

## 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUNDING GUIDE

Many funding sources, both internal and external, are available to help Montgomery accomplish its goals. Internal resources refer to taxes and fees to support the action item. External resources are numerous and may also include public-private partnerships with external partners such as developers. The Funding column in the Action Tasks table provides suggestions for funding sources or grants for each of the action items

### LAND USE

#### Industrial Revenue Bonds

Grantor: Texas Economic Development Division

Purpose: provide a source of tax-exempt or taxable bond finance for projects involving significant private activity that promote new and existing businesses, encourage employment, and expand the tax base of a community.

Eligibility: Industrial Development Corporations (IDCs) or equivalent bodies

Limitations: Rolling application period.

More information: <https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/industrial-revenue-bonds>

#### Tax Increment Financing (TIF) or Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ)

Grantor: City; County

Purpose: A TIRZ can construct needed public infrastructure in areas with little development or lacking adequate development to attract businesses; encourage development, thereby increasing property values and long-term property tax collections; and reduce the cost of private development by providing reimbursement for eligible public improvements.

Eligible Public Costs: Publicly owned infrastructure within public rights-of-way; Public transit stations and right-of-way; Public school construction; Public beautification (lighting, streetscape, landscaping, etc); Public parking structures; Municipal building construction; Other public buildings (e.g. police, fire stations); Land/building acquisition by a public body; Interest costs on public financing obligations; Site preparation, demolition, cleanup of publicly owned land; TIF administration costs; Planning, engineering, and other redevelopment-related “soft costs”; Cost of remediation of conditions that contaminate public land or buildings; Cost of preservation of facade of public buildings.

Eligible Private Costs: Rehab of existing buildings; Private design, planning, architecture, or engineering costs; Demolition, site prep, cleanup of privately owned land; Development costs can be covered by the agreement, but are subject to clawback provisions; Cost of remediation of conditions that contaminate private land or buildings; Cost of preservation of facade of private buildings.

Funding Limitations: A base value is determined by the existing taxable value of real property within the TIRZ at the time the TIRZ is created. The taxing entities (i.e. the city, county and school district) continue to receive the base year value of the property taxes throughout the life of the 30-year zone. The increment, the portion of the incremental increase in real property tax revenue above the base year resulting from increases in taxable value of property, is captured for the TIRZ.

Qualified Types of Projects: Commercial; Industrial

Financing Options: TIF Revenue Notes; Pay As You Go; Loans

More Info: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch311/faq.php>

## TRANSPORTATION

Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants Program (formerly TIGER)

Grantor: Department of Transportation

Purpose: Provides funds for investments in transportation infrastructure, including transit. This program will give special consideration to projects which emphasize improved access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas, such as projects that improve Infrastructure condition, address public health and safety, promote regional connectivity or facilitate economic growth or competitiveness

Eligibility: State, local, and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and other political subdivisions of State or local governments.

Funding limitations: \$1000,000/\$25,000,000

More information: <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/Freight/infrastructure/tiger/>

Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program

Grantor: Federal Transit Administration

Purpose: Provides funding for fixed guideway investments such as new and expanded rapid rail, commuter rail, light rail, streetcars, bus rapid transit, and ferries, as well as corridor-based bus rapid transit investments that emulate the features of rail.

Eligibility: State and local government agencies, including transit agencies.

Limitations: 2,3 Billion Appropriated annually.CIG funding provides a portion of the total project cost that includes the cost of project development, engineering, and construction. Maximum CIG share allowed in law for New Starts 60%, & Small Starts and Core Capacity 80%.

More Information: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grant-programs/capital-investments/about-program>

#### Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities (Section 5309): State of Good Repair Initiative

Grantor: Department of Transportation

Purpose: Provide funding to rehabilitate bus and bus facilities.

Eligibility: intermodal facilities must have adjacent connectivity with bus service.

Limitations: will prioritize the replacement and rehabilitation of intermodal facilities that support the connection of bus service with multiple modes of transportation, including but not limited to: rail, ferry, intercity bus, and private transportation providers.

More Information: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/state-good-repair-grants-5337>

#### Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities

Grantor: Department of Transportation

Purpose: Provides formula funding to states to assist private non-profit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. The program aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas – large urbanized (over 200,000), small urbanized (50,000-200,000), and rural (under 50,000).

Eligibility: States and designated recipients are direct recipients; eligible subrecipients include private non-profit organizations, states or local government authorities, or operators of public transportation.

Funding limitations: Funds are available to the states during the fiscal year of apportionment plus two additional years (total of three years).

More information: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/enhanced-mobility-seniors-individuals-disabilities-section-5310>

#### Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Formula Program

Grantor: Department of Transportation

Purpose: Provides funding to states and transit agencies through a statutory formula to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities.

Eligibility: Designated recipients that operate fixed-route bus service or that allocate funding to fixed-route bus operators; and State or local governmental entities that operate fixed-route bus service.

Funding limitations: Funds are available the year appropriated plus three years.

More information: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/busprogram>

#### Grants for Rural Areas to Support Public Transportation- 5311

Grantor: Department of Transportation

Purpose: The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program.

Eligibility: Designated recipients that include planning, capital, operating, job access and reverse commute projects, and the acquisition of public transportation services.

Funding limitations: Funds are available the year appropriated plus two additional years. Funds are appropriated based on a formula that includes land area, population, revenue vehicle miles, and low-income individuals in rural areas. Must spend no less than 15 percent of its annual apportionment for development and support of intercity bus transportation.

More information: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/rural-formula-grants-5311>

#### National Trails Training Partnership

Grantor: American Trails and NTTP

Purpose: for planning, building, designing, funding, managing, enhancing, and supporting trails, greenways, and blue ways.

More information: <http://www.americantrails.org/resources/funding/>

#### Safe Routes To School

Grantor: Department of Transportation

Purpose: The Program's objectives are 1) to enable and encourage children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; 2) to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and 3) to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants for infrastructure projects include state agencies and political subdivisions (a city or county within the State of Texas). Applications should present a unified solution for improving the safety of pedestrian or bicycle routes to schools within a community and may involve more than one partner.

Funding limitations: Safe Routes to School is a 100 percent federally funded cost-reimbursement program managed through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Traffic Operations Division (TRF). Projects are funded through a statewide competitive process with funds limited to those authorized in the SRTS program. Cost-reimbursement means that sponsors will front the cost of the project and will be reimbursed through various stages of the project. In some cases, there will be no up-front funds required from the applicant.

More information: <http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/ptn/programs/tasa-2017/2019-program-guide.pdf>

#### Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)

Grantor: Department of Transportation

Purpose: The Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.

Eligibility: State, local, and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and other political subdivisions of State or local governments.

