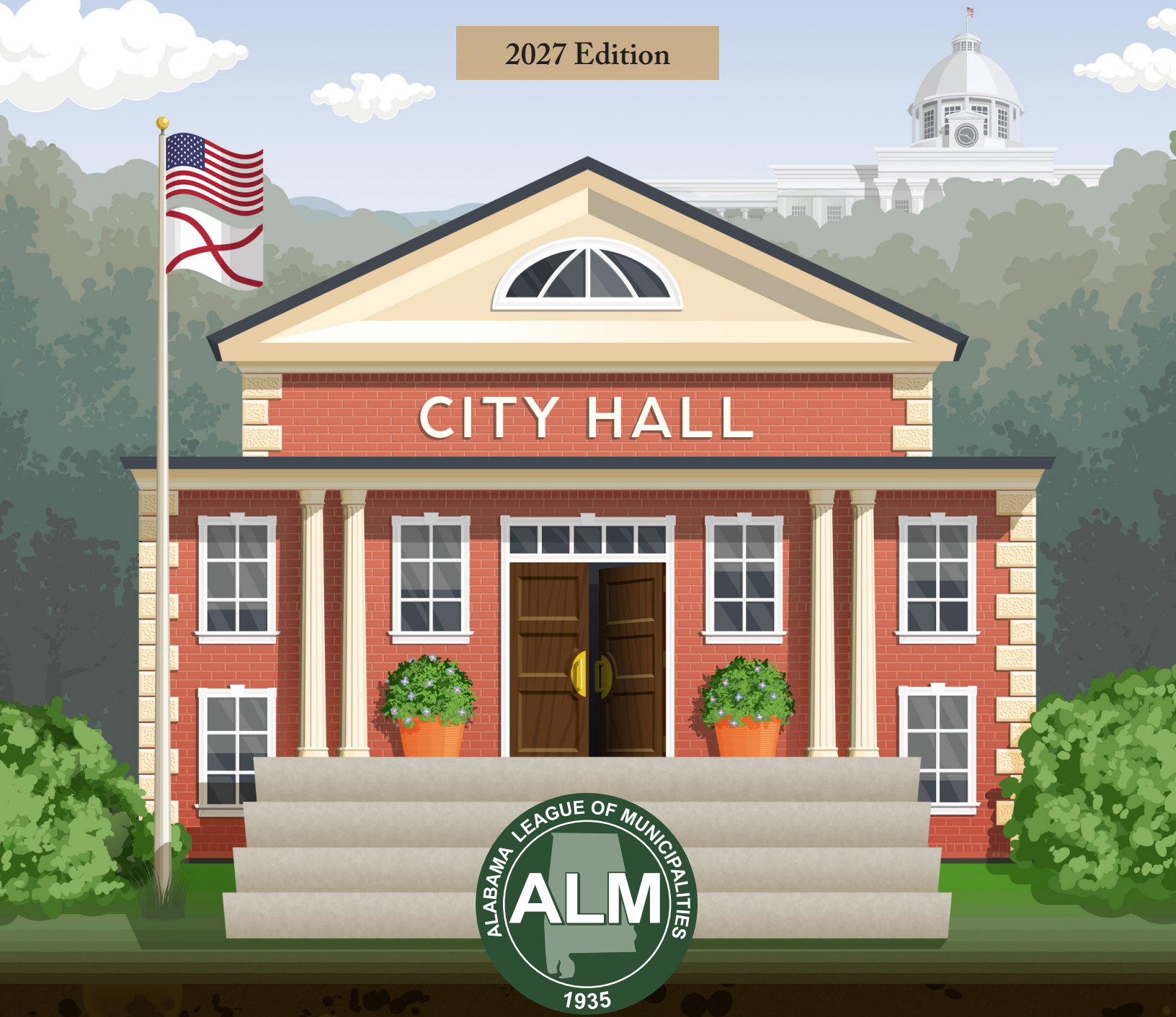


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The GUIDE

The League is excited to share the seventh edition of our Municipal Resources Guide. Alabama provides dozens of resources for local governments across several state agencies. As part of our mission to support our members, the League created this one stop guide to navigating these resources. While this guide does not include all the information about a program, it does provide an overview of valuable resources including program description, matching requirements, contact information and deadlines. The League would like to thank UB Community Development for sponsoring the publication of this guide. Because of their support, we are able to make print copies available to our members. This is also a living document that will be continually updated as municipal officials and employees endeavor to strengthen their communities.



Since 1935, the League has been the voice of Alabama's municipalities and has worked to strengthen municipal government through advocacy, training and the advancement of effective local leadership. The League fully understands that municipalities are the foundation of Alabama's economy and that we must work diligently and intentionally to ensure our cities and towns continue to provide essential resources and services that foster safe, vibrant spaces for businesses to thrive and citizens to live, work, play and prosper.

Gregory D. Cochran,
Executive Director, Alabama League of Municipalities



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Testimonials



“Having spent over a decade in municipal government as a city councilman and later as mayor of Rainsville, I have a great appreciation for the importance of local and state level partnerships. The Municipal Resources Guide offers a thorough overview of the many services the state provides to support local communities. It’s a valuable tool for strengthening collaboration, addressing challenges, and working together to make Alabama an even better place to call home.”

~ **Nathaniel Ledbetter, Speaker, Alabama House of Representatives**

“As a 14-year veteran of the Cullman City Council, I understand the importance of being able to quickly identify and access state resources that are available to those who serve on the local level. ALM’s Municipal Resource Guide offers the perfect roadmap that can guide local officials to the agencies, programs, and individuals in state government that stand ready to help. It is a valuable tool for those who serve.”

~ **Garlan Gudger, President Pro-Tempore, Alabama Senate**



“This guide is THE resource for your city. Every one of your elected officials needs a copy, as well as your department heads and City Clerk. Anyone tasked with managing a city or town in the State of Alabama has a need for the infinite amount of information and resources available in this wonderful little booklet.”

~ **Mayor Rusty Jessup, Riverside, League President**

“The Municipal Resources Guide provides one place to look for information that is vital to your community and how it interacts with other vital parts of government. Quite simply the Guide is essential as we serve our citizens on the frontline of government through our municipalities.”

~ **Mayor Jason Reeves, Troy, League Vice-President**



“As mayor of a small town, I know first-hand that the mayor wears ALL the hats! There are no departments to “share the load” to accomplish all the hopes and dreams that one may have for their small community. However, there is the Alabama League of Municipalities’ Municipal Resources Guide that offers tremendous help to ALL of us—big and little! I am so happy and honored that I have “latched” on to this fine organization who leads and guides me when I am in need. This Guide is invaluable to me and to the town I serve. Thank you ALM.”

~ **Mayor Donna McKay, Wadley, Chair of the Committee on State and Federal Legislation**

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Maps

In addition to the listed resources in this guide, we thought the maps found at the links below might be of interest in your community development pursuits.



Regional Councils Maps:

https://alarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/aarc_map7-11-2019.pdf



Regional Workforce Councils Map:

<https://alabamaworks.com/regionalprofiles/>



Emergency Management Agency Divisions Map:

<https://ema.alabama.gov/about/division-map/>

The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council

Administering Agency: The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR)

Application Timeline: Not set

Type of Program: State project suggestions

Eligible Participants: State and local government agencies

Eligible Funds: Not listed at this time

Source of Funds: Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast (RESTORE) Act

Program Uses: Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources; implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring; workforce development and job creation; improvements to or on state parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure; coastal flood protection and related infrastructure; planning assistance; promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast region, including recreational fishing; and promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region.

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Program Description: The governor, along with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council is tasked with overseeing this funding for the benefit of Alabama's natural resources and economy. Restoration is well underway in the state, with projects being funded across a wide array of goals that, collectively, will significantly contribute to the improvement of Alabama's coastal resources and strengthen our state economy while improving the health and resiliency of our coastal communities.

On August 6, 2026, the AGCRC issued a request for project suggestions. Information about that funding project suggestion process can be found here: <https://www.outdooralabama.com/articles/agcrc-requests-project-suggestions-restore-act-funding>.

Success Story

Implementation of the work of the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (AGCRC) continues at a large scope and a brisk pace. Alabama's initial Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) was approved in October 2018 by the United States Treasury Department. The MIP was amended in 2025 to address changes to existing projects and add \$11,678,482 in funding for the construction of the Baldwin County Road 20 Extension.

