



NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# Grant Opportunities

Emergency Services



Agriculture



Community Development



Economic Development



Energy and Environment



Housing



Infrastructure



Recreation



Small Business



Transportation



Workforce



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## NKADD Grant Services

Throughout our region, grants play a vital role in supporting development and improvements within our local communities. They provide essential funding that extends beyond the limits of operational budgets, helping to bridge the gap between available resources and community needs. Grants are particularly valuable for addressing evolving community problems when budget adjustments cannot be made quickly enough. Funding from grants can be used for a variety of projects and initiatives, including infrastructure, recreation, economic development, emergency services, and environmental resources.

Communities and partners can obtain grants from federal, state, and private sources. Because grant funding is highly competitive, it is crucial to conduct extensive research and planning in order to submit a strong application. The application process can be complex; most grant programs open only once a year and focus on specific areas, such as safety, environmental issues, or human services. Each grant program has unique eligibility requirements. While some application periods remain consistent from year to year, others may change due to federal budgeting cycles and appropriations. With that in mind, we strive to provide the most up-to-date information possible.

To assist our communities, the NKADD grant team follows a step-by-step project development guide that includes tools for project development, a project checklist, and options for grant administration once funding is awarded.

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# Project Development Guide

A Step-by-Step Project Guide to developing a project in your community.

## Getting Started

Meet with NKADD staff, community officials, and local residents to identify specific community needs and issues.

Complete our [Project Development Tool](#) to tell us about your project.



**Paying for the Project**  
Determine program or project feasibility by identifying and analyzing which federal, state, local or private funding sources are available.

## Project Research

Through an agreement with the NKADD, the applicant will work with a Project Developer and Project Administrator to research and gather data essential to writing a funding application.

### Examples of Essential Data

- Develop a survey form and provide best survey practice training to applicants
- Tabulation and analysis of survey results
- Assistance in proper procurement and processes
- Cost estimating
- Mapping

## Scope of Project

Work with project partners to identify all project elements, including—but not limited to—

- Land acquisitions
- Site development
- Building construction
- Capital equipment acquisition
- Existing infrastructure expansion(s)
- Infrastructure development
- Long-term maintenance, operation and management

**Applicant  
Receives  
Grant Award**

**Preparing a Funding Package**  
With the Project Research completed, the Project Developer will compile an application “package” that contains all necessary information, present the “package” to the applicant for public review and approval and submit to targeted funding agency or agencies.

**Project Implementation**  
Led by the Project Administrator and Project Developer, the NKADD will serve as the applicant’s liaison with the funding agency, and supervise and coordinate the project on behalf of the applicant.

**Want More  
Information?**  
Contact the NKADD  
Grant Team!

# What is a Winning Grant Proposal?

## Tips and Tricks for Writing Grant Proposals

**Follow Directions:** When it comes to grant writing, no matter what, always follow directions.

**Strong Programs = Strong Grants:** Great grant proposals start with great program or project plans. Know your goals and objectives and how you intend to achieve them before you start writing a grant.

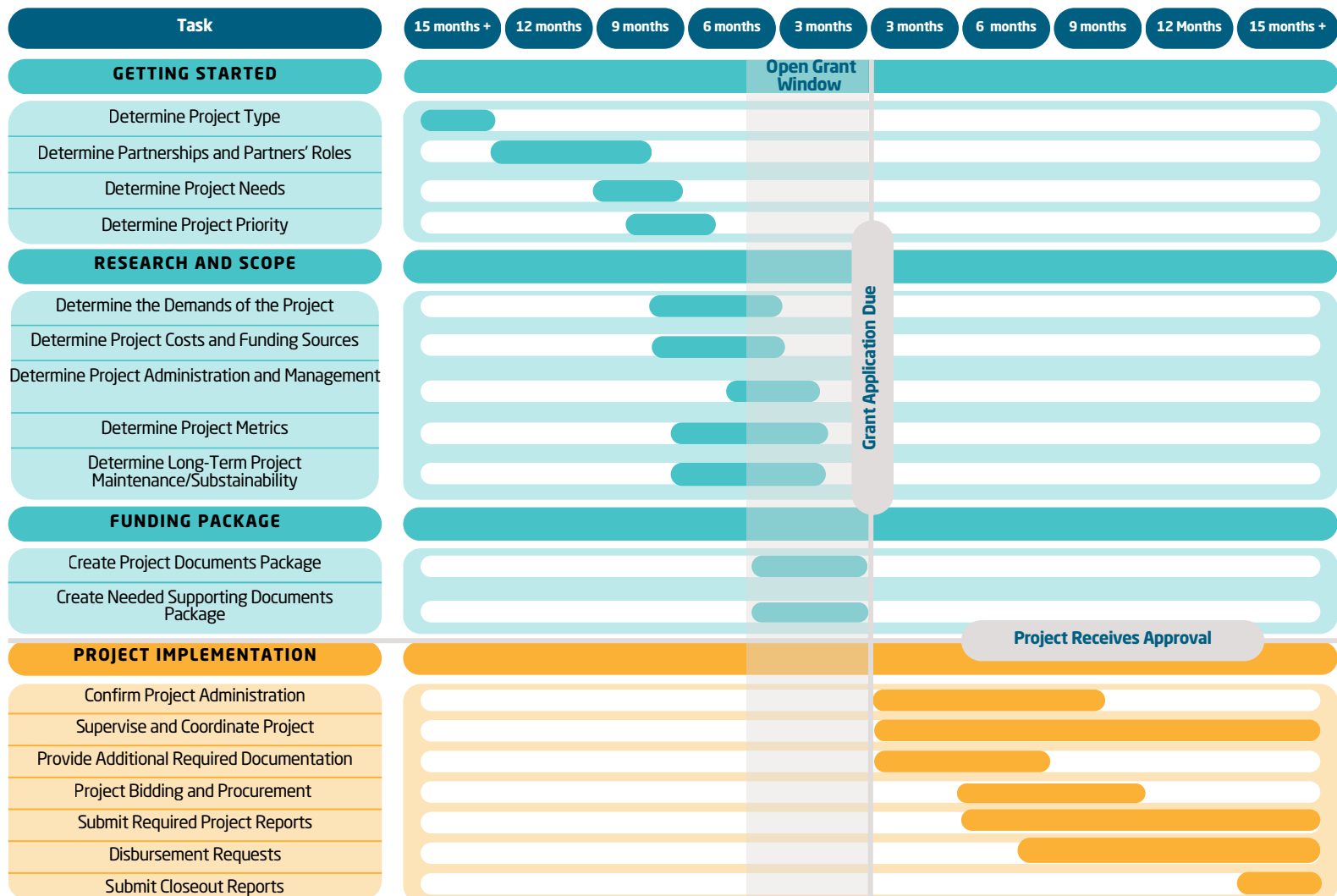
**Tell a Great Story:** You are telling a well-researched story about real and compelling community needs. You want to inspire others with your plans to address those needs.

