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Federal Resources

Appalachian Regional Commission

Grants and Contracts (Limited to Appalachian Region)

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CLASSIFICATION: Economic Development Grants

SUPPORTS: Asset-based development; community infrastructure (e.g. water and wastewater services, access roads, public and environmental health hazards); education and training (e.g. workforce training and vocational education); entrepreneurship and business development (e.g. access to capital, education and training, sector-based strategies, and business incubators); health; leadership development and capacity building; telecommunications (e.g. distance learning, telemedicine, high-speed internet, training curriculum); tourism development (e.g. building and rehabilitating facilities and infrastructure, training artisans and artists, developing strategic plans and feasibility studies); and transportation infrastructure.

DESCRIPTION: ARC awards grants to projects that address one or more of the five goals identified by ARC in its 2016–2020 strategic plan:

- Economic Opportunities
 - Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia’s economy.
- Ready Workforce
 - Increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia.
- Critical Infrastructure
 - Invest in critical infrastructure—especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachian Development Highway System; and water/wastewater systems.
- Natural and Cultural Assets
 - Strengthen Appalachia’s community and economic development potential by leveraging the Region’s natural and cultural heritage assets.
- Leadership and Community Capacity
 - Build the capacity and skills of current and next-generation leaders and organizations to innovate, collaborate, and advance community and economic development.

and that can demonstrate measurable results. Typically, ARC project grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Up to \$8,000,000 in FY2019, but depends on state. Typical grant between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

ARDA Matching Requirements–General

1. Generally, ARC grants are limited to 50% of project costs.
2. For projects in ARC-designated distressed counties, this limit can be raised to 80%.
3. For projects in ARC-designated at-risk counties, this limit can be raised to 70%.

4. For projects located in ARC-designated competitive counties (those that are approaching national economic norms), funding is usually limited to 30% of project costs.
5. ARC funding is usually not available for projects located in ARC-designated attainment counties (those that have attained or exceeded national economic norms).

ELIGIBILITY: Program grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

NAME: Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER)

STATE: Coal-affected communities

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants and technical assistance to reposition coal-dependent economies

SUPPORTS: Business Development, Education & Workforce Development, Asset-Based Development, Community Development, Civic Entrepreneurship, Health

DESCRIPTION: The Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative “is a congressionally funded program that provides resources to assist communities and regions adversely affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economies of America’s energy production.”¹ As of October 2019, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has funded 239 projects to help empower communities to create more diverse and sustainable economies under the POWER Initiative. These projects, which touch 312 counties in 11 states, are as diverse as the Appalachian region itself, deploying nearly as many different strategies as there are POWER projects.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Maximum \$2.5 Million for broadband deployment, \$1.5 million for implementation projects, \$50,000 for technical assistance

ELIGIBILITY: Closed for 2020

National Park Service

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Technical Assistance

SUPPORTS: Community access to outdoor recreation and park amenities, engaging young people in outdoor recreation and stewardship, organizational capacity of community organizations and partner groups, strategic planning

DESCRIPTION: The National Park Service – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA) supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Our conservation and recreation planning professionals partner with community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribes, and government agencies. This partnership assists local communities in realizing their conservation and outdoor recreation vision and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills. National Park Service (NPS) staff share their expertise to help your team turn an idea into reality. We offer this assistance on an annual basis with extensions based on mutual agreement. No monetary grants are made.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Technical Assistance

ELIGIBILITY: Project applicants may be state and local agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations, or citizen groups. National Parks and other Federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations. Projects are preferred which:

- Are expected to accomplish noticeable results that promote natural resource conservation or outdoor recreation in the near future.
- Have significant and well-defined roles and contributions of project partners
- Have evidence of broad community support

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

USDA Innovation Center

Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI)

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CLASSIFICATION: Technical Assistance for Creation and Implementation of Economic Development Plans

SUPPORTS: Economic Development Plans

DESCRIPTION: The Rural Economic Development Innovation (REDI) initiative provides free technical assistance from five capacity-building organizations for up to two years to help rural towns and regions create and implement economic development plans.

USDA's Innovation Center created the REDI initiative to support recommendations identified in the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity. The recommendations outline steps to develop the rural economy and support quality of life.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Technical Assistance

ELIGIBILITY: Generally municipalities or other qualified sub-divisions of state government.

2020 Deadline: Currently Closed

USDA Rural Development

Local Food, Local Places (LFLP)

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CLASSIFICATION: Technical Assistance

SUPPORTS: Visioning, Action Planning, Asset Mapping for Economic Development, Food Access, and Preservation of Rural Lands

DESCRIPTION: Local Foods, Local Places helps cities and towns across the country protect the environment and human health by engaging with local partners to reinvest in existing neighborhoods as they develop local food systems. In 2020, the program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and EPA.

Local Foods, Local Places supports locally led, community-driven efforts to protect air and water quality, preserve open space and farmland, boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, improve access to healthy local food, and promote childhood wellness.

Selected communities will receive access to technical experts who will work with them to hold a two-day convening that brings together stakeholders in the community to develop an action plan for creating more vibrant downtowns and neighborhoods by promoting local foods. We encourage participation from federal and state agencies and other potential funding partners in the workshops, so that communities can learn about how they might apply for additional resources to help them accomplish their vision, but those funds are not guaranteed (EPA).

Technical assistance can help create walkable, healthy, economically vibrant neighborhoods through the development of local food systems and natural resource amenities, and help gateway communities to national forests revitalize and attract visitors to their downtowns (USDA)

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Technical Assistance

ELIGIBILITY: Agricultural businesses, Agricultural cooperatives, Producer networks, Producer associations, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks, Community Supported Agricultural associations, Local government, Non-profit organizations, Producer network, Public benefit corporations, Tribal Governments, Regional farmers authorities

2020 Deadline: Currently Closed

Stronger Economies Together (SET) (inactive)

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Technical Assistance

SUPPORTS: Visioning, Action Planning, Asset Mapping

DESCRIPTION: A collaboration between USDA Rural Development, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and Land-Grant University Extension Professionals.

SET provides:

- Step-by-step coaching to guide the design and implementation of a practical and viable regional economic development plan
- In-depth data tailored to the region, describing its current and emerging clusters, comparative economic advantages, and detailed demographic and socio-economic information
- Tools to uncover local assets and resources that can advance the region's economic strategies Technical assistance from Extension educators, USDA RD state staff, the Regional Rural Development Centers, and the Purdue Center for Regional Development to guide the initial stages of implementation of regional goals and strategies. 6-7 months planning, 6-7 months implementation.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Technical Assistance

ELIGIBILITY: Two or more counties with 70% land area or 51% population in rural areas

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Guaranteed loans for rural businesses, via local lenders

SUPPORTS: Business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development; purchase and development of land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, or facilities; purchase of equipment, leasehold

improvements, machinery, supplies or inventory; debt refinancing when refinancing improves cash flow and creates or saves jobs; business and industrial acquisitions when the loan will create or save jobs.

DESCRIPTION: This program bolsters the availability of private credit by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$1 Million - \$25 Million

ELIGIBILITY: 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. Any area other than a city or town with a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area of that city or town; The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city as long as the project is located in an eligible rural area; Projects may be funded in rural and urban areas under the Local and Regional Food System Initiative

Intermediary Relending Program

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CLASSIFICATION: Loans for Businesses and Community Development projects, via local intermediaries

SUPPORTS: The acquisition, construction, conversion, enlargement, or repair of a business or business facility, particularly when jobs will be created or retained; The purchase or development of land (easements, rights of way, buildings, facilities, leases, materials); The purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, or supplies; 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](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Intermediary Relending Program provides low-interest loans to local intermediaries that relend to businesses and for community development projects in rural communities.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING:

ELIGIBILITY: To *be* an intermediary lender, must be a: Nonprofit and cooperative; Federally recognized Tribe; or Public Body. To *apply for a loan from* an intermediary lender, must be a: individual, public or private organization, or other legal entity, given that: Majority ownership is held by US citizens or permanent residents; The applicant owes no delinquent debt to the Federal Government; The applicant is unable to obtain affordable commercial financing for the project elsewhere; Are located in an eligible area. Eligible areas are rural areas outside a city or town with a population of less than 50,000. Urbanized areas near a city of 50,000 or more may not be eligible. The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city so long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area. The lender may be located anywhere.

Rural Business Development Grants

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CLASSIFICATION: Grants and Technical Assistance

SUPPORTS:

Enterprise Grants support training and technical assistance (e.g. project planning, business counseling and training, market research, feasibility studies, professional or technical reports or producer 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.

Opportunity grants support community economic development; technology-based economic development; feasibility studies and business plans; leadership and entrepreneur training; rural business incubators; long-term business strategic planning

DESCRIPTION: This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$10,000-\$500,000

ELIGIBILITY: Towns, Communities, State Agencies, Authorities, Nonprofit corporations, Institutions of Higher Education, Federally-recognized tribes, rural cooperatives (if organized as a private nonprofit corporation)

Rural Cooperative Development Grant

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for Rural Cooperative Development Centers

SUPPORTS: Development of a Rural Cooperative Development Center. These Centers contribute to feasibility studies, business plans, leadership and operational improvement training, strategic planning.

DESCRIPTION: The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas by assisting individuals and businesses in the startup, expansion, or operational improvement of 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.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Maximum grant of \$200,000. Grantees must match 25% of total project costs (5% for Native American tribally-controlled colleges and universities that were granted land-grant status under an Act of Congress in 1994).

