

Community & Economic Development

Funding Sources Summary®



	Eligible Uses							Type				Compiled by EDP Best Practices, LLC
	Public Works	Planning	Parks	Downtown	Housing	Workforce	See Notes	Grant	Matching	Loan	Other	Funding Source / Program (Organized alphabetically by agency acronym)
1				X			X				X	NPS - National Park Service - Tax Incentives for Preserving Historic Properties (Note: 2017 tax law changes have impacted this program)
2	https://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm											
3	Overview: The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program encourages private sector investment in the rehabilitation and re-use of historic buildings. It creates jobs and is one of the nation's most successful and cost-effective community revitalization programs. It has leveraged over \$89.97 billion in private investment to preserve 43,328 historic properties since 1976. The National Park Service and the Internal Revenue Service administer the program in partnership with State Historic Preservation Offices.											
4	Qualifications:											
5	Eligible Uses:											
6		X			X						X	TACDC - Texas Association of Community Development Corporations
7	www.tacdc.org											
8	Overview: The Texas Association of Community Development Corporations (TACDC) is a non-profit statewide membership association of CDC's and related non-profit, government and for-profit entities. TACDC improves the lives of low and moderate income Texans by strengthening the capacity of community development organizations as well as generating resources and relationships that enhance and sustain the community development industry in Texas.											
9	Qualifications:											
10	Eligible Uses: TACDC provides a broad range of programs and services to help our members do their work more effectively. These include services, research and advocacy, as well as events that provide training and allow networking opportunities.											
11						X	X					TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture - Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program for Rural Texas – General Provisions
12	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG).aspx											
13	Overview: The primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low- to moderate-income.											
14	Qualifications: Eligible applicants are non-entitlement cities under 50,000 in population and non-entitlement counties that have a non-metropolitan population under 200,000 and are not eligible for direct CDBG funding from HUD may apply for funding through any of the Texas CDBG programs.											
15	Eligible Uses: See Programs below											
16	X				X		X					TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture (TxCDBG) – Community Development Fund
17	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/CDBGResources/Applications/CommunityDevelopmentFundApplicationGuide.aspx											
18	Overview: The Community Development Fund is the largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program. This fund is available on a biennial basis for funding through a competition in each of the 24 state planning regions. The scoring of the applications is shared between the state and the 24 Regional Review Committees (RRC) with the RRC having the predominate percentage of the total possible score. Although most funds are used for Public Facilities (water/wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements and housing activities), there are numerous other activities for which these funds may be used.											
19	Qualifications: Eligible applicants are nonentitlement general purpose units of local government including cities and counties that are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Nonentitlement cities that are not participating in urban county programs through existing participation agreements are eligible applicants (unless the city's population is counted towards the urban county CDBG allocation). Nonentitlement cities are located predominately in rural areas and are cities with populations less than 50,000 thousand persons; cities that are not designated as a central city of a metropolitan statistical area; and cities that are not participating in urban county programs. Nonentitlement counties are also predominately rural in nature and are counties that generally have fewer than 200,000 persons in the nonentitlement cities and unincorporated areas located in the county.											
20					X	X	X					TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture (TxCDBG) - Community Enhancement Fund
21	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/CDBGResources/Applications/CommunityEnhancementFund.aspx											
22	THIS PROGRAM IS NO LONGER FUNDED											



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23	X						X					TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture (TxCDBG) – Texas Capital Fund
24	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/CDBGResources/Applications/INFRARE.aspx											
25	<p>Overview: The Texas Capital Fund infrastructure development and real estate programs are economic development tools designed to provide financial resources to non-entitlement communities. Funds from the infrastructure program can be utilized for public infrastructure needed to assist a business that commits to create and/or retain permanent jobs, primarily for low and moderate income persons. Funds from the real estate program must be used for real estate development to assist a business that commits to create and/or retain permanent jobs, primarily for low and moderate-income persons. The real estate and/or improvements must be owned by the community and leased to the business. These programs encourages new business development and expansions.</p>											
26	<p>Qualifications: Eligible applicants are nonentitlement general purpose units of local government including cities and counties that are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Nonentitlement cities that are not participating in urban county programs through existing participation agreements are eligible applicants (unless the city's population is counted towards the urban county CDBG allocation). Nonentitlement cities are located predominately in rural areas and are cities with populations less than 50,000 thousand persons; cities that are not designated as a central city of a metropolitan statistical area; and cites that are not participating in urban county programs. Nonentitlement counties are also predominately rural in nature and are counties that generally have fewer than 200,000 persons in the nonentitlement cities and unincorporated areas located in the county. Businesses or individuals may not directly submit applications.</p>											
27	Eligible Uses: Infrastructure development and real estate programs											
28	X			X				X				TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture (TxCDBG) – Main Street Program
29	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant%28CDBG%29/CDBGResources/Applications/DRPMS.aspx											
30	<p>Overview: Address the objective of eliminating slum or blight conditions in the downtown area of the community by the following objectives. The assistance must be for public infrastructure improvements, which will aid in the elimination of a slum or blighted area.</p>											
31	<p>Qualifications: Eligible applicants must be an incorporated municipality and not be designated as an official Texas Historical Commission Main Street City. To determine eligibility of a particular city, contact TDA. The city is responsible for the administration and success of the project throughout the term of the contract.</p>											
32	<p>Eligible Uses: All proposed infrastructure improvements to be funded by the TxCDBG Program must be located on public property within the designated downtown district. Typically, a downtown district will meet 2 or more of the following: 1) The city's historic area of commerce; 2) May be the area around the courthouse or city square; 3) Commercial area for the community; 4) Buildings of historical significance, but not primarily residential; 5) Must be areas included in or contiguous to the economic center of the community; and 6) The retail area for the community that does not include single-family dwellings.</p>											
33	X			X				X				TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture (TxCDBG) – Downtown Revitalization
34	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant%28CDBG%29/CDBGResources/Applications/DRPMS.aspx											
35	<p>Overview: Address the objective of eliminating slum or blight conditions in the downtown area of the community by the following objectives. The assistance must be for public infrastructure improvements, which will aid in the elimination of a slum or blighted area.</p>											
36	<p>Qualifications: Eligible applicants must be an incorporated municipality with a designation as an official Texas Historical Commission Main Street City prior to applying to TxCDBG and must remain a participating city for the duration of the award/contract. To determine eligibility of a particular city, contact TDA. The city is responsible for the administration and success of the project throughout the term of the contract.</p>											
37	<p>Eligible Uses: All proposed infrastructure improvements to be funded by the TxCDBG Program must be located on public property within the designated Main Street area.</p>											
38	X	X			X			X				TDA - (TxCDBG) – Planning and Capacity Building Fund
39	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/CDBGResources/Applications/PCBApplicationandGuide.aspx											
40	<p>Overview: The Planning and Capacity Building Fund is a competitive grant program for local public facility and housing planning activities. Localities apply for financial assistance to prepare a “comprehensive plan” or any of its components. Typical activities regard topics such as: Base Mapping, Land Use, Housing, Population, Economic Development and/or Tourism, Central Business District, Street Conditions, Thoroughfares, Parks and Recreation, Water Distribution and Supply, Wastewater Collection and Treatment, Drainage (streets & flood hazard areas), Gas or Electric Systems (if owned by the locality), Community Facilities, Capital Improvements Program, Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulation. Section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, outlines all the generally eligible activities.</p>											