**Develop a Grant Proposal Template:** Every grant proposal has a number of common elements including a brief proposal summary; statement of need; organizational mission, background and qualifications; timeline; budget; key staff and conclusion. By creating a template with these elements, all you have to do is adapt it for the different grants.

**Always Proofread:** Make sure your writing is clear with minimal typos or grammatical errors. If you're not a great proofreader, use a proofreading tool and always ask another team member for a final proofread.

## Grant Timeline

### From Concept to Completion



# Agriculture

## USDA Farm Funding

**Description:** USDA offers a variety of funding opportunities to help farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners finance their businesses.

**Eligibility:** Various farm entities in certain areas throughout the NKADD region, as determined by USDA.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture

**Application Process:** Loans: application found on farmers.gov; Block Grant: apply through Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF); Other Grants: apply through grants.gov

**Dates:** Ongoing

## Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF)

**Description:** The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) Development Fund has a variety of State Programs intended for farmers and agribusinesses including Food Safety and Efficiency, Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives, On-Farm Energy Efficiency, Shared-Use Equipment, and Farmer's Markets.

**Eligibility:** Various farm, farm-adjacent or agribusiness entities in certain areas throughout the NKADD region, as determined by KDA.

**Issuing Agency:** The Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy (Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation)

**Application Process:** Application found on the Kentucky Department of Agriculture website, [kyagr.com](http://kyagr.com).

**Dates:** Ongoing

# Community Development

## USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

**Description:** This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Healthcare facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

**Eligibility:** Eligible borrowers include public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Dates:** Ongoing

# Community Development

## USDA Rural Business Development Grants

**Description:** The USDA Rural Business Development Grants support business opportunities or business enterprise projects in rural communities. Projects must be consistent with local community and economic development strategic plans. They must also support other economic development activities in the surrounding community. Funds may be used to establish business support centers or to finance job training and leadership development in rural areas. They may also be used to repair or modernize buildings; finance feasibility studies or business plans; or purchase equipment to lease to small or emerging businesses.

**Eligibility:** Organizations eligible to receive funding include rural towns, communities, state agencies, authorities, nonprofits, federally recognized Tribes, public colleges and non-profit cooperatives.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Dates:** The application submission dates typically run December through February.

## Community Projects - CDBG

**Description:** The Community Projects Program is designed to provide funds for community development projects that address human service needs, such as senior centers, crisis centers, fire stations and facilities that provide services to low-income persons. As part of the Commonwealth's allocation from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, these projects have been allocated with the maximum amount of \$750,000 of CDBG funding per community.

**Eligibility:** All cities and counties are eligible to apply for the funds with support from a certified CDBG administrator, with the exception of Ashland, Bowling Green, Covington, Elizabethtown, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Lexington-Fayette County, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, and Owensboro. These entitlement communities receive CDBG funds directly from HUD.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Department for Local Government website, [dlg.ky.gov](https://dlg.ky.gov).

**Dates:** The application submission dates typically run April through August.

# Community Development

## Historic Preservation Fund Save America's Treasures

**Description:** Save America's Treasures grants from the Historic Preservation Fund provide preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind. The grant program is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). There are separate opportunities for preservation and collections projects. Preservation projects must be "nationally significant"; for the purpose of this program, this is defined as project work performed directly on a resource that is:

- Individually designated as a National Historic Landmark or a contributing resource to a National Historic Landmark District; or
- Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places for NATIONAL significance (not state or local significance) or a contributing resource to a historic district that is listed in the National Register for its national significance.

**Eligibility:** Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, State governments, County governments, Special district governments, City or township governments, Private institutions of higher education

**Issuing Agency:** National Park Service

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Dates:** The application submission dates typically run October through December.

# Community Development

## KY Department of Libraries and Archives Local Records Program

**Description:** The Local Records Program distributes grant funds to local government agencies to assist them with records management, which includes digitization, security microfilming, supplies/equipment, salary support, and records conservation.

**Eligibility:** Any local government agency is eligible to apply.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

**Application Process:** Applications are available on the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives website, [kdla.ky.gov](http://kdla.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Applications are accepted during two annual cycles (January - March and July - August).

# Economic Development

## Economic Development - CDBG

**Description:** The Economic Development Branch works to fund development activities that create or retain jobs principally benefiting low and moderate-income (LMI) persons. Additional goals include providing training and providing human services that allow for the professional advancement of LMI persons.

There are two areas of eligibility for CDBG Economic Development funding:

- Traditional: Provides grant assistance to communities for projects that specifically address creating or retaining jobs through eligible activities. Funds can be provided to a community to use for specific business/industrial clients.
- Non-Traditional: Allows for the funding of eligible activities benefiting LMI persons not directly related to job creation.

**Eligibility:** All cities and counties with the exception of designated entitlement areas. Multi-Jurisdiction Traditional applications may jointly request \$2 million with up to \$1,000,000 of CDBG funding per community provided that the \$1 million per jurisdiction is not exceeded. Multi-Jurisdiction Non-Traditional Economic Development applicants may request up to \$500,000 if the \$250,000 per jurisdiction is not exceeded.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department for Housing and Urban Development

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Department for Local Government website, [dlg.ky.gov](http://dlg.ky.gov).

**Dates:** The application submission dates are April through January.

# Economic Development

## Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDI) Program

**Description:** The established Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDI) Program is a statewide effort to support upgrades at industrial sites throughout the commonwealth and position Kentucky for continued economic growth. KPDI applicants may seek funding assistance for transformative site and infrastructure improvement projects that will generate increased economic development opportunities and job creation for Kentucky residents. Through KPDI, funding is available through a competitive application process, with each of the 120 Kentucky counties eligible for a maximum funding amount calculated based on population. There is a maximum of \$2 million per county per project. Applicants are encouraged to submit regional projects, which allow available funding for multiple counties to be combined, increasing the maximum allowed for a given project.

**Eligibility:** Local governments and economic development organizations in an economic development district in Kentucky

**Issuing Agency:** Administered by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development website, [ced.ky.gov](http://ced.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Application cycle has traditionally been in the fourth quarter of the year.

# Economic Development

## Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program

**Description:** Administered by the Cabinet for Economic Development, the GRANT Program is a tool to assist communities with the required matches for federal funding opportunities. The program is a competitive process meant to be transformational for the applying community and region. The project must benefit the public or substantially benefit the public and is initiated on

- Publicly owned property;
- Property to be acquired which comes with either of the following:
  - Legally binding letter of intent or option for the sale to an Eligible Grant Recipient; OR
  - Legally binding sale agreement for the sale to an Eligible Grant Recipient; OR
- Private property on which a project is located that is in the public interest, for a public purpose and benefits an eligible community.