ELIGIBILITY: Non-profit corporations, Cooperatives, Institutions of Higher Education, Public Bodies. Not eligible: Public Bodies, For-Profit Businesses, Individuals

Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Loans and Grants for Business Development and Facilities, via Local Utilities

SUPPORTS: Business incubators; community development assistance to nonprofits and public bodies (particularly job creation or enhancement); Facilities and equipment for education and training for rural residents to facilitate economic development; Facilities and equipment for medical care to rural residents; Start-up venture costs, including, but not limited to, financing fixed assets such as real estate, buildings (new or existing), equipment, or working capital; Business Expansion, Technical assistance

DESCRIPTION: The Rural Economic Development Loan (REDL) and Grant (REDG) programs provide funding to rural projects through local utility organizations. Under the REDL program, 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 the Agency. Under the REDG program, USDA provides grant funds to local utility organizations to 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 the Agency.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Up to \$300,000 in grants may be requested for establishment of the Revolving Loan Fund. Up to 10% of grant funds may be applied toward operating expenses over the life of the RLF. Up to \$1 million in loans may be requested.

ELIGIBILITY: Intermediaries may use funds to lend for projects in rural areas or towns with a population of 50,000 or less. To receive funding, an entity must be described as: Any former Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrower who borrowed, repaid or pre-paid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan; Nonprofit utilities that are eligible to receive assistance from the Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs; Current Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs Borrowers

Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Loans and Grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs)

SUPPORTS: Microenterprise startups, microloan borrowers, micro entrepreneurs

DESCRIPTION: Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance provides microloans for microenterprise startups and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund, and provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Grants are available to provide technical assistance to rural microentrepreneurs or microenterprises, up to \$205,000 annually. Funding at the requested level is not guaranteed, and at least 15 percent matching funds are required. Loans of \$50,000 - \$500,000 may be used to establish a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund managed by the MDO. Total aggregate debt is capped at \$2.5 million

ELIGIBILITY: To *be* an MDO, must be a: Nonprofit, Federally Recognized Tribe, or Institution of Higher Education. To *apply for a loan* from the MDO, must be a: Business located in an eligible area with 10 or fewer full-time employees. Eligible areas are rural areas outside a city or town with a population of less than 50,000. Urbanized areas near a city of 50,000 or more may not be eligible. The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city so long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area. The lender may be located anywhere.

Rural Housing Service

Community Facilities Direct Loans & Grants

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Low-interest direct loans, grants, or a combination of both.

SUPPORTS: Purchase, construction, or improvement of essential community facilities, or to purchase equipment, or to pay related project expenses. For example, healthcare facilities (e.g. hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, assisted living facilities), public facilities (e.g. town halls,

courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements), community support services (e.g. child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing), public safety services (e.g. fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment), educational services (e.g. museums, libraries or private schools), utility services (e.g. telemedicine or distance learning equipment), or local food systems (e.g. community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses).

DESCRIPTION: This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Grants: \$15,000-\$50,000 Loans: \$100,000-\$5 million. Grant assistance is:

- Limited to a maximum of 75% when the project is in a rural community with 5,000 or fewer residents and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
- Limited to a maximum of 55% when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
- Limited to a maximum of 35% when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
- Limited to a maximum of 15% when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data. Priorities include small communities with a population of 5,500 or less, and/or low-income communities with a median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income.

Rural Utilities Service

Community Connect Grants

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Rural Broadband Grants

SUPPORTS: Rural Broadband

DESCRIPTION: This program helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$50,000-\$1,000,000

ELIGIBILITY: Rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream is eligible. Special district governments; County governments; Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); City or township governments; For

profit organizations other than small businesses; State governments; Independent school districts; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Small businesses.

To be eligible for a Community Connect competitive grant, the Project must:

- (a) Serve a Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA) in which Broadband Service does not currently exist;
- (b) Offer service at the Broadband Grant Speed to all residential and business customers within the PFSA ;
- (c) Offer free service at the Broadband Grant Speed to all Critical Community Facilities located within the PFSA for at least 2 years starting from the time service becomes available to each Critical Community Facility;
- (d) Provide a Community Center with at least two (2) Computer Access Points and wireless access at the Broadband Grant Speed, free of all charges to all users for at least 2 years; and
- (e) Not overlap with the service areas of current RUS borrowers and grantees.

Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Loans for Telecommunications Infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Telecommunications services, including: New construction, improvements, expansions, acquisitions, refinancing

DESCRIPTION: This loan and loan guarantee program offers financial assistance to eligible service providers that will construct, improve, or expand telecommunication and broadband networks in rural areas.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING:

ELIGIBILITY: Rural areas and towns with a population of 5,000 or less. Public bodies; Cooperatives, nonprofits, limited dividend or mutual associations; State or local governments; Federally recognized Tribes

Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Long-term, Low-interest direct loans, grants, or a combination of both.

SUPPORTS: Funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of: Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution; Sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal; Solid waste collection, disposal, and closure; Storm water collection, transmission, and disposal. In certain cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as: Legal and engineering fees; Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits, and equipment; Start-up operations and maintenance;

Interest incurred during construction; Purchase of facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service; Other costs determined to be necessary for completion of the project.

DESCRIPTION: This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Long-term, low-interest loans. Grants may be available to keep user costs reasonable.

ELIGIBILITY: Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less -- check [eligible addresses](#); Tribal lands in rural areas; Colonias

United States Department of Transportation (DOT)

Recreational Trails Program

[WEBSITE ANNUAL REPORT](#)

CLASSIFICATION: State funding for development and maintenance of recreational trails for nonmotorized and motorized uses.

SUPPORTS: Trail maintenance and restoration, Trailside and trailhead facilities, Equipment for construction and maintenance, Construction of new recreational trails, Acquisition of trail corridors, Assessment of trail conditions, Safety and environmental education, Administration

DESCRIPTION: The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The RTP is an assistance program of the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). [Federal transportation funds benefit recreation](#) including hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles. States are required to use 40 percent of their RTP funds for diverse recreational trail use, 30 percent for motorized recreation, and 30 percent for nonmotorized recreation. Each State develops and manages its own program of project selection and grant administration, in partnership with communities, agencies, and nonprofit organizations

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Generally \$10K-\$100K, though grants in certain states have been as large as \$4.9 million. Matching requirements determined by states.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally municipalities or other qualified sub-divisions of state government.

United States Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Economic Adjustment Assistance Strategy and Implementation Grants

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for Infrastructure and Facilities Development/Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies

SUPPORTS: Infrastructure, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, capitalization or re-capitalizations of Revolving Loan Funds

DESCRIPTION: The EAA program supports a wide range of construction and non-construction activities (including infrastructure, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF)) in regions experiencing severe economic dislocations that may occur suddenly or over time.

EDA utilizes EAA investments to provide resources that help communities experiencing or anticipating economic dislocations to plan and implement specific solutions to leverage their existing regional economic advantages to support economic development and job creation. Like Public Works investments, EAA investments are designed to help communities catalyze public-private partnerships to foster collaboration, attract investment, create jobs, and foster economic resiliency and prosperity.

Strategy Grants support the development, updating or refinement of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). **Implementation Grants** support the execution of activities identified in a CEDS, such as infrastructure improvements, including site acquisition, site preparation, construction, rehabilitation and equipping of facilities. Specific activities may be funded as separate investments or as multiple elements of a single investment.

For example, EDA might provide funding to a university or community college to create and launch an economic diversification strategy to promote and enhance the growth of emerging industries in a region facing job losses due to declines in regionally important industries. As another example, EDA might provide funding to a city to support the construction of a publicly-owned multi-tenant business and industrial facility to house early-stage businesses.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$100,000-\$30 Million, average size \$1.4 million

ELIGIBILITY: Must meet EDA's "distress criteria": an unemployment rate that is at least one point greater than the national average unemployment rate for the most recent 24-month period for which data are available; Per capita income that is 80 percent or less of the national average per capita income for period which data is available; other Special needs. Particular focus on Nuclear Closure Communities or Coal Communities. Match is determined by average per capita income or unemployment rate of region in which project is located. Eligible applicants include: District Organization; 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; or Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Public Works

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants and Cooperative Agreements

SUPPORTS: Water/Sewer System Improvements, Industrial Parks, Shipping and Logistics Facilities, Workforce Training Facilities, Business Incubators and Accelerators, Brownfield Redevelopment, Technology-based facilities, wet labs, multi-tenant manufacturing facilities, science and research parks, and telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities.

DESCRIPTION: EDA provides catalytic investments to help distressed communities build, design, or engineer critical infrastructure and facilities that will help implement regional development strategies and advance bottom-up economic development goals to promote regional prosperity. The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to

enable them to become more economically competitive. Prior examples of investments EDA has supported through the Public Works program include projects supporting water and sewer system improvements, industrial parks, high-tech shipping and logistics facilities, workforce training facilities, business incubators and accelerators, brownfield redevelopment, technology-based facilities, wet labs, multi-tenant manufacturing facilities, science and research parks, and telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$100,000-\$30 Million

ELIGIBILITY: Investments must be aligned with a current Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or equivalent EDA-accepted regional economic development strategy and clearly lead to the creation or retention of long-term high quality jobs.

For example, under this program, EDA may provide funding to a consortium of eligible recipients to support the construction of a technology center that provides laboratory, office, and manufacturing space that leads to the creation of advanced manufacturing jobs. As another example, EDA may provide funding to a county government to support regional job creation in targeted cluster industries and expand those industries' ability to export goods.

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

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program Grant Funding

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants to support brownfields redevelopment and job training

SUPPORTS: The following activities related to brownfields: assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, environmental job training, technical assistance, training, and research.

DESCRIPTION: EPA's Brownfields Program provides direct funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, environmental job training, technical assistance, training, and research. To facilitate the leveraging of public resources, EPA's Brownfields Program collaborates with other EPA programs, other federal partners, and state agencies to identify and make available resources that can be used for brownfield activities.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Assessment Grants: Up to \$300,000; Cleanup Grants: Up to \$500,000; Revolving Loan Fund Grants: Up to \$1,000,000; Multipurpose Grants: Up to \$800,000

ELIGIBILITY: Grantees must demonstrate that they have significantly depleted funds (both EPA grant funding and any available program income) and that they have a clear plan for utilizing requested additional funds in a timely manner. Grantees must demonstrate that they have made at least one loan or subgrant prior to applying for this supplemental funding and have significantly depleted existing available funds. EPA defines "significantly depleted funds" as uncommitted, available funding is 25% or less of total RLF funds awarded under all open and closed

grants and cannot exceed \$600,000. For new RLF recipients with an award of \$1 million or less, funds will be considered significantly depleted if the uncommitted or available funding does not exceed \$300,000. Additionally, the RLF recipient must have demonstrated a need for supplemental funding based on, among other factors, the list of potential projects in the RLF program pipeline; demonstrated the ability to make loans and subgrants for cleanups that can be started, completed, and will lead to redevelopment; demonstrated the ability to administer and revolve the RLF by generating program income; demonstrated an ability to use the RLF grant to address funding gaps for cleanup; and demonstrated that they have provided a community benefit from past and potential loan(s) and/or subgrant(s).