Completed projects include:

- City of Fairhope Working Waterfront
- Town of Satsuma Water and Sewer Project
- Automotive Logistics Roll-On/Roll-Off Terminal at the Alabama Port Authority
- Town of Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plan Improvements
- Gulf Shores Ecotourism Center
- Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements (Projects 1-3a)

Projects that are under construction include:

- Historic Africatown Welcome Center
- Town of Dauphin Island Aloe Bay Harbour Town
- Redevelopment of Bayou La Batre City Docks
- Bayou La Batre Water Distribution Upgrades
- Innovating Mobile's St. Louis Street Corridor
- Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements (Project 4N)

As part of the MIP, the City of Mobile was awarded \$6,375,969 in RESTORE funds for the creation of the Historic Africatown Visitor Center. Mobile developed engineering and design plans for the facility and conducted community outreach to present the plans and gather public input. Construction began in 2025 and is expected to be completed in FY 2027.

The AGCRC also directs the state's expenditure of Spill Impact Component Funding (Bucket 3) through the creation and approval of a State Expenditure Plan (SEP).

In 2019, the Federal RESTORE Council approved the state's initial SEP. This SEP contained 29 projects totaling approximately \$132 million. In 2021, the state's SEP was amended to add \$37,161,000 in contingency funds. In 2023, the state SEP was amended again to add an additional \$33,000,000 in contingency funds. Both amendments serve to augment the budgets of approved SEP projects and programs, as needed, in response to cost increases for labor, materials, and/or other considerations. As a result of both amendments, approximately \$202.8 million has been approved for Alabama's SEP projects and programs.

Completed projects include:

- Expansion of the Orange Beach Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center
- Replacement of Substandard Facilities at the ADEM Coastal Office & Mobile Field Office
- Fairhope Area Community-Based Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Fort Morgan Trail Extension (Phase I)
- Fairhope Sewer Upgrade
- Meaher State Park Improvements

Projects that are under construction include:

- Auburn University Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station
- Little Lagoon Restoration Project
- Three Mile Creek Watershed Restoration: Langan Dredging and Invasive Species Removal
- Aloe Bay/Mississippi Sound Water Quality Enhancement Project
- Perch Creek Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line CIPP – Phase II
- Extension of Effluent Force Main from Bayou La Batre Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Aloe Bay/Mississippi Sound Water Quality Enhancement Project
- Perch Creek Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line CIPP – Phase II
- Extension of Effluent Force Main from Bayou La Batre Wastewater Treatment Facility

Success Story

The City of Orange Beach received \$1,094,450 as part of the SEP for the Expansion of the Orange Beach Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Program. The previous Wildlife Center was not large enough to accommodate the area's sick or injured wildlife; the funding resulted in a new building with more than 2,300 square feet that includes exam rooms and quarantine facilities, as well as new outdoor enclosures for mammals and birds. The new facility opened in January 2026, and the increased capacity for providing care has allowed the City of Orange Beach to hire a veterinarian and expand their sea turtle protection efforts through the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resources Damage Assessment Turtle Triage Center.

More information on projects can be found at <https://www.outdooralabama.com/programs/alabama-coastal-restoration-program>.

Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA)

Administering Agency: The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands Division

Application Timeline: Anticipated March/April annually. Project suggestions submitted after the deadline will be reviewed as they are received as time and funding permit.

Type of Program: State project suggestions within Baldwin and Mobile Counties

Eligible Participants: State and local government agencies and other organizations

Eligible Funds: Fluctuates annually

Source of Funds: GOMESA was enacted by Congress in 2006 to provide revenue sharing disbursements (administered by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior).

Program Uses: Projects and activities for authorized uses associated with coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland losses; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan; mitigation of the impact of outer continental shelf activities through the funding of onshore infrastructure projects; and planning assistance and the administrative costs of statutory compliance with GOMESA section.

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Program Description: The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands Division, accepts project suggestions for state-based grants to be funded through the annual distribution of federal revenue sharing proceeds to the State of Alabama pursuant to GOMESA for the authorized uses described under Program Uses. (In addition to the state program administered by ADCNR, DOI also makes annual GOMESA distributions directly to Baldwin County and Mobile County.)

Success Story

During FY 2025, Gov. Kay Ivey awarded funding for 23 projects (detailed below) utilizing funding from the annual GOMESA distribution. These projects focused on environmental education and outreach, boating access, water quality improvements, recreational access improvements and other important projects that are included in the original intent and authorized use of GOMESA funds. The approved funding for the upcoming fiscal year slat of projects is anticipated to be approximately \$52 million. The combined amount of FY2025 projects currently being implemented and the upcoming FY2026 approved projects will bring the total amount of awarded state GOMESA funding during Governor Ivey's administration to more than \$310 million.

FY2025 GOMESA Approved Projects

1. Citronelle Youth Field Lighting Enhancement	\$1,280,000
2. Creola Public Safety Building	\$2,000,000
3. Creola Wetlands Acquisition	\$350,000
4. Silverhill Oscar Johnson Park Improvements	\$1,500,000
5. Foley Nature Parks Expansion	\$1,500,000
6. Satsuma Gunnison Creek Kayak Boat Launch and Boardwalk Improvements	\$2,013,473
7. Magnolia Springs Restoration Project	\$878,346
8. Dauphin Island Multi-Park Access Improvements	\$1,400,000
9. Loxley Youth Soccer Complex	\$1,000,000
10. University of South Alabama's Delta & Coastal AL Wildlife, Fisheries, & Carbon Flux Observatory	\$1,500,000
11. Baldwin County Perdido Bay Boardwalk and ADA Improvements	\$2,530,000
12. Lillian Sustainable Stormwater and Parking Lot Improvements	\$396,340
13. Mobile County River Delta Marina and Campground	\$2,000,000
14. Chickasaw Stormwater Rehabilitation Project Phase 2	\$2,000,000
15. Baldwin County Solid Waste Disposal Authority Orange Beach Recycling Convenience Center	\$1,500,224
16. Gulf Shores Waterway Village Pedestrian Park	\$3,606,465
17. Renovation of the Daphne Recreation Center	\$4,000,000
18. City of Mobile Brookley by the Bay: Southern Activation Zone	\$3,500,000
19. Bay Minette Nature Park Master Plan and Engineering Design	\$1,000,000
20. Mobile Riverfront Phase I Amendment	\$4,000,000
21. Gulf State Park Campground	\$5,000,000
22. Argosy Large Artificial Reef	\$2,500,000
23. Administration of GOMESA	\$398,599

Total: \$31,399,731

Alabama Coastal Area Management Program (ACAMP)

Administering Agency: The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands Division

Application Timeline: February to April application deadline with project funding awards beginning October 1st

Type of Program: Request for Proposals, 1:1 non-federal match required

Eligible Participants: Entities conducting projects in Mobile and Baldwin counties, including:

- Units of coastal government including Mobile County, Baldwin County, and municipalities within those counties (and any boards, departments, agencies, corporations or instrumentalities of such coastal governments) or tribal governments within Mobile and Baldwin counties
- Alabama state agencies whose activities affect or are affected by activities in the coastal area
- Non-profits assisting coastal governments and/or state agencies with efforts to effectively exercise responsibilities and manage coastal resources for public benefit in the coastal area
- Area-wide agencies, regional planning agencies, conservation districts, and port authorities
- Alabama school districts, public colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning

Eligible Funds: Approximately \$250,000 to \$275,000

Source of Funds: Coastal Zone Management Act (Administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-NOAA)

Program Uses: Planning and implementation of projects that enhance conservation efforts within the federally defined coastal area and/or enhance productive economic growth, including those that protect, enhance, and improve the management of coastal resources and support the preparedness of coastal communities. Applications must align with one of the following focus areas: Government Coordination and Local Government Planning; Public Access Improvement; Coastal Hazards and Resilient Communities; Coastal Habitats, Wetland Protection and Coastal Resource Stewardship; and Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control.

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Program Description: The State Lands Division's ACAMP exists to enhance coastal resource management by supporting conservation efforts while also advancing public access to outdoor recreation and sustaining long-term positive economic impacts across Alabama's Gulf Coast. ACAMP utilizes a portion of annual CZMA appropriations provided through NOAA to sustain its annual ACAMP subaward grant funding opportunity for the benefit of Alabama's coastal communities, visitors, and businesses. ACAMP activities further ADCNR's ongoing effort to support conservation efforts, enhance public access to outdoor recreation, and establish positive economic impacts in alignment with the goals of coastal local governments.

Success Story

Over the nearly five decades of the program's existence, the ACAMP has provided support for local government planning to county and municipal units of government across Mobile and Baldwin counties. This support empowers local governments to envision the future of their communities as they balance continued economic growth and seek to maintain the unique character of their jurisdictions. Planning Grants awarded to local governments support the ability to seek more significant amounts of grant funding from other sources for design, construction, and implementation of projects identified in planning documents.

