be used to build or support a business incubator facility, provide worker training to assist in the creation of new jobs, train the existing workforce with skills for higher-paying jobs).
 - ♦ Typical funding amount: \$500,000 - \$2 million
 - ♦ Announcement / Closing Date: RD-RBS-22-01-RISE / [4/19/2022](#)
- **Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)**
 - ♦ Eligible applicants: Organizations eligible to become Microenterprise Development organizations, including non-profits, Federally recognized tribes, higher education institutions
 - ♦ Authorized purposes: Microloans for microenterprise startups and growth through rural microloan revolving funds. (Example - This program can provide loans to small businesses, such as restaurants, dry cleaners, and automotive repair shops).
 - ♦ Typical funding amount: \$100,000 - \$5 million
 - ♦ Announcement / Closing Date: RD-RBS-21-01-RMAP / [6/30/2022](#)

USDA Grant Programs Not Currently Posted on grants.gov

- **Business and Industry (B&I) Loan Guarantees**
 - ♦ Eligible applicants: Lenders: banks and credit unions; Borrowers: For-profit businesses, non-profits, cooperatives, public bodies, individuals, Federally recognized tribes
 - ♦ Authorized purposes: Business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development; purchase and development of land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, or facilities. (Example: Lodges and hotels can use this program to upgrade facilities and improve visitor experience).
 - ♦ Typical funding amount: \$1 million - \$25 million
- **Community Connect Grants**
 - ♦ Eligible applicants: Most state and local governments, non-profits, for-profit corporations, Federally recognized tribes
 - ♦ Authorized purposes: Helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities as anchor sites for rural communities. (Example: Rural libraries can use this program to provide internet service and computer access to their residents).
 - ♦ Typical funding amount: \$50,000 - \$1 million

- **Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program**
 - Eligible applicants: Lenders: Banks and credit unions; Borrowers: Public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, Federally recognized tribes
 - Authorized purposes: Improve, develop, or finance essential community facilities for rural communities in rural areas and cities and towns of fewer than 50,000. (Example: This program can be used to develop museums, public restrooms, and multi-use trails in recreation areas).
 - Typical funding amount: \$100,000 - \$5 million
- **Intermediary Relending Program**
 - Eligible applicants: Non-profits, cooperatives, public agencies, Federally recognized tribes
 - Authorized purposes: Provides 1% low-interest loans to local intermediaries that re-lend to businesses and for community development projects in rural communities
 - Typical funding amount: Up to \$2 million for the first financing; \$1 million at a time thereafter; total aggregate debt may not exceed \$15 million
- **Reconnect Loan and Grant Program**
 - Eligible applicants: State and local government entities, non-profits, for-profit businesses, federally recognized tribes
 - Authorized purposes: Financing to construct, maintain, improve, and expand telephone service and broadband in rural areas. (Example: Broadband e-connectivity can help individuals access wireless internet while participating in outdoor activities like hiking a trail or touring a rural community).
 - Typical funding amount: Availability may vary for 100% loan, 50% grant, or 100% grant. Given the varying closing dates for each funding type, applicants are limited to ONE application for this Funding opportunity Announcement.
- **Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program (RCDG)**
 - Eligible applicants: Non-profit organizations, institutions of higher learning
 - Authorized purposes: Provide support to centers for cooperatives. Eligible work plans can include business development, lodging development, strategic planning, trail development/maintenance, feasibility studies, marketing (Example: Non-profits can use this program to develop a business plan for a cooperative focused on recreational activities such as rock climbing, guided tours, mountain biking, and hiking).
 - Typical funding amount: Maximum is \$200,000
- **Rural eConnectivity Program**
 - Eligible applicants: Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, special district governments, municipal governments, Native American tribal governments and organizations, State governments, non-profits, small businesses, for profit organizations other than small businesses, county governments, public housing authorities, independent school districts.
 - Authorized purposes: Provides loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas and in facilitating the expansion of broadband services and infrastructure.
 - Typical funding amount: \$100,000 – \$35 million
- **Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program**
 - Eligible applicants: Non-profit utilities, former and current Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrowers
 - Authorized purposes: This program funds business incubators, community development assistance to non-profits and public bodies, start-up venture costs, and business expansion. (Example: This program can provide zero percent loans to utility companies that can be relented to businesses to support creating and retaining employment).
 - Typical funding amount: Grants up to \$300,000; loans up to \$1 million
- **Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Guarantees**
 - Eligible applicants: State and local government entities, non-profits, for profit business, Federally recognized tribes
 - Authorized purposes: Financing to construct, maintain, improve, and expand telephone service and broadband in rural areas. (Example: Rural broadband providers can use this program to expand services into remote and underserved areas).