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Technical Assistance for Outdoor Rec Economy Planning

SUPPORTS: Community strategies and action planning for outdoor recreation economy development

DESCRIPTION: Recreation Economy for Rural Communities is a new planning assistance program to help communities develop strategies and an action plan to revitalize their Main Streets through outdoor recreation.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Technical Assistance

ELIGIBILITY: Local governments; Indian tribes; Nonprofit institutions and organizations representing any community in the United States. Special consideration will be given to communities that are: Small towns, Economically disadvantaged, such as those in Opportunity Zones, and/or In the Northern Border region of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York (see the Northern Border Regional Commission's website for a list of counties in this region).

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson)

[WEBSITE](#) and [GUIDE TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS](#)

CLASSIFICATION:

SUPPORTS: Pittman-Robertson: Acquisition, development, and operation of wildlife management and public use areas; hunter education and safety;

Dingell-Johnson: Conservation and public recreation needs in fresh, estuarine and marine waters; improve and manage aquatic habitats and fisheries resources; protect coastal wetlands; infrastructure to recreational boaters

DESCRIPTION: The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) Program addresses the challenges of managing America's natural resources with effective, targeted grant programs designed to benefit fish and wildlife while capitalizing on recreational opportunities across the country.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: States provide up to 25% share of project costs. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Via State Agencies

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheaters; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

DESCRIPTION: Stateside grants provides matching funds to states and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Stateside grants have provided billions of dollars in grants for *community-scale* projects, including development of recreation facilities (e.g. parks, trails, bike paths, ball fields, recreation centers, pools and bathhouses, cultural interpretation sites, and other areas) as well as analytical studies on recreation potentials, needs, opportunities and policies. Importantly, state grants are 50/50 matching grants, meaning that states supply 50% of the project cost, leveraging dollars raised from offshore oil and gas royalties to meet community needs.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Ranging from \$8,000 to \$4,400,000 in FY2019, Federal government will supply up to 50% of the project cost, and state project sponsor bears the remaining cost. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

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National Forest Foundation

Matching Awards Program

WEBSITE

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for trail maintenance, stewardship engagement, work crews

SUPPORTS: *Outdoor Experiences:* Trail Maintenance, bridge and crossing construction or repair, installation of trail drainage structures; Engaging youth, volunteers, underserved or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities; Employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the-ground conservation, stewardship and/or restoration work. *Forest Health:* Ecosystem structure, function and diversity; Removal or control of non-native invasive species, reintroduction of native plants and trees

DESCRIPTION: The MAP program supports action-oriented projects that enhance outdoor experiences, forest and ecosystem health, and engage local communities in caring for their public lands.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: 1:1 nonfederal cash match

ELIGIBILITY: 501(c)(3) nonprofits, universities, and federally-recognized Native American tribes. All MAP applications must align with one or both of the NFF's strategic focus areas of Outdoor Experiences and Forest Health. Applications that cohesively integrate the two program areas are encouraged. All permitting and environmental compliance work (including but not limited to NEPA) must be complete before submitting a MAP application.

Ski Conservation Fund and Forest Stewardship Fund (USFS Invitation Only)

WEBSITE

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for trail maintenance, stewardship engagement, work crews

SUPPORTS: Trail Maintenance, bridge and crossing construction or repair, installation of trail drainage structures; Engaging youth, volunteers, underserved or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities; Employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the-ground conservation, stewardship and/or restoration work.

DESCRIPTION: The National Forest Foundation [Ski Conservation FundTM \(SCF\) and Forest Stewardship Fund \(FSF\)](#) provide funding for action-oriented on-the-ground or citizen-based monitoring projects that improve forest health and outdoor experiences on National Forests and Grasslands. Award funds come from guest contributions at ski areas and lodges operating on or adjacent to National Forest System lands, with added National Forest Foundation federal funds for SCF.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: 1:1 nonfederal cash match

ELIGIBILITY: The grant application process for Ski Conservation Funds and Forest Stewardship Funds varies based on location and funding source. With one exception, grants are invitation-only and projects to be funded are determined based on local Forest Service priorities. 501(c)3 nonprofits, universities, state and local government entities, and federally recognized Native American tribes are eligible to receive SCF and FSF grants. If an organization does not meet this eligibility requirement, it must utilize an eligible fiscal sponsor, in compliance with the NFF Policy on Fiscal Sponsorship.

Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Acres for America

WEBSITE TIP SHEET

CLASSIFICATION: Land Acquisition Grants

SUPPORTS: Land Acquisition for Public Access, Wildlife Connectivity and Ecological Services

DESCRIPTION: Acres for America is the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) premier land conservation program, and was established to provide urgently needed funding for projects that conserve important large-scale habitats for fish, wildlife, and plants through land acquisitions and perpetual conservation easements. In 2005, Acres for America was launched as a partnership between Walmart Stores (www.walmart.com) and NFWF. As a founding partner, Walmart's goal was to offset the footprint of its domestic facilities on at least an acre by acre basis – a number then estimated at 100,000 acres – through permanent conservation of important wildlife habitats. The program has now helped to permanently protect over 1.49 million acres, and connect more than 10 million acres of public and private conservation lands across the country.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Approximately \$3.1 million will be available to support projects in 2020. Based on prior year decisions, we anticipate that between four and eight projects will be awarded funds. All grant awards require a minimum 1:1 match of cash or contributed goods and services. Federal funds may be considered as match. Please include ALL matching sources no matter the status (intend to apply, application submitted, pledged, received). Due to the competitive nature of this program, successful Acres for America projects typically have matching funds at a 5:1 ratio or greater.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes, and educational institutions. Preferential consideration will be given to proposals that can demonstrate their ability to achieve more than one of the program priorities: Conserve critical habitats for birds, fish, plants and wildlife; Connect existing protected lands to unify wild places and protect critical migration routes; Provide access for people to enjoy the outdoors; Ensure the future of local economies that depend on forestry, ranching and wildlife.

2020 Deadline: April 15, 2020

Small Business Administration

NAME:

STATE:

WEBSITE:

CLASSIFICATION:

SUPPORTS:

DESCRIPTION:

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING:

ELIGIBILITY

ORR Member Resources

Archery Trade Association (ATA)

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS: Education (Policy, Technical) Business Resources (e.g. Communication, marketing, photos, branding, tax assistance), Instructor Certification, Small Grants, Social Media Community, Range Design Assistance

WEBSITE

QUOTABLES:

[ATA can provide](#) policy guidance, technical guidance, educational resources, business resources, and other leverage in the form of providing third party support for the archery industry members. Business assistance may include leveraging resources including communication, marketing, photos, branding and other business services including insurance and federal tax assistance. --whatever you could think an archery manufacturing or retailer business may desire, we can help. — Dan Forster, Archery Trade Association

We have the capability internally and through partners to “certify” archery instructors and get them certified to instruct a variety of developed programs. — Dan Forster, Archery Trade Association

We provide outward facing support in the form of small grants that serve to grow archery participation. It's fairly non prescriptive, though most would apply to things like archery range development and program development.

A rural community or local government entity might come to us and say "hey, we're thinking about a range near the ballfields, what does this look like?"--we have a whole host of resources to support them. We have developed range guides covering everything from backyard temporary ranges to large indoor and outdoor facilities. ATA serves these opportunities up to state agencies and local communities primarily and try to make it easy for them to develop a new facility. We seek to invest resources for the greatest good, which generally come when we partner with the state.

Our grant priorities in general seek to grow participation in archery hunting and target archery. The closer to get to that, the more interests we will have in common. "The home run for us is if you have a both state and community partnership, and it's not just about the range, but about programming as well. That's where we feel like we make the most from our investment." The range of the grants are generally up to \$100K. — Dan Forster, Archery Trade Association

Our two primary social media platforms include [Bow Hunting 360](#) and [Archery 360](#). — Dan Forster, Archery Trade Association

State fish and wildlife agencies have access to federal funds (Pittman-Robertson funds) derived, in part, from an excise tax on archery equipment. These funds may be used to develop archery ranges and programming. Local entities may be able to partner with state fish and wildlife agencies and tap into these funds which require non-federal dollars as match (10-25%). ATA can help connect interested parties and assist with range design. Small grant monies derived from ATA may be used as non-federal match. — Dan Forster, Archery Trade Association

Association of Marina Industries (AMI)

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS: Education (Operations, Safety, Infrastructure, Amenities, Political Advocacy), Scholarships for Education, Economic Impact Calculator, [Annual Conference](#)

[WEBSITE](#)

QUOTABLES:

We offer [training](#) on operations policy and safety at marinas, and offer scholarships, though they're under-utilized. It's a training certification program. You can become a certified marina manager. We offer an intermediate marina manager and advanced marina manager course, where they learn things like day-to-day housekeeping, social media and marketing. In the advanced course they do a case study where they develop a 5-year business plan for the business they're working at at the time. Other topics include infrastructure, amenities, safety concerns, and the changing political environment in the region. — Eric Kretsch, AMI

BoatUS

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS: Safety Training, [Grants](#)

[WEBSITE](#)

QUOTABLES

BoatUS has the [BoatUS Safety Program](#). States require boater education to operate on the water, rather than there being a federal standard. BoatUS has stood up and made a free course--36 states accept the course. We want to make sure boaters have the confidence to go out--we know that one of the worst things that could happen is that someone gets a boat and has a bad experience. — David Kennedy, BoatUS