Communities also benefit from project funding such as PALS Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup which mobilized 2,500+ volunteers who, during one annual event, removed more than 14,800 pounds of marine debris in coastal counties. The Town of Dauphin Island is utilizing ACAMP project funding to provide ADA-accessible beach mats benefiting residents and visitors thereby enhancing both dune conservation and public access.

FY2025 ACAMP Funded Projects

1. Town of Magnolia Springs Zoning Ordinance:	\$40,000
2. City of Satsuma Comprehensive Plan:	\$50,000
3. City of Spanish Fort Comprehensive Plan:	\$50,000
4. City of Loxley Zoning Ordinance Updates:	\$50,000
5. Town of Dauphin Island beach Accessibility Enhancements:	\$22,500
6. Alabama People Against a Littered State (Alabama Coastal Cleanup):	\$30,000

Total: \$242,500

Community Development Block Grant: Large City Fund, Small City Fund, County Fund: Annual Competitive Grants

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Application deadline is announced during the annual CDBG workshop in the first quarter of the year.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, match required for most applications

Eligible Participants: Non-entitlement municipalities and counties

Eligible Funds: Maximum \$500,000 per grant – Large Cities (population 3,001 or more) and County Fund
Maximum \$400,000 per grant – Small Cities (population of 3,000 or less)

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program Uses: For infrastructure projects including water and water facilities, sewer and wastewater facilities, water and sewer household hookups, roads, drainage, parks and recreation, and demolition of dilapidated structures.

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Program Description: ADECA annually awards federal CDBG grant funds in the Small City Fund, Large City Fund and County Fund categories. Grant applications are rated, site visited and scored based on several competitive factors including community need, number of low-income and moderate-income residents benefiting from the project, cost efficiency, appropriateness of activities for the project's geographic area and impact on residents within the respective community.

Success Story

The Town of McKenzie (in Butler County) was awarded \$400,000 in Small City Fund grant funds to make critical improvements to its water system, including upgrading lines and electrical components and constructing a well house. These upgrades will benefit 653 people.

Community Development Block Grant: Community Enhancement Fund

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Application deadline is announced during the annual CDBG workshop in the first quarter of the year.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, matching funds required in most instances

Eligible Participants: Non-entitlement municipalities and counties

Eligible Funds: Maximum \$400,000 per grant

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program Uses: Mainly for “quality-of-life” projects including fire protection, senior citizen centers, community centers, storm shelters and parks and recreational facilities, etc.

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Program Description: The Community Enhancement Fund is available to all eligible non-entitlement communities to use for projects that address quality of life issues, particularly among low-income and moderate-income residents. Grant applications are rated, site-visited, and scored based on several competitive factors including community need, number of low-income and moderate-income residents benefiting from the project, cost efficiency, appropriateness of activities for the project’s geographic area, and impact on residents within the respective community.

Success Story

The Town of Boligee (in Greene County) was awarded a \$400,000 Community Enhancement Grant to construct a new playground, shade shelter, and walking trail at Boligee Community Park, benefiting 310 residents.

Community Development Block Grant: Planning Fund

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Application deadline is announced during the annual CDBG workshop in the first quarter of the year.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, 20% matching funds required

Eligible Participants: Non-entitlement municipalities and counties

Eligible Funds: Maximum \$40,000 per grant

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program Uses: For comprehensive plans; elements of comprehensive plans; downtown revitalization plans; and regional strategies and plans, etc.

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Program Description: The Planning Fund is available to all eligible non-entitlement communities to use for projects that address comprehensive plans, elements of comprehensive plans, downtown revitalization plans, and regional strategies and plans. Grant applications are rated, site-visited, and scored based on several competitive factors including community need, number of low-income and moderate-income residents benefiting from the project, cost efficiency, appropriateness of activities for the project's geographic area, and impact on residents within the respective community.

Success Story

The Town of Wadley (in Randolph County) was awarded \$40,000 to update its comprehensive town plan, which was completed in 2012. The plan includes gathering Wadley's relevant current and historical information, defining a plan for the community's future growth, and providing the town with updated computerized maps.

Community Development Block Grant: Economic Development Fund

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: The program operates on a continuous funding cycle.

Type of Program: Non-competitive grant program, requires 20% match

Eligible Participants: Non-entitlement municipalities and counties

Eligible Funds: Maximum \$400,000 per grant (can be waived for higher amount)

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program Uses: For infrastructure projects relating to new or expanding businesses or industry that will create jobs, particularly those involving low- and moderate-income people. Projects usually involve water, sewer, roads, drainage, site improvements, rail spurs and docks. Also, business incubator and economic development loans.

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Program Description: The CDBG Economic Development Infrastructure Fund is available to all eligible communities for projects supporting the creation or retention of jobs. Applicants for ED assistance should have a commitment from the business to create or retain 15 or more full-time or full-time equivalent jobs. The business is to provide a significant economic benefit to the grant applicant community. Projects must not include the intrastate relocation of a business or job pirating. The program is available on a continuous funding cycle. A 20% local match is required, and construction cannot begin prior to grant award or release of environmental conditions.

Success Story

Governor Kay Ivey awarded \$400,000 in CDBG ED funds to the City of Tuskegee to support the development of a new automotive supplier plant near the Samkee auto parts plant that opened in 2024. The city is using the grant to extend water and sewer infrastructure for use by CPT America's \$163 Million manufacturing facility that will create jobs for 187 workers.

Emergency Solutions Grant

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: The program is funded on an annual basis. Application deadline is announced during the annual Emergency Solutions Grant workshop in the first quarter of the year.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires 100% match

Eligible Participants: Local units of government: cities, towns, or counties; private nonprofit organizations

Eligible Funds: Grant ceiling of \$400,000 for single jurisdiction service area or \$500,000 for multicounty service area

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program Uses: For street outreach; emergency shelter; homelessness prevention; rapid re-housing; Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); and administration.

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Success Story

The city of Tuscaloosa was awarded \$220,000 in ESG funds to contract with several organizations to provide street outreach, emergency shelter and homelessness prevention for people within the city, including victims of domestic violence and their children. Those organizations include the Salvation Army, SAN Inc. (Turning Point) and Temporary Emergency Services Inc.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Annually, but deadlines may vary each year

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires 50% match

Eligible Participants: Municipalities, counties, state agencies and state authorities created by the Alabama Legislature may apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance

Eligible Funds: The maximum grant amount is \$1 million. An applicant does not have to request the entire grant amount and ADECA may provide partial funding for projects if necessary. A minimum grant of \$50,000 is required for recreation areas that have never received LWCF.

Source of Funds: The U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service

Program Uses: LWCF assistance can be used to acquire land and water interests for park purposes, develop new outdoor recreation facilities, and in certain instances, renovate existing recreation facilities. Virtually all public outdoor recreation activities are eligible for assistance under the program including playgrounds, ball fields, (including lights – concrete or metal poles only), court sports, picnic areas, camping areas, trails, splash pads, etc. In addition, support facilities such as concession stands, restrooms, park access roads, parking areas, utilities, and site preparation necessary to make a recreation activity area usable may qualify for assistance.

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Program Description: LWCF assistance may be used for the acquisition of land and water interests for park purposes, the development of new outdoor recreation facilities, and in certain instances, the renovation of existing public outdoor recreational facilities.

Success Story

The city of Carbon Hill obtained a \$397,573 LWCF grant to construct a swimming pool at the site of a school that was destroyed by a tornado in 2011.

Recreational Trails Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Annually, but deadlines may vary each year

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires 20% match

Eligible Participants: Local, state, and federal agencies

Eligible Funds: \$200,000 for non-motorized, single-use trails; \$400,000 non-motorized, multi-use trails; \$524,937 for motorized, multi-use trails; and \$87,524 for education and safety programs.

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

Program Uses: For development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails; maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails; provision of features which facilitate the access and use of trails by persons with disabilities; acquisition of easements for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors; acquisition of fee simple title of property from a willing seller for trail development; construction of new recreational trails; assessment of trail conditions for accessibility and maintenance; and development and dissemination of publications and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to recreational trails.

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Success Story

The city of Troy obtained a \$322,253 RTP grant to construct a walking and biking trail and additional parking as well as new picnic tables and benches at Hubert Maddox Washington Park.

Appalachian Regional Commission

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Annually, but deadlines may vary each year.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires 20-70% match

Eligible Participants: State and local governments, non-profit organizations, and institutions of higher education in Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pickens, Randolph, St. Clair, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker or Winston counties

Eligible Funds: Maximum \$500,000 for construction projects in FY 2026; maximum \$350,000 for non-construction projects in FY 2026; maximum \$50,000 for a planning grant.