Funding limitations: N/A

More information: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/stp/>

#### The Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program

Grantor: League of American Bicyclists.

Purpose: The program provides a roadmap to communities to improve conditions for bicycling and offers national recognition for communities that actively support bicycling.

Eligibility: Communities.

Information on applying to become a recognized Bicycle Friendly Community

More information: <http://bikeleague.org/bfa>

#### The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

Grantor: U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

Purpose: The goal is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

Limitations: The HSIP requires states to develop and implement a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). \$2.407 bn

More Information: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/funding.cfm>

#### Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities

Grantor: Department of Transportation

Purpose: provides formula funding to States for the purpose of assisting private non-profit groups in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities when the service provided is unavailable, insufficient/ inappropriate to meeting these needs.

Eligibility: States are direct recipients. Eligible sub recipients are private non-profit organizations, governmental authorities where no non-profit organizations are available to provide service and governmental authorities approve to coordinate services

Limitations: State allocated

More information: <http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities>

#### Walk Friendly Community (WFC)

Grantor: U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

Purpose: helps to promote safe walking environments in cities.

Eligibility: Individual cities and towns. Applications due June 15 and December 15.

Limitations: By applying will receive specific suggestions and resources on how to make needed changes for pedestrian safety.

More information: <http://walkfriendly.org/>

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Purpose: assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns.

Eligibility: public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments. Towns of up to 20,000 in population.

Limitations: Development Financing, Construction

Deadline: Open

More information: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

### Community Development Fund (Rural)

Grantor: Texas Department of Agriculture

Purpose: Grants to rural Texas cities and counties for basic infrastructure projects such as water/wastewater facilities, street improvements and drainage.

Eligibility: non-entitlement cities and counties whose populations are less than 50,000 and 200,000 respectively, and are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program.

Limitations: \$275,000-800,000, biennial basis and competition against 24 planning regions in the State.

Deadline: rolling

More information: [http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant\(CDBG\)/CommunityDevelopment.aspx](http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/CommunityDevelopment.aspx)

### Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program

Grantor: FEMA

Purpose: Provides operational funding to help local governments that have incurred a significant loss in revenue, due to major disaster.

Eligibility: Local Governments

Funding limitations: max loan of \$5,000,000

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/176527>

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Limitations: Development Financing, Construction

Deadline: Open

More information: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

Disaster Relief Fund (Rural)

Grantor: Texas Department of Agriculture

Purpose: Cities and counties may apply following a disaster declaration or for qualifying urgent infrastructure needs.

Eligibility: Non-entitlement cities under 50,000 in population and non-entitlement counties that have a non-metropolitan population under 200,000 and are not eligible for direct CDBG funding from HUD may apply for funding through any of the Texas CDBG programs.

Limitations: \$50,000-350,000, official disaster status declaration

Deadline: Rolling

More information: [http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant\(CDBG\)/DisasterRelief.aspx](http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/DisasterRelief.aspx)

Event Trust Funds Program

Grantor: Texas Economic Development Division



Purpose: Event-specific trust funds created to help pay for qualified expenses associated with an event, to which both the State and applicant must contribute.

Eligibility: A municipality, county, or non-profit local organizing committee endorsed by a Texas municipality or county which has been selected to host a qualified event, if the event location in that Texas municipality or county.

Limitations: Applicants must contribute \$1 in local tax gains for every \$6.25 the State contributes to the fund.

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/event-trust-funds-program>

#### Farm to School Grant Program

Grantor: USDA

Purpose: to assist implementation of programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools, particularly farm to school programs.

Eligibility: Eligible Schools; State and Local Agencies; Indian Tribal Organizations Agricultural Producers or Groups of Agricultural Producers; and Non-Profit Entities

Limitations: provides at least 25% of funding costs

More information: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school-grant-program>

#### Farmers Market Promotion Program

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Purpose: to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of,

domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.

- Eligibility: Agricultural businesses, Agricultural cooperatives, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks, CSA associations, Economic development corporations, Local governments, Non-profit corporations, Producer networks, Producer associations, Public benefit corporations, Regional farmers' market authorities and Tribal governments

- More information: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp>

#### Grants to USA Libraries, Agencies, Schools, and Nonprofits for Rural Library Improvements

Grantor: Texas Grant

Purpose: Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 to USA and territories libraries, agencies, schools, and non-profits for improvements to rural and small libraries.

Eligibility: Required registrations may take several weeks to complete

Limitations: Funding is intended for enhancements

More information: <https://texas.grantwatch.com/grant/184904/grants-to-usa-libraries-agencies-schools-and-nonprofits-for-rural-library-improvements.html>

#### Humanities Texas Grants

Grantor: Humanities Texas

Purpose: Enable communities throughout the State to develop programs of local interest promoting heritage, culture, and education. To support a wide range of public programs: lectures, panel discussions, and conferences; teacher institutes; reading- and film-discussion groups; interpretive exhibits; television and radio programming; film production; and interactive multimedia programming.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations and state and local governmental entities

More information: <https://www.humanitiestexas.org/grants>

#### Public Assistance Grant Program

Grantor: FEMA

Purpose: to support communities' recovery from major disasters by providing them with grant assistance for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and restoring public infrastructure.

Eligibility: Local Governments, states, tribes, territories and certain private non-profit organization

Limitations: The federal share of assistance is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost. The Recipient determines how the non-federal share (up to 25 percent) is split with the sub-recipients (i.e. eligible applicants).

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>

#### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Pioneering Ideas Brief Proposals

Grantor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Purpose: The Texas Reads Grant funds public library programs to promote reading and literacy within local communities.

Eligibility: Eligible public libraries, must be members of the Texas Library system

Limitations: Maximum grant award is \$10,000. Grant will fund costs such as materials, professional services, and other operating expenses.

Deadline: Opens February 14, 2020

More information: <https://www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/submit-a-pioneering-ideas-brief-proposal.html>

#### Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

Grantor: Health Resource & Services Administration

Purpose: The purpose of the Network Planning program is to assist in the development of an integrated health care network, specifically with network participants who do not have a history of formal collaborative efforts. Network Planning goals are: (i) to achieve efficiencies; (ii) to expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and (iii) to strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants must be rural non-profit private or rural public entities that represent a consortium/network composed of three or more health care providers.

Limitations: N/A

More information: <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/fundingopportunities/default.aspx?id=d69c77dc-272b-4bdc-af32-85fa2de10542>

#### Rural LISC - Community Facilities Fund

Grantor: National Center for Mobility Management

Purpose: to provide capital to help develop and improve essential community facilities in rural areas. Rural LISC utilizes this fund to provide permanent and construction-to-permanent financing for rural community facilities, including health care centers, hospitals, educational facilities, and other nonprofit and public facilities in rural communities with populations under 20,000.