- Typical funding amount: Refer to the rules for loan and terms and conditions
- **Water and Waste Loans and Grants**
 - Eligible applicants: State and local government entities, private non-profits, Federally recognized tribes
 - Authorized purposes: Build, repair, and improve public water systems and waste collection and treatment systems in rural areas and cities and towns of fewer than 10,000
 - Typical funding amount: Long-term, low-interest loans; Grants may be available to keep user costs reasonable
 - Announcement / Closing Date: Rolling year round

US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)

- **American Rescue Plan Act, Economic Adjustment Assistance Grants**
 - Eligible applicants: State, county, city, or other political subdivision; education institutions; non-profits; District organization of an Economic Development District, Native American tribes
 - Authorized purposes: The Economic Adjustment Assistance program is EDA's most flexible program, and grants made under this program help communities plan, build, innovate, and put people back to work through construction or non-construction projects designed to meet local needs. A wide range of technical, planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, and public works and infrastructure projects are eligible for funding under this program.
 - Typical funding amount: \$100,000 - \$10 million
 - Announcement / Closing Date: EDA-2021-ARPAEAA / **suggested by 3/31/ 2022**

EDA Grant Programs Not Currently Posted on grants.gov

- **American Rescue Plan Act, Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grants**
 - Eligible applicants: State, county, city, or other political subdivision; education institutions; non-profits; District organization of an Economic Development District, Indian tribes
 - Authorized purposes: Competitive Grants to help communities that have been hardest hit by challenges facing the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors to invest in infrastructure, workforce, or other projects to support the recovery of the industry and economic resilience of the community in the future.

US Department of Health & Human Services

- **Community Health Worker and Paraprofessional Training Program**
 - Eligible applicants: State government, municipalities, higher education, non-profits
 - Authorized purposes: To expand the public health workforce through the training of new Community Health Workers (CHWs) and paraprofessionals and extend the knowledge and skills of current CHWs and paraprofessionals. The CHWPTP aims to increase access to care, improve public health emergency response, and address the public health needs of underserved communities.
 - Announcement / Closing date: HRSA-22-124 / **4/18/2022**
- **Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Behavioral Health Care**
 - Eligible applicants: State governments, public and private non-profit entities, faith-based and community-based organizations, tribal organizations, private institutions of higher education
 - Authorized purposes: Improve access and quality of substance abuse disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery services, including for opioid abuse disorder, in high-risk communities.
 - Announcement / Closing date: HRSA-22-061 / **4/19/2022**

- Typical funding amount: Maximum award is \$1 million
- **Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems**
 - Eligible applicants: State government, municipal governments, county governments, special districts
 - Authorized purposes: To help public health agencies meet critical infrastructure and workforce needs. It will support strategically strengthening public health capacity and systems related to the workforce (staffing), data modernization, and physical infrastructure.
 - Typical funding amount: \$2.5 million - \$150 million
 - Announcement / Closing date: CDC-RFA-OE22-2203 / [6/13/2022](#)

Department of Health and Human Services Grant Programs Not Currently Posted on grants.gov

- **Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Behavioral Health Care Technical Assistance**
 - Eligible applicants: Public or private, profit and non-profit, entities; faith-based and community-based organizations, and tribal organizations
 - Authorized purposes: Strengthen, through technical assistance, rural organizations' capacity to develop multi-sector consortia that can plan, implement, and sustain programs that improve access to and quality of behavioral health services, including substance abuse disorder/opioid use disorder services.
 - Typical funding amount: Maximum award is \$10 million
- **Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies Program**
 - Eligible applicants: Public or private, non-profit, or for-profit entities, including faith-based and community-based organizations, and tribal organizations. The applicant organization must have demonstrated experience serving, or the capacity to serve, rural underserved populations; represent a network of members that include 3 or more health care providers; and shall not previously have received an award under this subsection for the same or similar project, unless the entity is proposing to expand the scope of the project or the area that will be served through the project.
 - Authorized purposes: To improve access to and continuity of maternal and obstetrics care in rural communities; develop a sustainable network approach to increase the delivery and access of preconception, prenatal, pregnancy, labor and delivery, and postpartum services; and develop a safe delivery environment.
- **Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program**
 - Eligible applicants: Public or private, non-profit, or for-profit entities, including faith-based and community-based organizations, and tribal organizations. The applicant organization must have demonstrated experience serving, or the capacity to serve, rural underserved populations
 - Authorized purposes: Expand public health capacity by supporting health care job development, training, and placement in rural and tribal communities. This program addresses the ongoing critical need in health care facilities for trained public health professionals serving rural communities. This is done through the establishment of networks to develop formal training/certification programs.

