Research & Networks

Economic Development Administration
American Rescue Plan funding

INVESTING IN AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES

$3 billion in American Rescue Plan funding allows EDA to lead an unprecedented approach to: *"prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus and for necessary expenses for responding to economic injury as a result of coronavirus."*

EDA's American Rescue Plan programs are designed to:

1. Accelerate the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic
2. Build local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks

$3 billion in American Rescue Plan funding to invest in:

Jobs for Today

Good Jobs Challenge

Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation

Communities Built for All

Economic Adjustment Assistance

Indigenous Communities

Coal Communities Commitment

Regions for the Future

Build Back Better Regional Challenge

Statewide Planning, **Research & Networks**

Eligible Entities for EDA Funding

- District Organizations of EDA-designated Economic Development Districts

- Indian Tribes, which include Federally-recognized Indian Tribes and any Alaska Native Village or Regional Corporation (as defined in or established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)

- State and Local governments or political subdivisions, including special purpose units of State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities (regional water and sewer districts, airport commissions, and regional economic development commissions)

- Institutions of higher education

- Public or private nonprofit organizations or associations working in cooperation with officials of a general purpose political subdivision of a State (e.g., a city, town, or county)

EDA does not provide funding to for-profit entities or individuals.

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Program Components

Statewide Planning

Regions invite States through an invitation letter to apply for and receive planning funds

Research

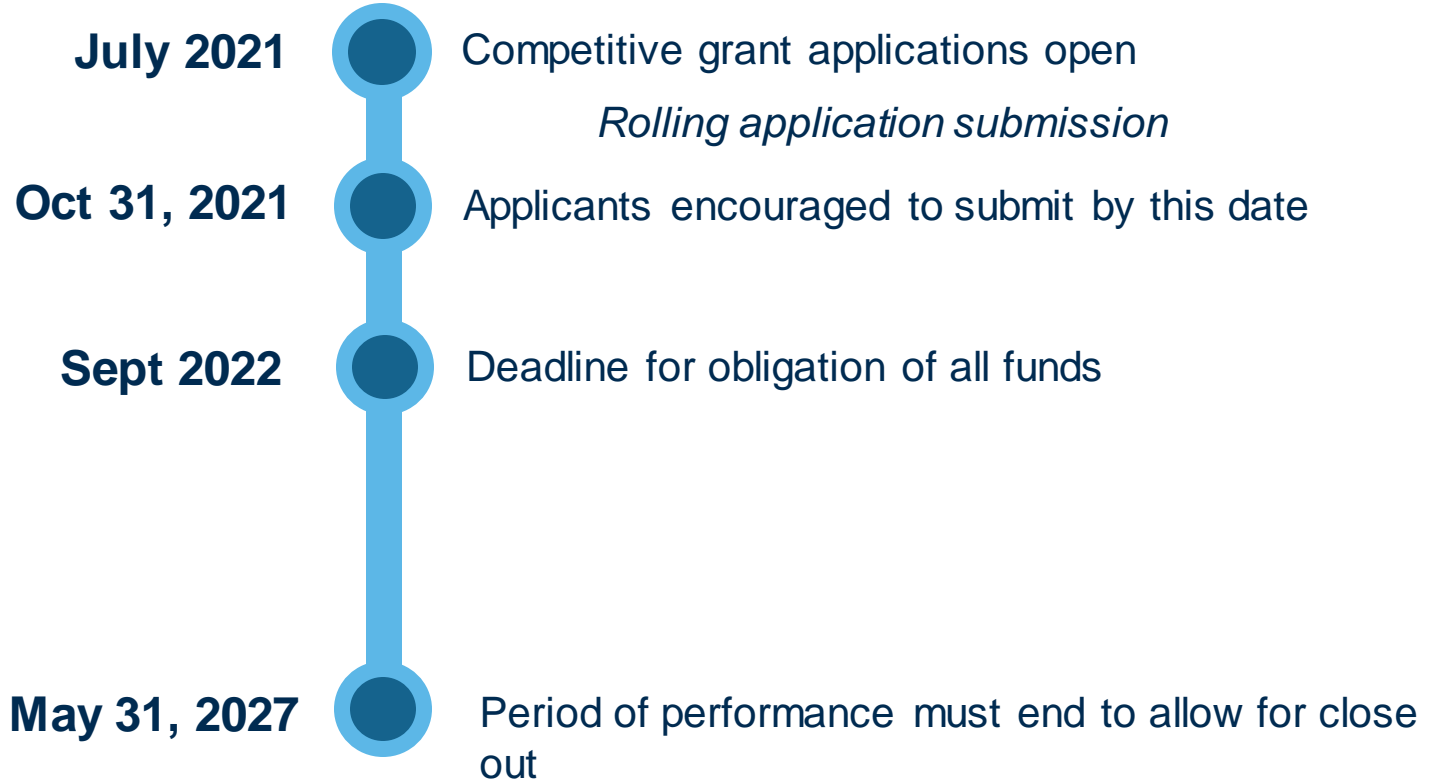Study and evaluate EDA's new American Rescue Plan programs