Eligibility: Non-profits or public entities

Limitations: \$100,000 - \$8,000,000.

Deadline: Assigned every two years. 2021

More information: <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/challenge-2019/School>

#### Texas Capital Fund (Rural)- Infrastructure/ Real Estate Development Programs

Grantor: Texas Department of Agriculture

Purpose: Supports rural business development, retention and expansion by providing funds for public infrastructure, real estate development, or the elimination of deteriorated conditions. Provides grants or zero-interest loans for infrastructure and building improvements to create or retain permanent jobs.

- Application Deadline: February, May, August & November 2020
- Funding Limitation: \$1,000,000
- More information: <http://texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/TexasCapitalFund.aspx>

#### Texas Reads Grants

Grantor: Texas State and Library Archives Commission

Purpose: The Texas Reads Grant funds public library programs to promote reading and literacy within local communities.

Eligibility: Eligible public libraries, must be members of the Texas Library system

Limitations: Maximum grant award is \$10,000. Grant will fund costs such as materials, professional services, and other operating expenses.

#### Texas Treasures Grants

Grantor: Texas State and Library Archives Commission

Purpose: Designed to help libraries make their special collections more accessible for the people of Texas and beyond.

Eligibility: Eligible public libraries, must be members of the TexShare Library Consortium.

Limitations: Maximum grant award is \$7,500. Grant will fund costs to increase accessibility such as organizing, cataloging, indexing, or digitizing local materials.

Deadline: March 8, 2020

#### Urgent Need Fund (Rural)

Grantor: Texas Department of Agriculture

Purpose: Grants that will restore rural infrastructure whose sudden failure poses an imminent threat to life or health.

Eligibility: Non-entitlement cities under 50,000 in population and non-entitlement counties that have a non-metropolitan population under 200,000 and are not eligible for direct CDBG funding from HUD may apply for funding through any of the Texas CDBG programs.

Limitations: \$25,000-250,000, requires assessment.

Deadline: Applications are accepted by invitation.

More information: [http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant\(CDBG\)/UrgentNeedFund.aspx](http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/UrgentNeedFund.aspx)

## ECONOMY

#### Community Advantage Program

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration

Purpose: Loans are primarily designed for newer, veteran-owned, and underserved businesses that have difficulty securing traditional financing and can benefit from management and technical assistance.

Eligibility: small businesses

Max loan amount: \$ 250,000

Interest rate: prime + 6%

Terms: up to 25 years of real estate, 10 years for equipment and working capital

Guarantee: 75 to 90%

More information: <https://fitsmallbusiness.com/sba-community-advantage-loan-program/>

#### High Demand Job Training Program

Grantor: Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Purpose: to provide high-demand occupational job training in local workforce areas; to support Boards in partnering with local EDCs that use their local economic development sales taxes for high-demand job training.

Eligibility: Local Workforce Development Board

Limitations: one million dollars. Funds will be available through August 30, 2020.

More information: <https://twc.texas.gov/high-demand-job-training-program>

#### Jobs & Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program

Grantor: Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Purpose: provides grants to eligible educational institutions to defray the start-up costs associated with developing career and technical education programs; Supports new, emerging industries or high-demand occupations; Offers new or expanded dual credit career and technical educational opportunities in public high schools.

Eligibility: Public community, State or technical colleges; Independent school districts (ISD) entered into a partnership with a public community, State or technical college

Limitations: \$10 million each biennium. Rolling Applications.

More information: <https://twc.texas.gov/partners/jobs-education-texans-jet-grant-program>

#### Rural Business Development Grants

Grantor: USDA

Purpose: The RBEG program provides grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging rural businesses help fund distance learning networks, and help fund employment related adult education programs.

Eligibility: Rural public entities (towns, communities, State agencies, and authorities), Indian tribes and rural private non-profit corporations are eligible to apply for funding.

Limitations: Generally grants range \$10,000 up to \$500,000.

Deadline: April (annually)

More Information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants>

### SBA 7(a) Loan

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration

Purpose: to help small businesses to purchase real estate, equipment, working capital, or inventory.

Eligibility: small businesses

Max loan amount: \$ 5 million

Interest rate: generally prime + a reasonable rate capped at 2.75%

Terms: loan term varies according to the purpose of the loan, generally up to 25 years of real estate, 10 years for other fixed assets and working capital

Guarantee: 50 to 90%

More information: <https://www.sba.gov/partners/lenders/7a-loan-program>

### SBA Disaster Loan Assistance (Business Physical Disaster Loans)

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration

Purpose: If you are in a declared disaster area and have experienced damage to your business, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the SBA. Businesses of any size and most private non-profit organizations may apply to the SBA for a loan to recover after a disaster. These loan proceeds may be used for the repair or replacement of Real property, Machinery, Equipment, Fixtures, Inventory and Leasehold improvements.

Eligibility: A business of any size or most private non-profit organizations that are located in a declared disaster area and has incurred damage during the disaster may apply for a loan to help replace damaged property or restore its pre-disaster condition.

Loan amount: up to \$2 million to qualified businesses or most private nonprofit organizations.

More information: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/BusinessPhysicalLoans>

### SBA Export Express Loan

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration

Purpose: for business purposes that will enhance a company's export development. Export Express can take the form of a term loan or a revolving line of credit. As an example, proceeds can be used to fund participation in a foreign trade show, finance standby letters of credit, translate product literature for use in foreign markets, finance specific export orders, as well as to finance expansions, equipment purchases, and inventory or real estate acquisitions, etc.

Eligibility: Any business that has been in operation, although not necessarily in exporting, for at least 12 full months and can demonstrate that the loan proceeds will support its export activity.

Loan amount: up to \$500,000

More information: <https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/oit/resources/5715>

#### SBA Express Loan

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration

Purpose: to buy real estate, refinance debt, and access working capital.

Eligibility: small businesses

Max loan amount: \$ 350,000

Interest rate: for loans less than \$50,000, prime + 6.5%; for loans of \$50,000 and greater, prime+4.75%.

Terms: loan term varies according to the purpose of the loan, generally up to 25 years of real estate, 10 years for other fixed assets and working capital

Guarantee: 50%

More information: <https://www.fundera.com/business-loans/guides/sba-express-loan>

#### SBA International Trade Loan

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration

Purpose: provides small businesses with enhanced export financing options for their export transactions, to help small businesses enter and expand into international markets and, when adversely affected by import competition, make the investments necessary to better compete. The ITL offers a combination of fixed asset, working capital financing and debt refinancing with the SBA's maximum guaranty— 90 percent— on the total loan amount.