Eligible use may include, but is not limited to, expenditure in any of the following categories or some combination thereof:

- Enhance economic vitality, including revitalization of structures with a public purpose or benefit;
- Promote or develop an artistic or philanthropic purpose;
- Improve traditional infrastructure;
- Create or enhance telecommunications infrastructure;
- Promote agricultural activities and development;
- Enhance the development of previously mined areas or areas previously used by the coal industry and other industrial activities into uses that diversify the local economy;
- Create or expand recreational facilities;
- Acquire private property that promotes local economic vitality and housing development/enhancement;
- Preserve or enhance buildings that are of local historic or economic interest;
- Restore or create retail facilities, including related service, parking and transportation facilities, to revitalize decaying downtown areas;
- Construct or expand other facilities that promote or enhance economic development or tourism opportunities;
- Provide facilities and activities for local residents that enhance quality of life.

**Eligibility:** County or city governing bodies and 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organizations engaged in public benefits improvements.

**Issuing Agency:** Administered by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development website, [ced.ky.gov](http://ced.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Application submission is due by the 1st of each month.

# Economic Development

## EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

**Description:** The Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs provide economically distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible resources to address a wide variety of economic needs. Projects funded by these programs will support work in Opportunity Zones and will support the mission of the Department by leading to the creation and retention of jobs and increased private investment, advancing innovation, enhancing the manufacturing capacities of regions, providing workforce development opportunities, and growing ecosystems that attract foreign direct investment, among other things. The award floor is \$100,000, and the award ceiling is \$30,000,000.

**Eligibility:** Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, State governments, County governments, Special district governments, City or township governments, Private institutions of higher education.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Economic Development Administration (EDA)

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Dates:** Ongoing

# Emergency Services

## Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (FEMA AFG)

**Description:** The primary goal of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated- and emergency medical service organizations. AFG helps firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Eligible expenditures:

- Operations & Safety
- Training
- Equipment for effective response, firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical operations
- Compliant PPE for firefighting and nonaffiliated EMS personnel
- Wellness and fitness activities intended to strengthen emergency responders so that their mental, physical, and emotional capabilities are resilient enough to withstand the demands of all hazardous operations
- Modifications of fire stations and other facilities
- Vehicle Acquisition
- Regional Projects

**Eligibility:** Eligible fire departments, emergency medical service organizations, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, and State Fire Training Academies for critical training and equipment.

**Issuing Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**Dates:** The application submission dates typically run from November to December.

# Emergency Services

## Law Enforcement Protection Program (KOHS LEPP)

**Description:** The Law Enforcement Protection Program (LEPP) enables the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) to provide law enforcement agencies across the state funds to purchase duty equipment on a year-round basis.

LEPP provides grants for body armor, duty weapons, ammunition, electronic-control devices, electronic-control weapons or electronic-muscular disruption technology, and body-worn cameras to sworn peace officers and service animals.

**Eligibility:** City, county, charter county, unified local government, urban-county government, and consolidated legal government police departments, university safety and security departments organized pursuant to KRS 164.950, school districts that employ special law enforcement officers and service animals as defined in KRS 61.900; and sheriff's departments.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Office of Homeland Security

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security website, [homelandsecurity.ky.gov](http://homelandsecurity.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Funding consideration starts at the beginning of each fiscal year, July 1.

# Emergency Services

## State Homeland Security Grant Program (KOHS SHSGP)

**Description:** The State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) aims to assist in the implementation of the National Preparedness System (NPS) by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) of a secure and resilient Nation. The grant's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response and Recovery mission areas, including the following priorities:

- Building and Sustaining Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Capabilities
- Maturation and Enhancement of State and Major Urban Area Fusion Center

**Eligibility:** City and county governments

**Issuing Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security website, [homelandsecurity.ky.gov](https://homelandsecurity.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Estimated annual window April 2026 - May 2026

# Emergency Services

## Kentucky 911 Service Board Grant Program for PSAPs Only

**Description:** The Kentucky 911 Service Board Grant provides funding to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to establish and improve E911 services. Eligible projects include:

- Host/Remote solutions
- New or improved 911 PSAP support equipment (ex., CAD upgrade/replacement, GIS mapping, etc.)
- Any other project that meets 202 KAR 6:090

Emphasis is placed on NG911 projects (geospatial mapping, IP-based technologies, networking, etc.).

**Eligibility:** All certified PSAPs

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Office of Homeland Security

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky 911 Services Board website, [911board.ky.gov](http://911board.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Application cycle typically runs from January through April.

# Emergency Services

## State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (KOHS SLCGP)

**Description:** The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) aims to assist in the implementation of the National Preparedness System (NPS) by supporting the objectives and goals of Governance, Understanding the Risks, Implementing Protections, and Training. The primary focus of this grant is reinforcing the cybersecurity of eligible entities, but will allow the replacement of obsolete hardware in special circumstances.

**Eligibility:** City and county governments and locally owned infrastructure (e.g., utilities, K-12 schools, law enforcement, emergency management, PSAPs, etc.).

**Issuing Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security website, [homelandsecurity.ky.gov](https://homelandsecurity.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Estimated annual window August 2026 - September 2026

## Nonprofit Security Grant Program (KOHS NSGP)

**Description:** The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding for physical security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attacks due to their ideology, beliefs, or mission. This grant requires the applicant to conduct a security assessment from a qualified DHS representative or a self-assessment using provided criteria. Allowable costs are determined within the annual notice of funding published by FEMA and listed within the application.

**Eligibility:** Any 501(c)(3) non-profit, including those organizations that the IRS does not require to apply for and receive 501(c)(3) recognition.

**Issuing Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security website, [homelandsecurity.ky.gov](https://homelandsecurity.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Estimated annual window October 2026 - January 2027

# Emergency Services

## Cops Hiring Program (USDOJ CHP)

**Description:** The Cops Hiring Program (CHP) provides funding to hire and re-hire entry-level career law enforcement officers in order to preserve jobs, increase community policing capacities and support crime prevention efforts.

Funding under this program may be used to do the following:

- Hire new officers
- Rehire officers (laid off as a result of budget reductions)
- Rehire officers (at the time of application, currently scheduled to be laid off as a result of budget reductions)

**Eligibility:** All state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with primary law- enforcement authority.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Dates:** Typically, applications are due in March.

## Firehouse Subs Grants

**Description:** The grant's mission is to impact the lifesaving capabilities and the lives of local heroes and their communities. This is accomplished by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders and public safety organizations. All requests must fall within the Foundation's funding guidelines, which can be found on the website via [firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas](https://firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas). The guidelines for how much to apply for are \$15,000 - \$40,000.

