EDA METHODS AND TOOLS

Strategic Planning
EDA’s disaster recovery grants can help eligible organizations create economic recovery and resiliency plans, sometimes with the assistance of EDA-funded disaster recovery coordinators.

Capital for Alternative Financing
EDA funding can be used to capitalize or recapitalize Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs) through non-profit and governmental entities. EDA offers below-market rate loans to businesses to help provide gap financing and support new business development.

Infrastructure Development
EDA funds can be used to finance construction of newer, climate-resilient infrastructure designed to adapt to changing weather conditions. EDA also supports infrastructure repair and enhancements to diversify economies and prepare for future disasters. Examples include business incubators, technology parks, research facilities, access roads, storm drainage, and water treatment facilities designed to prevent business disruption and retain and create jobs in the impacted region.

Resiliency
EDA funding can help communities develop a more resilient economy through planning, technical assistance, and core capacity building investments that help businesses, along with state, local, and Tribal governments prepare for, withstand, and recover from disasters.

Equity
EDA’s first investment priority is equity. We prioritize economic development planning or implementation projects that directly benefit traditionally underserved populations, including women, African Americans, Tribal communities, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.

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Contact your regional EDA office for more information about the agency’s disaster recovery and other program resources. Full contact information can be found at www.eda.gov/contact.

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Leading Economic Recovery Efforts in Disaster-Impacted Communities
EDA has a long history of supporting locally led disaster recovery and resiliency efforts. Since the early 1990s, EDA has received a total of $2.5 billion in supplemental appropriations from Congress to support long-term economic recovery and economic resiliency in the aftermath of natural disasters as well as $4.5 billion for recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

Here are some examples:

- In FY 2020, EDA received supplemental funding through both the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act ($1.5 billion) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act ($3 billion). For more information, please visit www.eda.gov/coronavirus.
- In FY 2018 and 2019, EDA received a total of $1.2 billion in supplemental funding to help communities impacted by Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and by wildfires, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.
- In FY 2012, EDA received $200 million to support disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in areas that received a major disaster designation in 2011.

Who is Eligible to Receive Disaster Recovery Grants?

Eligible applicants under EDA’s Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program include District Planning Organizations; Tribal, state, county, or city governments; institutions of higher education; and public or private non-profit organizations. EDA is not authorized to provide EAA grants to individuals or for-profit entities and will not consider such requests.

What Specific Activities are Eligible for Disaster Supplemental Funding?

Through the EAA Program, EDA can support both the development of disaster recovery strategies/plans and the implementation of recovery projects, including construction activities, capitalizing RLFs, entrepreneurship development, and technical assistance. All projects must be consistent with at least one of EDA’s Investment Priorities, which can be found at www.eda.gov/about/investment-priorities.

Where do You Apply?

For more information on EDA funding opportunities, please visit www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/.

Here are some examples:

- On EDA’s $4.3 million grant to improve local stormwater management infrastructure.
- On EDA’s $5 million investment to develop the East End Maker Hub, a 30,000-square foot innovation space for entrepreneurs, created in response to Hurricane Harvey.
- On EDA’s $4.8 million grant to improve water infrastructure after frequent flooding.
- On EDA’s $28.6 million grants for the construction of new medical facilities following Hurricanes Maria and Irma in 2017.
- On EDA’s $10 million grant for facility upgrades following Hurricane Michael in 2018.
- Chelsea Irvine, 3CORE, Chico, California
- Patrick Ezzell, President, Urban Partnerships Community Development Corporation, Pearland, Texas
- Brian Crane, City Manager, Moberly, Missouri
- Alex King, Executive Director of the Panama City Port Authority, Panama City, Florida
- LeBron Ray, President, Urban Partnerships Community Development Corporation, Pearland, Texas
- Chelsea Irvine, 3CORE, Chico, California
- Chauncey King, Executive Director of the Panama City Port Authority, Panama City, Florida
- Chelsea Irvine, 3CORE, Chico, California
- On EDA’s $13.3 million grant to widen a two-mile stretch of road used by first responders.