Eligibility: small businesses

Loan amount: \$5 million

More information: <https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/oit/resources/14832>

#### SBA Microloan Program

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration



Purpose: Loans are primarily designed for newer, veteran-owned, and underserved businesses that have difficulty securing traditional financing and can benefit from management and technical assistance.

Eligibility: small businesses

Max loan amount: \$ 500 to \$ 50,000

Interest rate: loans less than \$10,000, lender cost + 8.5%; loans \$10,000 and greater, lender cost + 7.75%;

Terms: lender negotiated, no early payoff penalty

More information: <https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/microloan-program>%20

### SBA Working Capital Program

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration

Purpose: to purchase inventory to make the products you export or to finance receivables.

Eligibility: small businesses

Loan amount: \$5 million

Interest Rate: negotiated between lender and business, fixed or variable rate.

Terms: typically one year, cannot exceed three years

Guarantee: up to 90%

More information: <https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business/export-products>

### Skills for Small Business

Grantor: Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Purpose: supports businesses with fewer than 100 employees, emphasizes training for new workers, and helps upgrade the skills of incumbent workers.

Eligibility: small businesses

Limitations: funds tuition and fees up to \$1,800 per newly hired employee and up to \$900 per incumbent employee. An individual employee can participate once per 12-month period. Funding for training is for full-time employees.

More information: <https://twc.texas.gov/programs/skills-small-business-program-overview>

#### Small Business Administration Loan programs

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration

Purpose: works with lenders to provide loans to small businesses. The agency doesn't lend money directly to small business owners. Instead, it sets guidelines for loans made by its partnering lenders, community development organizations, and micro-lending institutions. General Small Business Loans, Microloan Program, Real Estate & Equipment Loans, and Disaster Loans.

Eligibility: small businesses

More information: <http://www.sba.gov/loanprograms>

#### The Texas Workforce Commission's Skill Development Program

Grantor: Texas Workforce Commission through Texas Legislature

Purpose: provides grants to community and technical colleges to provide customized job training programs for businesses who want to train new workers or upgrade the skills of their existing workforce.

Eligibility: A business, a consortium of businesses, or trade union identifies a training need, and then partners with a public community or technical college.

Limitations: Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 20, Chapter 803 and Texas Labor Code, Chapter 303.

More Information: <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/partners/skills-development-fund>

#### The Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program

Grantor: U.S. Department of Labor and Department of Education

Purpose: provides community colleges and other eligible institutions of higher education with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs

Eligibility: are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the TAA for Workers program, and prepare program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations.

Limitations: have to be completed in two years or less

More information: <http://www.doleta.gov/taaccct/>

## DOWNTOWN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

### Business Improvement Districts

Grantor: Housing and Economic Development

Purpose: for a range of services and/or programs, including marketing and public relations, improving the downtown marketplace or city/town center, capital improvements, public safety enhancements, and special events

More information: <http://www.mass.gov/hed/community/planning/bid.html>

### Certified Local Government Grants (CLG)

Grantor: U.S. Department of the Interior

Purpose: Support and strengthen local preservation activities by encouraging communities to develop an action plan. CLG are mainly grants for the development of historic preservation programs, but they can also be used for the preparation of architectural drawings, façade studies, and condition assessments.

Eligibility: Local, State, and Federal governments

Limitations: States receive annual appropriations from the Federal Historic Preservation Fund.

More information: <https://www.nps.gov/clg/>

### Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: Formula grants for local governments to carry out community and economic development activities.

Eligibility: State allocated Limitations: Apportioned to the States by a formula

More Information: <http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/>

### Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Purpose: assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns.

Eligibility: public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments. Towns of up to 20,000 in population.

Limitations: Development Financing, Construction

Deadline: Open

More information: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

#### Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund

Grantor: Keep America Beautiful (KAB)

Purpose: provides immediate and long-term support for initial and ongoing cleanup efforts and helps rebuild vital public spaces: parks, greenways, community gateways, Main Street/downtown areas, open spaces and more.

Eligibility: KAB certified affiliates.

More Information: <https://www.kab.org/resources/community-restoration-and-resiliency-fund>

#### Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives

Grantor: National Park Services

Purpose: encourage private sector investment in the rehabilitation and re-use of historic buildings. The community revitalization program is one of the nation's most successful and cost-effective community revitalization programs.

Limitations: a 20% tax credit for the certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures; a 10% tax credit for the rehabilitation of non-historic, non-residential buildings built before 1936.

More information: <http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm>

#### Hart Family Fund for Small Towns

Grantor: National Fund for Historic Preservation

Purpose: intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects in small towns.

Eligibility: Competition.

Limitations: range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

More Information: <https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/hart-family-fund>

#### National Environmental Policy Act and/or the National Historic Preservation Act Review

Grantor: National Endowment for the Arts

Purpose: The grant will fund, The commissioning and installation of temporary or permanent outdoor furnishings such as benches or market structures or art such as a sculpture or mural, an arts festival in a park, design planning and services for projects that may involve a historic site, structure, or district.

Eligibility: A project involving or occurring near a district, site, building, landscape, structure or object that is 50 years old and therefore eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (please note that in some instances, buildings or structures may be included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that are less than 50 years old).

More Information: <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/arts-education>

#### Preservation Technology and Training Grants

Grantor: U.S. Department of the Interior

Purpose: provides funding for innovative research that develops new technologies or adapt existing technologies to preserve cultural resources. Grant recipients undertake innovative research and produce technical reports which respond to national needs in the field of historic preservation.

Eligibility: federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments, and non-profit organizations.

Funding Limitation: Up to \$30,000

Deadline: February 14, 2020

More information: <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/grants/preservation-technology-and-training-grants/>

#### Texas Capital Fund (Rural)- Main Street/ Downtown Revitalization Programs

Grantor: Texas Department of Agriculture

Purpose: Supports rural business development, retention and expansion by providing funds for public infrastructure, real estate development, or the elimination of deteriorated conditions. Provides grant funds for public infrastructure to eliminate deteriorated conditions and foster economic development in historic main street areas and rural downtown areas.

Application Deadline: October 2019

Funding Limitation: \$350,000

More information: <http://texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/TexasCapitalFund.aspx>

#### The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors

Grantor: National Fund for Historic Preservation

Purpose: to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors.

Eligibility: Only Organizational Level Forum members or Main Street America members of the National Trust are eligible to apply for funding from the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors. Competition.

Limitations: range from \$2,500 to \$10,000

More Information: <https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/cynthia-woods-mitchell-fund>

#### The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program

Grantor: The National Park Service and the Internal Revenue Service in partnership with State Historic Preservation Offices.

