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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBER GOVERNMENTS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES

FROM: MIKE MONK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

RE: MEETING REGARDING EDA GRANT FUNDS

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2021

The AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) has allocated **\$3 billion** to The Economic Development Administration (EDA) to assist communities in their efforts to “build back better” by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks. These transformational funds have been divided between six, major programs: Statewide Planning, Research and Networks; Build Back Better Regional Challenge; Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation; Economic Adjustment Assistance; Indigenous Communities; and Good Jobs Challenge. I have attached a summary chart and a one page description of each program for your review and guidance.

CMPDD will host a meeting at our office at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, to provide additional information regarding the grant funds associated with these programs. I encourage all government leaders and economic developers to learn as much about these programs as possible and apply to any programs that you believe will benefit your communities. Mitzi Stubbs (601-321-2157) and Jay McCarthy (601-321-2182) will be available to answer your questions and provide technical assistance.

I look forward to the CMPDD staff working with you and hope you can attend the meeting on August 24th. Please reply **by August 17, 2021**, to jmccarthy@cmpdd.org if you will be attending in person or virtually due to the coronavirus. Once CMPDD has a list of attendees, I will provide additional details regarding the meeting.

EDA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN



The American Rescue Plan allocates \$3 billion to EDA in supplemental funding to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks.

American Rescue Plan funding enables EDA to provide larger, more transformational investments across the nation while utilizing its greatest strengths, including flexible funding to support community-led economic development.

EDA is making a *Coal Communities Commitment*, designating \$300 million of its \$3 billion American Rescue Plan appropriation to ensure support for these communities as they recover from the pandemic and create new jobs and opportunities, including through the creation or expansion of a new industry sector.

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		STATEWIDE PLANNING, RESEARCH & NETWORKS \$90M	BUILD BACK BETTER REGIONAL CHALLENGE \$1B	TRAVEL, TOURISM & OUTDOOR RECREATION \$750M	ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE \$500M	INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES \$100M	GOOD JOBS CHALLENGE \$500M					
GOAL	EDA is supporting states in planning efforts, investing in research that assesses the effectiveness of EDA's programs, and supporting stakeholder communities around key EDA initiatives.		This Challenge is designed to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks. <i>\$100M for Coal Communities</i>		Through state and competitive grant programs, EDA is focused on accelerating the recovery of communities that rely on the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors, which were hard-hit by the pandemic.		This program will help hundreds of communities across the nation plan, build, innovate, and put people back to work through construction or non-construction projects designed to meet local needs. <i>\$200M for Coal Communities</i>		EDA is allocating \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funding specifically for Indigenous communities, which were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.		This Challenge aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening regional systems and sectoral partnerships to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs.	
SPLIT	Planning: \$59M	Research & Networks: \$31M	Phase 1: <\$500k each	Phase 2: \$25-75M, up to \$100M	State grants: \$510M	Competitive: \$240M						
APPLICANTS	State or designated entity	National research & TA providers	All EDA eligibles	Phase 1 finalists	State or designated entity	All EDA eligibles	All EDA eligibles	Tribes and organizations serving Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.	All EDA eligibles			
APPLICATION PROCESS	By invitation	Rolling	National competition	National competition	State grants allocation	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	National competition			
APPLICATION DEADLINE	STATE PLANNING GRANTS Application due 60 days after receiving invitation RESEARCH AND NETWORKS GRANTS Suggested application submission date: October 31, 2021		Phase 1 deadline: October 19, 2021 Phase 2 deadline: March 15, 2022		STATE TOURISM GRANTS Application due 60 days after receiving invitation COMPETITIVE TOURISM GRANTS Suggested application submission date: March 15, 2022		Suggested application submission date: March 15, 2022		Suggested application submission date: March 15, 2022		Application deadline: January 26, 2022	

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STATEWIDE PLANNING, RESEARCH & NETWORKS

Planning for a Resilient Future



Building back better means investing in projects that will promote equity and develop local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks and climate change.

Through the **Statewide Planning, Research & Networks** program, EDA is supporting states in planning efforts by allocating \$59 million for Statewide Planning Grants.

In addition, the program will allocate \$31 million for Research and Networks Grants to invest in research that assesses the effectiveness of EDA's programs, and provides support for stakeholder communities around key EDA initiatives.



WHO SHOULD APPLY

State Planning Grants

Eligible applicants for EDA's Statewide Planning Grants include Governors, the Mayor of DC, and other applicable Territory leaders or their designees. EDA will send these applicants a formal invitation to apply.

Research and Networks Grants

Eligible applicants for EDA's Communities of Practice and Research Grants include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.