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41	<u>Qualifications:</u> Eligible non-entitlement cities and counties with a need for comprehensive or targeted planning.											
42	<u>Eligible Uses:</u> Address needed local planning elements; Assess local needs; Build or improve local capacity; or Develop strategies to address local needs. Planning process should result in an improved local capacity to identify long and short term needs and to develop implementable strategies to address the identified community needs. Emphasis is placed on public works and housing assistance planning.											
43							X			X		TDA (TxCDBG) – Small and Microenterprise Revolving Loan Fund
44	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/CDBGResources/Applications/SMRF.aspx											
45	AN APPLICATION FOR THIS PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED AS OF 2019-06-26											
	<u>Overview:</u> The Small and Microenterprise Revolving Loan Fund (SMRF) provides capital for rural communities to invest in new and/or existing small businesses and microenterprises. In cooperation with a qualified, nonprofit development organization (NDO), SMRF monies are loaned to local small businesses and microenterprises to support job creation/retention activity for predominately low and moderate income persons. Once the contractual job creation/retention requirements are satisfied, the contract is monitored for compliance and closed out by TDA. At the local level, the NDO continues servicing the original SMRF loans, and repayments are deposited into a locally established Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) operated by the NDO. The RLF continues lending to small businesses and microenterprises, but the funds are no longer subject to Federal requirements nor further TDA oversight per Section 105(a)(15) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCDA).											
46	<u>Qualifications:</u> Eligible applicants must be an incorporated, non-entitlement municipality submitting an application for 2018 Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Program (DRP/MS) funding. The city is responsible for the administration and success of the project throughout the term of the contract. NOTE: Significantly more qualifications info on their website.											
47							X	X				TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture (TxCDBG) – Disaster Relief Fund
48	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/CDBGResources/Applications/DisasterReliefFundApplicationandGuide.aspx											
49	<u>Overview:</u> The Disaster Relief (DR) Fund addresses emergency situations that have received an official disaster declaration (either by the Governor or the President).											
50	<u>Qualifications:</u> Eligible applicants are non-entitlement general purpose units of local government including cities and counties that are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Non-entitlement cities that are not participating in urban county programs through existing participation agreements are eligible applicants (unless the city's population is counted towards the urban county CDBG allocation). Non-entitlement cities are located predominately in rural areas and are cities with populations less than 50,000; cities that are not designated as a central city of a metropolitan statistical area; and cities that are not participating in urban county programs. Non-entitlement counties are also predominately rural in nature and are counties that generally have fewer than 200,000 persons in the non-entitlement cities and unincorporated areas located in the county.											
51	<u>Eligible Uses:</u> Funds can be used to restore infrastructure damaged by natural disasters such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, etc., to pre-disaster condition in design, function, and capacity. In a drought situation, the DR fund may also be used to install new facilities that resolve a primary drinking water supply shortage. DR fund applications are due within 12 months of the applicant being named in a disaster declaration.											
52	X							X				TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture (TxCDBG) – Urgent Needs Fund
53	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/CDBGResources/Applications/DisasterReliefFundApplicationandGuide.aspx											
54	<u>Overview:</u> The Urgent Need (UN) Fund is by invitation only.											
55	<u>Qualifications:</u> Eligible applicants are non-entitlement general purpose units of local government including cities and counties that are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Non-entitlement cities that are not participating in urban county programs through existing participation agreements are eligible applicants (unless the city's population is counted towards the urban county CDBG allocation). Non-entitlement cities are located predominately in rural areas and are cities with populations less than 50,000; cities that are not designated as a central city of a metropolitan statistical area; and cities that are not participating in urban county programs. Non-entitlement counties are also predominately rural in nature and are counties that generally have fewer than 200,000 persons in the non-entitlement cities and unincorporated areas located in the county.											
56	<u>Eligible Uses:</u> Funds can only be utilized for activities that will restore water or sewer infrastructure whose sudden failure has resulted in either death, illness, injury or pose an imminent threat to life or health within the affected applicant's jurisdiction and the problem being addressed must be of recent origin (no more than 30 days from date of event).											



