

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND WEBINARS NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

MARCH 13, 2023

USDA Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Program

This program encourages regional, innovation-driven approaches to economic development by funding job accelerator partnerships in low-income and underserved rural communities. In FY 2024, \$2 million is available to partnerships of local governments, investors, industry, institutions of higher education, and other public and private entities in rural areas to:

- Build or support a business incubator facility.
- Provide worker training to assist in the creation of new jobs.
- Train the existing workforce with skills for higher-paying jobs.
- Develop a base of skilled workers and improve their opportunities to obtain high-wage jobs in new or existing local industries.

Awards range from \$500,000 to \$2 million with a match of 20%. Deadline to apply is **April 1st, 2024**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)

EDA FY 2021-23 Planning and Local Technical Assistance Grant

Local governments, states, institutes of higher education, and non-profits can apply for this grant, which is two different programs- Planning and Local Technical Assistance. The portion of the Planning program for local governments is for short-term and state planning efforts to stimulate and guide the creation and/or retention of high-quality jobs and private investment attraction. The median amount of awards for this program is \$70,000. The Local Technical Assistance Program funds projects that undertake and promote effective economic development, including feasibility studies, impact analyses, disaster resiliency plans, and project planning. The median amount for Local Technical Assistance awards has been \$100,000.

\$33.5 million is allocated for Planning programs and \$10 million for Technical Assistance programs. The period of performance for awards is 12-18 months. Applications are accepted until a new NOFO is released. For more Information and to apply, click [here!](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

Kubota Hometown Proud 2024 Program

\$10,000 or \$50,000 grants from Kubota Tractor Corporation to non-profits across the country for community initiatives including community gardens, agriculture education centers, all-access parks, and open space preservation projects! There will be 20 awards made nationwide. The nominated project must be within a 50-mile radius of an authorized Kubota dealer to qualify. There will be two finalists in each of the 10 designated regions of the U.S, with the highest voted finalist winning \$50,000 and the other \$10,000. Applications are due **April 12, 2024**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 Community / Pre-Application Webinar - Downtown Revitalization Program

March 25, 2024, 2:00-3:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, click [here!](#)

Improving Your Jurisdiction's Development Review Process

March 27, 2024, 12:00-1:00 PM

Registration Fee: ICMA Member Rate: \$149

Nonmember Rate: \$249

To register, click [here!](#)

Leadership Central Texas Application Deadline

March 29, 2024, 5:00 PM

To apply, click [here!](#)



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CDBG Over Coffee: Environmental - 24 CFR Section 58

March 26, 2024, time not set yet

To attend, click [here!](#)