Source of Funds: U.S. Congress

Program Uses: To invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia's economy; improve the education, knowledge, skills and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia; invest in critical infrastructure-especially broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems; strengthen Appalachia's community and economic development potential by leveraging the region's natural and cultural heritage assets; and build the capacity and skills of current and next generation leaders and organizations to innovate, collaborate and advance community and economic development.

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Program Description: The Appalachian Regional Commission is a partnership of federal, state, and local governments and was created to promote economic growth and improve the quality of life in the 13-state region stretching along the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern Mississippi. The region includes 420 counties, incorporating all of West Virginia and counties in 12 other states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Success Story

A \$500,000 ARC grant will help the city of Oxford to transform a former manufacturing plant into a multi-classroom regional training center for career and workforce development. The Choccolocco Research, Education, Arts and Technical Experience Regional Training Center will instruct high school students in fields including aviation, manufacturing, construction and transportation.

Delta Regional Authority

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Annually, but deadlines may vary each year

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires a 20-70% match

Eligible Participants: Cities, counties and regional planning agencies in Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Escambia, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Pickens, Russell, Sumter, Washington and Wilcox counties

Eligible Funds: In general, project awards will range from \$50,000 to \$500,000 depending on the type of project and rating on the grant application

Source of Funds: U.S. Congress

Program Uses: To support and promote economic development within the lower Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions. To fulfill this purpose, DRA invests in projects supporting transportation infrastructure, basic public infrastructure, workforce training, and business development.

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Program Description: The Delta Regional Authority was established in 2000 as a formal framework for joint federal-state collaboration to promote and encourage the economic development of the lower Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions. DRA works to create jobs, build communities, and improve the lives of those who reside in those regions. DRA comprises 255 counties and parishes in parts of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee.

Success Story

The city of Jackson in Clarke County used a \$373,205 DRA grant to complete phase I of a project to address a flooding issue that affected businesses, residences and city infrastructure. The city rehabilitated storm drainage by adding a 24-inch drain in a flood-prone area.

Southeast Crescent Regional Commission

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Annually, but deadlines may vary each year

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires 20-50% match

Eligible Participants: Cities, counties and regional planning agencies in Autauga, Baldwin, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Mobile, Montgomery and Pike counties

Eligible Funds: Maximum \$350,000 for construction projects; maximum \$200,000 for non-construction projects

Source of Funds: U.S. Congress

Program Uses: To build sustainable communities and strengthen economic growth in southeast and coastal Alabama by investing in public infrastructure, telecommunications, transportation, health and support services, business and workforce development, education and training, conservation and preservation and tourism.

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Program Description: The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership authorized by Congress in the 2008 Food, Conservation and Energy Act (the Farm Bill) to promote and encourage economic development in 428 counties in parts of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. In Alabama, it includes counties not part of the Appalachian Regional Commission or the Delta Regional Authority.

Success Story

A \$569,000 grant was awarded to Highland Home to install 13,200 feet of water main to restore reliable water pressure to 280 customers of the Quint-Mar Water Authority.

State Energy Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Application deadline varies (Typically in spring and late summer)

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Local governments, public and private K-12 schools, commercial businesses, utilities, and for-profit and non-profit organizations

Eligible Funds: \$15,000 to \$250,000

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Energy

Program Uses: Energy-efficient retrofits; wastewater treatment plants and renewable energy

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Program Description: The funding is utilized to plan and implement energy programs in Alabama that are designed to achieve national energy goals such as lowering energy costs and consumption, decreasing reliance on imported energy, reducing impacts of energy production and use on the environment, and to increase energy security and reliability.

Success Story

The USS Alabama Battleship Park used a \$40,000 energy grant to install energy-efficient heating and air-conditioning systems.

Alabama Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Application deadline varies (Typically late summer)

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Government and non-government entities

Eligible Funds: Varies

Source of Funds: State funds

Program Uses: All project costs must be necessary for and directly connected to the acquisition and installation of Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure.

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Program Description: The purpose of this program is to fund projects to support the electric vehicle infrastructure needs of residents, visitors and automobile manufacturers in Alabama by installing EV direct current fast charging (DCFC) and AC Level 2 charging infrastructure on Alabama's non-interstate corridors to create a convenient, affordable, reliable and equitable network of charging stations in Alabama.

Success Story

The town of Lafayette used a \$199,000 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure grant to install two direct-current fast charging stations.

Edward Byrne Memorial Judicial Assistance Grant Equipment: Competitive Funding

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Applications are announced through state law enforcement member groups on the ADECA website and the Alabama Grants website.

Type of Program: Competitive equipment grant program (Patrol Vehicles, Radios, Computers, Tasers, etc.)

Eligible Participants: Law enforcement agencies that do not qualify for direct funding from the U.S. Department of Justice. Agencies must apply through their local unit of government, i.e. County Commission, Mayor's Office.

Eligible Funds: Not listed at this time

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Justice, Byrne JAG

Program Uses: For law enforcement equipment upgrades

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Program Description: Competitive application to upgrade needed law enforcement equipment.

Success Story

The town of Valley Head in DeKalb County was awarded a \$48,286 grant to purchase a Ford Police Interceptor vehicle, an SUV with specific upgrades for use as a law enforcement vehicle. Police Chief Brad Gregg said the vehicle was a welcome addition to the police department's aging fleet.

Alabama Surplus Property

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: None

Type of Program: Surplus state and federal equipment

Eligible Participants: Government and qualifying donees

Eligible Funds: Not applicable

Match Requirement: Not applicable

Source of Funds: Not applicable

Program Uses: State and federal surplus equipment available including vehicles, tractors, office equipment and more. Law enforcement agencies may become eligible under the federal Law Enforcement Support Office program to receive military surplus items at no costs other than transportation.

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Program Description: ADECA's Surplus Property Division's warehouse in Montgomery contains state and federal surplus items ranging from vehicles to generators, to traditional office equipment. The Surplus Property Division procures surplus state and federal property for its qualifying donees at a fraction of the original acquisition cost. Service fees are required for donees to obtain property. This division has a warehouse located in Montgomery open to donees Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The ADECA Surplus Property Division is responsible for managing the LESO program for the State of Alabama. The Law Enforcement Support Office Program, managed by the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), transfers needed equipment such as tactical gear, electronics, vehicles, weapons and more to federal and state law enforcement agencies and provides the military one of several outlets for disposal of their excess property. Through this program, more than 11,000 law enforcement agencies across the country receive a variety of items helping local agencies keep their equipment overhead costs low.

Please note that the Alabama Surplus Property Division operates on a self-sustaining basis and may require recipients to pay a service charge to cover handling, transportation, and administrative expenses. These charges are partly based on percentages of the value of the property.

Office of Water Resources: Floodplain Management

NFIP Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: None

Type of Program: Information

Eligible Participants: Communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Eligible Funds: None

Source of Funds: None

Program Uses: To help communities reduce flood damage to both new and existing buildings and infrastructure.

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Program Description: ADECA's OWR Floodplain Management Unit's NFIP Program works closely with local communities and acts as a liaison between them and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The program supports communities in implementing the regulations of the NFIP by providing regular training and outreach, technical assistance to officials and residents, assisting the community with maintaining updated floodplain development ordinances, and conducting local program audits. The NFIP SC Office works with federal, state, and local government officials further to provide an integrated approach to floodplain management in Alabama.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: Applications may be submitted and reviewed year-round; however, to be considered for Principal Forgiveness (up to \$500,000 but no more than 50% of a project), the application must be submitted no later than February 1st of each year.

Type of Program: Competitive loan program

Eligible Participants: Any public body, including counties, state agencies, incorporated cities and towns, boards, and authorities, may apply for SRF financing.

Eligible Funds: Based upon availability of funds – typically, there is a range of \$40-\$80 million available on an annual basis. The amount is determined based on annual infrastructure allocations approved through the U.S. Congress and revenue generated by the program, which are obligated to service new loans.

Source of Funds: State and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program uses: Rehabilitate or develop water sources to replace contaminated sources; install or upgrade treatment facilities if the project would improve the quality of drinking water to comply with primary or secondary standards; install or upgrade water storage tanks to prevent microbiological contaminants from entering the water system; install or replace distribution pipes to prevent contamination caused by leaks or breaks in the pipe; consolidate water supplies when customers have an inadequate quantity of water, the water supply is contaminated, or the system is unable to maintain compliance for financial or managerial reasons; and other projects meeting the priority objectives of the program.

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Program Description: Alabama's DWSRF is a perpetual source of low-cost financial assistance with fixed loan interest rates substantially lower than the prevailing municipal bond rates, for the construction of public water supply facilities needed to meet compliance standards and public health requirements. The fund may offer loans for up to 100% of allowable project costs for up to 20 years (longer for qualifying communities).