**Eligibility:** Fire Departments, Law enforcement, EMS, public safety organizations, non-profits and schools.

**Issuing Agency:** Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

**Application Process:** Apply using the Firehouse Subs website, [firehousesubs.com](https://firehousesubs.com)

**Dates:** The next grant application cycle will begin on April 2, 2026.

# Emergency Services

## School Violence Prevention Program (USDOJ COPS SVPP)

**Description:** The US Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (USDOJ COPS) School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) funding will provide up to 75% funding for the following school safety measures in and around K-12 (primary and secondary) schools and school grounds:

- Coordination with law enforcement
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self
- Metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency
- Any other measure that the COPS Office determines may provide a significant improvement in security

**Eligibility:** Applications for SVPP must be submitted by a state, unit of local government (city, county, township, etc.), or its public agencies (state agencies and units of local government agencies such as county or city public school systems, public boards of education, independent school districts, police departments, sheriff's departments), or Indian tribes. Recipients of SVPP funding must use funding for the benefit of K-12, primary and secondary schools and students.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Justice

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Dates:** Application cycle typically runs from March to May.

# Emergency Services

## Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (KY EMA)

**Description:** The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures following a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration in the areas of the state, tribe, or territory requested by the Governor or Tribal Executive. The key purpose of this grant program is to enact mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters.

FEMA provides up to 75% of the funds for mitigation projects. The remaining 25% can come from a variety of sources. A cash payment from the state or local government or, in some cases, directly from the individual is the most direct option.

**Eligibility:** In general, individuals, businesses and private nonprofits, via local governments, can apply for HMGP funding. Individuals may not apply directly for HMGP funding but may be sponsored through an appropriate sub-applicant via a local government, a state agency, a tribe or tribal agency, or a private nonprofit. Applications are submitted to the state, eligible tribe, or territory which receives HMGP funds from FEMA.

**Issuing Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or visiting the Kentucky Emergency Management website, [kyem.ky.gov](https://www.kyem.ky.gov).

**Dates:** A Presidential Major Disaster Declaration provides for the availability of HMGP funds at the request of a state's Governor in eligible communities within a state, tribe, or territory. Regulations require the state, tribe, or territory to provide a Letter of Intent within 30 days after a disaster declaration that notifies FEMA whether or not the state will participate in HMGP. The applicant must submit all HMGP sub-applications to FEMA within 12 months of the date of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

# Emergency Services

## Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program

**Description:** The FMA grant program was created as part of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act (NFIRA) of 1994 with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the NFIP. Consistent with the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-141), the FMA grant program is focused on mitigating repetitive loss (RL) properties and severe repetitive loss (SRL) properties.

Eligible expenditures include:

- Advance Assistance
- Funding will be provided to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop viable community flood mitigation projects. This design work will facilitate viable projects for future grant applications.
- Community Flood Mitigation Projects
- The remaining set aside will fund projects for proven techniques that integrate cost-effective natural floodplain restoration solutions and improvements to NFIP-insured properties that benefit communities with high participation and favorable standing in the NFIP.
- Match requirements are generally 25% unless SRL/RL. There is no specified length of the grant.

**Eligibility:** Generally, local communities will sponsor applications on behalf of homeowners and then submit the applications to their State. The following is a list of governments that can sponsor an application:

- States
- Territories
- Federally recognized tribes
- Local governments

**Issuing Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or visiting the Kentucky Emergency Management website, [kyem.ky.gov](https://www.kyem.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Application period is typically September 30 through January 31.

# Emergency Services

## Flood Control Match Program - DLG

**Description:** The Flood Control Match Program is administered by the Department for Local Government, Office of Federal Grants. The program uses state bond funds (Capital Budget) as grants to help meet cost-share match requirements associated with projects funded by federal sponsors. Some examples are, but are not limited to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and USDA Rural Development (RD). The types of projects previously funded include the acquisition and relocation of homes from flood-prone areas, construction and reconstruction of floodwalls and small dams, debris removal from creeks and small rivers, and elevation of structures located in flood plains. The fund has also been used to participate in flood studies for future projects (Ex, stream flow gauges and flood inundation maps).

The standard matching process requires a local match along with federal funds from a federal agency. The state flood control funds are used to assist local communities (grantees) with the required local match funds. Typically, DLG will assist in funding the local match requirement by a rational percentage of federal funds allocated for the total project amount. DLG encourages the grantee to include as many funding sponsors as possible, including federal, state, and local agencies, the private sector, and/or any entities that will benefit from the flood control project.

**Eligibility:** Cities, Counties and Area Development Districts are eligible.

**Issuing Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or visiting the Kentucky Emergency Management website, [kyem.ky.gov](https://www.kyem.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Applications are accepted year-round.

# Energy and Environment

## Waste Tire and Waste Tire Collection Grants

**Description:** Eligible expenses under this grant are the actual costs (up to \$4,000) that the county incurs during the grant period for the disposal or recycling of waste tires. Other expenses, such as labor and equipment costs, are not eligible.

**Eligibility:** County governments

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management

**Application Process:** Apply through the Division of Waste Management website, [eec.ky.gov](http://eec.ky.gov). Requires a

**Dates:** Typically, the application deadline is early June.

## Composting Grant

**Description:** To assist eligible applicants in their efforts to achieve a successful program to divert materials from being landfilled and direct them to composting, reuse or other recycling options. This grant is a 75/25 match grant: the applicant shall provide match funding equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

**Eligibility:** Any county, waste management district, city, urban-county government, or other political subdivision of the state or any combination of the above, including school districts.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management

**Application Process:** Apply through the Division of Waste Management website, [eec.ky.gov](http://eec.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Typically, the application deadline is the beginning of April.

# Energy and Environment

## Crumb Rubber/Tire Derived Products Grant

**Description:** This grant funds projects that promote the use of recycled Kentucky waste tires in the form of crumb rubber or other tire-derived products that meet the criteria of the grant program. This grant has focused on funding crumb rubber mulch for landscaping projects in recent years, but the cabinet is encouraging applicants to expand the scope of potential projects for this grant cycle. In addition to landscaping mulch projects, the cabinet will consider requests for walking trails; poured-in-place playgrounds, sidewalks or other surfaces; horse trailer or stall mats; tree wells or other products utilizing recycled Kentucky tires.

This grant is a 75/25 match grant: the applicant shall provide match funding equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria, but may include:

- Private entities
- Owners of commercial entities operating within the Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Public school districts
- Private schools
- City and county governments
- Entities operating public parks, and
- State agencies.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet website, [eec.ky.gov](http://eec.ky.gov).

**Dates:** April 1, 2026

# Energy and Environment

## Recycling Grant

**Description:** The goal of the program is to leverage limited funds into efficient and cost-effective projects to help Kentucky develop an integrated recycling infrastructure, manage Household Hazardous Waste and provide recycling and HHW public education programs. Priority will be given to regional recycling projects and regional household hazardous waste management programs with state approved interlocal cooperative agreements. A 25% match is required.