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57							X	X				TDA – Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFA) - General Provisions
58	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/TexasAgriculturalFinanceAuthority.aspx											
59	Overview: The Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFA) was created in 1987 (through HB 49) as a public authority within the Texas Department of Agriculture. The program is designed to provide financial assistance for the expansion, development and diversification of production, processing, marketing and exporting of Texas agricultural products.											
60							X		X			TDA – TAFA - Agricultural Loan Guarantee Program
61	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/TexasAgriculturalFinanceAuthority/AgriculturalLoanGuaranteeProgram.aspx											
62	Overview: The Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFA) Agricultural Loan Guarantee Program (ALG) provides financial assistance to establish or enhance farming or ranching operations or to establish an agricultural-related business. This program provides assistance in the form of guarantees based on a tiered structure, not to exceed \$500,000 or 80% of the loan amount, whichever is less.											
63	Qualifications: Open to all agricultural enterprises: The applicant should discuss the program with his/her lender (including any commercial lending bank or Farm Credit System). The lender will submit an application to TAFA on the borrower's behalf. The applicant must meet the lender's underwriting criteria. The lender and borrower determine the loan terms, while TAFA retains the right to alter any loan terms as necessary to provide the guarantee.											
64	Eligible Uses: A loan guarantee recipient may use loan proceeds for any agricultural related purpose, including: Working capital for operating a farm or ranch; Lease of facilities; Purchase of machinery and equipment; and/or Purchase of real estate, as identified in recipient's documentation submitted in support of the application.											
65							X		X			TDA – TAFA - Interest Rate Reduction
66	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/TexasAgriculturalFinanceAuthority/InterestRateReduction.aspx											
67	Overview: The Interest Rate Reduction (IRR) Program is intended to facilitate lower interest rates to eligible applicants through a commercial lender. Through this program, lenders are able to receive capital for their loans from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, who is authorized by the Legislature to offer below-market interest rates. These lower rates are then passed along to the borrowers, who may benefit from interest rate reductions of several percentage points.											
68	Qualifications: Any person who proposes to use loan proceeds for the creation or expansion of an agricultural business in Texas. The applicant should discuss the program with his or her lender and have the lender submit the application. Eligible lenders include any financial institution that makes commercial loans and is an approved depository for state funds. Farm Credit System lenders are not eligible because they are not able to accept deposits from the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The lender and the borrower determine the repayment, maturity and collateral for the loan.											
69	Eligible Uses: Loan proceeds may be used for any agriculture-related operating expense, including: The purchase or lease of land; A fixed asset acquisition or improvement; and/or Any enterprise based on agriculture, as identified in the application. A loan under this program may be applied to existing debt only when required by the lender to finance the expansion of an eligible project.											
70							X	X	X			TDA – TAFA – Young Farmer Grant
71	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/TexasAgriculturalFinanceAuthority/YoungFarmerGrant.aspx											
72	Overview: The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance in the form of dollar-for-dollar matching grant funds to young agricultural producers that are engaged or will be engaged in creating or expanding an agricultural business in Texas.											
73	Qualifications: Grant applications will be accepted from any individual person 18 years or older, but younger than 46 years of age as of the application deadline, who is engaged or will be engaged in creating or expanding agriculture in Texas. Applications that merely propose to sustain an existing agricultural business are not eligible for an award under this program. Corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships or other types of foreign or domestic entities are not eligible for awards under this program. TDA will immediately disqualify any application filed on behalf of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other types of foreign or domestic entity. The applicant must be able to make dollar-for-dollar matching expenditures to sustain, create or expand the proposed project. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen and applicants must reside and operate in Texas. Grant recipients that have a current, open grant may not receive a new grant during this cycle. Grant funds will not be awarded to multiple family members for the same project.											
74	Eligible Uses: Each individual grant applicant must clearly describe a distinct project and demonstrate how the individual grant applicant will independently benefit from the Young Farmer Grant.											