US Department of Labor

- **Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) Grant Program**
 - Eligible applicants: State government, municipal and county governments, non-profits, institutions of higher education, recognized tribal governments
 - Authorized purposes: This grant program builds on the Department's previous and ongoing efforts to expand and modernize Registered Apprenticeship (RA) through expanding the number of programs and apprentices, diversifying the industries that utilize RA, and increasing access to and completion of RA programs for unrepresented populations and underserved communities.
 - Typical funding amount: \$1 million - \$8 million
 - Announcement / Closing Date: FOA-ETA-22-06 / [4/25/2022](#)
- **Pathway Home 3**

- ♦ Eligible applicants: State, county, municipal governments; public higher education institutions; Native American tribal governments, for profit organizations other than small businesses
 - ♦ Authorized purposes: This grant initiative supports occupational training aligned with their career and educational goals, and provides funding for services, such as case management, legal assistance, and transportation that support participants' participation and success. The goals of the grant include providing individuals incarcerated in state correctional facilities or local or county jails with workforce services prior to release and to continue services after release by transitioning the participants into reentry programs in the communities to which they will return.
 - ♦ Typical funding amount: Maximum award is \$4 million
 - ♦ Announcement / Post date: FOA-ETA-22-04 / 4/19/2022
- **Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants**
 - ♦ Eligible applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
 - ♦ Authorized purposes: The program will build the capacity of community colleges to collaborate with employers and the public workforce development system to meet local and regional labor market demand for a skilled workforce. The program seeks to: (1) Increase the capacity and responsiveness of community colleges to address the skill development needs of employers and dislocated and unemployed workers, incumbent workers, and new entrants to the workforce; (2) Offer this spectrum of workers and other individuals accelerated career pathways that enable them to gain skills and transition from unemployment to (re)employment quickly; and (3) Address the new challenges associated with the COVID-19 health crisis that necessitate social distancing practices and expanding online and technology-enabled learning and migrating services to a virtual environment.
 - ♦ Typical funding amount: \$1.5 million - \$5 million
 - ♦ Announcement / Post date: FOA-ETA-22-02 / Estimated Post Date – 6/2/2022
- **Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC): A Grant Initiative for the Appalachian and Delta Regions**
 - ♦ Eligible applicants: Independent school districts, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, state, city or township governments, Native American tribal governments or organizations, Non-profits, special district governments, county governments.
 - ♦ Authorized purposes: The WORC Initiative provides grant funds to improve access to good jobs, as well as help communities and workers plan for, and recover from, economic transitions, by implementing innovative approaches to address the economic and workforce-related impacts within each of the regions; providing enhanced training and support activities to eligible individuals; supporting workforce development activities that prepare eligible participants for good jobs in high-demand occupations aligned with a state, regional, or community economic development strategy; and in the Appalachian region, helping to address the impacts of the opioid crisis.
 - ♦ Typical funding amount: \$150,000 - \$1.5 million
 - ♦ Announcement / Post date: FOA-ETA-22-13 / Estimated Post Date – 6/8/2022

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- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant**
 - ♦ Eligible applicants: Any public entity, including municipalities, counties, port authorities, tribal governments, MPOs, or others (in contrast to traditional Federal programs which provide funding to very specific groups of applicants - mostly State DOTs and transit agencies).
 - ♦ Authorized purposes: For road, rail, transit, and port projects that have a significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements of RAISE allow project sponsors at the State and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs.
 - ♦ Typical funding amount: \$1 million - \$25 million
 - ♦ Announcement / Closing date: DTOS59-22-RA-RAISE / 4/14/2022

- **Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program**

- ♦ **Eligible applicants:** State, regional transportation planning organization, unit of local government, tribal government or consortium of tribal governments, multijurisdictional group of entities above
- ♦ **Authorized purposes:** To improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure (highway, bridge, and tunnel projects) in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life.
- ♦ **Typical funding amount:** \$0 - \$300 million
- ♦ **Announcement / Closing date:** RSTGP-22-RURAL-22 / [5/23/2022](#)

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- **Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP)**

- ♦ **Eligible applicants:** Communities or a consortia of communities
- ♦ **Authorized purposes:** The grant program designed to help small communities address air service and airfare issues. SCASDP's eligibility criteria provide a grant applicant the opportunity to self-identify its air service deficiencies and propose an appropriate solution. SCASDP can involve, among others, revenue guarantees, financial assistance for marketing programs, start-up costs and studies. The program is limited to a maximum of 40 grant awards, with a maximum of four grants per State, in each year the program is funded.
- ♦ **Typical funding amount:** There are no limits on the amounts of individual awards, and the amounts awarded will vary depending upon the features and merits of the proposals selected. In past years, the Department's individual grant sizes have ranged from \$20,000 to nearly \$1.6 million.