**Eligibility:** Any county, waste management district, city, urban-county government, or other political subdivision of the state or any combination of the above, including schools/school districts.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet website, [eec.ky.gov](http://eec.ky.gov).

**Dates:** April 1, 2026

## Household Hazardous Waste Grant

**Description:** The goal of the program is to leverage limited funds into efficient and cost-effective projects to help Kentucky develop an integrated recycling infrastructure, manage Household Hazardous Waste and provide recycling and HHW public education programs. Priority will be given to regional recycling projects and regional household hazardous waste management programs with state-approved inter-local cooperative agreements. This grant is a 75/25 match grant: the applicant shall provide match funding equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

**Eligibility:** Any county, waste management district, city, urban-county government, or other political subdivision of the state or any combination of the above, including schools/school districts.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet website, [eec.ky.gov](http://eec.ky.gov).

**Dates:** April 1, 2026

# Energy and Environment

## Litter Abatement and Illegal Open Dump Grant

**Description:** This grant is used for the cleanup of litter along public roadways and the education thereof. Counties and cities are to clean the total amount of miles in their county/city or get as close as possible. The percentage of road miles cleaned is still very low but spending is high. All illegal Open Dump is two cubic yards of consolidated waste. Open dumps can be found anywhere. County Funding is based on county miles of public roads, county's rural population and county population. Cities may apply for a portion of the county funding based on city total miles of streets and city's population.

**Eligibility:** Any county or city within the Commonwealth of Kentucky

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet website, [eec.ky.gov](http://eec.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Typically, the application deadline is the beginning of November. This is a calendar year grant.

# Energy and Environment

## EPA Brownfields Grant

**Description:** A brownfield is a property where the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields in the U.S. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment. Brownfield grants continue to serve as the foundation of EPA's Brownfields Program. These grants support revitalization efforts by funding environmental assessment, cleanup, and job training activities. Grants offered include:

- [Brownfields Assessment Grants](#)
- [Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant](#)
- [Brownfields Cleanup Grants](#)
- [Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training](#)
- [Technical Assistance, Training, and Research Grants](#)
- [State and Tribal Response Program Grants](#)

**Issuing Agency:** United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Dates:** Varying depending on grant or loan type

# Energy and Environment

## Rural Energy for America Program

**Description:** The program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy-efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. Loan guarantees on loans for up to 75% of total eligible project costs, grants for up to 25% of total eligible project costs, and combined grant and loan guarantee funding for up to 75% of total eligible project costs.

### **Funds may be used for renewable energy systems, such as:**

- Biomass geothermal is for electric generation or direct use
- Hydropower below 30 megawatts
- Hydrogen
- Small and large wind generation
- Small and large solar generation
- Ocean (tidal, current, thermal) generation

### **Funds may also be used for the purchase, installation and construction of energy efficiency improvements, such as:**

- High-efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC)
- Insulation
- Lighting
- Cooling or refrigeration units
- Doors and windows
- Electric, solar or gravity pumps for sprinkler pivots
- Switching from a diesel to electric irrigation motor
- Replacement of energy-inefficient equipment
- Agricultural producers may also use guaranteed loan funds to install energy-efficient equipment and systems for agricultural production or processing

**Eligibility:** Agricultural producers with at least 50 percent of their gross income coming from agricultural operations. Small businesses in eligible rural areas with 50,000 residents or less.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Dates:** Open for Fiscal Years, 2026 and 2027. Open until September 30, 2027. Different deadlines for each fiscal year.

# Energy and Environment

## Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant (OSG)

**Description:** This program provides funds to address local governments' infrastructure needs for combined sewer overflows (CSO), sanitary sewer overflow (SSO), and stormwater management. The focus is on funding green infrastructure solutions to these problems in rural and disadvantaged communities across the Commonwealth. Eligible projects must address issues related to stormwater management utilizing green infrastructure or nature-based solutions.

### **Eligible Projects include:**

- Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens
- Downspout Disconnection
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Rain Gardens
- Planter Boxes
- Bioswales
- Permeable Pavements/Pavers
- Green Sinks
- Green Streets/Alleys/Parking/Roof
- Urban Tree Canopy
- Planning Grant

**Eligibility:** Municipal Entities with Rural and Disadvantaged Communities receiving priority. Rural Communities have a population of 10,000 or less. Disadvantaged Communities are defined using Kentucky's annual Intended Use Plans. Communities that are not rural or disadvantaged must provide 20% matching funds.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

**Application Process:** Letters of intent must be submitted to the Division of Water. Applications must be submitted to the Division of Water using the OSG Application Form.

**Dates:** Letters of intent are due May 15, 2026. Applications are due July 10, 2026.

# Energy and Environment

## 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant

**Description:** By amendment to the federal Clean Water Act in 1987, the Section 319(h) Grant program was established to provide funding for efforts to reduce nonpoint source pollution. Each year DOW applies to US EPA to receive 319(h) funding. After receiving the federal award, DOW distributes a majority of the monies received through a competitive grant award process. Within this program, funds may be used to demonstrate innovative best management practices (BMPs), support education and outreach programs, develop Watershed Based Plans, and to implement Watershed Based Plans. Funds can be used to pay for 60 percent of the total cost for each project; a 40 percent nonfederal match is required.

### Who Can Apply:

Applicants may include communities, citizen groups, government agencies, colleges or universities, and nonprofits. Although government agencies may apply, 319(h) funds cannot be used to fulfill a federal permit, or use federal funds as match.

### More Information:

For additional information visit our 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program Funding page or reach out to your river basin coordinator.

### Eligible Projects:

319(h) grant funds may be used to do the following activities:

1. Develop an EPA-approved Watershed Based Plan
2. Implement an EPA-approved Watershed Based Plan
3. Nonpoint source education and statewide outreach
4. Innovative nonpoint source demonstration projects

Example BMPs include septic workshops and cost share programs, homeowners assistance programs, innovative agriculture BMPs, and stormwater green infrastructure practices.

**Issuing Agency:** Energy and Environment Cabinet

**Application Process:** Completed applications are reviewed and ranked by DOW and an expanded group of invited partners.

**Dates:** Application due on February 13, 2026

# Housing

## Housing Program - CDBG

**Description:** The Housing Program works to fund projects designed to develop decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing.

**Eligibility:** All cities and counties are eligible to apply for the funds, with the exception of Ashland, Bowling Green, Covington, Elizabethtown, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Lexington-Fayette County, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, and Owensboro. These entitlement communities receive CDBG funds directly from HUD.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Department for Local Government website, [dlg.ky.gov](http://dlg.ky.gov).