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75						X			X			TDA – TAFE - Young Farmer Interest Rate Reduction Program
76	http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/TexasAgriculturalFinanceAuthority/YoungFarmerInterestRateReductionProgram.aspx											
77	Overview: The Young Farmer Interest Rate Reduction (YFIRR) Program is intended to facilitate a lower interest rate to agricultural producers or agribusiness owners who are between 18 and 46 years of age through a commercial lender. The YFIRR program provides an interest reduction to the borrower on a qualifying bank loan for an eligible project. The Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of Texas deposits funds in a bank (which must be a state approved depository) at a below market interest rate. The bank issues a loan of like amount, at no more than 4% above the interest rate on the state's deposit. The program does not offer a guaranty or participation by the Authority in the loan.											
78	Qualifications: Any person who is 18 years of age but younger than 46 years who proposes to use loan proceeds for the creation or expansion of an agricultural business in Texas. The applicant should discuss the program with his or her lender and have the lender submit the application. Eligible lenders include any financial institution that makes commercial loans and is an approved depository for state funds. Farm Credit System lenders are not eligible because they are not able to accept deposits from the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The lender and the borrower determine the repayment, maturity and collateral for the loan.											
79	Eligible Uses: Loan proceeds may be used for any agriculture-related operating expense, including: The purchase or lease of land; Fixed asset acquisition or improvement; and/or any enterprise based on agriculture, as identified in the application. A loan under this program may be applied to existing debt only when required by the lender to finance the expansion of an eligible project.											
80												TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture – GO TEXAN Program
81	http://www.gotexan.org/											
82	Overview: GO TEXAN represents Texas agri-business on state, national and international levels by building recognition for the GO TEXAN mark and helping you find Texas products. There's no denying Lone Star pride! GO TEXAN, with its signature mark in the shape of Texas, celebrates, promotes and supports the business savvy and plainspoken grit Texas agriculture is known for throughout the world. Whether it's grown, sewn or served up on a plate, more than 26 million Texans shop, travel and dine out in support of Texas business and agriculture, looking for the GO TEXAN mark to light the way.											
83	Qualifications: Specific eligibility guidelines apply to each category of product. For the details on each, contact GO TEXAN or go to the Texas Administrative Code.											
84	Eligible Uses:											
85						X						TEEX - Texas Engineering Ext. Service – Training Programs
86	https://teex.org/Pages/default.aspx											
87	Overview: The major TEEX programs include fire and rescue, infrastructure and safety, law enforcement, economic and workforce development, and homeland security. As a member of The Texas A&M University System, TEEX is unique in its ability to access a broad range of emerging research and technical expertise. Beginning with course design and development all the way through hands-on instruction and national certification testing, TEEX delivers comprehensive training through both classroom and hands-on instruction and as online courses. Hosting services for online courses, technical assistance and technology validation, and bilingual training and translation services also are available.											
88						X	X					TGOEDT - Texas Governor's Office-EDT – Texas Enterprise Fund
89	https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/texas-enterprise-fund											
90	Overview: The Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) is the largest “deal-closing” fund of its kind in the nation. The fund is used as a final incentive tool for projects that offer significant projected job creation and capital investment and where a single Texas site is competing with another viable out-of-state option.											
91	Qualifications: 1. The single Texas site being considered for the project must be in active competition with at least one out-of-state site and the company must not have made a location decision. Actions signifying the company has already made a location decision include, but are not limited to—signing a lease, purchasing land, hiring employees and/or making a location announcement. 2. Projected new job creation must exceed 75 full-time jobs (urban areas) or 25 full-time jobs (rural areas). 3. The total average wage for new jobs must meet or exceed the average county wage for the county in which the project would be located during the full term of the grant agreement. 4. The company must demonstrate significant levels of planned capital investment, as determined by the Governor's Office. 5. The project must be supported by the city, county and/or school district in which the project would be located, particularly in the form of local economic incentive offers. 6. The company must be well-established and financially sound. 7. The company must operate in an advanced industry which affords it other feasible location options nationally and/or internationally.											
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93							X	X	X			TGOEDT - Texas Governor's Office-EDT – Event Trust Fund
94	https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/event-trust-funds-program											
95	Overview: The Event Trust Funds program is comprised of three separate funds—the Events Trust Fund, Major Events Reimbursement Program, and Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund—targeted at attracting various types of events to the State of Texas. The Funds can assist Texas communities with paying costs related to preparing for or conducting an event by depositing projected gains in various local and state taxes generated from the event in a dedicated event-specific trust fund to cover allowable expenses											
96	Qualifications: A municipality, county, or non-profit local organizing committee endorsed by a Texas municipality or county which has been selected to host a qualified event, if the event location in that Texas municipality or county was selected through a highly competitive process by an independent site selection committee which considered other out-of-state locations.											
97	Eligible Uses: Eligibility criteria vary for the three types of event trust funds. For information most relevant to the type of event for which you are considering applying, please view the ETF Guidelines.											
98							X	X	X			TGOEDT - Texas Governor's Office-EDT – Governor's University Research Initiative (GURI)
99	https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/guri											
100	Overview: The Governor's University Research Initiative (GURI), enacted in 2015, is aimed at helping Texas public institutions of higher education recruit distinguished researchers from around the world to the State of Texas. The program seeks to bolster both the standing of Texas public colleges and universities and economic development efforts statewide.											
101	Qualifications:											
102	Eligible Uses: For full eligibility details and eligible grant reimbursement cost categories, please refer to the GURI Statute and the GURI Administrative Rules, as well as the GURI Application Kit document.											
103							X	X				TGOEDT - Texas Governor's Office-EDT – Texas Enterprise Zone Program
104	https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/texas-enterprise-zone-program											
105	Overview: The Texas Enterprise Zone Program (EZIP) is a state sales and use tax refund program designed to encourage private investment and job creation in economically distressed areas of the state.											
106	Qualifications: Texas communities must nominate companies in their jurisdiction to receive an Enterprise Zone designation and thus be eligible to receive state sales and use tax refunds on qualified expenditures by submitting an application on the company's behalf. Companies must contribute information to the application packet where required. Companies must meet minimum capital investment thresholds and create and/or retain jobs that employ a certain percentage of economically disadvantaged individuals, enterprise zone residents, or veterans.											
107	Eligible Uses: State sales and use tax refund, with the maximum allowable refund—both total and per-job—determined for each company which has been awarded a designation based on the company's planned capital investment and job creation and/or retention at the qualified business site (see table below). Companies approved for Enterprise Zone designations are eligible to apply for refunds of the state sales and use tax they have paid during the designation period on qualified expenditures, up to their maximum allowable refund. The Texas Comptroller's Office administers all refunds. EZIP designations are effective beginning 90 days prior to the deadline for the applicable application round and extend for a period of not less than 1 year and not more than 5 years from the date on which the designation is made.											
108							X			X		TGOEDT - Texas Governor's Office-EDT – Product Development and Small Business Incubator Fund (PDSBI)
109	https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/product-development-and-small-business-incubator-fund											
110	Overview: The Product Development and Small Business Incubator Fund (PDSBI) offers long-term, asset-backed loans to product development companies and small business incubators/accelerators located in Texas. The loans finance the development and production of new or improved products or the stimulations of new or existing small businesses in Texas. The program targets those businesses which may be unable to obtain full financing or financing on workable terms in traditional capital markets.											
111	Qualifications: The Fund is administered by the Office of Economic Development Finance (EDF) under Economic Development & Tourism within the Office of the Governor. Policy-making responsibilities and final loan reviews (approval/denial) are carried out by a nine-person board appointed by the Governor (when applicable) and EDF staff. EDF staff remains in contact with the board regarding each individual application throughout the process, and staff maintains the authority to decline an application at any time.											
112	Eligible Uses:											



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113						X					X	TGOEDT - Texas Governor's Office-EDT – Industrial Revenue Bonds
114	https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/industrial-revenue-bonds											
115	Overview: Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs) provide a source of tax-exempt or taxable bond finance for projects involving significant private activity that promote new and existing businesses, encourage employment, and expand the tax base of a community. IRBs are issued by Industrial Development Corporations sponsored by a government unit, but their proceeds are passed on to private businesses, which are generally responsible for debt service payment.											
116	Qualifications: Industrial Development Corporations (IDCs) or equivalent bodies whose creation by cities, counties or conservation and reclamation districts is authorized by the Development Corporation Act of 1979. IDC's must issue IRBs on behalf of a city, county or conservation and reclamation district for the benefit of private companies for eligible projects within their jurisdiction. Another governmental unit outside of the IDC's jurisdiction may request the IDC to issue bonds on its behalf.											
117	Eligible Uses: Please refer to the Development Corporation Act for definitions of eligible projects and eligible costs associated with those projects. The issuance of bonds is governed by the state and federal law, and qualified bond counsel should be consulted on all potential IRB issuances.											
118						X			X			TGOEDT - Texas Governor's Office-EDT – Capital Access Program
119	https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/capital-access-program											
120	Overview: The Capital Access Program (CAP) is a partnership between the State of Texas and selected non-profit lenders to increase access to financing for small and medium-sized businesses and non-profits which face barriers to accessing capital or fall outside of guidelines of conventional lending. The Program facilitates loans which are underwritten by the participating non-profit lenders and supported by the state contributions to a loan loss reserve fund.											
121	Qualifications: Small and medium-sized businesses and non-profit organizations which are domiciled in the State of Texas or have at least 51% of their employees located in the state and which are seeking financing for projects, activities or enterprises in the state that foster economic development. Eligible businesses must have no more than 499 employees to qualify.											
122	Eligible Uses: Loans may not be used to construct or purchase residential housing to make simple real estate investments, excluding real estate occupied by the applicant's business.											
123						X					X	TGOEDT - Texas Governor's Office-EDT – Spaceport Trust Fund
124	https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/spaceport-trust-fund											
125	Overview: The Spaceport Trust Fund (STF) is a financial tool to support the development of infrastructure necessary or useful for establishing a spaceport in the State of Texas. Fund proceeds are available to any spaceport development corporation which has secured a viable business entity if that entity is capable of launching and landing a reusable launch vehicle or spacecraft and intends to locate its facilities at the development corporation's planned spaceport in the state.											
126	Qualifications:											
127	Eligible Uses: For full eligibility and program details, please refer to the STF Statute. Grant criteria are written into individual grant agreements with development corporations receiving an STF award.											
128						X					X	TGOEDT - Texas Governor's Office-EDT – Economic Development & Diversification In-State Tuition for Employees
129	https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/economic-development-diversification-in-state-tuition-for-employees											
130	Overview: Economic Development & Diversification In-State Tuition for Employees is a program that allows employees—and those employees' family members—of a qualified business considering a relocation or expansion of its operations in the State of Texas to pay in-state tuition rates at public institutions of higher education in the state without first establishing residency.											
131	Qualifications: A city, county or economic development group covering the Texas region in which the qualified business is considering locating, may apply on behalf of the business, so long as the business is still in the decision-making process to relocate or expand its operations at the applicable site.											
132	Eligible Uses:											
133						X					X	THC - Texas Historical Commission – Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program
134	https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/preservation-tax-incentives/texas-historic-preservation-tax-credit											
135	Overview: The new state historic tax credit is worth 25 percent of eligible rehabilitation costs and is available for buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places, as well as Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks and Texas State Antiquities Landmarks.											
136	Qualifications:											
137	Eligible Uses:											