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: Applications may be submitted and reviewed year-round; however, to be considered for Principal Forgiveness (up to \$500,000 but no more than 50% of a project), the application must be submitted no later than February 1st of each year.

Type of Program: Competitive loan program

Eligible Participants: Any public body, including counties, state agencies, incorporated cities and towns, boards, and authorities, may apply for SRF financing.

Eligible Funds: Based upon availability of funds – typically, there is a range of \$40-\$80 million available on an annual basis. The amount is determined based on annual infrastructure allocations approved through the U.S. Congress and revenue generated by the program which are rolled back into new loans.

Source of Funds: State and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program uses: For wastewater treatment works; sewer rehabilitation; interceptors, collectors, and pumping stations; decentralized wastewater treatment; streambank restoration; permeable pavements; rain gardens and biofiltration products; brownfield remediation; and watershed and estuary protection projects.

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Program Description: Alabama's CWSRF is a perpetual source of low-cost financial assistance with loan interest rates substantially lower than the prevailing municipal bond rates, for the construction of public water supply facilities needed to meet compliance standards and public health requirements. The fund may offer loans for up to 100% of allowable project costs for up to 20 years.

Scrap Tire Marketing Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: Applications may be submitted throughout the year utilizing the department's electronic database, Alabama Environmental Permitting and Compliance System. There is no deadline for application submission.

Type of Program: Competitive reimbursement grant program, does not require matching funds

Eligible Participants: Eligibility for funding is mostly limited to local governments and local governmental non-profits.

Eligible Funds: Up to 20% of the Scrap Tire Environmental Fee is allocated on an annual basis.

Source of Funds: The Scrap Tire Environmental Fee is a fee that is collected at the point of sale from the consumer on replacement tires. Currently the fee is set at \$1 per new, used or retreaded replacement tire sold.

Program Uses: Promote the growth of scrap tire markets and beneficial end-use of scrap tire material. The Department has granted funds to projects that include the use of scrap tire material as walking tracks and other athletic surfacing, rubber-modified asphalt, splash pads, and for playground and landscape mulch.

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Program Description: Alabama's Scrap Tire Marketing Program was developed to promote the growth of scrap tire markets and beneficial end-use. The Scrap Tire Environmental Fee funds and promotes the development of scrap tire markets. Up to twenty percent of the Scrap Tire Environmental Fee is used for market development.

Success Story

Since 2011, this program has granted over \$14.5 million for the implementation of Scrap Tire Marketing Demonstration Projects across the state. These projects not only provide environmental and economic benefits in their application, but have improved many Alabama communities. Over 57 grants have been issued to local governments totaling more than \$9.5 million in awards for recycled scrap tire demonstration projects. These projects have included: walking tracks, rubber-modified asphalt, playground and landscape mulch, and splash pads.

Scrap Tire End-Use Marketing Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: Applications may be submitted throughout the year utilizing the Department's electronic database, Alabama Environmental Permitting and Compliance System. There is no deadline for application submission.

Type of Program: Competitive partial reimbursement grant program

Eligible Participants: Eligibility is based on the processing of scrap tires and scrap tire materials for conversion into new products and beneficial uses. The tires must have been originally generated in the state of Alabama and there must be a contract in place for the sale of the processed tire material. Tires and tire materials must be beneficially used as outlined in program regulations.

Eligible Funds: Up to 25% of Scrap Tire Environmental Fee funds deposited in the Scrap Tire Fund may be allocated on an annual basis.

Source of Funds: The Scrap Tire Environmental Fee is a fee that is collected at the point of sale from the consumer on replacement tires. Currently the fee is set at \$1 per new, used, or retreaded replacement tire sold.

Program Uses: Promote the growth of scrap tire processing, scrap tire markets and beneficial end-use of scrap tire materials.

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Program Description: Alabama's Scrap Tire End Use Marketing Program was developed to promote the growth of scrap tire markets and beneficial end-use of scrap tires generated within the state. The Scrap Tire Environmental Fee funds and promotes the development of scrap tire markets by partially reimbursing the cost of processing scrap tires generated in Alabama and beneficially reused.

Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: Applications may be submitted by March 1st of each year utilizing ADEM Form 009.

Type of Program: Competitive reimbursement grant program; does not require matching funds

Eligible Participants: Local governments, authorities and non-profit organizations

Eligible Funds: Variable; 60% of available funds to Category 1 applicants (>40,000 households); 20% of available funds to Category 2 applicants (<40,000 households)

Source of Funds: Alabama Recycling Fund

Program uses: Offers grant funding to launch and/or further enhance recycling programs across Alabama to reduce material disposal in solid waste landfills. Grant funding can be used to purchase equipment, purchase educational materials, purchase professional services, or develop employment opportunities.

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Program Description: The Alabama Recycling Fund Grant program was launched in 2008 with the Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Management Act establishing a \$1.00/ton tipping fee on all landfilled solid waste. Twenty-five percent of these fees is allocated to the Alabama Recycling Fund. The fund allows ADEM to award grants for communities to launch and further enhance recycling programs, allowing further reduction of solid waste in Alabama.

Success Story

Since 2009, the department has awarded over 300 Alabama Recycling Fund grants, exceeding a total of \$34 million of funds granted, which has allowed for Alabama to meet the solid waste reduction goal for the five of the past six years.

Brownfields Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: None

Type of Program: Voluntary; no-cost to applicant program for site assessment and remediation of properties suitable for redevelopment

Eligible Participants: Local governments and non-profit organizations. The individuals that may initiate a request for assistance include mayors, city councilmembers, economic development board members, presidents of non-profit organizations, and presidents of universities.

Eligible Funds: Limited and on a first come-first served basis

Source of Funds: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant

Program uses: Conduct comprehensive community Brownfield surveys to assist with Brownfield prioritization; perform visioning workshops to encourage community input in site development; conduct Phase 1 and Phase 2 Assessments at “no cost” for public entities on first come-first served basis; cleanup enrolled properties to promote economic revitalization; other projects meeting the priority objectives of the program.

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Program Description: ADEM’s Brownfields Program assists local governments and non-profit organizations with assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of Brownfields sites. ADEM may perform site assessments for these entities at no cost and also offers training and assistance on applying for Environmental Protection Agency grants available under Section 128(a) of the federal Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. The Redevelopment program is administered within the Land Division.

Voluntary Cleanup Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: Open

Type of Program: Voluntary; fee-based

Eligible Participants: Any public or private entity willing to enter into an agreement with the department and adhere to the terms and conditions of the program may apply.

Eligible Funds: Fee-based (ADEM Division 1 Regulations - Schedule H)

Source of Funds: Enrolled parties

Program uses: Department oversight of assessment and cleanup activities on Brownfields properties; oversight visits before/during/after any cleanup actions; implementing soil/groundwater covenants when necessary; issuing fully transferable Letters of Concurrence upon program completion (Unconditional or Conditional); limited liability protections for the applicants who complete the program; other projects meeting the priority objectives of the program.

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Program Description: ADEM's Voluntary Cleanup Program is a fee-based program for public and private entities that provides oversight of assessment and cleanup of Brownfields properties. The program results in limited liability protection for the property owner. The enrolled site may also be eligible for Brownfields Tax Abatements. Additional benefits of the program include utilizing established infrastructure, transferrable benefits (Letters of Concurrence), and community support. The Redevelopment program is administered within the Land Division.

Alabama Brownfields Redevelopment State Revolving Loan Fund Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Management Application Timeline: None

Type of Program: Competitive loan program

Eligible Participants: Governmental entities

Eligible Funds: \$1 million

Source of Funds: State and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program Uses: The remediation of contaminated Brownfields sites.

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Program Description: Alabama's Brownfields Redevelopment State Revolving Fund (BRSRF) is designed to be a perpetual source of low-cost financial assistance, the loan interest rate is substantially lower than the prevailing municipal bond rate, for the remediation of Brownfields sites to an acceptable level for redevelopment. The BRSRF offers loans for up to 100% of allowable project costs for up to 10 years.

Success Story

Downtown Montgomery has entered a new era of Brownfields revitalization. Previous industrial and commercial activity in the downtown area resulted in contamination that hindered redevelopment efforts. However, the construction of the Riverwalk Stadium in 2004 sparked redevelopment in downtown Montgomery. The baseball stadium was constructed on the site of a historic train depot. Instead of knocking down the existing buildings, the architects incorporated them into the ballpark, creating a unique blend of old and new. The converted century-old train shed now includes 20 luxury suites from which to watch the game, picnic areas, concessions, and a children's playground area.