**Dates:** The application submission dates are April 1- January 1.

## Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) - CDBG

**Description:** Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) funds are provided to give communities a means to restore infrastructure or housing that have been negatively impacted by severe weather or natural disasters. As part of the Commonwealth's allocation from the CDBG program, these projects will be allocated an amount to be determined based on need, with a maximum of \$100,000 of CDBG funding per project.

**Eligibility:** Only communities that have experienced a disaster and have a Declaration of Emergency from the Governor may submit an application for these funds.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Department for Local Government website, [dlg.ky.gov](http://dlg.ky.gov).

**Dates:** The application submission dates are April 1- January 31.

# Housing

## USDA Rural Development Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

**Description:** Also known as Section 504 Home Repair Program, this program provides loans to very low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes, including removing health and safety hazards. Funds could be used to replace customer-owned lead service lines. Homeowners over age 62 could receive the funding as a grant.

**Eligibility:** Very low-income homeowners

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

**Application Process:** Applicants must first contact the local Rural Development Office and provide a completed intake form.

**Date:** Open year round

# Infrastructure

## EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

**Description:** EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs provide economically distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible resources to address a wide variety of economic needs. Projects funded by these programs will support work in Opportunity Zones and will support the mission of the Department by leading to the creation and retention of jobs and increased private investment, advancing innovation, enhancing the manufacturing capacities of regions, providing workforce development opportunities, and growing ecosystems that attract foreign direct investment, among other things. The award floor is \$100,000, and the award ceiling is \$30,000,000.

**Eligibility:** Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, State governments, County governments, Special district governments, City or township governments, Private institutions of higher education.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Economic Development Agency

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Dates:** Rolling application

# Infrastructure

## USDA Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

**Description:** The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program provides funding for rural projects through local utility organizations. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities, which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. The ultimate recipients repay the lending utility directly. The utility then is responsible for repayment to USDA.

**Eligibility:** To receive funding (which will be forwarded to selected eligible projects), an entity must be:

- A former Rural Utilities Service borrower who borrowed, repaid, or pre-paid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan.
- Nonprofit utilities that are eligible to receive assistance from the Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs.
- Current Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs borrowers.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

**Application Process:** Applications for these programs are accepted through the Kentucky Rural Development State Office year-round. For more information KY USDA office at [rd.usda.gov](https://rd.usda.gov).

**Date:** Ongoing

# Infrastructure

## USDA Rural Development Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

**Description:** Provides funding for publicly/utility-owned water infrastructure projects, including drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage, and distribution.

**Eligibility:** Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less, including state and local governmental entities and private non-profits with the authority to operate the utility.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

**Application Process:** Applications can be submitted using RDAApply at [rd.usda.gov](https://rd.usda.gov). Applications can also be accepted through the Kentucky Rural Development State Office year-round at [rd.usda.gov](https://rd.usda.gov).

**Date:** Accepted Year Round

## Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)

**Description:** Long-term, low-interest supplemental loans. This fund is for medium to large projects, including new construction or rehabilitation of facilities. The minimum project size for small communities (population < 25,000) is \$5 million; for medium and large communities, the minimum is \$20 million. Funds can be used to develop and implement drinking water and wastewater projects, including those that qualify for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). WIFIA funds can only make up 49% of the total project costs.

**Eligibility:** Local, state, tribal, and federal government entities; partnerships and joint ventures; corporations and trusts; and DWSRF programs

**Issuing Agency:** United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Application Process:** The first step in applying for this funding is to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the EPA. For more information on the application process, visit the EPA website, [epa.gov](https://epa.gov).

**Date:** Rolling applications

# Infrastructure

## Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) Grant: Reducing Lead in Drinking Water

**Description:** Reducing Lead in Drinking Water grant is available for water systems to apply for directly. Grants are awarded for lead reduction projects in disadvantaged communities, schools, and childcare centers. A 20% match is required.

**Eligibility:** Drinking water systems in disadvantaged communities. This includes community water systems, non-transient non-community water systems, non-profit organizations servicing a public water system, municipalities, and state agencies.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**Date:** Application cycle has historically been September through December

## Midsized and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program

**Description:** Projects or programs that aim to increase the resilience of a water system to natural hazards, extreme weather events, or reduce cybersecurity threats.

**Eligibility:** Public water systems that serve a population of 10,000 people or more.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**Date:** Application cycle has historically been September through November

# Infrastructure

## Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience & Sustainability

**Description:** Grants to assist underserved, small, and disadvantaged communities for the purpose of increasing drinking water facility resilience to natural hazards.

**Eligibility:** Public water systems, water systems located on areas governed by Tribes, and a State, on behalf of an underserved community. Each applicant must serve a community that is underserved (a community that does not have access to household drinking water or wastewater services or is served by a public water system that violates the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations) and small (contains a population of less than 10,000 people ) or disadvantaged (the service area of a public water system that meets affordability criteria established by its respective State).

**Issuing Agency:** United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**Date:** Application cycle has historically been September through November

## KIA SRF Fund A Loan - Wastewater

**Description:** Provides for the construction or rehabilitation of wastewater infrastructure through low-interest state-funded loans. Types of Projects that get funded include Sewer collection lines, new Wastewater Treatment Plants, Stormwater Projects, Detention Basins, etc.

**Eligibility:** Must be for wastewater treatment facilities that comply with the Clean Water Act. Project must be included on the project priority list in the Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA)

**Application Process:** Submit a project profile to NKADD to be uploaded to the WRIS Portal. In November, attend a County Meeting of Water and Wastewater Providers to rank the county's projects and fill out the project ranking criteria form. In December, the project list and project rankings are voted on at the NKY Regional Water Management Council Meeting. In July-November the following year, KIA will decide which projects will be invited to submit a full application for loan funding. The full application is due that December.

**Date:** Due early December

# Infrastructure

## KIA Fund B Loan - Infrastructure

**Description:** Provides for the construction or acquisition of infrastructure projects (both water and wastewater) through low-interest state-funded loans. The interest rate structure mirrors those of the SRF programs. Fund B projects are funded on a case-by-case basis, first come, first served.

**Eligibility:** The applicant must be a governmental agency, and the project must be financially feasible as determined by KIA staff.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA)

**Application Process:** An updated Project Profile is added to the WRIS Portal through NKADD. A Letter of Intent is submitted to KIA. KIA determined funding ability and project eligibility and then distributes a loan invitation or declination letter. A loan application is then submitted to KIA. A credit analysis is run, and then KIA presents the potential project to the KIA Board for approval.

**Date:** Projects are funded on a case-by-case basis, first come, first served.

## KIA Fund C Loan - Governmental

**Description:** The Fund C loan program makes loans from accumulated program assets with the capability to issue bonds to increase program capacity. The interest rate is set each year at the start of the SFY and often differs from the standard SRF rates. Similar to Fund B, projects are funded on a case-by-case basis, first come, first served.