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138							X				X	Local Historic Preservation Tax Incentives
139	https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/preservation-tax-incentives/about-preservation-tax-incentives#Local											
140	Overview: Properties that are designated as Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks, State Antiquities Landmarks, or local landmarks may be eligible for property tax incentives. The local taxing authority must authorize exemptions for historic properties in need of tax relief and will determine the amount of the exemption. Local tax exemptions for historic properties are authorized by Title 1, Section 11.24 of the Texas Tax Code.											
141	Qualifications:											
142	Eligible Uses:											
143												TPW – Texas Parks & Wildlife - XXXX
144	TBD – Research coming soon											
145	Overview:											
146	Qualifications:											
147	Eligible Uses:											
148							X					TRFC – Texas Rural Funders Collaborative
149	https://dev.edtx.org/get-involved/texas-rural-funders-collaborative											
150	Overview: The Texas Rural Funders Collaborative (TRFC) is made up of private foundations, community foundations, and health-conversion foundations. We represent a variety of interests. But our shared belief is that the health of our state depends upon the success of all our communities, and that urban and rural areas are inextricably linked. It is our hope that by working jointly and partnering with individuals and organizations representing a diversity of expertise, we can support work that honors, preserves and strengthens rural life in Texas. We approach this work from an asset-based perspective focusing on what is working in rural communities, not what is not. CONTACT: Rick Rhodes, (512) 656-3981, rickrho3@gmail.com											
151	Qualifications: TBD											
152	Eligible Uses: TBD											
153							X				X	TWC - Texas Workforce Commission – Skills Development Fund
154	https://twc.texas.gov/partners/skills-development-fund											
155	Overview: The Skills Development Fund is Texas' premier job-training program providing local customized training opportunities for Texas businesses and workers to increase skill levels and wages of the Texas workforce. The Texas Workforce Commission administers funding for the program. Success is achieved through collaboration among businesses, public community and technical colleges, Workforce Development Boards and economic development partners.											
156	Qualifications:											
157	Eligible Uses:											
158							X				X	TWC - Texas Workforce Commission – Self Sufficiency Fund
159	https://twc.texas.gov/programs/self-sufficiency-fund-program-overview											
160	Overview: The Self Sufficiency Fund provides training grants for industry recognized certificates and credentials that lead to permanent full-time employment. The Self Sufficiency Fund program assists adult recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, and individuals earning less than \$37,000 annually with a dependent child (custodial or noncustodial) or an individual at risk of becoming dependent on public assistance.											
161	Qualifications: Partnering with local community or technical colleges or Community-based organizations 501(c)(3), Texas Engineering Extension Services (TEEX) or trade unions can apply to TWC for funding.											
162	Eligible Uses:											
163							X				X	TWC - Texas Workforce Commission – Skills for Small Business
164	https://twc.texas.gov/businesses/skills-small-business-employers											
165	Overview: Through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Skills for Small Business program, up to \$2 million from the Skills Development Fund is dedicated to the backbone of Texas' business community—our small employers. Small businesses can apply to TWC for training offered by their local community or technical college, or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). TWC processes the applications and works with the college to fund the specific courses selected by businesses for their employees.											
166	Qualifications: Skills for Small Business emphasizes training newly hired employees, those who have been hired by the business up to twelve months prior to the date that TWC receives an application. The program pays up to \$1,800 for each new employee being trained and \$900 for existing employees per 12-month period. Funding for training is for full-time employees. All training must be provided by a public community or technical college, or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). No third-party vendor training is allowed. Training must be selected from active course catalogs/schedules— credit, continuing education, online or other available unpublished courses. Employers must pay the prevailing wages in the local labor market for the trainees funded under the grant.											
167	Eligible Uses:											