Purpose: Encourage private sector investment in the rehabilitation and re-use of historic buildings. The community revitalization program is one of the nation's most successful and cost-effective community revitalization programs.

Limitations: a 20% tax credit for the certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures; a 10% tax credit for the rehabilitation of non-historic, non-residential buildings built before 1936.

- More information: <https://www.nps.gov/TPS/tax-incentives.htm>

#### The Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund

Grantor: National Fund for Historic Preservation

Purpose: to support the leadership and effectiveness of staff and board members of preservation organizations to fulfill their mission and to create a stronger, more effective preservation movement.

Limitation: reimburse travel costs and provide an honorarium for the mentor up to a maximum total of \$2,500. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

More Information: <https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/brink-fund>

#### The Southwest Intervention Fund

Grantor: National Fund for Historic Preservation

Purpose: provides support for preservation planning efforts and enables prompt responses to emergency threats or opportunities in the eligible states.

Eligibility: Southwest region, exclusively in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, West Texas\* and Utah.

Limitations: Grants generally range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Deadlines: February 1, June 1, October 1 annually.

More Information: <https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/southwest-fund>

## PARKS

Acres for America

Grantor: Wells Fargo and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chloe Elberty (Coordinator) [Chloe.Elberty@nfwf.org](mailto:Chloe.Elberty@nfwf.org) 202-595-2434

Purpose: Grant - “The Resilient Communities program will award approximately \$ 3 million in grants to projects in 2019. Each grant will range from \$200,000 to \$500,000 depending on category and will be awarded to eligible entities working to help communities become more resilient. This program has one round of applications per year and awards approximately 4 to 8 grants annually.”

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments, Native American tribes.

Limitations: \$200,000 to \$500,000 The ratio of matching funds offered is one criterion considered during the review process and projects that meet or exceed a 1:1 match ratio will be more competitive.

Deadline: Assigned annually

More information: Description of Acres for America- <https://www.nfwf.org/acresforamerica/Pages/home.aspx> ; Request for proposal information- <https://www.nfwf.org/acresforamerica/Pages/2019rfp.aspx>

Agricultural Water Conservation Grant and Loan Programs

Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Purpose: Provides financial assistance for agricultural water conservation projects in Texas.

Eligibility: State agencies, Political Subdivisions.

Funding limitations: up to \$600,000 annually; Low-interest loans with fixed interest rates, up to 10-year repayment terms.

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/AWCL/index.asp>

#### Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities

Grantor: Environmental Protection Agency

Purpose: Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities provides quick, targeted technical assistance to selected communities using a variety of tools that have demonstrated results and widespread application. The purpose of delivering these tools is to stimulate a discussion about growth and development and strengthen local capacity to implement sustainable approaches.

Eligibility: states, territories, Indian Tribes, interstate organizations, intrastate organizations, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia; public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, and other public or private non-profit institutions.

Limitations: Selected communities receive assistance in the form of a facilitated process that includes a one- or two-day in the community with a team of national experts in disciplines that match the community's needs. Application required.

Deadline: Application: Rolling

More Information: <http://www2.epa.gov/smartgrowth/building-blocks-sustainable-communities>

#### Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Purpose: This program provides low-interest loans that can be used for planning, design, and construction of wastewater treatment facilities, wastewater recycling and reuse facilities, collection systems, storm water pollution control, nonpoint source pollution control, and estuary management projects.

Eligibility: The program is open to a range of borrowers including municipalities, communities of all sizes, farmers, homeowners, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations. Project eligibility varies according to each State's program and priorities. Loans for wastewater treatment plant projects are only given to political subdivisions with the authority to own and operate a wastewater system.

Funding limitations: The program offers fixed and variable rate loans at subsidized interest rates. The maximum repayment period for a CWSRF loan is 30 years from the completion of project construction. Mainstream funds offer a net long-term fixed interest rate of 1.30% below market rate for equivalency loans (project adheres to federal requirements) and 0.95% for non-equivalency (project adheres to state requirements) loans. Disadvantaged community funds may be offered to eligible communities with principal forgiveness of 30%, 50%, or 70% based upon the adjusted annual median household income and the household cost factor.

Deadline: Rolling application

More information: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/CWSRF/>



#### Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Funds

Grantor: Texas General Land Office

Purpose: These funds were allocated to Texas by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for mitigation programs, projects, and planning in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey as well as 2015 and 2016 Floods

Eligibility: Areas affected by Hurricane Harvey or other floods

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://recovery.texas.gov/public-notice/index.html> Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grants

Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Purpose: The CO-OP grant helps to introduce under-served populations to the services, programs, and sites of Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Eligibility: Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, counties, cities, and other tax-exempt groups.

Limitations: This is not a land acquisition or construction grant; this is only for programs.

Deadline: December 4, 2020

More information: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/community-outdoor-outreach-program-co-op-grants>

#### Community & Recovery Tree Planting Grants

Grantor: Keep America Beautiful (KAB)

Purpose: reducing levels of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and greenhouse gas emissions through strategic plantings; emphasizing the importance of native trees; or planting fruit trees to produce fruit for local consumption, planting trees that have a greater likelihood of withstanding disasters ( e.g., roots hold soil and prevent erosion, lessen runoff to mitigate flooding).

Eligibility: KAB certified affiliates.

Limitations: \$5,000

Deadline: October 22, 2020

More information: <https://www.kab.org/resources/community-grants>

#### Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Purpose: Provides low-cost financial assistance for planning, acquisition, design, and construction of water infrastructure.

Eligibility: Publicly and privately owned community water systems, including non-profit water supply corporations and non-profit, non-community public water systems. Both below market interest rate loans and loan forgiveness (similar to grants) is offered.

Limitations: Loan - additional subsidies available for disadvantaged communities, green projects, very small systems, and urgent need situations. 2.15% Loan origination fee.

Deadline: Rolling application

More information: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/DWSRF/index.asp>

#### Economically Distressed Areas Program

Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Purpose: This program provides financial assistance for water and wastewater services in economically distressed areas where present facilities are inadequate to meet residents' minimal needs. The program also includes measures to prevent future substandard development.

Eligibility: Projects must be located in an area that was established as a residential subdivision as of June 1, 2005, median household income less than 75% of the median state household income, has an inadequate water supply or sewer services to meet minimal residential needs and a lack of financial resources to provide water supply or sewer services to satisfy those needs. All political subdivisions, including cities, counties, water districts, and non-profit water supply corporations, are eligible to apply for funds. The applicant, or its designee, must be capable of maintaining and operating the completed system.

Funding limitations: Financial support is in the form of grant or combination of a grant and a loan. The program does not fund ongoing operation and maintenance expenses, nor does it fund new development.