**Eligibility:** The applicant must be a governmental agency, and the project must be financially feasible as determined by KIA staff.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA)

**Application Process:** An updated Project Profile is added to the WRIS Portal through NKADD. A Letter of Intent is submitted to KIA. KIA determined funding ability and project eligibility and then distributes a loan invitation or declination letter. A loan application is then submitted to KIA. A credit analysis is run, and then KIA presents the potential project to the KIA Board for approval.

**Date:** Projects are funded on a case-by-case basis, first come, first served.

# Infrastructure

## KIA SRF Fund F Loan – Drinking Water

**Description:** Provides for the construction or rehabilitation of water infrastructure through low-interest state-funded loans. Types of projects that get funded include:

- Waterline replacements,
- Waterline Extensions,
- New Water Storage Tanks,
- Pumps,
- new Water Treatment Plants and
- Treatment Upgrades,
- Generators,
- Water Meters, etc.

**Eligibility:** Governmental agencies, other than federal agencies, for facilities necessary to achieve or maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act or to protect public health. Borrower must demonstrate financial, managerial, and technical capacity. Project must be included on the project priority list in the Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan program.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA)

**Application Process:** Submit a project profile to NKADD to be uploaded to the WRIS Portal. In November, attend a County Meeting of Water and Wastewater Providers to rank the county's projects and fill out the project ranking criteria form. In December, the project list and project rankings are voted on at the NKY Regional Water Management Council Meeting. In July-November the following year, KIA will decide which projects will be invited to submit a full application for loan funding. The full application is due that December.

**Date:** Due early December

# Infrastructure

## Rubber-Modified Asphalt Grant

**Description:** The grant funding, from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet will be used for the application of chip seal or asphalt overlay to county or metro government roads. Chip seal is a road surface treatment that combines one or more layers of asphalt with one or more layers of fine aggregate and can extend the life of a road by four to eight years. Asphalt overlay is a new layer of asphalt applied over an existing asphalt surface and can extend the road life by seven to ten years.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for this grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have the legal authority to construct and operate the proposed project.
- Have the ability to complete the project in compliance with the grant conditions.
- The applicant and the person who will be managing the project shall not have received a final judgment or conviction of a state or federal environmental statute or regulation in the five (5) years before submitting the application and shall not have any outstanding violations of state or federal environmental statutes or regulations.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet website, [eec.ky.gov](http://eec.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Application deadline is typically the first of April.

## Public Facilities – CDBG

**Description:** The Public Facilities Branch provides funding to primarily develop Kentucky's water and wastewater systems. As part of the Commonwealth's allocations from the CDBG program, these projects have a maximum amount of \$1,500,000 for treatment plants and \$1,250,000 for lines/pumps and tanks of CDBG funding per community. Self-help grants (maximum amount of \$300,000 per project) are funded by this branch.

**Eligibility:** All cities and counties with the exception of Ashland, Bowling Green, Covington, Elizabethtown, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Lexington-Fayette County, Louisville/ Jefferson County Metro Government, and Owensboro. These entitlement communities receive CDBG funds directly from HUD.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Department for Local Government website, [dlg.ky.gov](http://dlg.ky.gov).

**Dates:** The application submission dates typically run April through August.

# Recreation

## Land and Water Conservation Fund

**Description:** The LWCF provides federal grant funds to protect important natural areas, acquire land for outdoor recreation and to develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities such as campgrounds, picnic areas, sports & playfields, swimming facilities, boating facilities, fishing facilities, trails, natural areas and passive parks.

The minimum grant amount is \$25,000, with the maximum grant amount being \$250,000. It is a matching reimbursement program.

**Eligibility:** Cities, counties, state and federal agencies are eligible to apply for funding.

**Issuing Agency:** National Park Service

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Department for Local Government website, [dlg.ky.gov](http://dlg.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Application cycle is typically February through May.

## Recreational Trails Program

**Description:** The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It can be used to provide assistance for acquisition of easements, development and/or maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both motorized and non-motorized use. The Recreational Trails Program benefits communities and enhances quality of life. All trails that have received FHWA funding must remain open to the public and maintained for perpetuity. The minimum grant request is \$25,000; the maximum grant request is \$250,000.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are city and county governments, and state and federal agencies. Non-profit organizations must partner with a governmental entity.

**Issuing Agency:** National Park Service

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Department for Local Government website, [dlg.ky.gov](http://dlg.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Application cycle is typically February through May.

# Recreation

## Crumb Rubber/Tire Derived Products Grant

**Description:** This grant funds projects that promote the use of recycled Kentucky waste tires in the form of crumb rubber or other tire-derived products that meet the criteria of the grant program. This grant has focused on funding crumb rubber mulch for landscaping projects in recent years, but the cabinet is encouraging applicants to expand the scope of potential projects for this grant cycle. In addition to landscaping mulch projects, the cabinet will consider requests for walking trails; poured-in-place playgrounds, sidewalks or other surfaces; horse trailer or stall mats; tree wells or other products utilizing recycled Kentucky tires.

This grant is a 75/25 match grant: the applicant shall provide match funding equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria, but may include:

- Private entities
- Owners of commercial entities operating within the Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Public school districts
- Private schools
- City and county governments
- Entities operating public parks, and
- State agencies.

**Issuing Agency:** Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet website, [eec.ky.gov](http://eec.ky.gov).

**Dates:** Application deadline is typically the first of April.

# Small Business

## Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program

**Description:** This loan bolsters the availability of private credit by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses. This program improves the economic health of rural communities by increasing access to business capital. These funds can be used for:

- Business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization or development.
- The purchase and development of land, buildings and associated infrastructure for commercial or industrial properties.
- The purchase and installation of machinery and equipment, supplies, or inventory.
- Debt refinancing when such refinancing improves cash flow and creates jobs.
- Business and industrial acquisitions are when the loan will maintain business operations and create or save jobs.

**Eligibility:** Agricultural Producers, For-Profit Organizations, Local Government & Authority, Nonprofit Organizations, Public/Private Institutions of Higher Education, State.

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

**Application Process:** Applications for these programs are accepted through the Kentucky Rural Development State Office year-round. For more information, visit the KY USDA website at [rd.usda.gov](http://rd.usda.gov).

**Date:** Ongoing

# Transportation

## Transportation 5310 Grants

**Description:** The 5310 Transportation Grant Program provides formula funding to states and designated recipients to meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities. The program authorizes the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to make capital assistance grants to private non-profit organizations or to governmental authorities approved by the State to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

**Eligibility:**

- Direct recipients: States, local government authorities, and designated recipients
- Eligible sub-recipients: private non-profit organizations, state or local government authorities, and public transportation operators

**Issuing Agency:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

**Application Process:** For projects located in Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties, applicants can apply through the OKI Regional Council of Governments website, [oki.org](http://oki.org). For projects located in Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Owen and Pendleton Counties, applicants can apply through the NKADD.