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168							X	X	X			TWU – Center for Women Entrepreneurs – Microgrants
169	https://twu.edu/center-women-entrepreneurs/											
170	Overview: The CWE's Women's Enterprise Training and Microgrant Program helps women business owners —current or aspiring— to undertake new and innovative projects. Up to 10 business owners will be selected to each receive a \$5,000 grant.											
171	Qualifications: Existing or to-be-formed woman-owned businesses (at least 51% directly owned and controlled by one or more women who are U.S. citizens) with five or fewer employees; For-profit corporations, partnerships, LLPs, LLCs or sole proprietorships; Businesses with all sales, payroll, property taxes and other taxes current; Businesses where both the owner and business are not involved in any pending or current litigation; Businesses operating with all permits, licenses and following all required laws											
172	Eligible Uses: New machinery, equipment or technology; New inventory or raw materials; Installation of fixtures or display units; Property improvements to help bring in more business; Marketing or advertising campaigns; Any business-related activity approved by the CWE; Funds cannot be used for wages and salaries of any kind											
173												USDA – U.S. Dept. of Agriculture – Master List of Programs
174	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs#Business											
175	Overview: This is a comprehensive list of USDA programs, including the following groups of programs: -Rural Business-Cooperatives Service -Rural Housing Service - Community Facilities -Rural Housing Service - Multi-Family Housing -Rural Housing Service - Single-Family Housing -Rural Utilities Service - Electric Programs -Rural Utilities Service - Telecommunications Programs -Rural Utilities Service - Water & Environmental Programs											
176							X			X		USDA-RD – (Business) – Business & Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I)
177	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees											
178	Overview: This program bolsters the availability of private credit by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses.											
179	Who May Apply: Lenders with the legal authority, sufficient experience and financial strength to operate a successful lending program. This includes: Federal or state-chartered banks, Savings and loans, Farm credit banks, Credit unions											
180	Qualifications: For-profit businesses, Nonprofits, Cooperatives, Federally-recognized Tribes, Public bodies, Individuals											
181							X					USDA-RD – (Business-Energy) – Advanced Biofuel Payment Program
182	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/advanced-biofuel-payment-program											
183	Overview: Support and ensure an expanding production of advanced biofuels by paying advanced biofuel producers for finished advanced biofuel products											
184	Who May Apply: Any entity that produces and sells advanced biofuel is eligible to apply. Eligible advanced biofuels: Meet the definition of an advanced biofuel in 7 CFR Part 4288.102; Are a liquid, gas, or solid; Must be a final product; Are produced in the United States; and Are ones where the buyers and sellers act independently and have no relationship to each other.											
185							X			X		USDA-RD – (Business-Energy) – Bio-refinery, Renewable Chemical, and Bio-based Product Manufacturing Assistance Program
186	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/biorefinery-renewable-chemical-and-biobased-product-manufacturing-assistance											
187	Overview: This program assists in the development, construction, and retrofitting of new and emerging technologies for advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals and bio-based products by providing loan guarantees up to \$250 million.											
188	Who May Apply: Lenders with legal authority, sufficient experience and expertise, and can demonstrate they meet the FDIC definition of "Well Capitalized" at the time of application and issuance of Loan Note Guarantee, including: Federal or State chartered bank, Federally recognized tribes, Cooperatives, Farm Credit Bank, or other Farm Credit System institution with direct lending authority, Credit Unions subject to credit examination and supervision by a State agency or the National Credit Union Administration, The National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation											
189							X					USDA-RD – (Business-Energy) – Repowering Assistance Program
190	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/repowering-assistance-program											
191	Overview: Provides funding for up to 50% of the total eligible project costs for bio-refineries to install renewable biomass systems for heating and power at their facilities; or, to produce new energy from renewable biomass											
192	Who May Apply: Bio-refineries in existence on or before June 18, 2008, proposing to use only renewable biomass for replacement fuel, with no outstanding delinquent federal taxes, debt, judgment or debarment (renewable biomass is further defined in 7 CFR, Part 4288.2)											



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193							X					USDA-RD – (Business-Energy) – Rural Energy for America Program Energy Audit & Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grants
194	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-energy-audit-renewable-energy-development-assistance											
195	Overview: Grantees assist rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits, and providing renewable energy development assistance (REDA).											
196	Who May Apply: State and local governments; Federally-recognized Tribes; A land-grant college or university, or other Institutions of Higher Education; Rural electric cooperatives; Public power entities; An Instrumentality of a state, tribal, or local government; A Resource Conservation & Development Council (as defined in 16 USC §3451).											
197	Eligible Uses: Energy audits, Renewable energy technical assistance, Renewable energy site assessments											
198							X		X			USDA-RD – (Business-Energy) – Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants
199	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency											
200	Overview: Provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements.											
201	Who May Apply: Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations, and Small businesses in eligible rural areas.											
202	Eligible Uses: Funds may be used for renewable energy systems, such as: Biomass (for example: biodiesel and ethanol, anaerobic digesters, and solid fuels), Geothermal 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											
203							X		X			USDA-RD – Intermediary Relending Program
204	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/intermediary-relending-program											
205	Overview: Provides 1 percent low-interest loans to local intermediaries that re-lend to businesses to improve economic conditions and create jobs in rural communities.											
206	Who May Apply: The following are eligible to be an intermediary lender: Nonprofits and cooperatives, Federally-recognized Tribes, Public agencies											
207	Eligible Uses: To acquire, construct, convert, enlarge or repair a business or business facility, particularly when jobs will be created or retained, To purchase or develop land (easements, rights of way, buildings, facilities, leases, materials), To purchase equipment, machinery or supplies, or make leasehold improvements, Start-up costs and working capital, Pollution control and abatement, Transportation services, Feasibility studies and some fees, Hotels, motels, convention centers, Education institutions, Aquaculture-based rural small business, Revolving lines of credit as described in 7 CFR Part 4274.314											
208							X	X				USDA-RD – Rural Business Development Grants
209	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants											
210	Overview: This program is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas which will employ 50 or fewer new employees and has less than \$1 million in gross revenue. Programmatic activities are separated into enterprise or opportunity type grant activities.											
211	Who May Apply: Rural public entities including, but not limited to: Towns, Communities, State agencies, Authorities, Nonprofit corporations, Institutions of higher education, Federally-recognized Tribes, Rural cooperatives (If organized as a private nonprofit corporation)											
212	Eligible Uses: Enterprise grants must be used on projects to benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas as specified in the grant application. Uses may include: Training and technical assistance, such as project planning, business counseling/training, market research, feasibility studies, professional/technical reports, or product/service improvements, Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights of way; construction, conversion, renovation of buildings; plants, machinery, equipment, access for streets and roads; parking areas and utilities, Pollution control and abatement, Capitalization of revolving loan funds, including funds that will make loans for start-ups and working capital, Distance adult learning for job training and advancement, Rural transportation improvement, Community economic development, Technology-based economic development, Feasibility studies and business plans, Leadership and entrepreneur training, Rural business incubators, Long-term business strategic planning											
213	Eligible Uses: Opportunity grants can be used for: Community economic development; Technology-based economic development; Feasibility studies and business plans; Leadership and entrepreneur training; Rural business incubators; Long-term business strategic planning											

