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# Lamar County Strategic Development Plan



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## Issues, Goals & Strategies

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### Plan Implementation

- ◆ Create the Lamar County Leadership Alliance to oversee implementation of the Lamar County Strategic Development Plan
    - The Alliance may include city mayors, county commissioners, 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 should convene, plan, and act - bringing together local and external resources to enhance economic development and quality of life in Lamar County
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### 1. Community Leadership

- ◆ Strengthen cooperation among local government, business, education, and other stakeholders.

#### Implementation Strategies:

1. Initiate regular meetings of key community stakeholders (government, business, education, civic) to promote collaboration for priority county issues
  2. Maintain strong relationships with state elected officials (to bring attention to county priority needs)
  3. Initiate regular (bi-monthly) meetings of Lamar County elected officials (mayors and county commissioner) to facilitate increased county-level collaboration
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#### Lead:

- Lamar County Leadership Alliance

#### Participants:

- Mayors
- County commissioners
- C3
- West Alabama Regional Commission
- Alabama Power
- Tombigbee Electric Cooperative
- Bevill State Community College
- ACES
- School Superintendent
- Chambers of commerce
- Key business and industry leaders
- Non-profits

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants (see more detailed descriptions of federal grants on p. 12)
  - Appalachian Regional Commission
- Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) grants
- Non-profits

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◆ Enhance community leadership and citizen engagement.

**Implementation Strategies:**

1. Provide regular opportunities for public involvement through deliberative forums, town meetings, and community improvement projects
2. Increase local involvement/volunteerism/passion
3. Establish a Lamar County adult leadership development program
4. Support leadership training for youth and young professionals
5. Support local training and professional development programs for elected officials (in partnership with West Alabama Regional Commission)

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Lead:

- Mayors
- County commission
- ACES

Participants:

- West Alabama Regional Commission
- Chambers of commerce

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
  - Appalachian Regional Commission
- RC&D grants
- Non-profits

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◆ Improve community appearance, attractiveness, and cleanliness; clean up unsightly yards and properties

**Implementation Strategies:**

1. Organize community involvement in cleaning up of unsightly public properties
2. Update, enforce, and enact zoning and building codes
3. Support recycling programs to reduce litter
4. Increase regulation/enforcement of landlords who do not maintain properties

5. Improve landscaping along major thoroughfares and other areas of need
6. Emphasize neighborhood pride by recognizing well-maintained yards and homes

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Lead:

- Lamar County Leadership Alliance

Participants:

- Mayors
- County commissioners
- West Alabama Regional Commission
- Citizens
- Non-profits

Funding:

- Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) grants
- Non-profits

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- ◆ Provide financial leadership to ensure that county goals are attained, and citizen needs are met

**Implementation Strategies:**

1. Establish county and city capital budgets that support the financing of priority infrastructure projects

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Lead:

- County commissioners
- Mayors

Participants:

- West Alabama Regional Commission
- Citizens

Funding:

- County and municipal revenues

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## 2. Healthcare

- ◆ Improve healthcare access and services

**Implementation Strategies:**

1. Convene relevant stakeholders to identify priority healthcare needs and discuss strategies
2. Pursue partnership with Alabama hospitals, like UAB, who might be interested in expanding and locating an urgent-care clinic in Lamar County

- Investiage the possibility of providing a building between Vernon and Sulligent for use as a healthcare clinic or doctor's office
3. Recruit doctors, dentists, nurses, and other healthcare professionals
    - Pursue partnerships with the University of Alabama, UAB, or other medical schools in the state to recruit a general practitioner through rural healthcare grants that forgive medical school loans for recently-graduated doctors who are willing to relocate to a rural area
  4. Expand community access to mental health and substance abuse programs and services
  5. Utilize telemedicine (remote diagnosis and treatment) to extend healthcare in areas with limited access to physicians

Lead:

- Lamar County Leadership Alliance

Participants:

- West Alabama Regional Commission
- Mayors
- County Commission
- ACES
- Bevill State Community College
- Chambers of commerce
- Business leaders
- C3
- Non-profits

Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
  - USDA
    - Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant
  - Department of Health & Human Services
    - Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Behavioral Health Care Support
    - Community Health Worker and Paraprofessional Training Program
    - Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems
  - Economic Development Administration
    - American Rescue Plan Act - Economic Adjustment Assistance
- State appropriations
- City/county governments
- Business sector

◆ Expand access to emergency medical services

**Implementation Strategies:**

1. Convene local stakeholders to identify needs and explore options and strategies

Lead:

- Lamar County Leadership Alliance

**Participants:**

- Mayors
- County Commission
- West Alabama Regional Commission

**Funding**

- Federal appropriations/grants
  - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
    - Rural Community Development Initiative Grants
  - US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
    - American Rescue Plan Act - Economic Adjustment Assistance
- State appropriations
- City/county governments
- Business sector
- West Alabama Regional Commission Revolving Loan Fund (to support new business service providers)

### 3. Business Development

- ◆ Support existing business retention and expansion

**Implementation Strategies:**

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

**Lead:**

- C3

**Participants:**

- Mayors
- County Commission
- County business leaders
- Bevill State
- Industrial development boards (IDBs)

**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
- Opportunity Alabama
- West Alabama Regional Commission Revolving Loan Fund
- Private sector businesses
- Bankers

## ◆ Support small business and entrepreneurship

### 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. Conduct educational roundtables for small business owners on issues of interest (e.g., downtown development, labor issues, etc.)
3. Establish training and support programs for entrepreneurs who are interested in working from home (e-commerce, business management, etc.)

#### Lead:

- Chambers of commerce

#### Participants:

- Small Business Development Center
- C3
- Mayors
- Bevill State

#### Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
  - Appalachian Regional Commission
  - USDA
    - Rural Small Business Development Grants
    - Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program
  - Economic Development Administration
    - American Rescue Plan Act - Economic Adjustment Assistance
- Private sector
- Cities and counties
- West Alabama Regional Commission Revolving Loan Fund

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

### Implementation Strategies:

1. Convene a meeting of mayors and economic developer to identify needs and develop strategies

2. Work with Alabama Department of Commerce or consultant to analyze needs and opportunities for industrial development
3. Identify properties for future industrial development and ensure adequate supportive infrastructure
4. Build strong relationships with the Alabama Department of Commerce and Economic Development Partnership of Alabama

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**Lead:**

- C3

**Participants:**

- Mayors
- County commission
- Industrial Development Boards (IDB's)
- West Alabama Regional Commission
- Alabama Power Company
- Alabama Tombigbee Electric Cooperative

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**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
- West Alabama Regional Commission Revolving Loan Fund

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◆ Support the forestry and agricultural economy

**Implementation Strategies:**

1. Meet with local forestry and agri-business leaders to identify needs and develop strategies
2. Develop/expand downtown Farmers Markets in Lamar County communities

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**Lead:**

- C3

**Participants:**

- Chambers of commerce
- Mayors
- County Commission
- ACES
- Farmers



Funding:

- Federal appropriations / grants
  - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
    - Rural Business Development Grants
    - Rural Community Development Initiative Grants
    - Farmers Market Promotion Program
    - Local Food Promotion Program
- Opportunity Alabama
- ADECA
- RC&D grants
- Cities and counties

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◆ Support retail business development (grocery stores, shopping, restaurants, etc.)

**Implementation Strategies:**

1. Identify retail gaps and recruit needed businesses (grocery stores, restaurants, shopping, etc.)
2. Improve the appearance of downtowns to make them more attractive for business

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Lead:

- Mayors and Chamber of Commerce

Participants:

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

Funding:

- Federal appropriations / grants
  - Appalachian Regional Commission
  - US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
    - 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

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## 4. Workforce Development

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

### Implementation Strategies:

1. Foster a cooperative relationship among the boards of education, private employers, two-year colleges, and training providers
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.
3. Support apprenticeship programs (funding for tuition/fees); start apprenticeship programs in local high schools
4. Develop initiatives to change mindsets about technical training and manufacturing careers (target students, parents, teachers, and guidance counselors)
5. Provide training in "soft skills" (attitude, dress, interviews, resumes, work ethic) to prepare young people for employment
  - Identify, support, improve, and expand existing resources and programs and develop new programs
  - Make "Ready to Work" program available to community college and Lamar County high school students
6. Support and market adult education programs for residents who lack a high school diploma or GED

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#### 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
- 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

## 5. Housing

- ◆ Enhance the quantity, quality, and diversity of residential housing (for purchase and rental)

### Implementation Strategies:

1. Participate in a regional a task force to explore opportunities and strategies for residential housing and rental housing (starter homes, townhouses, apartments, condos)
2. Identify property for new housing and apartments; ensure that targeted property is zoned for housing development

#### Lead:

- Lamar County Leadership Alliance

#### Participants:

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

#### Funding:

- Federal appropriations/grants
  - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
    - Rural Community Development Initiative Grant
    - Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant
- State appropriations / ADECA
- Local Banks

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## 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
- **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.
  - ♦ Typical funding amount: Maximum award is \$1 million
- **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

## US Department of Transportation

- **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

## Department of Transportation Grant Programs Not Currently Posted on grants.gov

- **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.