Downtown Montgomery has also seen a surge of residential development. The recently developed Heights Montgomery overlooks the Alabama River and is steps away from the newly upgraded Wright Brothers Park, the EAT South Downtown Farm, and the core of downtown. The apartments include 164 residential units, a swimming pool and fitness center. Through the partnership efforts of a number of organizations, EAT South's Downtown Farm, located on a former rail yard, was remediated and then redeveloped. After conducting Brownfields assessments, the site was determined to be suitable for use as an urban garden. The community garden space provides fresh produce as well as a hands-on educational learning center for schools. For most of the projects listed above, the city of Montgomery utilized various Brownfields grants and the BRSRF to assess and clean-up the sites to prepare them for redevelopment.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Administering Agency: The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

Application Timeline: Generally, March - May annually

Application Submission Portal: <https://aldot.submittable.com/submit>

Type of Program: Cost reimbursement program, the sponsor must pay 100% of the project expenses and request reimbursement for 80% of eligible expenditures

Eligible Participants: Local governments; regional transportation authorities; transit agencies; school districts; tribal governments; nonprofit entities responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs, and other local or regional governmental entities with the responsibility for, or oversight of, transportation or recreational trails

Eligible Funds: Maximum of \$1,000,000 per project; (\$800,000 federal and \$200,000 sponsor match). PE costs are eligible for reimbursement (up to 10% of the total project cost with a maximum of \$100,000).

Source of Funds: Federal Highway Administration

Program uses: Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, senior adults, and individuals with disabilities; construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation; conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users; construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas; community improvement activities; and, environmental mitigation activities.

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Program Description: Transportation Alternatives Program set-aside funds are awarded through an ALDOT administered competitive selection process. It should be noted that while certain types of projects are technically eligible, not all types of projects have the same level of priority in the competitive selection process. The purpose and intent of this program is to provide new "Transportation Alternatives" to communities, as well as enhance existing non-motorized transportation infrastructure. All eligible applications will be evaluated on how the proposed project improvements advance the intent of the program. The following areas are considered in the competitive selection process: promotes safety, provides community enhancements, local commitment, and environmental justice.

Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant

Administering Agency: The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

Application Timeline: Generally, December - February annually

Application Submission Portal: <https://aldot.submittable.com/submit>

Type of Program: Application based grant program

Eligible Participants: Municipal and county governments

Eligible Funds: \$10 million will be awarded with no local match required. The maximum amount of funding that can be requested per project with no match required will be \$250,000.

\$5 million will be awarded with a 50 percent local match required. Any Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant funding requested over \$250,000 will require a dollar-for-dollar local match from the sponsor, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per project.

Therefore, the maximum amount of total RAA Annual Grant funding that can be requested per project is \$250,000 with no local match required, or \$350,000 with a local match of \$100,000.

Source of Funds: Rebuild Alabama Act

Program uses: RAA Annual Grant program funding is only available for eligible construction activities for transportation infrastructure projects. Preliminary engineering, right-of-way, utility relocation, construction engineering and inspection or materials testing costs are not eligible.

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Program Description: The RAA Annual Grant Program is an ALDOT administered transportation infrastructure grant program for projects of local interest created in the Rebuild Alabama Act of 2019.

Local Roads Safety Initiative (LRSI)

Administering Agency: The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

Application Timeline: Generally, June - July annually

Application Submission Portal: <https://aldot.submittable.com/submit>

Type of Program: Application based grant program

Eligible Participants: Municipal and county governments

Eligible Funds: No maximum per project, at least \$5 million is annually allocated for the program, requires a 10% match

Source of Funds: Federal Highway Administration

Program uses: Project applications will be accepted for projects designed to reduce the number of fatal and serious injury lane departure and run-off-road crashes and prioritized in descending order: projects designed to reduce the potential of drivers leaving their lane; projects designed to reduce the potential of a crash in the event a driver does leave their lane; projects designed to minimize the severity of a crash in the event that a crash does occur.

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Program Description: This initiative is available to cities and counties for both rural and urban non-state maintained roadways with significant safety risks. Applications submitted through this initiative must be in accordance with the most recent Alabama Strategic Highway Safety Plan and applicable Local Road Safety Plans if one has been developed by the county that the location falls within.

Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program - II

Administering Agency: The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

Application Timeline: Generally, August - November annually

Application Submission Portal: <https://aldot.submittable.com/submit>

Type of Program: Application based grant program

Eligible Participants: Municipal and county governments

Eligible Funds: Maximum \$2 million per project, \$30-50 million is annually allocated for the program. No local match is required, but applications with a funding commitment from the sponsor are more competitive.

Source of Funds: Rebuild Alabama Act

Program uses: Transportation projects which improve any state-maintained highway system. Local roads and bridges are not eligible except for incidental work that is necessary in order to complete the improvements to the state route.

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Program Description: The purpose of the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program-II (ATRIP-II) is to rehabilitate and improve transportation infrastructure by funding projects of local interest, proposed by one or more local governments, related to the state-maintained highway system. Projects may include local roads and bridges essential to such projects.

Alabama Airport Improvement Funding Program

Administering Agency: The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

Application Timeline: Generally, September annually

Application Submission Portal: <http://apps.outreach.aum.edu/AeronauticsPortal>

Type of Program: Reimbursement

Eligible Participants: Municipal, county governments and airport authorities

Eligible Funds: ALDOT will award grants through the Alabama Airport Improvement Funding Program up to 50% of the project's actual cost incurred by the airport owner.

Source of Funds: Airport Constitutional Amendment

Program uses: The Alabama Airport Improvement Funding Program is a reimbursement type program intended to provide financial assistance to the state's publicly owned airports for planning and capital construction of various airfield facilities. The program also can provide funding assistance for land acquisition for airport expansion or obstruction control/removal.

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Website: <https://www.dot.state.al.us/publications/Aero/pdf/AirportImprovementProgram.pdf>

Program Description: The Alabama Airport Improvement Funding Program has two major priorities. The first is to develop and maintain the safe and secure operation of Alabama's airport system, which is comprised of six commercial service airports that provide scheduled passenger services and 72 general aviation airports. To address this priority, the department has established the goal that all of the state's airports will meet the airport safety design standards of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The second priority is to preserve and improve an adequate system of airports to meet economic development trends occurring in the state.

Flood Mitigation Assistance

Administering Agency: Alabama Emergency Management Agency

Application Timeline: Federal Emergency Management Agency issues a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) generally in early-to-mid September. The NOFO will have specific information regarding that fiscal year's grant.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: State and local governments and Native American tribes

Eligible Funds: TBA

Match Requirement: Minimum 25% match required

Source of Funds: FEMA, under the Department of Homeland Security

Program Uses: Implement long-term hazard mitigation measures tied to flood reduction mitigation activities.

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Alabama Emergency Management Agency

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Website: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods>

Program Description: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, Indian tribal governments, and local communities to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Success Story

On numerous occasions, local governmental entities have utilized this grant to remove structures from flood-prone areas by either acquisitions or elevations. These actions have reduced future losses. AEMA is currently working on elevations of homes that will not only reduce future losses but also ensure that the homes are, by and large, not impacted, allowing homeowners to resume their normal activities with little disruption.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Emergency Management Agency

Application Timeline: Generally, around 90 - 120 days from the major disaster declaration date

Type of Program: Federally declared disaster grant program

Eligible Participants: State and local governments, Native American tribes, and certain non-profit organizations

Eligible Funds: An estimate of HMGP funding will be provided after completion of Joint Federal/State/Local Public Assistance (Infrastructure) Damage Assessments and a federal disaster declaration is issued. A much better figure will be provided after the 30-day estimate is provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Hazard mitigation is generally funded at 15% of the 30-day estimate.

Match Requirement: Minimum 25% match required

Source of Funds: FEMA, under the Department of Homeland Security

Program Uses: Implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration.

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Website: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/learn/hazard-mitigation>

Program Description: The purpose of the program is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

Success Story

Both Baldwin County and Escambia County have used past 406 mitigation opportunities to upgrade many culverts countywide. Baldwin County accomplished this by a combination of methods. First, the county adopted codes and standards requiring all existing repairs to culverts be upgraded from CMP to concrete pipes. Additionally, the county has used the opportunity to upsize many pipes to reduce the impacts from future events saving the need for future disaster funding for repairs or replacement. Escambia County has used opportunities to upsize pipes to greatly reduce the impacts in future events as well. In Hurricane Sally, there was little to no impact involving the structures previously mitigated. The city of Elba has experienced repetitive losses because of flooding in the past. The city is taking the opportunity to use HMGP 404 funds to buyout the repetitive loss structures and turn the area into green space that can absorb more of the flood inundation in the future and provide an aesthetically appealing open space.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Emergency Management Agency

Application Timeline: Federal Emergency Management Agency issues a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) generally in early-to-mid September. The NOFO will have specific information regarding that fiscal year's grant.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: State and local governments and Native American tribes

Eligible Funds: TBA

Match Requirement: Minimum 25% match required

Source of Funds: FEMA, under the Department of Homeland Security

Program Uses: Implement long-term hazard mitigation measures tied to innovative community mitigation initiatives.