The [Boating Infrastructure Grant Program](#) (BIG Program) provides grant funds to states to construct, renovate and maintain tie-up facilities for vessels 26 feet or more in length. These funds come from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. BoatUS helped conceive of that idea, and continues to provide broad support for the trust fund. — David Kennedy, BoatUS

Marine Retailers Association of the Americas (MRAA)

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS: Education, Workforce Development, Industry Data, Marketing Assistance, [Grants for Education](#)

[WEBSITE](#)

QUOTABLES:

We are primarily an education association--we provide hundreds of classes about training and developing the workforce, and training organizations to be more resilient. We provide trade association scholarships to become technicians. — Adam Fortier-Brown, MRAA

We have published something called the "[10+1 Strategy: A Marine Industry Guide to Growing the Workforce](#)". It's designed to help solve the workforce challenges facing the marine industry. It is written like a roadmap for employers to take matters into their own hands and have a clear direction for successful growth. — Adam Fortier-Brown, MRAA

On our "[Resources](#)" page, we have tons of info including Data (inc. survey of members across the industry, dealer sentiments, retail trends and stock performance), Finance and Infrastructure, How-To Guides, Financial Templates, Marketing, Operations, and Sales Guidance, Service Education, Safety and Training. We can teach owners how to run a business and do it safely, as well as consumers how to operate a boat safely. — Adam Fortier-Brown, MRAA

Direct payments could come from our [education foundation](#)--they are technically separate from MRAA as a 501c3. They can provide scholarships for businesses. — Adam Fortier-Brown, MRAA.

Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC)

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS: Grants (Safety, Education and Training or Recreation and Ridership Expansion)

[WEBSITE](#)

QUOTABLES

The [Right Rider Access Fund](#) is operated by the Motorcycle Industry Council, Speciality Vehicle Institute of America, and the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association. We promote the safe and responsible use of off-highway vehicles and preserve their access to appropriate lands.

Grants are provided for safety, education and training projects that contribute to the growth and continued enjoyment of motorcycle, ATV and side-by-side recreation. — Scott Schloegel, MIC

The [National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council](#) (NOHVCC) provides great support. They are the national model for trail development through their Great Trails Guidebook and Workshops. They have programs for rider education, rider assistance, and local organizational involvement such as riding club development. — Scott Schloegel, MIC

[Tread Lightly](#) has programs (Ride On, Tread Trainer, Restoration for Recreation, etc) that focus on education and stewardship of motorized recreation — Scott Schloegel, MIC

The [ATV Safety Institute](#) provides rider skills training. — Scott Schloegel, MIC

The [Coalition for Recreational Trails](#) (CRT) advocates for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to ensure it is reauthorized and fully funded. The RTP provides funding for motorized and non-motorized trails across the country. — Scott Schloegel, MIC

RV Dealers Association (RVDA)

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS: Education

[WEBSITE](#)

RV Industry Association (RVIA)

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS: Education (Service and Technician), Industry Statistics, Marketing Assistance, Buying Guides

WEBSITE

QUOTABLES:

Within the last year we started the [RV Technical Institute](#), a brand new training program to address service needs. As we put more RVs on the roads, we have more service needs across the country. The Technical Institute can help rural America where many of these campgrounds are located. — Chris Bornemann, RVIA

We provide industry statistics and forecasting on current and future consumers. [GoRVing](#) is the marketing and advertising arm of the industry. The GoRVing website outlines the needs/must haves/nice to haves for businesses to support consumers. — Chris Bornemann, RVIA

Some of our major manufacturers--Winnebago and Airstream--have been doing a lot to help communities and campgrounds. Winnebago recently partnered with the National Park Foundation to help with campground modernization and deferred maintenance needs. Thor Industries (the parent for Airstream) gave a multimillion dollar gift. They're all in it together. — Chris Bornemann, RVIA

The Corps Network (TCN)

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS: Technical assistance/expertise in Conservation Corps operations and programming; access to funding and project opportunities; industry data; workforce development and education; service and volunteerism.

WEBSITE

QUOTABLES:

The Corps Network supports Corps by advocating on their behalf, providing access to funding and project opportunities, and by offering expertise in Corps operations and programming. Every year, The Corps Network's efforts enable roughly 25,000 diverse young people and recent veterans to strengthen communities, improve the environment and transform their lives through service in Corps programs.

The National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (ARVC)

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS: Education, Grants for Education, Annual Conference

WEBSITE

QUOTABLES:

[Our foundation](#) funds grants for education--not just to attend the annual conference, but various workshops throughout the year as well. Our education is created by an in-house team and is certified by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). ARVC's education is equal to the collegiate level. We also have a prospective owner's workshop, which focuses on teaching new owner/operators and people who have purchased land or thinking of purchasing land, what it would require to run an RV park or campground. This is all provided on a dedicated online platform--so long as people have internet. We also try to educate local officials on the economic value of RVing and private RV parks and campgrounds. — David Basler and Jeff Sims, ARVC

At our [annual conference](#), the curriculum is vast, covering marketing, advocacy, operations and finances. People can participate in multiple tracks and earn continuing education units (CEUs). — David Basler and Jeff Sims, ARVC

We often showcase best practices and write feature stories on campgrounds doing something in the local community--for instance, a park in Ohio where their owner is an ecologist by trade. He runs a full-on education service. — David Basler and Jeff Sims, ARVC

["Discover Boating"](#) is a communication arm between MRAA and NMMA--dealers can go on to request social media graphics to educate boaters and consumers. — Adam Fortier-Brown, MRAA

Funding Support By Activity

Basic Infrastructure (e.g. Drinking water, sewage, storm water, broadband, telecommunications)

Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

WEBSITE

CLASSIFICATION: Long-term, Low-interest direct loans, grants, or a combination of both.

SUPPORTS: Funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of: Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution; Sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal; Solid waste collection, disposal, and closure; Storm water collection, transmission, and disposal. In certain cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as: Legal and engineering fees; Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits, and equipment; Start-up operations and maintenance; Interest incurred during construction; Purchase of facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service; Other costs determined to be necessary for completion of the project.

DESCRIPTION: This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Long-term, low-interest loans. Grants may be available to keep user costs reasonable.

ELIGIBILITY: Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less -- check [eligible addresses](#); Tribal lands in rural areas; Colonias

Community Connect Grants

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Rural Broadband Grants

SUPPORTS: Rural Broadband

DESCRIPTION: This program helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$50,000-\$1,000,000

ELIGIBILITY: Rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream is eligible. Special district governments; County governments; Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); City or township governments; For profit organizations other than small businesses; State governments; Independent school districts; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Small businesses.

To be eligible for a Community Connect competitive grant, the Project must:

- (a) Serve a Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA) in which Broadband Service does not currently exist;
- (b) Offer service at the Broadband Grant Speed to all residential and business customers within the PFSA ;
- (c) Offer free service at the Broadband Grant Speed to all Critical Community Facilities located within the PFSA for at least 2 years starting from the time service becomes available to each Critical Community Facility;
- (d) Provide a Community Center with at least two (2) Computer Access Points and wireless access at the Broadband Grant Speed, free of all charges to all users for at least 2 years; and
- (e) Not overlap with the service areas of current RUS borrowers and grantees.

Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Loans for Telecommunications Infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Telecommunications services, including: New construction, improvements, expansions, acquisitions, refinancing

DESCRIPTION: This loan and loan guarantee program offers financial assistance to eligible service providers that will construct, improve, or expand telecommunication and broadband networks in rural areas.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING:

ELIGIBILITY: Rural areas and towns with a population of 5,000 or less. Public bodies; Cooperatives, nonprofits, limited dividend or mutual associations; State or local governments; Federally recognized Tribes

Public Works

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants and Cooperative Agreements

SUPPORTS: Water/Sewer System Improvements, Industrial Parks, Shipping and Logistics Facilities, Workforce Training Facilities, Business Incubators and Accelerators, Brownfield Redevelopment, Technology-based facilities, wet labs, multi-tenant manufacturing facilities, science and research parks, and telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities.

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GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$100,000-\$30 Million

ELIGIBILITY: Investments must be aligned with a current Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or equivalent EDA-accepted regional economic development strategy and clearly lead to the creation or retention of long-term high quality jobs.

Grants and Contracts (Limited to Appalachian Region)

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Economic Development Grants

SUPPORTS: Asset-based development; community infrastructure (e.g. water and wastewater services, access roads, public and environmental health hazards); education and training (e.g. workforce training and vocational education); entrepreneurship and business development (e.g. access to capital, education and training, sector-based strategies, and business incubators); health; leadership development and capacity building; telecommunications (e.g. distance learning, telemedicine, high-speed internet, training curriculum); tourism development (e.g. building and rehabilitating facilities and infrastructure, training artisans and artists, developing strategic plans and feasibility studies); and transportation infrastructure.

DESCRIPTION: ARC awards grants to projects that address one or more of the five goals identified by ARC in its 2016–2020 strategic plan:

- Economic Opportunities
 - Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia’s economy.
- Ready Workforce
 - Increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia.
- Critical Infrastructure
 - Invest in critical infrastructure—especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachian Development Highway System; and water/wastewater systems.
- Natural and Cultural Assets
 - Strengthen Appalachia’s community and economic development potential by leveraging the Region’s natural and cultural heritage assets.
- Leadership and Community Capacity
 - Build the capacity and skills of current and next-generation leaders and organizations to innovate, collaborate, and advance community and economic development.

and that can demonstrate measurable results. Typically, ARC project grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Up to \$8,000,000 in FY2019, but depends on state. Typical grant between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

ARDA Matching Requirements–General

6. Generally, ARC grants are limited to 50% of project costs.
7. For projects in ARC-designated distressed counties, this limit can be raised to 80%.
8. For projects in ARC-designated at-risk counties, this limit can be raised to 70%.
9. For projects located in ARC-designated competitive counties (those that are approaching national economic norms), funding is usually limited to 30% of project costs.
10. ARC funding is usually not available for projects located in ARC-designated attainment counties (those that have attained or exceeded national economic norms).