APPLICATION DEADLINE

State Planning Grants

→ Application due 45 days after receiving invitation

Research and Networks Grants

→ Suggested Application Submission Date:

October 31, 2021

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis



CONTACTS

- For Statewide Planning inquiries, please visit www.eda.gov/contact to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative
- Please email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Research program to research@eda.gov
- Please email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Networks program to networks@eda.gov



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Statewide Planning, Research and Networks** program, visit eda.gov/arpa/planning-grants/.

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ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

Providing the Building Blocks for Success



EDA's American Rescue Plan **Economic Adjustment Assistance** program makes \$500 million in Economic Adjustment Assistance grants available to American communities.

The Economic Adjustment Assistance program is EDA's most flexible program, and grants made under this program will help hundreds of communities across the nation 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.

As part of the \$300 million **Coal Communities Commitment**, EDA will allocate at least \$200 million of the Economic Adjustment Assistance funding to support coal communities.



WHO SHOULD APPLY

Eligible applicants for EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance program include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.



APPLICATION DEADLINE

→ Suggested application submission date:
March 15, 2022

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis



CONTACTS

- Please visit www.eda.gov/contact to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative.



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Economic Adjustment Assistance**, visit eda.gov/arpa/economic-adjustment-assistance/.

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GOOD JOBS CHALLENGE Getting Americans Back to Work



EDA's American Rescue Plan **Good Jobs Challenge** aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening systems and partnerships that bring together employers who have hiring needs with other key entities to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs.

Through the Good Jobs Challenge, EDA is allocating \$500 million to collaborative skills training systems and programs. EDA encourages efforts to reach historically underserved populations and areas,

communities of color, women, and other groups facing labor market barriers such as persons with disabilities, disconnected youth, individuals in recovery, individuals with past criminal records, including justice impacted and reentry participants, serving trainees participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and veterans and military spouses.

These systems and partnerships will create and implement industry-led training programs, designed to provide skills for and connect unemployed or underemployed workers to existing and emerging job opportunities. Ultimately, these systems are designed to train workers with the skills to secure a union job or a quality job that provides good pay, benefits, and growth opportunities.

EDA will fund proposals within the following three phases, as applicable to regional needs:

- 1 System Development**
Help establish and develop a regional workforce training system comprised of multiple sector partnerships
- 2 Program Design**
Develop the skills training curriculum and materials, and secure technical expertise needed to train workers
- 3 Program Implementation**
Implement non-construction projects needed to provide workforce training and connect workers with quality jobs, including wrap-around services



WHO SHOULD APPLY

The Good Jobs Challenge is designed to support the needs of an applicant's identified regional workforce system through a single integrated award. EDA will make awards to either the System Lead Entity of a regional workforce system or the Backbone Organization of a sectoral partnership as the lead applicant. These organizations may make subawards to other eligible recipients as necessary to the proposed project and as approved by EDA.

Eligible applicants for EDA's Good Jobs Challenge include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

Individuals or for-profit entities, including for-profit institutions of higher education, are not eligible.



APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application deadline:
January 26, 2022



CONTACTS

Please send email inquiries about the American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge to GoodJobsChallenge@eda.gov.

For additional questions, please visit www.eda.gov/contact to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative.



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Good Jobs Challenge**, visit eda.gov/arpa/good-jobs-challenge/.

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TRAVEL, TOURISM & OUTDOOR RECREATION

Promoting America's Tourist Communities



Through the **Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation** program, EDA is focused on accelerating the recovery of communities that rely on the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors. \$750 million of EDA's American Rescue Plan funds are allocated to support the following efforts:

- **State Tourism Grants: \$510 million** in non-competitive awards to help states quickly invest in marketing, infrastructure, workforce and other projects to rejuvenate safe leisure, business and international travel.
- **Competitive Grants: \$240 million** 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.



WHO SHOULD APPLY

State Tourism Grants

Eligible applicants for EDA's Statewide Planning Grants include Governors, the Mayor of DC, and other applicable Territory leaders or their designees. EDA will send these applicants a formal invitation to apply.

Competitive Tourism Grants

Eligible applicants for EDA's Competitive Tourism Grants program include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.



APPLICATION DEADLINE

State Tourism Grants

→ Application due 60 days after receiving invitation

Competitive Tourism Grants

→ Suggested Application Submission Date:
March 15, 2022

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis



CONTACTS

- Email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation program to TravelandTourism@eda.gov
- Visit www.eda.gov/contact to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation** program, visit eda.gov/arpa/travel-tourism/.

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BUILD BACK BETTER REGIONAL CHALLENGE *Supercharging Local Economies*



The **Build Back Better Regional Challenge** is designed to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks.

