



Economic Development Administration

Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant

States and communities will be able to apply for funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to plan and implement economic recovery strategies in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (EAA)

The CARES Act was enacted in response to the widespread community and economic impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Although additional EDA programs support the agency's mission, the EAA is used for economic development activities that address ongoing economic distress or a sudden and severe dislocation, including disasters or emergencies.

Except for strategy grants and projects serving special impact areas, EAA projects must be consistent with the area's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or equivalent EDA-accepted regional economic development strategy.

EAA projects can include, but are not limited to:

- "Strategy grants" to create or update a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or disaster recovery plan;
- Construction or upgrades to public infrastructure, including broadband;
- Construction and operations of business incubators;
- Capitalization of revolving loan funds, which generally assist small businesses, and other initiatives to improve access to and utilization of private capital;
- Activities that support the creation of businesses and jobs, including economic diversification strategies
- Market or industry research studies, technical assistance, training, and capacity-building efforts.

Eligible Applicants Include

- Eligible applicants include EDA-designated [Economic Development Districts \(EDDs\)](#)
- Indian tribes or a consortium of Indian tribes
- States and local governments
- Institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions
- Nonprofit organizations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.

Cost Share Requirements

Under the base EAA program, the EDA generally allows for the federal share to be 50-80% of the project cost, with some exceptions ([42 U.S.C. §3144](#)). EAA grants for disaster economic recovery activities may be funded with up to 100% federal cost share ([42 U.S.C. §3233](#)).

What is an example of a successful EAA project?

For examples of successful EDA projects, visit www.eda.gov/annual-reports/.

How do I get more information on how to apply?

The Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) is available at www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/index.htm.

**To discuss any project proposals in further detail, contact your
EDA Regional Office at 404-730-3002.**