ELIGIBILITY: Program grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

Birdwatching

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

[WEBSITE](#) (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheatres; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks;

Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

DESCRIPTION: Stateside grants provides matching funds to states and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Stateside grants have provided billions of dollars in grants for *community-scale* projects, including development of recreation facilities (e.g. parks, trails, bike paths, ball fields, recreation centers, pools and bathhouses, cultural interpretation sites, and other areas) as well as analytical studies on recreation potentials, needs, opportunities and policies. Importantly, state grants are 50/50 matching grants, meaning that states supply 50% of the project cost, leveraging dollars raised from offshore oil and gas royalties to meet community needs.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Ranging from \$8,000 to \$4,400,000 in FY2019, Federal government will supply up to 50% of the project cost, and state project sponsor bears the remaining cost. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson)

[WEBSITE](#) and [GUIDE TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS](#)

CLASSIFICATION:

SUPPORTS: Pittman-Robertson: Acquisition, development, and operation of wildlife management and public use areas; hunter education and safety;

Dingell-Johnson: Conservation and public recreation needs in fresh, estuarine and marine waters; improve and manage aquatic habitats and fisheries resources; protect coastal wetlands; infrastructure to recreational boaters

DESCRIPTION: The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) Program addresses the challenges of managing America's natural resources with effective, targeted grant programs designed to benefit fish and wildlife while capitalizing on recreational opportunities across the country.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: States provide up to 25% share of project costs. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Matching Awards Program

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for trail maintenance, stewardship engagement, work crews

SUPPORTS: *Outdoor Experiences:* Trail Maintenance, bridge and crossing construction or repair, installation of trail drainage structures; Engaging youth, volunteers, underserved or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities; Employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the -ground conservation, stewardship and/or restoration work. *Forest Health:* Ecosystem structure,

function and diversity; Removal or control of non-native invasive species, reintroduction of native plants and trees

DESCRIPTION: The MAP program supports action-oriented projects that enhance outdoor experiences, forest and ecosystem health, and engage local communities in caring for their public lands.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: 1:1 nonfederal cash match

ELIGIBILITY: 501(c)(3) nonprofits, universities, and federally-recognized Native American tribes. All MAP applications must align with one or both of the NFF's strategic focus areas of Outdoor Experiences and Forest Health. Applications that cohesively integrate the two program areas are encouraged. All permitting and environmental compliance work (including but not limited to NEPA) must be complete before submitting a MAP application.

Boating

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheatres; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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BMX

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Brownfields Cleanup

Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program Grant Funding

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants to support brownfields redevelopment and job training

SUPPORTS: The following activities related to brownfields: assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, environmental job training, technical assistance, training, and research.

DESCRIPTION: EPA's Brownfields Program provides direct funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, environmental job training, technical assistance, training, and research. To facilitate the leveraging of public resources, EPA's Brownfields Program collaborates with other EPA programs, other federal partners, and state agencies to identify and make available resources that can be used for brownfield activities.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Assessment Grants: Up to \$300,000; Cleanup Grants: Up to \$500,000; Revolving Loan Fund Grants: Up to \$1,000,000; Multipurpose Grants: Up to \$800,000

ELIGIBILITY: Grantees must demonstrate that they have significantly depleted funds (both EPA grant funding and any available program income) and that they have a clear plan for utilizing requested additional funds in a timely manner. Grantees must demonstrate that they have made at least one loan or subgrant prior to applying for this supplemental funding and have significantly depleted existing available funds. EPA defines “significantly depleted funds” as uncommitted, available funding is 25% or less of total RLF funds awarded under all open and closed grants and cannot exceed \$600,000. For new RLF recipients with an award of \$1 million or less, funds will be considered significantly depleted if the uncommitted or available funding does not exceed \$300,000. Additionally, the RLF recipient must have demonstrated a need for supplemental funding based on, among other factors, the list of potential projects in the RLF program pipeline; demonstrated the ability to make loans and subgrants for cleanups that can be started, completed, and will lead to redevelopment; demonstrated the ability to administer and revolve the RLF by generating program income; demonstrated an ability to use the RLF grant to address funding gaps for cleanup; and demonstrated that they have provided a community benefit from past and potential loan(s) and/or subgrant(s).

Camping

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheatres; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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Matching Awards Program

WEBSITE

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DESCRIPTION: The MAP program supports action-oriented projects that enhance outdoor experiences, forest and ecosystem health, and engage local communities in caring for their public lands.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: 1:1 nonfederal cash match

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Canoeing

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheaters; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson)

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DESCRIPTION: The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) Program addresses the challenges of managing America's natural resources with effective, targeted grant programs designed to benefit fish and wildlife while capitalizing on recreational opportunities across the country.

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ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Community Facilities (e.g. healthcare, public facilities, community support services, public safety services, educational services, utility services, local food systems)

Community Facilities Direct Loans & Grants

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Low-interest direct loans, grants, or a combination of both.

SUPPORTS: Purchase, construction, or improvement of essential community facilities, or to purchase equipment, or to pay related project expenses. For example, healthcare facilities (e.g. hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, assisted living facilities), public facilities (e.g. town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements), community support services (e.g. child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing), public safety services (e.g. fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment), educational services (e.g. museums, libraries or private schools), utility services (e.g. telemedicine or distance learning equipment), or local food systems (e.g. community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses).

DESCRIPTION: This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Grants: \$15,000-\$50,000 Loans: \$100,000-\$5 million. Grant assistance is:

- Limited to a maximum of 75% when the project is in a rural community with 5,000 or fewer residents and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
- Limited to a maximum of 55% when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
- Limited to a maximum of 35% when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
- Limited to a maximum of 15% when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data. Priorities include small communities with a population of 5,500 or less, and/or low-income communities with a median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income.

Grants and Contracts (Limited to Appalachian Region)

WEBSITE

CLASSIFICATION: Economic Development Grants

SUPPORTS: Asset-based development; community infrastructure (e.g. water and wastewater services, access roads, public and environmental health hazards); education and training (e.g. workforce training and vocational education); entrepreneurship and business development (e.g. access to capital, education and training, sector-based strategies, and business incubators); health; leadership development and capacity building; telecommunications (e.g. distance learning, telemedicine, high-speed internet, training curriculum); tourism development (e.g. building and rehabilitating facilities and infrastructure, training artisans and artists, developing strategic plans and feasibility studies); and transportation infrastructure.

DESCRIPTION: ARC awards grants to projects that address one or more of the five goals identified by ARC in its 2016–2020 strategic plan:

- Economic Opportunities
 - Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia’s economy.
- Ready Workforce

- Increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia.
- Critical Infrastructure
 - Invest in critical infrastructure—especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachian Development Highway System; and water/wastewater systems.
- Natural and Cultural Assets
 - Strengthen Appalachia’s community and economic development potential by leveraging the Region’s natural and cultural heritage assets.
- Leadership and Community Capacity
 - Build the capacity and skills of current and next-generation leaders and organizations to innovate, collaborate, and advance community and economic development.

and that can demonstrate measurable results. Typically, ARC project grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

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Freshwater Fishing

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

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Hiking/Trail Running

Recreational Trails Program

[WEBSITE ANNUAL REPORT](#)

CLASSIFICATION: State funding for development and maintenance of recreational trails for nonmotorized and motorized uses.

SUPPORTS: Trail maintenance and restoration, Trailside and trailhead facilities, Equipment for construction and maintenance, Construction of new recreational trails, Acquisition of trail corridors, Assessment of trail conditions, Safety and environmental education, Administration

DESCRIPTION: The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The RTP is an assistance program of the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). [Federal transportation funds benefit recreation](#) including hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain

vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles. States are required to use 40 percent of their RTP funds for diverse recreational trail use, 30 percent for motorized recreation, and 30 percent for nonmotorized recreation. Each State develops and manages its own program of project selection and grant administration, in partnership with communities, agencies, and nonprofit organizations

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Generally \$10K-\$100K, though grants in certain states have been as large as \$4.9 million. Matching requirements determined by states.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally municipalities or other qualified sub-divisions of state government.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

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SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheatres; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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Matching Awards Program

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Horseback Riding

Recreational Trails Program

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SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheatres; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

DESCRIPTION: Stateside grants provides matching funds to states and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Stateside grants have provided billions of dollars in grants for *community-scale* projects, including development of recreation facilities (e.g. parks, trails, bike paths, ball fields, recreation centers, pools and bathhouses, cultural interpretation sites, and other areas) as well as analytical studies on recreation potentials, needs, opportunities and policies. Importantly, state grants are 50/50 matching grants, meaning that states supply 50% of the project cost, leveraging dollars raised from offshore oil and gas royalties to meet community needs.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Ranging from \$8,000 to \$4,400,000 in FY2019, Federal government will supply up to 50% of the project cost, and state project sponsor bears the remaining cost. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson)

WEBSITE and GUIDE TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

CLASSIFICATION:

SUPPORTS: Pittman-Robertson: Acquisition, development, and operation of wildlife management and public use areas; hunter education and safety;

Dingell-Johnson: Conservation and public recreation needs in fresh, estuarine and marine waters; improve and manage aquatic habitats and fisheries resources; protect coastal wetlands; infrastructure to recreational boaters

DESCRIPTION: The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) Program addresses the challenges of managing America's natural resources with effective, targeted grant programs designed to benefit fish and wildlife while capitalizing on recreational opportunities across the country.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: States provide up to 25% share of project costs. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Matching Awards Program

WEBSITE

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for trail maintenance, stewardship engagement, work crews

SUPPORTS: *Outdoor Experiences:* Trail Maintenance, bridge and crossing construction or repair, installation of trail drainage structures; Engaging youth, volunteers, underserved or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities; Employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the-ground conservation, stewardship and/or restoration work. *Forest Health:* Ecosystem structure, function and diversity; Removal or control of non-native invasive species, reintroduction of native plants and trees

DESCRIPTION: The MAP program supports action-oriented projects that enhance outdoor experiences, forest and ecosystem health, and engage local communities in caring for their public lands.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: 1:1 nonfederal cash match

ELIGIBILITY: 501(c)(3) nonprofits, universities, and federally-recognized Native American tribes. All MAP applications must align with one or both of the NFF's strategic focus areas of Outdoor Experiences and Forest Health. Applications that cohesively integrate the two program areas are encouraged. All permitting and environmental compliance work (including but not limited to NEPA) must be complete before submitting a MAP application.