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/EDAP/>

#### FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grants

Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Purpose: The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program provides grants to assist communities in implementing measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Eligibility: Political subdivision (including any Indian or authorized tribal or native organization) that has zoning and building code jurisdiction over a particular area having special flood hazards and is participating in the NFIP.

Funding Limitations: FEMA may contribute up to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. At least 25 percent of the total eligible costs must be provided by a nonfederal source.

Deadline: January 31, 2020

- More information at <http://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program>

#### Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Grantor: FEMA

Purpose: provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a Major Disaster Declaration.

Eligibility: state, territorial, and local governments, Federally-recognized tribes or tribal organizations, and certain non-profit organizations. Individual homeowners and businesses may not apply directly to the program; however, a community may apply on their behalf.

Deadline: The applicant must submit all HMGP sub applications to FEMA within 12 months of the date of the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

More information: <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-guide-state/local-governments>

#### Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)

Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)

Purpose: The program offers project cost-sharing for projects that positively impact the valuable riparian areas and watershed in Texas. Projects showing the greatest benefit to targeted watersheds will receive priority as do projects offering long-term protection, long-term monitoring and greater than the required minimum landowner contribution.

Eligibility: Eligible parties include private, non-federal landowners wishing to enact good conservation practices on their lands in targeted eco-regions. Targeted eco-regions may change from year to year.

Funding limitations: Contracts will require a minimum of 25% landowner contribution (in-kind labor, materials, monetary, etc.).

Deadline: Rolling application

More information: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/lip>

#### Outdoor Recreation Grants

Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Purpose: This grant provides 50% matching grant funds to acquire and develop parkland or to renovate existing public recreation areas.

Eligibility: For municipalities, counties, MUDs and other local units of government with populations less than 500,000. Eligible sponsors include cities, counties, MUDs, river authorities, and other special districts.

Limitations: Projects must be completed within three years of approval. The master plans submission deadline is at least 60 days prior to the application deadline.

Deadline: December 4, 2020

More information: For complete information on this grant, please download the Outdoor Recreation Grant Application; <http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/index.htm>

#### Recreation Grants

Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Purpose: This grant was created to meet recreation needs. The grant provides 50% matching grant funds to eligible municipalities and counties. Funds must be used for development or acquisition of parkland.

Eligibility: Must be a small Texas community with a population of 20,000 and under. Eligible projects include ball fields, boating, fishing, and hunting facilities, picnic facilities, playgrounds, swimming pools, trails, camping facilities, beautification, restoration, gardens, sports courts and support facilities.

- Deadline: December 4, 2020
- More information: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants>

#### Recreational Trail Grants

Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Purpose: TPWD administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles.

Eligibility: Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and to acquire trail corridors.

Limitations: The grants can be up to 80% of project cost with a maximum of \$200,000 for non-motorized trail grants and currently there is not a maximum amount for motorized trail grants (call 512-389-8224 for motorized trail grant funding availability).

Deadline: February 1, 2020

More information: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants>;

#### Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Grantor: Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Purpose: provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non motorized and motorized recreational trail uses

More information: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational\\_trails/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/)

#### Resilient Communities Program

Grantor: Wells Fargo and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Carrie Clingan (Director) [carrie.clingan@nfwf.org](mailto:carrie.clingan@nfwf.org)

Purpose: Grant - "Grants will be offered once a year to support priority projects in states and communities associated with Wells Fargo operations. Additional priorities and funding guidelines may be found within the program's Request for Proposals."

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments, Indian tribes.

Funding Limitations: \$200,000 to \$500,000 (The ratio of matching funds offered is one criterion considered during the review process and projects that meet or exceed a 1:1 match ratio will be more competitive.)

Deadline: November 1, 2020

More information: Description of Resilient Communities Program- [https:// www.nfwf.org/resilientcommunities/Pages/home.aspx](https://www.nfwf.org/resilientcommunities/Pages/home.aspx) ; Request for Proposal Information- <https://www.nfwf.org/resilientcommunities/Pages/2019rfp.aspx>

#### Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (15.921)

Grantor: Department of the Interior

Purpose: will help create local, regional and State networks of parks, rivers, trails, greenways and open spaces by collaborating with community partners and National Park areas in every State.

Eligibility: Private non-profit organizations and Federal, State and local government agencies. Private non-profit organizations and Federal, State and local government agencies. Not applicable. OMB Circular No. A-87 applies to this program

Limitations: Range \$3,000 to \$237,000; Average \$45,000.

More Information: <https://www.cfda.gov/index?s=program&mode=form&tab=core&id=0eb58e82a9a678d4d621062e2ea27978>

#### Rural Water Assistance Fund (RWAFF)

Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Purpose: To assist small rural utilities to obtain low-cost financing for water and wastewater projects. The program also offers tax-exempt equivalent interest rate loans with long-term finance options.

Eligibility: “rural political subdivisions”- non-profit water supply corporations, districts, municipalities serving a population of 10,000 or less, and counties in which no urban area has a population exceeding 50,000.

Funding limitations: Only loans offered

Deadline: Rolling

- More information: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/RWAFF/index.asp>

#### Rural Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Purpose: 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.

Eligibility: Rural areas, cities, and towns with a population up to 10,000

Limitations: quarterly interest rates, maximum repayment period 40 years

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program>

#### Rural Water & Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Purpose: To help private lenders provide affordable financing to qualified borrowers to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems for households and businesses in rural areas.

Eligibility: Rural areas, cities, and towns with a population up to 10,000

Limitations: 90% private lender

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees>

#### Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program

Grantor: Environmental Protection Agency

Purpose: focuses on complex or cutting-edge issues, such as stormwater management, code revision, transit-oriented development, affordable housing, infill development, corridor planning, green building, and climate change.

Eligibility: Tribes, states, regions, local governments, as well as non-profits that have a partnership with a government entity.

Limitations: Applicants can submit proposals under 4 categories: community resilience to disasters, job creation, the role of manufactured homes in sustainable neighborhood design or medical and social service facilities siting.

Deadline: Rolling

More Information: <http://www2.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-implementation-assistance>

#### State Participation Program- Regional Water and Wastewater Facilities

Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Purpose: Provides funding and assume a temporary ownership interest in a regional water, wastewater, or flood control project when the local sponsors are unable to assume debt for an optimally sized facility. Allows for the “right sizing” of projects in consideration of future needs.

Eligibility: Political subdivision of the State, including a water supply corporation, that can sponsor construction of a regional water or wastewater project

Funding limitations: Loans offered. The State Participation program has no available funding until appropriations are received from the Legislature.

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/SPP/index.asp>

#### State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)

Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Purpose: This program helps communities to develop cost-effective water supplies by providing low-interest loans, extended repayment terms, deferral of loan repayments, and incremental repurchase terms.