The \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge will provide a transformational investment to 20-30 regions across the country that want to revitalize their economies. These regions will have the opportunity

to grow new regional industry clusters or scale existing ones through planning, infrastructure, innovation and entrepreneurship, workforce development, access to capital, and more.

- **Phase 1:** 50-60 regional coalitions of partnering entities will be awarded ~\$500,000 in technical assistance funds to develop and support three to eight projects to grow a regional growth cluster.
- **Phase 2:** EDA will award 20-30 regional coalitions \$25 million to \$75 million, and up to \$100 million, to implement those projects.

As part of the \$300 million **Coal Communities Commitment**, EDA will allocate at least \$100 million of the Build Back Better Regional Challenge funding to support coal communities.



WHO SHOULD APPLY

EDA invites eligible applicants to form regional coalitions to apply for funding to implement a collection of three to eight distinct but related projects in their region, in coordination with industry and community partners, and aligned around a holistic vision to build and scale a strategic industry cluster. Applicants should identify one key coordinating lead institution per regional cluster to lead the concept and projects into the implementation phase, while fostering collaboration and coordinating resources to ensure these investments have the greatest economic impact on our communities, regions, and the nation.

Coalition members eligible to apply for investment assistance for their region include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.



APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Phase 1 deadline:
October 19, 2021
- Phase 2 deadline:
March 15, 2022



CONTACTS

- Please send email inquiries about the American Rescue Plan Build Back Better Regional Challenge to BuildBackBetter@eda.gov.
- For additional questions, particularly region-specific questions, contact your state's Economic Development Representative. Visit www.eda.gov/contact to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative.



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Build Back Better Regional Challenge**, visit eda.gov/arpa/build-back-better/.

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INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Supporting Economic Development in Indigenous Communities



Through the **Indigenous Communities** program, EDA is allocating \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funding specifically for Indigenous communities, which were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

This program is designed to support the needs of Tribal Governments and Indigenous communities. EDA will support these important partners to develop and execute economic development projects that they need to recover from the pandemic and build economies for the future.

A wide range of technical, planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, and public works and infrastructure projects are eligible for funding under this program.

Indigenous communities are also eligible and encouraged to apply under all of EDA's other programs.



WHO SHOULD APPLY

Eligible entities under this EDA program are:

- Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes, as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 300.3
- A public or private non-profit organization or association serving Native Hawaiians
- A public or private non-profit organization or association serving Native Pacific Islanders of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau

State-recognized Tribes, unrecognized Tribes, and non-profits that do not fall within the definitions above are not eligible.



APPLICATION DEADLINE

→ Suggested application submission date:
March 15, 2022

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis



CONTACTS

- Email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities program to Indigenous@eda.gov
- Please visit www.eda.gov/contact to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Indigenous Communities** program, visit eda.gov/arpa/indigenous/.

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COAL COMMUNITIES COMMITMENT

Diversifying Coal Communities for a Resilient Future



EDA's **Coal Communities Commitment** allocates \$300 million of its \$3 billion American Rescue Plan appropriation to support coal communities as they recover from the pandemic and to help them create new jobs and opportunities, including through the creation or expansion of a new industry sector. This announcement builds on the "Initial Report to the President on Empowering Workers Through Revitalizing Energy Communities" developed by President Biden's Interagency Working Group.

Specifically, EDA will dedicate \$100 million of its [Build Back Better Regional Challenge](#) funds and \$200 million of its [Economic Adjustment Assistance](#) funds to directly support coal communities.

EDA also supports these communities through its [Assistance to Coal Communities \(ACC\)](#) initiative. Through ACC, EDA awards funds on a competitive basis to assist communities impacted by the declining use of coal through activities and programs that support economic diversification, job creation, capital investment, workforce development, and re-employment opportunities.



WHO SHOULD APPLY

There is no pre-defined list of impacted coal communities. Coal communities include those outlined by the Interagency Working Group report as well as communities and regions that can reasonably demonstrate how changes in the coal economy have resulted or are anticipated to result in job losses and layoffs in any coal-reliant commercial sector (e.g., coal mining, coal-fired power plants).

Eligible applicants for EDA's American Rescue Plan programs include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
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- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.



MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the websites below to learn more about the programs with dedicated funds to support coal communities:

- [Build Back Better Regional Challenge](#)
- [Economic Adjustment Assistance](#)



CONTACTS

- Please email inquiries about the American Rescue Plan Build Back Better Regional Challenge to BuildBackBetter@eda.gov.
- Please contact your state's Economic Development Representative for more information about the American Rescue Plan Economic Adjustment Assistance program. Visit www.eda.gov/contact to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative.



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Coal Communities Commitment**, visit eda.gov/arpa/coal-communities/.