

Program Name	Program Information	Grantor	Program Details
Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG)	Provides grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging rural businesses, help fund business incubators, and help fund employment related adult educations programs.	United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (USDA)	No required maximum; grants ranged from \$10,000 to \$500,000 for communities <50,000 pop. Eligibility is reserved for rural public entities, Indian tribes, and rural private non-profit corporations. Eligible projects include: acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights of way; construction, conservation, renovation of buildings, plants, machinery, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas , utilities; pollution control and abatement; capitalization of revolving loan funds including loans for start-ups and working capital; training and technical assistance ; rural transportation improvement ; and project planning .
Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG)	Provides for technical assistance, training and planning activities that improve economic conditions in rural areas in order to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs.	United States Department of Agriculture –Rural Development (USDA)	\$50,000 maximum for communities <50,000 pop. Eligibility is reserved for rural public entities, Indian Tribes, and non-profit corporations. Eligible projects include: feasibility studies , development of long term trade strategies, community economic development planning ; business training and business based technical assistance for rural entrepreneurs and business managers, establishment of rural business incubators ; and assistance with technology based economic development.
Immediate Threat and Danger Program (ITAD)	The Immediate Threat and Danger Program provides 50% matching funds for community development activities having a particular urgency when existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.	Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)	Address an event or situation having a particular urgency and uniqueness that adversely affects a community and its citizens and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. Eligible applicants are units of general purpose local government, excluding entitlement communities. Local funds must comprise at least 10% of project costs. Applicants may apply for \$50,000 and \$200,000 is reserved for major disasters.
Community Development Block Grant – Housing Activity	Provides funding for single activity and multiple activity housing assistance programs.	Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)	\$500,000 single activity maximum and \$800,000 for multi-activity and revitalization area strategy. Local government and scaled homeowner match requirement. Eligible activities: rehabilitation, reconstruction, acquisition, relocation, disposition, demolition, code enforcement, clearance, interim assistance, removal of architectural barriers, and home ownership assistance .
GCF Revolving Loan Fund Program	Funding for capital projects to assist cities in their efforts to revitalize and enhance downtown areas.	Georgia Cities Foundation (GCF is a non-profit subsidiary of the Georgia Municipal Association)	Below market rate loans provided up to \$250,000 50-40-10 Financing structure for 10 – 15 year period. 10% owner’s equity. Project must have a positive economic impact on community and adhere to objectives of the GCF. Eligible Projects: real estate acquisition, building rehabilitation, new construction, and green space & parks .

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Georgia State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property	Provides owners of historic residential properties, who complete a DNR-approved rehabilitation, with state income tax credit for 25% of rehabilitation expenditures.	Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Historic Preservation Division (HPD)	Eligible participants may apply for a state income tax credit equaling 25% of qualifying rehabilitation expenses capped at \$100,000 for personal, residential properties , and \$300,000 for income-producing properties . Every project must meet the substantial rehabilitation test and adheres to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.
Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit Program (RITC)	Provides owners of "certified historic structures" the opportunity to apply for a 20% or 10% (rehabilitation of non-historic buildings built before 1936) federal income tax credit.	Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Historic Preservation Division (HPD)	20% tax credit for qualified rehabilitation expenses . Only properties utilized for income-producing purposes can take advantage of the credit. 10% tax credit eligibility: building must be built before 1936 and be non-historic, building must meet the physical wall retention test. All projects must meet the substantial rehabilitation test; building must be utilized for income-producing purposes for five years and rehabilitation work must be done according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.
The Historic Preservation Fund Grants: Predevelopment, Survey, and Planning	Provides grant money to aid the statewide historic preservation program in participation with state and local governments. Communities (CLGs) with historic preservation ordinances are eligible.	Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Historic Preservation Division (HPD)	Typical award range \$1,000 - \$15,000. All grants are awarded on a 60 /40 matching basis. The match must be partially cash, but may include donated materials, labor, staff, and volunteers. Only Certified Local Governments (CLGs) may apply for this grant funding. Eligible activities include: historic resource survey, preservation planning activities & studies, National Register nominations , educational activities & publications, archaeological surveys and testing, predevelopment (plans & specifications).
Georgia Heritage Grant Program	Provides matching funds on a statewide competitive basis to local governments and nonprofit organizations for the preservation of Georgia Register and National Register- eligible historic properties.	Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Historic Preservation Division (HPD)	Maximum grant amount \$40,000 for development projects and \$20,000 for predevelopment projects. Development projects include: archaeological, stabilization, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration activities . Predevelopment projects include: plans and specifications, feasibility studies, historic structure reports , or other building specific or site-specific preservation plans .
Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), GATEway Grant Program	Provides funding for roadside enhancement and beautification projects along Georgia's roadsides.	Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)	Maximum grant amount \$50,000. Projects include: landscape enhancement of the state right of way that involves the local community, displays the right of way in an attractive fashion, and promotes pride in Georgia. Recipients required to provide continued maintenance.

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