Eligibility: Any political subdivision or non-profit water supply corporation with a project included in the most recently adopted state water plan.

Funding limitations: Financial support is in the form of a variety of loans and is available twice a year. A priority rating process applies. Grants are not available.

Deadline: September 27, 2020

More information: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/SWIFT/index.asp>

#### Texas Water Development Fund (DFund)

Grantor: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Purpose: This program enables the TWDB to fund projects with multiple purposes (e.g., water and wastewater) in one loan.

Eligibility: Political subdivisions (cities, counties, districts, and river authorities) and non-profit water supply corporations.

Funding limitations: Loans offered.

Deadline: Rolling application

More information: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/TWDF/index.asp>

#### The Conservation Fund

Grantor: “A non-profit organization that operates with an entrepreneurial culture” Reggie Hall (Director) [rhall@conservationfund.org](mailto:rhall@conservationfund.org) 703-908-5825

Purpose: Conservation Loan - to conserve America’s legacy of land and water resources

Eligibility: Non-profit, municipal and tribal organizations in good standing

Funding Limitations: Minimum Loan Amount: \$200,000 (extraordinary exceptions considered).

Interest: Contact for current rate.

Term: Minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 3 years (extraordinary exceptions considered). If a loan is needed for less than 90 days, 90 days’ worth of interest will be due at maturity.



Payment Schedule: To be negotiated.

More information:

Description of the conservation fund program- [https://www.conservationfund.org/images/resources/Conservation\\_Loans\\_Program.pdf](https://www.conservationfund.org/images/resources/Conservation_Loans_Program.pdf)

Application and specifics- [https://www.conservationfund.org/images/programs/files/Loan\\_Application\\_2017.pdf](https://www.conservationfund.org/images/programs/files/Loan_Application_2017.pdf)

#### The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program

Grantor: Donations

Purpose: For more than 20 years, this Wild Ones donor-funded program has provided small grants ranging from \$100 to \$500 for naturally landscaped projects throughout the United States. Youth participate directly in the planning, planting, and care of the native plant gardens.

Limitation: These funds are designated for native plants and seeds for outdoor learning areas that engage children, preschool to high school.

Deadline: October 15, 2020

More information: <http://www.wildones.org/seeds-for-education/>

#### The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Grants and Assistance

Grantor: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Purpose: to support planning efforts that help cities increase access to high-quality parks within a 10-minute walk.

Eligibility: largest metroplex to the smallest rural community

Also provides an extensive database of grant opportunities for outdoor recreation, indoor recreation, small communities, outdoor outreach programs, and recreational trails. CO-OP grants

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- Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Research Grants
- Conservation License Plate Grant Program
- State Wildlife Grants
- Zebra / Quagga Mussel Research
- Vendor Invoice Template
- Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program
- Deadlines: Different Grants range throughout the year
- More information: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/>

#### Water and Environmental Programs

Grantor: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Purpose: This program provides financial assistance for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less. Technical assistance and training is also available to assist rural communities with their water, wastewater, and solid waste problems.

Eligibility: Public bodies, non-profit organizations and recognized Indian Tribes

Funding limitations: Financial assistance is provided in various ways including direct or guaranteed loans, grants, technical assistance, research and educational materials. Different amounts of assistance exist depending on the project type and financial tool the participant is seeking.

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/water-environmental-programs>

## Wetlands Reserve Program

Grantor: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Purpose: Provides technical and financial support to landowners with their wetland restoration efforts. The programs aims to offer landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property.

Eligibility: Lands that are eligible under this program include: wetlands farmed under natural conditions; farmed wetlands; prior converted cropland, farmed wetland pasture; certain lands that have the potential to become a wetland as a result of flooding; rangeland, pasture, or forest production lands where the hydrology has been significantly degraded and can be restored; riparian areas which link protected wetlands; lands adjacent to protected wetlands that contribute significantly to wetland functions and values; and wetlands previously restored under a local, state, or federal Program that need long-term protection.

Funding limitations: For permanent easements, 100% of the easement value and 100% of the restoration costs will be funded. For 30-year easements, 75% of the easement value and up to 75% of the restoration costs are funded. For an agreement to restore wetlands without an easement, up to 75% of the restoration costs will be funded. A 30-year contract is available for tribal land and funding allocation is up to 75% of the restoration costs.

More information: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/wetlands>

## 10-Minute Walk Planning Grant and Technical Assistance

Grantor: National Recreation and Park Association with support from The JPB Foundation

Purpose: Provide grants and technical assistance to support planning efforts that help cities increase access to high-quality parks within a 10-minute walk. In the third round of grants 10 cities will receive \$40,000 to work alongside NRPA, The Trust for Public Land (TPL), and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to develop their highest, best, and measurable commitment to the 10-Minute Walk Campaign.

Eligibility: The main applicant must be a local government agency that builds and/or operates parks (e.g., municipal park and recreation department, tribal recreation department, public works department that manages parks etc.) or affiliated 501c(3) non-profit organization. The Mayor of the city applying must be signed on to the 10-Minute Walk Campaign and provide a statement of support for this application. At least 2 partners (outside of parks and recreation) must partner with you on this project and provide signed statements of support.

More information: <https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/partnerships/initiatives/10-minute-walk/grants-technical-assistance/>

## Housing

### Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants

Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: for intermediary organizations to assist HUD in providing technical assistance to community development corporations and community housing development organizations to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit low-income families.

Eligibility: Community development financing institutions (CDFIs)

Limitations: \$49.4 million

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/hudprograms/capacitybuilding>

#### Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Program

Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: to revitalize severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted multifamily housing in distressed neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income communities with access to well-functioning services, high quality educational programs, public transportation, and jobs.

Eligibility: \$110 million

Limitations: Public housing authorities (PHAs), local governments, nonprofits, tribal entities and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity. Preferred Sustainability Applicants receive an additional two bonus points.

More Information: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/ph/cn/grants](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn/grants)

#### Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant

Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: to revitalize severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted multifamily housing in distressed neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income communities with access to well-functioning services, high quality educational programs, public transportation, and jobs.

Eligibility: Public housing authorities, local governments, non-profits, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity. Preferred Sustainability Applicants receive an additional two bonus points.

Limitations: \$ 5 million

Deadlines: Annual

More Information: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/ph/cn/planninggrants](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn/planninggrants)

#### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Purpose: Provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Assists urban, suburban and rural communities to improve housing and living conditions and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

Eligibility: States and local governments.

Limitations: Apportioned to States and local governments by a formula

Deadline: Annually apportioned

More Information: [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/communitydevelopment/programs](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs)

#### Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: to help cities, counties, and States recover from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriations. It serves to address job losses, impacts on tax revenues, and impact to business.