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214							X				X	USDA-RD – Rural Business Investment Program
215	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-investment-program											
216	Overview: This program provides a Rural Business Investment Company (RBIC) license to newly formed venture capital organizations to help meet the equity capital investment needs in rural communities.											
217	Who May Apply: Eligible applicants for the RBIC license include newly formed: For-profit entities, or Subsidiary of an entity. All applicants: Must have relevant experience in venture capital or community development financing, Must raise a minimum of \$10 million in private equity capital, May be structured as limited partnerships, limited liability companies or corporations											
218	Eligible Uses: A minimum of 75 percent of funds must be made in rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less. A minimum of 50 percent of funds must be invested in smaller enterprises. A maximum of 10 percent of RBIC investments may be made in urban areas.											
219							X	X	X			USDA-RD – Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program
220	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-cooperative-development-grant-program											
221	Overview: The Rural Cooperative Development Grant program helps improve the economic condition of rural areas by helping individuals and businesses start, expand or improve rural cooperatives and other mutually-owned businesses through Cooperative Development Centers. Grants are awarded through a national competition. Each fiscal year, applications are requested through a notice published in the Federal Register and through an announcement posted on grants.gov.											
222	Who May Apply: Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for this program. Public bodies, for-profit business and individuals are not eligible.											
223	Eligible Uses: Grant and matching funds can be used for developing and operating a Rural Cooperative Development Center. Examples of technical assistance and other services the Centers provide are: Conducting feasibility studies, Developing business plans, Providing leadership and operational improvement training, Facilitating strategic planning											
224	Matching Requirement: 25 percent of total project costs (5 percent for Native American tribally-controlled colleges and universities that were granted land-grant status under an Act of Congress in 1994).											
225							X	X		X		USDA-RD – Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program
226	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-program											
227	Overview: 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 is responsible for repayment to USDA. USDA provides grants to local utility organizations which use the funding to establish revolving loan funds (RLF). Loans are made from the revolving loan funds to projects that will create or retain rural jobs. When the revolving loan fund is terminated, the grant is repaid to USDA.											
228	Who May Apply: 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; or Current Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs borrowers											
229	Eligible Uses: Program intermediaries pass the funding to ultimate recipients on to eligible projects. Examples of eligible projects include: Business incubators; Community development assistance to nonprofits and public bodies (particularly for job creation or enhancement); Facilities and equipment to educate and train rural residents to facilitate economic development; Facilities and equipment for medical care for rural residents; Start-up venture costs, including, but not limited to, financing fixed assets such as real estate, buildings, equipment or working capital; Business expansion; Technical assistance											
230							X	X		X		USDA-RD – Rural Micro-Entrepreneur Assistance Program
231	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program											
232	Overview: Provides loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to: Provide microloans to help microenterprises startup and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund; Provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs											
233	Who May Apply: The following are eligible to be an MDO: Nonprofits; Federally-recognized Tribes; Institutions of higher education/ The following are eligible to apply for a loan from the MDO as an ultimate recipient: Businesses located in an eligible area with 10 or fewer full-time employees											
234	Eligible Uses: Micro-lenders may make microloans for qualified business activities and expenses including, but not limited to: Working capital; Debt refinancing; Purchase equipment and supplies; Improve real estate											

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235		X						X				USDA-RD – Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant
236	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/socially-disadvantaged-groups-grant											
237	Overview: The primary objective of the Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant program is to provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups through cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers. Each fiscal year, applications are requested through a Notice published in the Federal Register and an announcement posted on Grants.gov.											
238	Who May Apply: Cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers are eligible.											
239	Eligible Uses: Grants must be used to provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups in rural areas. Examples of technical assistance are: Feasibility studies; Business plans; Strategic planning; Leadership training											
240		X					X	X	X			USDA-RD – Value Added Producer Grants
241	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants											
242	Overview: The Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of new products. The goals of this program are to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income. Applicants may receive priority if they are a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially-disadvantaged farmer or rancher, a small or medium-sized farm or ranch structured as a family farm, a farmer or rancher cooperative, or are proposing a mid-tier value chain. Grants are awarded through a national competition. Each fiscal year, applications are requested through a notice published in the Federal Register and through an announcement posted on Grants.gov.											
243	Who May Apply: Independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer- or rancher-cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures, as defined in the program regulation are eligible to apply for this program.											
244	Eligible Uses: Grant and matching funds can be used for planning activities or for working capital expenses related to producing and marketing a value-added agricultural product. Examples of planning activities include conducting feasibility studies and developing business plans for processing and marketing the proposed value-added product. Examples of working capital expenses include: Processing costs; Marketing and advertising expenses; Some inventory and salary expenses											
245							X			X		USDA-RD – Distributed Generation Energy Project Financing
246	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distributed-generation-energy-project-financing											
247	Overview: The RUS Electric Program can provide loans and loan guarantees to energy project developers for distributed energy projects including renewables that provide wholesale or retail electricity to existing Electric Program borrowers or to rural communities served by other utilities. Electric Program project financing loans follow the same regulatory requirements and processes as do our traditional electric infrastructure loans and loan guarantees (also known as system loans or loans for rural electrification). Distributed generation projects including generation from renewable resources are providing more power supply options for rural communities. There is growing interest among electric cooperatives to enter into power purchase agreements (PPAs) with project developers or to interconnect distributed generation projects directly into their systems.											
248	Who May Apply: Energy project developers for distributed energy projects; Electric Program borrowers or other utilities that serve rural areas											
249	Eligible Uses: Existing borrower (cooperative) owns and operates the project. A project developer builds and operates the project that has PPAs to serve rural customers such as existing RUS borrowers and/or other off-takers. A wholly-owned subsidiary of an existing RUS borrower owns and operates the project and has a PPA with the RUS borrower to take the entire output.											
250							X	X				USDA-RD – Energy Resource Conservation
251	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-resource-conservation											
252	Overview: The Energy Resource Conservation (ERC) Program enables current Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrowers to make funds available to their consumers for energy conservation and renewable energy projects by deferring payment of principal and interest.											
253	Who May Apply: Participation in this program is limited to existing RUS borrowers with direct loans. Loans must not be Federal Financing Bank loan guarantees.											
254	Eligible Uses: Amounts deferred in the ERC program can be used to cover the cost of labor and materials for energy conservation measures, and to finance renewable energy projects.											
255							X				X	USDA-RD – Strategic Economic and Community Development
256	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/strategic-economic-and-community-development											
257	Overview: Projects that promote regional economic development can capitalize upon the unique strengths of specific rural areas. USDA Rural Development helps finance these projects by helping applicants overcome multi-jurisdictional challenges and by helping leverage federal, state, local or private funding. Regionally focused projects help USDA resources have a larger impact, enabling greater wealth creation and quality of life improvements.											
258	Qualifications: To be eligible for SECD, a project must: Be eligible for the underlying program; Be carried out solely in a rural area; Support a multi-jurisdictional strategic economic community development plan; Consideration for regional development priority											