Hunting/Shooting/Trapping

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheaters; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Matching Awards Program

[WEBSITE](#)

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DESCRIPTION: The MAP program supports action-oriented projects that enhance outdoor experiences, forest and ecosystem health, and engage local communities in caring for their public lands.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: 1:1 nonfederal cash match

ELIGIBILITY: 501(c)(3) nonprofits, universities, and federally-recognized Native American tribes. All MAP applications must align with one or both of the NFF's strategic focus areas of Outdoor Experiences and Forest Health. Applications that cohesively integrate the two program areas are encouraged. All permitting and environmental compliance work (including but not limited to NEPA) must be complete before submitting a MAP application.

Kayaking

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

[WEBSITE](#) (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheatres; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Manufacturing

Rural Business Development Grants

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants and Technical Assistance

SUPPORTS:

Enterprise Grants support training and technical assistance (e.g. project planning, business counseling and training, market research, feasibility studies, professional or technical reports or producer 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.

Opportunity grants support community economic development; technology-based economic development; feasibility studies and business plans; leadership and entrepreneur training; rural business incubators; long-term business strategic planning

DESCRIPTION: This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$10,000-\$500,000

ELIGIBILITY: Towns, Communities, State Agencies, Authorities, Nonprofit corporations, Institutions of Higher Education, Federally-recognized tribes, rural cooperatives (if organized as a private nonprofit corporation)

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Guaranteed loans for rural businesses, via local lenders

SUPPORTS: Business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development; purchase and development of land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, or facilities; purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, supplies or inventory; debt refinancing when refinancing improves cash flow and creates or saves jobs; business and industrial acquisitions when the loan will create or save jobs.

DESCRIPTION: This program bolsters the availability of private credit by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$1 Million - \$25 Million

ELIGIBILITY: 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. Any area other than a city or town with a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area of that city or town; The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city as long as the project is located in an eligible rural area; Projects may be funded in rural and urban areas under the Local and Regional Food System Initiative.

Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Loans and Grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs)

SUPPORTS: Microenterprise startups, microloan borrowers, micro entrepreneurs

DESCRIPTION: Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance provides microloans for microenterprise startups and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund, and provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Grants are available to provide technical assistance to rural microentrepreneurs or microenterprises, up to \$205,000 annually. Funding at the requested level is not guaranteed, and at least 15 percent matching funds are required. Loans of \$50,000 - \$500,000 may be used to establish a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund managed by the MDO. Total aggregate debt is capped at \$2.5 million

ELIGIBILITY: To *be* an MDO, must be a: Nonprofit, Federally Recognized Tribe, or Institution of Higher Education. To *apply for a loan* from the MDO, must be a: Business located in an eligible area with 10 or fewer full-time employees. Eligible areas are rural areas outside a city or town with a population of less than 50,000. Urbanized areas near a city of 50,000 or more may not be eligible. The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city so long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area. The lender may be located anywhere.

Intermediary Relending Program

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Loans for Businesses and Community Development projects, via local intermediaries

SUPPORTS: The acquisition, construction, conversion, enlargement, or repair of a business or business facility, particularly when jobs will be created or retained; The purchase or development of land (easements, rights of way, buildings, facilities, leases, materials); The purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, or supplies; 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](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Intermediary Relending Program provides low-interest loans to local intermediaries that relend to businesses and for community development projects in rural communities.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING:

ELIGIBILITY: To *be* an intermediary lender, must be a: Nonprofit and cooperative; Federally recognized Tribe; or Public Body. To *apply for a loan from* an intermediary lender, must be a: individual, public or private organization, or other legal entity, given that: Majority ownership is held by US citizens or permanent residents; The applicant owes no delinquent debt to the Federal Government; The applicant is unable to obtain affordable commercial financing for the project elsewhere; Are located in an eligible area. Eligible areas are rural areas outside a city or town with a population of less than 50,000. Urbanized areas near a city of 50,000 or more may not be eligible. The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city so long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area. The lender may be located anywhere.

Public Works

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants and Cooperative Agreements

SUPPORTS: Water/Sewer System Improvements, Industrial Parks, Shipping and Logistics Facilities, Workforce Training Facilities, Business Incubators and Accelerators, Brownfield Redevelopment, Technology-based facilities, wet labs, multi-tenant manufacturing facilities, science and research parks, and telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities.

DESCRIPTION: EDA provides catalytic investments to help distressed communities build, design, or engineer critical infrastructure and facilities that will help implement regional development strategies and advance bottom-up economic development goals to promote regional prosperity. The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive. Prior examples of investments EDA has supported through the Public Works program include projects supporting water and sewer system improvements, industrial parks, high-tech shipping and logistics facilities, workforce training facilities, business incubators and accelerators, brownfield redevelopment, technology-based facilities, wet labs, multi-tenant manufacturing facilities, science and research parks, and telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$100,000-\$30 Million

ELIGIBILITY: Investments must be aligned with a current Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or equivalent EDA-accepted regional economic development strategy and clearly lead to the creation or retention of long-term high quality jobs.

Marketing

Grants and Contracts (Limited to Appalachian Region)

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Economic Development Grants

SUPPORTS: Asset-based development; community infrastructure (e.g. water and wastewater services, access roads, public and environmental health hazards); education and training (e.g. workforce training and vocational education); entrepreneurship and business development (e.g. access to capital, education and training, sector-based strategies, and business incubators); health; leadership development and capacity building; telecommunications (e.g. distance learning, telemedicine, high-speed internet, training curriculum); tourism development (e.g. building and rehabilitating facilities and infrastructure, training artisans and artists, developing strategic plans and feasibility studies); and transportation infrastructure.

DESCRIPTION: ARC awards grants to projects that address one or more of the five goals identified by ARC in its 2016–2020 strategic plan:

- Economic Opportunities
 - Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia’s economy.
- Ready Workforce
 - Increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia.
- Critical Infrastructure

- Invest in critical infrastructure—especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachian Development Highway System; and water/wastewater systems.
- Natural and Cultural Assets
 - Strengthen Appalachia’s community and economic development potential by leveraging the Region’s natural and cultural heritage assets.
- Leadership and Community Capacity
 - Build the capacity and skills of current and next-generation leaders and organizations to innovate, collaborate, and advance community and economic development.

and that can demonstrate measurable results. Typically, ARC project grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Up to \$8,000,000 in FY2019, but depends on state. Typical grant between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

ARDA Matching Requirements—General

16. Generally, ARC grants are limited to 50% of project costs.
17. For projects in ARC-designated distressed counties, this limit can be raised to 80%.
18. For projects in ARC-designated at-risk counties, this limit can be raised to 70%.
19. For projects located in ARC-designated competitive counties (those that are approaching national economic norms), funding is usually limited to 30% of project costs.
20. ARC funding is usually not available for projects located in ARC-designated attainment counties (those that have attained or exceeded national economic norms).

ELIGIBILITY: Program grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

Motorcycling/ATV/Snowmobile

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheaters; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

DESCRIPTION: Stateside grants provides matching funds to states and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Stateside grants have

provided billions of dollars in grants for *community-scale* projects, including development of recreation facilities (e.g. parks, trails, bike paths, ball fields, recreation centers, pools and bathhouses, cultural interpretation sites, and other areas) as well as analytical studies on recreation potentials, needs, opportunities and policies. Importantly, state grants are 50/50 matching grants, meaning that states supply 50% of the project cost, leveraging dollars raised from offshore oil and gas royalties to meet community needs.

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ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Matching Awards Program

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for trail maintenance, stewardship engagement, work crews

SUPPORTS: *Outdoor Experiences:* Trail Maintenance, bridge and crossing construction or repair, installation of trail drainage structures; Engaging youth, volunteers, underserved or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities; Employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the-ground conservation, stewardship and/or restoration work. *Forest Health:* Ecosystem structure, function and diversity; Removal or control of non-native invasive species, reintroduction of native plants and trees

DESCRIPTION: The MAP program supports action-oriented projects that enhance outdoor experiences, forest and ecosystem health, and engage local communities in caring for their public lands.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: 1:1 nonfederal cash match

ELIGIBILITY: 501(c)(3) nonprofits, universities, and federally-recognized Native American tribes. All MAP applications must align with one or both of the NFF's strategic focus areas of Outdoor Experiences and Forest Health. Applications that cohesively integrate the two program areas are encouraged. All permitting and environmental compliance work (including but not limited to NEPA) must be complete before submitting a MAP application.

Mountain Biking

Recreational Trails Program

[WEBSITE ANNUAL REPORT](#)

CLASSIFICATION: State funding for development and maintenance of recreational trails for nonmotorized and motorized uses.

SUPPORTS: Trail maintenance and restoration, Trailside and trailhead facilities, Equipment for construction and maintenance, Construction of new recreational trails, Acquisition of trail corridors, Assessment of trail conditions, Safety and environmental education, Administration

DESCRIPTION: The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The RTP is an assistance program of the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). [Federal transportation funds benefit recreation](#) including hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles. States are required to use

40 percent of their RTP funds for diverse recreational trail use, 30 percent for motorized recreation, and 30 percent for nonmotorized recreation. Each State develops and manages its own program of project selection and grant administration, in partnership with communities, agencies, and nonprofit organizations

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Generally \$10K-\$100K, though grants in certain states have been as large as \$4.9 million. Matching requirements determined by states.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally municipalities or other qualified sub-divisions of state government.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheaters; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Matching Awards Program

WEBSITE

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GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: 1:1 nonfederal cash match

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Outdoor Business Development (e.g. training, incubators, research, acquisition and development, construction, planning)

Rural Business Development Grants

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants and Technical Assistance

SUPPORTS:

Enterprise Grants support training and technical assistance (e.g. project planning, business counseling and training, market research, feasibility studies, professional or technical reports or producer 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.