**Dates:** For Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties projects, applications are traditionally due to OKI on the first of February. For projects located in Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Owen and Pendleton Counties, applications are traditionally due to the NKADD at the beginning of March.

# Transportation

## Kentucky DERA State Grant

**Description:** The Kentucky DERA State Grant program is a reimbursement grant. It provides up to 25% reimbursement of the total cost of a new school bus to participating public or private schools in Kentucky. A 2009 or older diesel bus must be scrapped for each new bus purchased. The bus being scrapped must meet certain conditions to be used for this grant.

**Eligibility:**

- School bus replacements

**Issuing Agency:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Application Process:** Apply through the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet website, [eec.ky.gov](http://eec.ky.gov) or through the Environmental Protection Agency, [epa.gov](http://epa.gov).

**Dates:** Application deadline is typically the first week of November.

# Workforce

## Critical Sector Job Quality Grants

**Description:** The grant supports transformative efforts to improve job quality and availability of good jobs, particularly for the benefit of historically marginalized populations and communities that have experienced barriers to employment in good jobs. The primary focus is expanding job quality in the care, climate resiliency and clean energy transition, and hospitality sectors. The grants will support industry-led, worker-centered sector strategies built through labor-management partnerships aimed at improving job quality in key sectors. These partnerships will address equity, job quality, and worker voice as they design training models and train workers for family-supporting jobs.

**Eligibility:**

- Local workforce development boards
- Education/training providers
- Nonprofit organizations
- State, county and local governments
- State registered apprenticeship agencies

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Labor

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**Dates:** Application deadline is typically the middle of July.

## Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant

**Description:** The grant aims to fund public-private partnerships to develop, implement, and scale worker-centered sector strategy training programs that train and prepare the skilled workforce needed to meet the demands of the sizeable infrastructure investments made through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), formally known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This grant will train job seekers in advanced manufacturing; information technology; and professional, scientific, and technical services occupations that support renewable energy, transportation, and broadband infrastructure sectors.

**Eligibility:**

- Local workforce development boards
- Education/training providers
- State, county and local governments

**Issuing Agency:** United States Department of Labor

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**Dates:** Application deadline is typically the beginning of July.

# Workforce

## Brownfields Job Training

**Description:** The grant provides technical assistance to help nonprofits, local governments, and other eligible organizations build local workforces to perform assessment, cleanup, or preparation of contaminated sites (including brownfields) for reuse. Training programs funded by Brownfields Job Training Grants enable program graduates to obtain skills to secure full-time, sustainable employment in various aspects of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, and petroleum products within the larger environmental field, including sustainable cleanup and reuse, and chemical safety. Training programs prioritize unemployed and under-employed residents of communities impacted by a variety of waste facilities, blighted properties, and contaminated sites.

**Eligibility:**

- State, county and local governments
- Nonprofit organizations
- Redevelopment agencies
- Regional development councils
- Education providers

**Issuing Agency:** United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Application Process:** Apply using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**Dates:** Application deadline is typically the middle of August.

# Other Funding Sources

## Private Foundations

**Description:** A private foundation is a nonprofit or charitable organization established with a single donation, known as an endowment, from an individual, family, or business. The foundation is managed by trustees or directors who oversee the disbursement of funds according to the mission set by the founders. Unlike public charities, a private foundation does not engage in fundraising campaigns; instead, it relies on the investment income generated from its endowment to support its activities. Several private foundations focus on providing funding to organizations in the Northern Kentucky region. Resources such as Guidestar and the Foundation Directory are excellent tools for finding information on foundations and grant opportunities.

## Community Foundations

**Description:** Community foundations are public charities that pool donations into a coordinated investment and grant-making facility dedicated primarily to the social improvement of a given place. They typically focus on supporting a geographical area, addressing community needs, and supporting local nonprofits.

The Horizon Community Funds of Northern Kentucky was established in 2017 by Northern Kentucky leaders and is a qualified public charitable 501(c)(3) organization. Its mission is to unite resources to raise the quality of life for all people in the Northern Kentucky community. It is a community-wide foundation that provides a way to pool our resources, large and small, in order to give back, to make a lasting difference, and to improve life for generations. They have options for the full spectrum of donors, from those who want to give to a general community fund to those who want to choose what charities benefit from their gifts. Learn more at [www.horizonfunds.org](http://www.horizonfunds.org).

# Summary of Grant Opportunities Due Dates

The summary details the historical grant periods, which are subject to change depending on federal funding cycles and reauthorizations. For the most up-to-date information, please contact an NKADD Grant Team Member.

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# Project "Package" Checklist

Submitting a comprehensive and thought-out application "packet" is essential in securing project funding from federal, state, and local funding agencies as well as private funding sources. We use the project package checklist to help communities and regional shareholders to develop an application timeline and gather all necessary information.

## Project Type

- ☐ Community/Economic Development
- ☐ Emergency Services
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Determining the need of the project

- ☐ Proof of need (data or in existing plan)
- ☐ Community engagement
- ☐ Survey community
- ☐ Analysis of survey results
- ☐ Host community forum
- ☐ Identify project priority

## What are the elements of the project?

- ☐ Land acquisitions
- ☐ Site development
- ☐ Building construction
- ☐ Capital equipment acquisition
- ☐ Existing infrastructure expansion(s)
- ☐ Infrastructure development
- ☐ Long-term maintenance, operation and management

## Cost of project

- ☐ Project administration
- ☐ Professional services
- ☐ Development costs
- ☐ Construction costs
- ☐ Implementation costs
- ☐ Labor costs

## Potential funding sources

- ☐ Federal Grants/Loans
- ☐ State Grants/Loans
- ☐ Private Funding

## Establishing Partnerships

- ☐ Identify key stakeholders/partners
- ☐ Establish project priorities
- ☐ Incorporate stakeholder's/partners expertise

## Project Administration

- ☐ Determining who will lead the project
- ☐ Is a fiscal agent needed?
- ☐ Create needed contract agreements (opt)

## Project Description

- ☐ Statement of need (content)
- ☐ Executive Summary (content)
- ☐ Narrative
- ☐ Budget
- ☐ Environmental review

## Project Roles

- ☐ Organizational information
- ☐ Project management
- ☐ Principle/supporting staff
- ☐ Assistance in proper procurement and processes

## Evaluate project outcomes

- ☐ Measure goals and objectives
- ☐ Establish metrics
- ☐ Identify project milestones

## Sustainability plan

- ☐ Project maintenance
- ☐ Securing additional funding sources
- ☐ Staff alignment

## Supporting Documentation

- ☐ Project Maps
- ☐ Professionally designed plans
- ☐ Letter of Support - Members of Congress
- ☐ Public Notices



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# Grant Timeline