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Hazard Mitigation Section

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Website: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

Program Description: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. FEMA anticipates BRIC funding projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design.

Historic Sites Grant

Administering Agency: Alabama Historical Commission

Application Timeline: March 2027, contingent on legislative funding

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Public or non-profit entities who own and operate historic sites in Alabama

Eligible Funds: Approximately \$3.5 million annually

Source of Funds: State funds

Program uses: Repairs to historic buildings; work to correct any structural deficiencies; keep moisture out of the building; upgrade or repair of mechanical systems; roof repair or replacement, painting, and removal of vegetation; educational programming, and interpretive signage; and grave marker cleaning and repair.

Contact Information:

Alabama Historical Commission

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Website: <https://ahc.alabama.gov/Resources/grants.aspx>

Program Description: Grants will be awarded to public or non-profit entities who own and operate historic sites in Alabama, reflect a historical education-based mission, concentrate on educational programming, and reflect the geographical diversity of the state. Preference will be given to properties built before 1840 to 1943 that are listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and to properties built after 1943 that significantly contributed to the Civil Rights Movement.

Success Story

The historic Vine Hill Presbyterian Church, built in 1887, has been a center for community and faith for citizens in Autauga for generations. Abandoned in 1990, members of the Old Autauga Historical Society undertook renovations on the dilapidated structure beginning in 2020. Since then, OAHS has restored the church to its original condition over the past five years. This dramatic improvement over the course of a few years is largely due in part to donations made by the Alabama Historical Commission and the dedication of the local community.

In April 2025, Vine Hill Presbyterian celebrated its restoration with the completion of a new roof for the sanctuary. The project totaling \$28,000 was fulfilled through local fundraising and a generous grant from the Alabama Historical Commission. Vine Hill Presbyterian will continue to serve as a pillar of the Autauga community for generations to come.



Homeland Security Grant Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA)

Application Timeline: Based on release of federal funds – Application deadlines will be published to ALEA's website each year.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Units of local government

Eligible Funds: Approximately \$4 million annually

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Program uses: The Homeland Security Grant includes a suite of risk-based grants to assist state, local, tribal and territorial efforts in preventing, protecting against, mitigating, responding to and recovering from acts of terrorism and other threats. This grant provides grantees with the resources required for implementation of the National Preparedness System and working toward the national preparedness goal of a secure and resilient nation.

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Program Description: The purpose of the HSGP is to provide funds to eligible entities to support state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risks to the security of the United States.

Success Story

Tuscaloosa Fire Rescue has been a part of the Alabama Mutual Aid System since its inception. The department has deployed its technical rescue and water rescue teams across Alabama and throughout the southeastern United States on multiple occasions. These deployments would not be possible without funding provided through the Homeland Security Grant Program.

These grants have enabled the department to procure specialized rescue equipment, logistical support resources, and critical training.

In 2024, Tuscaloosa Fire Rescue was awarded a grant to purchase a large rapid-deployment shelter equipped with environmental control systems. Prior to acquiring this capability, deployed team members had to stay in individual tents or multiple cargo trailers. This shelter provides personnel with dedicated space for rehabilitation, rest, and recovery, while also serving as a mission briefing area.

During the department's 2025 deployment in response to the Texas floods, the team recognized the importance of having a dedicated rehabilitation area. This new shelter system will meet operational needs for years to come.

Alabama State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Office of Information Technology

Application Timeline: First-come, first-serve

Application Submission Portal: <https://slcgp.alabama.gov/apply/>

Type of Program: Non-competitive grant program for local governments and public entities

Eligible Participants: Any county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments, regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government; or any Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization; or any rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity.

Eligible Funds: Approximately \$19 million for cybersecurity resources and services at no cost to participants

Source of Funds: The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Program Uses: The goal is to help communities better understand their current cybersecurity risks, identify practical improvements, and strengthen the systems they rely on to serve citizens every day, thereby raising the collective cybersecurity posture and resilience of our state.

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Application Submission Portal: <https://slcgp.alabama.gov/apply/>

Website: <https://slcgp.alabama.gov/>

Program Description: Through this program, local governments can receive support to assess their cybersecurity readiness, identify areas where protection can be improved, and access tools and services that help safeguard criminal systems, data, and public services. Local governments are often attractive targets for cybercriminals because they may not have the same resources as larger organizations. This program is intended to make cybersecurity help more accessible, practical, and affordable for Alabama communities of all sizes.

Success Story

One of our state's largest municipalities leverages the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) to conduct a comprehensive penetration test and cyber tabletop exercise, proactively assessing vulnerabilities across its network, systems, applications, and incident response capabilities. The penetration test identified potential security weaknesses and provided actionable recommendations to address vulnerabilities before they could be exploited by threat actors. The tabletop exercise evaluated the municipality's ability to respond to a cyber incident, helping leadership and staff identify gaps in communication, coordination, and decision-making processes. As a result, the municipality strengthened its cybersecurity controls, enhanced its incident response policies and procedures, and improved organizational readiness for future cybersecurity events. These efforts have significantly improved the municipality's overall cybersecurity posture and resilience against evolving cyber threats.

Another municipality enhanced its cybersecurity posture by implementing multifactor authentication (MFA), endpoint detection and response (EDR), security information and event management (SIEM), and Security Operations Center (SOC) services. These solutions strengthened access controls, improved visibility into security events, and enabled continuous monitoring of the city's technology environment. The combination of EDR, SIEM, and SOC services provided faster threat detection and response capabilities, helping to reduce cybersecurity risks. As a result, they improved their ability to protect critical systems, safeguard sensitive data, and maintain resilient municipal operations.

Alabama State Council on the Arts - Project Funding

Administering Agency: Alabama State Council on the Arts

Application Timeline: Four grant cycles throughout the year. Most grant deadlines are listed below.

- December 1, 2026 (for Arts Facilities grants)
- March 1, 2027 (for Artist Fellowships)
- June 1, 2027 (for Project grants and Operating Support)
- September 1, 2027 (for Project grants and Folk Arts Apprenticeships)
- Live Arts Learning and Quick Assist grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Organizations legally domiciled in Alabama; 501(c)(3) nonprofit entities in good standing with Internal Revenue Service; public institutions such as schools, school boards, local or county agencies, or municipal governments; colleges and universities; individual artists in Alabama. Eligibility varies by grant program, see guidelines for complete details.

Eligible Funds: Up to \$2,500 for Quick Assist grants; up to \$5,000 for Arts in Education/Live Arts Learning grants; up to \$10,000 for Project grants; up to \$20,000 for Administrative or Consolidated Project grants and Arts in Education curriculum-based project grants; up to \$100,000 for Arts Facilities grants.

Source of Funds: State and federal

Program Uses: Alabama State Council on the Arts grants allow organizations and individuals to develop locally programmed arts activities that address needs important to their communities. Visit <https://arts.alabama.gov/> to read the guidelines for the most up-to-date funding criteria.

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Application Submission Portal: <https://arts.alabama.gov/apply>

Website: <https://arts.alabama.gov/>

Program Description: Project grants support a wide range of activities and events that provide artistic experiences. Administrative Project grants offer salary support, capacity building, planning, and professional development projects. Arts Facilities grants fund enhancement of an existing venue or space; design of architectural blueprints necessary for construction; or construction for shovel-ready building or renovation of facilities.

Success Story

For many arts-focused nonprofits in Alabama, setting aside funds for essential repairs and facility upgrades while also presenting quality programming isn't possible. Arts Facilities funding addresses these critical needs, ensuring that outreach extends beyond buildings into the communities served. The Auburn Area Community Theatre upgraded seating with the support of a \$40,000 enhancement grant. The installation of custom seated risers provided each seat with an unobstructed view of the stage, and accessibility and safety were integral components of the project.

Innovate Alabama Network: Community Designation Program

Administering Agency: Innovate Alabama

Application Timeline: Various opportunities throughout the year

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Municipalities, counties and federally recognized Native American tribes.

Eligible Funds: Up to \$250,000 per application for Network Designation; up to \$750,000 per project application.