Eligibility: cities, counties and States.

Limitations: \$4.383 billion for Texas

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/>

#### Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program for Rural Texas

Grantor: Texas Department of Agriculture

Purpose: develop viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low- to moderate-income.

Eligibility: non-entitlement cities and counties whose populations are less than 50,000 and 200,000, respectively, and are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program.

- Limitations: Population 50,000 city and 200,000 county.
- Deadline: Annually Apportioned.

- More information: [http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant\(CDBG\).aspx](http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG).aspx)

#### Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Purpose: assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns.

Eligibility: public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments. Towns of up to 20,000 in population.

Limitations: Development Financing, Construction

Deadline: Open

More information: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

#### Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Funds

Grantor: Texas General Land Office

Purpose: These funds were allocated to Texas by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for mitigation programs, projects, and planning in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey as well as 2015 and 2016 Floods

Eligibility: Areas affected by Hurricane Harvey or other floods

Limitations:

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://recovery.texas.gov/public-notice/index.html>

#### Distressed Cities Technical Assistance

Grantor: HUD

Purpose: To build the administrative capacity of smaller distressed communities recently impacted by a natural disaster. The focus of this TA includes financial management, economic development, and disaster recovery planning.

Eligibility: Eligibility is three-fold Distressed Community: unemployment rate of 9% or more over the past 3 years; poverty rate of 20% or more among individuals not enrolled in higher education; population decline of 5% or more between the 2010 Decennial Census and the most recent ACS 5-year Estimates

Impacted by Natural Disaster: community in a county that experienced a Presidentially declared disaster from 2015 onward

Population Size: less than 40,000

More information: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/distressed-cities/>

Housing Preservation & Revitalization Demonstration Loans & Grants

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Purpose: provide affordable multi-family rental housing

Eligibility: for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families; the elderly; and persons with disabilities.

Deadline: April 30, 2020

More Information: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-revitalization-demonstration-loans-grants>

Housing Preservation Grants (HPG)

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development

Purpose: provides grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing owned or occupied by low- and very-low-income rural citizens.

Eligibility: Most State and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, Federally Recognized Tribes. Individual homeowners are not eligible. Rural areas and towns with 20,000 or fewer people.

Limitations: USDA will award a total of \$15,888,420 in Housing Preservation Grant Program funding for the repair and rehabilitation of rural housing units.

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/erfo/>

LEED for Cities and Communities Grant

Grantor: U.S. Green Building

Purpose: building smart cities and resilient communities, provide support to a cohort of local governments pursuing certification under the LEED for Cities and Communities rating system.

Eligibility: local governments

Limitations: \$25,000

Deadline: March 22, 2020

More Information: <https://www.usgbc.org/articles/apply-leed-cities-and-communities-grant>

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (4%)

Grantor: HUD

Purpose: Generate equity capital for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.

Eligibility: Determined by state housing finance agency

If the projects involve the acquisition and substantial rehabilitation expenditures and are funded with Tax-Exempt Bonds only qualify for 4%.

Deadline: Rolling Application

More information: <https://tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/housing-tax-credits-4pct/index.htm>

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (9%)

Grantor: Department of the Treasury

Purpose: Generate equity capital for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.

Eligibility: Determined by state housing finance agency

9% LIHTC are possible if the projects are not funded by federal Tax-Exempt Bonds, and meet the other basic qualifications of LIHTC.

Deadline: Rolling Application

More information: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/housing-tax-credits-9pct/>

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)



Grantor: U.S. Treasury Department via the Internal Revenue Code

Purpose: directing private capital toward the development and preservation of affordable rental housing for low-income households.

Eligibility: Private for-profit and nonprofit developers. Tenants earning up to 60% of the area median family income (AMFI), which varies by area.

Deadline: Rolling

More information can be found at <http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/lihtc.html>

#### Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: to stabilize communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment by providing funds to purchase and redevelop distressed residential properties.

Eligibility: States, territories and local governments

Limitations: Varies

More Information: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/nsp/> Rural Community Development Initiative Grant

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

Purpose: RCDI grants are awarded to help non-profit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities and federally recognized tribes support housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

Eligibility: Rural communities

Limitations: Improve housing, community facilities, and other development. Matching funds is a requirement to equal the amount of grant.

Deadline: Annually apportioned

More Information: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants/tx>

#### SBA Disaster Loan Assistance (Home and Personal Property Loans)

Grantor: U.S. Small Business Administration

**Purpose:** If you are in a declared disaster area and have experienced damage to your home or personal property, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the SBA — even if you do not own a business. As a homeowner, renter and/or personal property owner, you may apply to the SBA for a loan to help you recover from a disaster.

**Eligibility:** Secondary homes or vacation properties are not eligible for these loans. However, qualified rental properties may be eligible for assistance under the SBA business disaster loan program.

**Loan amount:** Homeowners may apply for up to \$200,000 to replace or repair their primary residence. Renters and homeowners may borrow up to \$40,000 to replace or repair personal property — such as clothing, furniture, cars and appliances — damaged or destroyed in a disaster.

**Deadline:** Rolling

**More information:** <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/HomePersonalPropertyLoans>

## Section 202 - Supportive Housing for the Elderly

**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development\

**Purpose:** Provide capital advances to finance the construction, rehabilitation or acquisition of properties that will serve as supportive housing for very low-income elderly persons.

**Eligibility:** Private nonprofit organizations and nonprofit consumer cooperatives

**Limitations:** \$371 million

**More Information:** <http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/>

## The Multi-family (Rental Housing) Development Program

**Grantor:** provides funding to units of General Local Governments, Public Housing Authorities, nonprofits, and for-profit entities towards the new construction or rehabilitation of affordable multifamily rental developments.

**Eligibility:** Development funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis through an application process.

**Deadline:** Rolling

**More information:** <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/home/index.htm>

## The Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bond Program

Grantor: Texas Bond Review Board and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)

Purpose: issues mortgage revenue bonds to finance loans

Eligibility: qualified nonprofit organizations and for-profit developers.

Limitations: developers financed through this program are subject to set-aside restrictions for low-income tenants and persons with special needs, tenant services, maximum rent limitations and other requirements.

Deadline: Rolling

More information: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/bond/index.htm>

The Public Housing Agency's Housing Choice Voucher program

Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: Allows a very low-income family to receive a housing voucher. The family must pay 30% of its monthly adjusted gross income for rent and utilities.

Eligibility: very low-income families.

Limitations: Housing Authorities may establish local preferences for selecting applicants from its waiting list.

Deadline: Rolling

More information: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/about/fact\\_sheet](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/about/fact_sheet)

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