Opportunity grants support community economic development; technology-based economic development; feasibility studies and business plans; leadership and entrepreneur training; rural business incubators; long-term business strategic planning

DESCRIPTION: This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$10,000-\$500,000

ELIGIBILITY: Towns, Communities, State Agencies, Authorities, Nonprofit corporations, Institutions of Higher Education, Federally-recognized tribes, rural cooperatives (if organized as a private nonprofit corporation)

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans

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DESCRIPTION: This program bolsters the availability of private credit by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$1 Million - \$25 Million

ELIGIBILITY: 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. Any area other than a city or town with a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area of that city or town; The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city as long as the project is located in an eligible rural area; Projects may be funded in rural and urban areas under the Local and Regional Food System Initiative.

Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Loans and Grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs)

SUPPORTS: Microenterprise startups, microloan borrowers, micro entrepreneurs

DESCRIPTION: Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance provides microloans for microenterprise startups and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund, and provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Grants are available to provide technical assistance to rural microentrepreneurs or microenterprises, up to \$205,000 annually. Funding at the requested level is not guaranteed, and at least 15 percent matching funds are required. Loans of \$50,000 - \$500,000 may be used to establish a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund managed by the MDO. Total aggregate debt is capped at \$2.5 million

ELIGIBILITY: To *be* an MDO, must be a: Nonprofit, Federally Recognized Tribe, or Institution of Higher Education. To *apply for a loan* from the MDO, must be a: Business located in an eligible area with 10 or fewer full-time employees. Eligible areas are rural areas outside a city or town with a population of less than 50,000. Urbanized areas near a city of 50,000 or more may not be eligible. The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city so long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area. The lender may be located anywhere.

Intermediary Relending Program

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Loans for Businesses and Community Development projects, via local intermediaries

SUPPORTS: The acquisition, construction, conversion, enlargement, or repair of a business or business facility, particularly when jobs will be created or retained; The purchase or development of land (easements, rights of way, buildings, facilities, leases, materials); The purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, or supplies; 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](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Intermediary Relending Program provides low-interest loans to local intermediaries that relend to businesses and for community development projects in rural communities.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING:

ELIGIBILITY: To *be* an intermediary lender, must be a: Nonprofit and cooperative; Federally recognized Tribe; or Public Body. To *apply for a loan from* an intermediary lender, must be a: individual, public or private organization, or other legal entity, given that: Majority ownership is held by US citizens or permanent residents; The applicant owes no delinquent debt to the Federal Government; The applicant is unable to obtain affordable commercial financing for the project elsewhere; Are located in an eligible area. Eligible areas are rural areas outside a city or town with a population of less than 50,000. Urbanized areas near a city of 50,000 or more may not be eligible. The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city so long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area. The lender may be located anywhere.

Public Works

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants and Cooperative Agreements

SUPPORTS: Water/Sewer System Improvements, Industrial Parks, Shipping and Logistics Facilities, Workforce Training Facilities, Business Incubators and Accelerators, Brownfield Redevelopment, Technology-based facilities, wet labs, multi-tenant manufacturing facilities, science and research parks, and telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities.

DESCRIPTION: EDA provides catalytic investments to help distressed communities build, design, or engineer critical infrastructure and facilities that will help implement regional development strategies and advance bottom-up economic development goals to promote regional prosperity. The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive. Prior examples of investments EDA has supported through the Public Works program include projects supporting water and sewer system improvements, industrial parks, high-tech shipping and logistics facilities, workforce training facilities, business incubators and accelerators, brownfield redevelopment, technology-based facilities, wet labs, multi-tenant manufacturing facilities, science and research parks, and telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$100,000-\$30 Million

ELIGIBILITY: Investments must be aligned with a current Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or equivalent EDA-accepted regional economic development strategy and clearly lead to the creation or retention of long-term high quality jobs.

Economic Adjustment Assistance Strategy and Implementation Grants

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for Infrastructure and Facilities Development/Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies

SUPPORTS: Infrastructure, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, capitalization or re-capitalizations of Revolving Loan Funds

DESCRIPTION: The EAA program supports a wide range of construction and non-construction activities (including infrastructure, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF)) in regions experiencing severe economic dislocations that may occur suddenly or over time.

EDA utilizes EAA investments to provide resources that help communities experiencing or anticipating economic dislocations to plan and implement specific solutions to leverage their existing regional economic advantages to support economic development and job creation. Like Public Works investments, EAA investments are designed to help communities catalyze public-private partnerships to foster collaboration, attract investment, create jobs, and foster economic resiliency and prosperity.

Strategy Grants support the development, updating or refinement of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). **Implementation Grants** support the execution of activities identified in a CEDS, such as infrastructure improvements, including site acquisition, site preparation, construction, rehabilitation and equipping of facilities. Specific activities may be funded as separate investments or as multiple elements of a single investment.

For example, EDA might provide funding to a university or community college to create and launch an economic diversification strategy to promote and enhance the growth of emerging industries in a region facing job losses due to declines in regionally important industries. As another example, EDA might provide funding to a city to support the construction of a publicly-owned multi-tenant business and industrial facility to house early-stage businesses.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$100,000-\$30 Million, average size \$1.4 million

ELIGIBILITY: Must meet EDA's "distress criteria": an unemployment rate that is at least one point greater than the national average unemployment rate for the most recent 24-month period for which data are available; Per capita income that is 80 percent or less of the national average per capita income for period which data is available; other Special needs. Particular focus on Nuclear Closure Communities or Coal Communities. Match is determined by average per capita income or unemployment rate of region in which project is located. Eligible applicants include: District Organization; 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; or Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Grants and Contracts (Limited to Appalachian Region)

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Economic Development Grants

SUPPORTS: Asset-based development; community infrastructure (e.g. water and wastewater services, access roads, public and environmental health hazards); education and training (e.g. workforce training and vocational education); entrepreneurship and business development (e.g. access to capital, education and training, sector-based strategies, and business incubators); health; leadership development and capacity building; telecommunications (e.g. distance learning, telemedicine, high-speed internet, training curriculum); tourism development (e.g. building and rehabilitating facilities and infrastructure, training artisans and artists, developing strategic plans and feasibility studies); and transportation infrastructure.

DESCRIPTION: ARC awards grants to projects that address one or more of the five goals identified by ARC in its 2016–2020 strategic plan:

- Economic Opportunities
 - Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia's economy.
- Ready Workforce
 - Increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia.
- Critical Infrastructure
 - Invest in critical infrastructure—especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachian Development Highway System; and water/wastewater systems.
- Natural and Cultural Assets
 - Strengthen Appalachia's community and economic development potential by leveraging the Region's natural and cultural heritage assets.
- Leadership and Community Capacity
 - Build the capacity and skills of current and next-generation leaders and organizations to innovate, collaborate, and advance community and economic development.

and that can demonstrate measurable results. Typically, ARC project grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Up to \$8,000,000 in FY2019, but depends on state. Typical grant between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

ARDA Matching Requirements—General

21. Generally, ARC grants are limited to 50% of project costs.
22. For projects in ARC-designated distressed counties, this limit can be raised to 80%.
23. For projects in ARC-designated at-risk counties, this limit can be raised to 70%.
24. For projects located in ARC-designated competitive counties (those that are approaching national economic norms), funding is usually limited to 30% of project costs.
25. ARC funding is usually not available for projects located in ARC-designated attainment counties (those that have attained or exceeded national economic norms).

ELIGIBILITY: Program grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

Outdoor Recreation Economy Planning and Implementation

Local Food, Local Places (LFLP)

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Technical Assistance

SUPPORTS: Visioning, Action Planning, Asset Mapping for Economic Development, Food Access, and Preservation of Rural Lands

DESCRIPTION: Local Foods, Local Places helps cities and towns across the country protect the environment and human health by engaging with local partners to reinvest in existing neighborhoods as they develop local food systems. In 2020, the program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and EPA.

Local Foods, Local Places supports locally led, community-driven efforts to protect air and water quality, preserve open space and farmland, boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, improve access to healthy local food, and promote childhood wellness.

Selected communities will receive access to technical experts who will work with them to hold a two-day convening that brings together stakeholders in the community to develop an action plan for creating more vibrant downtowns and neighborhoods by promoting local foods. We encourage participation from federal and state agencies and other potential funding partners in the workshops, so that communities can learn about how they might apply for additional resources to help them accomplish their vision, but those funds are not guaranteed (EPA).

Technical assistance can help create walkable, healthy, economically vibrant neighborhoods through the development of local food systems and natural resource amenities, and help gateway communities to national forests revitalize and attract visitors to their downtowns (USDA)

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Technical Assistance

ELIGIBILITY: Agricultural businesses, Agricultural cooperatives, Producer networks, Producer associations, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks, Community Supported Agricultural associations, Local government, Non-profit organizations, Producer network, Public benefit corporations, Tribal Governments, Regional farmers authorities

2020 Deadline: Currently Closed

Rural Economic Development Innovation (REDI)

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Technical Assistance for Creation and Implementation of Economic Development Plans

SUPPORTS: Economic Development Plans

DESCRIPTION: The Rural Economic Development Innovation (REDI) initiative provides free technical assistance from five capacity-building organizations for up to two years to help rural towns and regions create and implement economic development plans.

USDA's Innovation Center created the REDI initiative to support recommendations identified in the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity. The recommendations outline steps to develop the rural economy and support quality of life.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Technical Assistance

ELIGIBILITY: Generally municipalities or other qualified sub-divisions of state government.