Source of Funds: State funds

Program Uses: Innovate Alabama recognizes three components to a healthy and robust innovation economy: people, place, and resources. People refer to programming and assets that help strengthen the STEM workforce, including: education opportunities, workforce development programs and others. Place refers to the assets that attract and retain STEM workers to communities. Assets and programs may include: placemaking initiatives, accelerator or incubator rehabilitation or preservation programs, among others. Lastly, resources refer to the financial or programmatic assets that directly grow or serve innovators within the community such as mentorship programs, business incubators, among others. Innovate Alabama understands that innovation activity is the result of a complex interaction between these asset categories and that the examples provided above are non-exhaustive.

Contact Information:

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Website: <https://innovatealabama.org/innovate-alabama-network/>

Program Description: The Innovate Alabama Network: Community Designation Program supports communities throughout the state who are committed to expanding innovation-related programming and assets. Expanding these initiatives will grow the Alabama economy by attracting and retaining high and mid-skilled workers; creating programming that connects entrepreneurs with innovation resources; and developing physical assets that contribute to increased quality of life and worker productivity.

Success Story

Innovate Alabama's impact is not exclusive to the state's urban centers. Through the Innovate Alabama Network, we are catalyzing innovation and entrepreneurship in every corner of the state. Marion is one of several members of the Innovate Alabama Network located in the Black Belt. With the grant money from the city of Marion's and Main Street Marion's designations, which were \$100,000 and \$125,000 respectively, they will turn a building on the downtown square into a computer lab, training facility and conference space where entrepreneurs can come to take advantage of these resources and cross-collaborate. Recognizing Marion's high unemployment rate, this project will serve as a catalyst for small business growth, local workforce enhancement and the city's transition towards a smart city environment. This project not only highlights the innovation happening in Alabama's rural communities, but also showcases the power of partnership and collaboration between two Innovate Alabama Network designees. In a statement to Black Belt News Network, Marion Mayor Dexter Hinton said, "Bringing in funding and investment to assist with revitalization efforts for our structures and training opportunities for our citizens is essential to the growth of our city and our workforce."

Tourism: Community Grants

Administering Agency: Alabama Tourism Department

Application Timeline: Available all year, but applications are due three months prior to the event

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Municipalities and non-profits

Eligible Funds: Maximum \$2,500 for festivals and \$5,000 for attractions

Match Requirement: These are reimbursement grants of approved expenses for the program uses listed below.

Source of Funds: State funds

Program Uses: Websites and free mobile applications

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Community Grants Coordinator

Alabama Tourism Department

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Program Description: The Community Grants Program provides assistance to municipal and nonprofit Alabama organizations promoting travel and vacation business to Alabama on a reimbursement basis.

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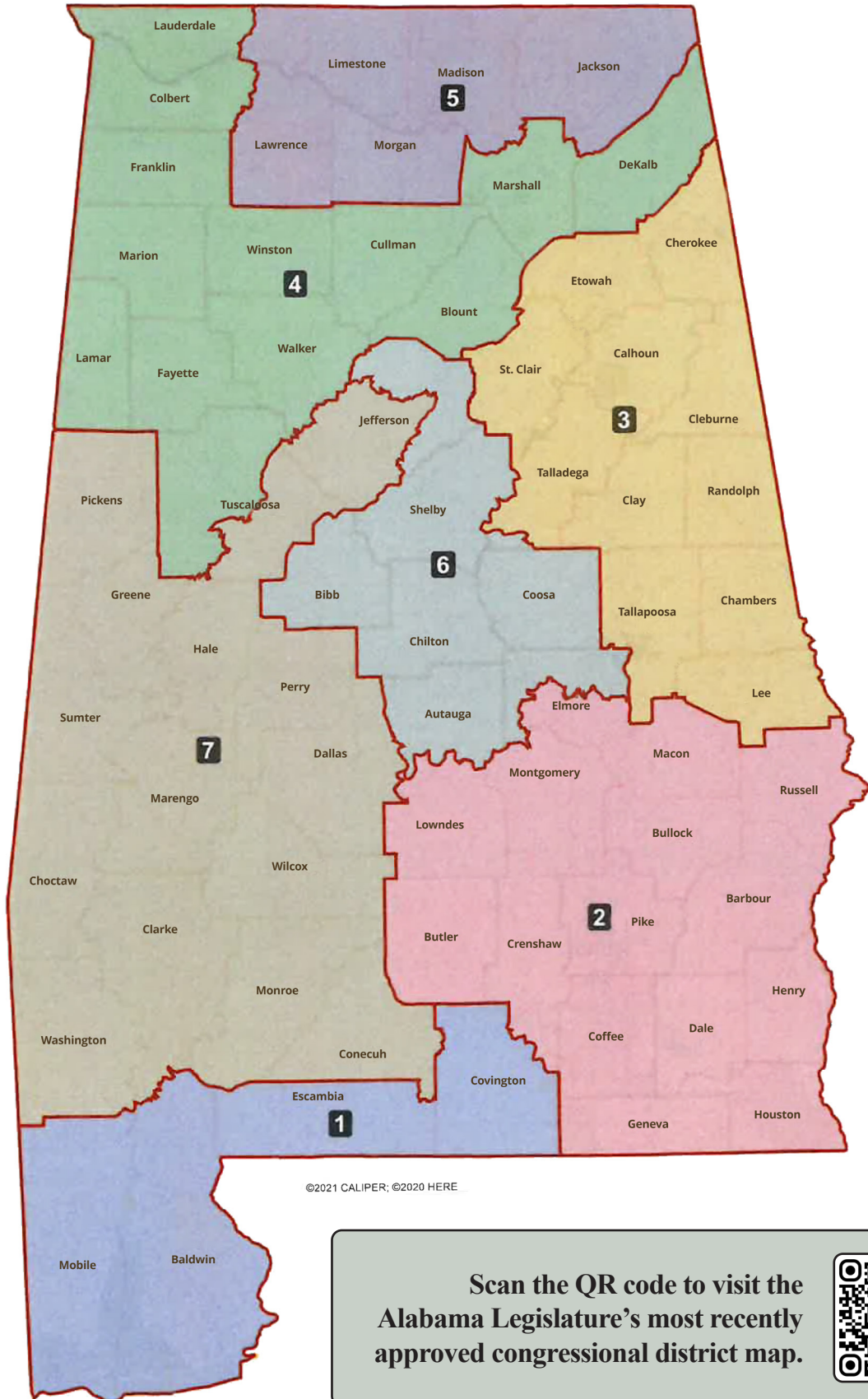


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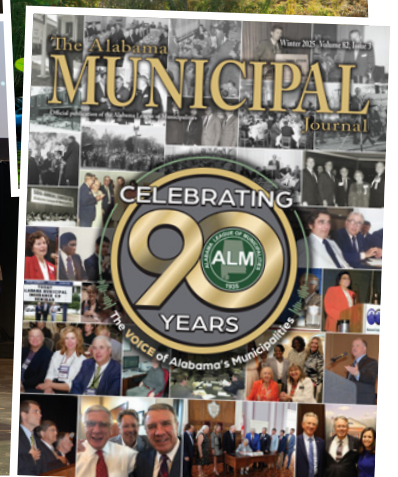
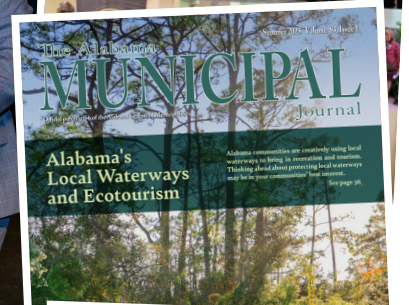
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Developed in conjunction with the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) and supported by an advisory council of industry leaders, the EDA engages elected officials from select cities and towns with municipal peers and colleagues from their region to prepare their communities for growth.

Using a collaborative municipal team approach, participants convene four times throughout the year to complete assignments and develop strategies to enhance economic development in their communities. Ultimately, each municipality selected is required to implement a community program/project and to report on its progress. Academy graduates are recognized during the ALM's annual Municipal Leadership Institute each fall with a certification via ACCS and ALM.

While only municipal officials and municipal employees are eligible to receive CMO credit, business leaders and regional economic developers are welcome to participate in the program. All participants will receive a certificate from the Alabama Community College System upon completion.



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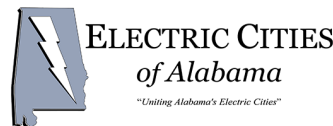
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The Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) program offers a systematic approach with the necessary technical resources and tools to help Alabama's small cities promote growth and prosperity by focusing on their distinctive assets and resources. ACE understands the uniqueness of each community, recognizing that every city has different assets, values, concerns and priorities.

Communities interested in participating in the ACE program must apply for consideration. Candidates for the ACE program are selected using a competitive application process. At the beginning of each selection process, applications are disseminated to the mayors of those communities having the qualifying population of 2,000 to 18,000.



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