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	will be based on: (1) How well the project supports a multi-jurisdictional plan, and (2) How well the plan addresses collaboration and investments from other federal and philanthropic agencies.											
259							X	X				USDA-RD – (Broadband-Phone) Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees
260	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees											
261	<u>Overview:</u> This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas. For more information on other programs administered by RUS Telecommunications please visit: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs											
262	<u>Who May Apply:</u> Most entities that provide telecommunications in qualified rural areas including: State and local governmental entities; Federally Recognized Tribes; Non-profits, including Cooperatives, and limited dividend or mutual associations; For-profit businesses (must be a corporation or limited liability company)											
263	<u>Eligible Uses:</u> Funds may be used to finance broadband capable telecommunications service: Improvements; Expansions; Construction; Acquisitions (in certain cases); Refinancing (in certain cases); For additional detail see Code of Federal Regulations 7 CFR 1735											
264							X		X			USDA-RD - (Broadband) - Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee
265	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-broadband-access-loan-and-loan-guarantee											
266	<u>Overview:</u> The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program (Broadband Program) furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas. For more information on other programs administered by RUS Telecommunications please visit http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs											
267	<u>Who May Apply:</u> To be eligible for a broadband loan, an applicant may be either a non-profit or for-profit organization, and must take one of the following forms: Corporation; Limited liability company (LLC); Cooperative or mutual organization; A state or local unit of government; Indian tribe or tribal organization; Individuals and Partnerships are not Eligible.											
268	<u>Eligible Uses:</u> Broadband loans provide funding on a technology-neutral basis for financing: The construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities required to provide service at the broadband lending speed including facilities required for providing other services through the same facilities; The cost of leasing facilities required to provide service at the broadband Lending speed if such lease qualifies as a capital lease under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP); An acquisition, under certain circumstances and with restrictions; For additional detail see 7 CFR 1738											
269							X	X				USDA-RD - (Broadband) - Community Connect Grants
270	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants											
271	<u>Overview:</u> This program helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service.											
272	<u>Qualifications:</u> Rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream is eligible.											
273	<u>Who May Apply:</u> Eligible applicants include: Most State and local governments; Federally-recognized Tribes; Non-profits; For-profit corporations											
274	<u>Eligible Uses:</u> The construction, acquisition, or leasing of facilities, spectrum, land or buildings used to deploy broadband service for: all residential and business customers located within the Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA); all participating critical; community facilities (such as public schools, fire stations, and public libraries); The cost of providing broadband service free of charge to the critical community facilities for 2 years; Less than 10% of the grant amount or up to \$150,000 may be used for the improvement, expansion, construction or acquisition of a community center that provides online access to the public											
275							X	X				USDA-RD – (Broadband) - Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
276	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants											
277	<u>Overview:</u> The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. For example, this program can link teachers and medical service providers in one area to students and patients in another. For more information on other programs administered by RUS Telecommunications please visit: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs											
278	<u>Who May Apply:</u> Eligible applicants include most entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including: Most State and local governmental entities; Federally-recognized Tribes; Non-profits; For-profit businesses; Consortia of eligible entities											
279	<u>Eligible Uses:</u> Grant funds may be used for: Acquisition of eligible capital assets, such as: Broadband transmission facilities; Audio, video and interactive video equipment; Terminal and data terminal equipment; Computer hardware, network components and software; Inside wiring and similar infrastructure that further DLT services; Acquisition of instructional programming that is a capital asset; Acquisition of technical assistance and instruction for using eligible equipment											

	Eligible Uses							Type				Compiled by EDP Best Practices, LLC
	Public Works	Planning	Parks	Downtown	Housing	Workforce	See Notes	Grant	Matching	Loan	Other	Funding Source / Program (Organized alphabetically by agency acronym)
280												USEDA – U.S. Economic Development Administration Funding Opportunities
281	https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/											
282	Overview: More research coming soon											
283	Qualifications:											
284	Eligible Uses:											
285	X				X	X		X				USHUD - U.S. Housing & Urban Dev - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
286	www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/											
287	Overview: CDBG funds may be used for community development activities (such as real estate acquisition, relocation, demolition, rehabilitation of housing and commercial buildings), construction of public facilities and improvements (such as water, sewer, and other utilities, street paving, and sidewalks), construction and maintenance of neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings, public services, and economic development and job creation/retention activities. CDBG funds can also be used for preservation and restoration of historic properties in low-income neighborhoods.											
288	Qualifications:											
289	Eligible Uses:											
290	PROGRAMS THAT NO LONGER EXIST											
291	• TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture – Agricultural Diversification Programs											
292	• TDA - Texas Dept of Agriculture – Texas Yes! Program											
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Errors or Omissions: If you are aware of errors in this summary or funding sources / programs that are not included, please contact me at glast@EDPBestPractices.com or (817) 992-6156.

Legend:

- CDBG – Community Development Block Grant
- NPS – National Park Service
- TACDC - Texas Association of Community Development Corporations
- TDA – Texas Department of Agriculture
- TDA-TAFA – Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Agricultural Finance Authority
- TEEX – Texas Engineering Extension Service
- TGOEDT – Texas Governor’s Office of Economic Development & Tourism
- THC – Texas Historical Commission
- TRFC – Texas Rural Funders Collaborative
- TxCDBG – Texas Community Development Block Grant
- TPW – Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife
- TRFC – Texas Rural Funders Collaborative
- TWC – Texas Workforce Commission
- USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
- USDA-RD – U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development
- USEDA – U.S. Economic Development Administration
- USHUD – U.S. Housing and Urban Development