2020 Deadline: Currently Closed

Rural Cooperative Development Grant

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for Rural Cooperative Development Centers

SUPPORTS: Development of a Rural Cooperative Development Center. These Centers contribute to feasibility studies, business plans, leadership and operational improvement training, strategic planning.

DESCRIPTION: The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas by assisting individuals and businesses in the startup, expansion, or operational improvement of 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.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Maximum grant of \$200,000. Grantees must match 25% of total project costs (5% for Native American tribally-controlled colleges and universities that were granted land-grant status under an Act of Congress in 1994).

ELIGIBILITY: Non-profit corporations, Cooperatives, Institutions of Higher Education, Public Bodies. Not eligible: Public Bodies, For-Profit Businesses, Individuals

Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Loans and Grants for Business Development and Facilities, via Local Utilities

SUPPORTS: Business incubators; community development assistance to nonprofits and public bodies (particularly job creation or enhancement); Facilities and equipment for education and training for rural residents to facilitate economic development; Facilities and equipment for medical care to rural residents; Start-up venture costs, including, but not limited to, financing fixed assets such as real estate, buildings (new or existing), equipment, or working capital; Business Expansion, Technical assistance

DESCRIPTION: The Rural Economic Development Loan (REDL) and Grant (REDG) programs provide funding to rural projects through local utility organizations. Under the REDL program, 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 the Agency. Under the REDG program, USDA provides grant funds to local utility organizations to 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 the Agency.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Up to \$300,000 in grants may be requested for establishment of the Revolving Loan Fund. Up to 10% of grant funds may be applied toward operating expenses over the life of the RLF. Up to \$1 million in loans may be requested.

ELIGIBILITY: Intermediaries may use funds to lend for projects in rural areas or towns with a population of 50,000 or less. To receive funding, an entity must be described as: Any former Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrower who borrowed, repaid or pre-paid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan; Nonprofit utilities that are eligible to receive assistance from the Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs; Current Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs Borrowers

Intermediary Relending Program

WEBSITE

CLASSIFICATION: Loans for Businesses and Community Development projects, via local intermediaries

SUPPORTS: The acquisition, construction, conversion, enlargement, or repair of a business or business facility, particularly when jobs will be created or retained; The purchase or development of land (easements, rights of way, buildings, facilities, leases, materials); The purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, or supplies; 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](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Intermediary Relending Program provides low-interest loans to local intermediaries that relend to businesses and for community development projects in rural communities.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING:

ELIGIBILITY: To *be* an intermediary lender, must be a: Nonprofit and cooperative; Federally recognized Tribe; or Public Body. To *apply for a loan from* an intermediary lender, must be a: individual, public or private organization, or other legal entity, given that: Majority ownership is held by US citizens or permanent residents; The applicant owes no delinquent debt to the Federal Government; The applicant is unable to obtain affordable commercial financing for the project elsewhere; Are located in an eligible area. Eligible areas are rural areas outside a city or town with a population of less than 50,000. Urbanized areas near a city of 50,000 or more may not be eligible. The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city so long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area. The lender may be located anywhere.

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GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: \$100,000-\$30 Million, average size \$1.4 million

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Recreation Economy for Rural Communities

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Technical Assistance for Outdoor Rec Economy Planning

SUPPORTS: Community strategies and action planning for outdoor recreation economy development

DESCRIPTION: Recreation Economy for Rural Communities is a new planning assistance program to help communities develop strategies and an action plan to revitalize their Main Streets through outdoor recreation.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Technical Assistance

ELIGIBILITY: Local governments; Indian tribes; Nonprofit institutions and organizations representing any community in the United States. Special consideration will be given to communities that are: Small towns, Economically disadvantaged, such as those in Opportunity Zones, and/or In the Northern Border region of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York (see the Northern Border Regional Commission's website for a list of counties in this region).

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

[WEBSITE](#) (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheatres; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks;

Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Ranging from \$8,000 to \$4,400,000 in FY2019, Federal government will supply up to 50% of the project cost, and state project sponsor bears the remaining cost. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Grants and Contracts (Limited to Appalachian Region)

[WEBSITE](#)

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ARDA Matching Requirements—General

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Rafting

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheatres; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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50% of the project cost, leveraging dollars raised from offshore oil and gas royalties to meet community needs.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Ranging from \$8,000 to \$4,400,000 in FY2019, Federal government will supply up to 50% of the project cost, and state project sponsor bears the remaining cost. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson)

[WEBSITE](#) and [GUIDE TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS](#)

CLASSIFICATION:

SUPPORTS: Pittman-Robertson: Acquisition, development, and operation of wildlife management and public use areas; hunter education and safety;

Dingell-Johnson: Conservation and public recreation needs in fresh, estuarine and marine waters; improve and manage aquatic habitats and fisheries resources; protect coastal wetlands; infrastructure to recreational boaters

DESCRIPTION: The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) Program addresses the challenges of managing America's natural resources with effective, targeted grant programs designed to benefit fish and wildlife while capitalizing on recreational opportunities across the country.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: States provide up to 25% share of project costs. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Recreational Flying

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

[WEBSITE](#) (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheaters; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Restoration and Conservation Volunteering

Matching Awards Program

WEBSITE

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for trail maintenance, stewardship engagement, work crews

SUPPORTS: *Outdoor Experiences:* Trail Maintenance, bridge and crossing construction or repair, installation of trail drainage structures; Engaging youth, volunteers, underserved or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities; Employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the-ground conservation, stewardship and/or restoration work. *Forest Health:* Ecosystem structure, function and diversity; Removal or control of non-native invasive species, reintroduction of native plants and trees

DESCRIPTION: The MAP program supports action-oriented projects that enhance outdoor experiences, forest and ecosystem health, and engage local communities in caring for their public lands.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: 1:1 nonfederal cash match

ELIGIBILITY: 501(c)(3) nonprofits, universities, and federally-recognized Native American tribes. All MAP applications must align with one or both of the NFF's strategic focus areas of Outdoor Experiences and Forest Health. Applications that cohesively integrate the two program areas are encouraged. All permitting and environmental compliance work (including but not limited to NEPA) must be complete before submitting a MAP application.

Road Biking

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheaters; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Rock Climbing

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

WEBSITE (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheatres; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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DESCRIPTION: Stateside grants provides matching funds to states and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Stateside grants have provided billions of dollars in grants for *community-scale* projects, including development of recreation facilities (e.g. parks, trails, bike paths, ball fields, recreation centers, pools and bathhouses, cultural interpretation sites, and other areas) as well as analytical studies on recreation potentials, needs, opportunities and policies. Importantly, state grants are 50/50 matching grants, meaning that states supply 50% of the project cost, leveraging dollars raised from offshore oil and gas royalties to meet community needs.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: Ranging from \$8,000 to \$4,400,000 in FY2019, Federal government will supply up to 50% of the project cost, and state project sponsor bears the remaining cost. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Sailing and Motorboating

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

[WEBSITE](#) (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

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Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson)

[WEBSITE](#) and [GUIDE TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS](#)

CLASSIFICATION:

SUPPORTS: Pittman-Robertson: Acquisition, development, and operation of wildlife management and public use areas; hunter education and safety;

Dingell-Johnson: Conservation and public recreation needs in fresh, estuarine and marine waters; improve and manage aquatic habitats and fisheries resources; protect coastal wetlands; infrastructure to recreational boaters

DESCRIPTION: The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) Program addresses the challenges of managing America's natural resources with effective, targeted grant programs designed to benefit fish and wildlife while capitalizing on recreational opportunities across the country.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: States provide up to 25% share of project costs. The remaining split between local governments and state agencies depends by state.

ELIGIBILITY: Generally counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized tribes.

Saltwater Fishing

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

[WEBSITE](#) (Generally State DCNR)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for outdoor recreation infrastructure

SUPPORTS: Acquisition; Amphitheatres; Archery/Shooting Ranges; Ballfields/Ball Sports (surface upgrades and rehabilitation, lighting, running tracks); Beach/Harbor/Marina (boathouses, beaches piers/pavilions, boat launches); Dog Parks; Equestrian; Fishing/Boardwalk; Golf Courses; Ice Rinks; Infrastructure (parking areas, electrical, roads, ADA accessibility, shelters, water treatment, waste management); Lodging/Camping (cabins, campgrounds); Parks/Trails Development/Renovation (park development, trail resurfacing, bridge construction, multi-use paths, fitness stations); Planning (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and Master Plans); Playgrounds (including ADA accessibility); Pool/Aquatic Centers; Restrooms/Bathhouses; Skate Parks; Splash Pads; Tennis Courts (including pickleball); Visitors Centers

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Skiing

Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

[WEBSITE](#) (Generally State DCNR)

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Ski Conservation Fund and Forest Stewardship Fund (USFS Invitation Only)

[WEBSITE](#)

CLASSIFICATION: Grants for trail maintenance, stewardship engagement, work crews

SUPPORTS: Trail Maintenance, bridge and crossing construction or repair, installation of trail drainage structures; Engaging youth, volunteers, underserved or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities; Employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the -ground conservation, stewardship and/or restoration work.

DESCRIPTION: The National Forest Foundation [Ski Conservation FundTM \(SCF\) and Forest Stewardship Fund \(FSF\)](#) provide funding for action-oriented on-the-ground or citizen-based monitoring projects that improve forest health and outdoor experiences on National Forests and Grasslands. Award funds come from guest contributions at ski areas and lodges operating on or adjacent to National Forest System lands, with added National Forest Foundation federal funds for SCF.

GRANT SIZE/MATCHING: 1:1 nonfederal cash match

ELIGIBILITY: The grant application process for Ski Conservation Funds and Forest Stewardship Funds varies based on location and funding source. With one exception, grants are invitation-only and projects to be funded are determined based on local Forest Service priorities. 501(c)3 nonprofits, universities, state and local government entities, and federally recognized Native American tribes are eligible to receive

SCF and FSF grants. If an organization does not meet this eligibility requirement, it must utilize an eligible fiscal sponsor, in compliance with the NFF Policy on Fiscal Sponsorship.