Networks & Communities of Practice

Develop stakeholder and grantee networks to assist EDA grantees with technical assistance, best practice, and community connections to scale what works and accelerate impacts

Grant rate is 100% for all three components
if offered, matching funds may make that application more competitive

Research and Networks Grants Award Timeline

July 2021 — Competitive grant applications open

Rolling application submission

Oct 31, 2021 — Applicants encouraged to submit by this date

Sept 2022 — Deadline for obligation of all funds

May 31, 2027 — Period of performance must end to allow for close out

Research Program Goals

Awards expected to be between $200,000 and $600,000

Support research and evaluation of economic recovery post-pandemic

- Specifically interested in real-time research and evaluation of American Rescue Plan programs: especially the Good Jobs Challenge, BBB Regional Challenge, Indigenous Communities program, and the Travel & Tourism programs
- EDA's regular recipient pool is eligible
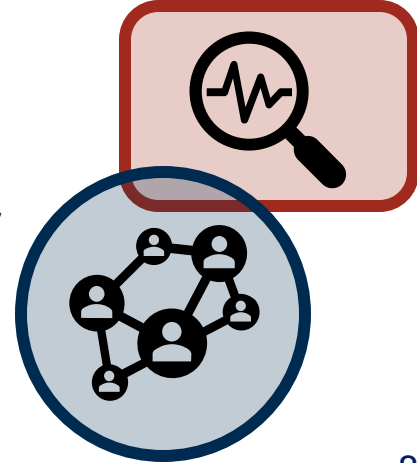
Networks & Communities of Practice Program Goals

Awards expected to be between $2M and $6M

Develop Networks & Communities of Practice

- Develop nationwide, sustainable networks for existing and future EDA grantees, including EDDs, Tribal Partners, University Centers, RLF grantees, Build to Scale (B2S) grantees
- Develop a Community of Practice around ARPA program grantees, coal community grantees, and/or critical areas of need
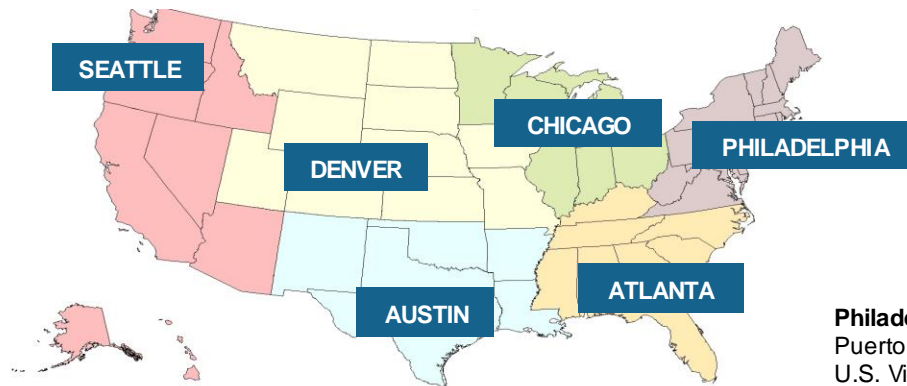
Research & Communities of Practice Process

- Each application will be evaluated on:
  - Applicant capacity
  - Applicant expertise in the applicable component
  - Strategic approach of the proposal
  - Feasibility of budget; strength of proposed financial match (if any)
  - Feasibility of deliverables and timeline
  - Project sustainability, scalability, and dissemination
  - Cross-collaboration with other EDA grantees and/or other economic development partners

- Applicants encouraged to apply by Oct. 31, 2021

Next Steps to Apply

1. Read the **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** and Eligibility Requirements: https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/

2. Connect with your state's **Economic Development Representative** with questions: https://eda.gov/contact

3. Email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Research program to research@eda.gov

4. Email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Networks program to networks@eda.gov

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More Questions?

Visit www.eda.gov/arpa to learn more about the American Rescue Plan programs and find contact information for each.