

Georgia's Urban Redevelopment Act (O.C.G.A 36-61-1)

Purpose

- Gives cities broad powers to redevelop blighted or threatened areas of the community.
- Allows communities to use eminent domain to buy and assemble property for revitalization and resale.
- Does not require a referendum.
- The required Urban Redevelopment Plan (URP) is fairly easy and inexpensive to prepare and amend.
- Can be implemented either by a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) or a Redevelopment Authority appointed by the city.
- Encourages involvement of private enterprise/public private partnerships to redevelop neglected areas of the community.
- Permits use of tax exempt bonds for redevelopment purposes. These may be secured by loans and grants.
- Lets the public know what is being planned for the redevelopment area.
- Guides City investments in infrastructure to support redevelopment.
- Allows the City to negotiate variances and waive many requirements of its existing zoning and development requirements in order to achieve the optimum economic and aesthetic results in the redevelopment area.

Process

- Draft the Urban Redevelopment Plan.
- Hold a public hearing.
- Adopt the plan.
- Appoint an organization (urban redevelopment authority or DDA, city redevelopment agency) to implement the plan.
- Implement the plan.

What is an Urban Redevelopment Plan?

- A general blueprint for redevelopment and targeting of public investments in the redevelopment area. Required components of the Urban Redevelopment Plan:
- Statement that the URP is consistent with the city's comprehensive plan.
- Clearly defined boundaries of the redevelopment area (need not be contiguous).
- Explanation of negative conditions in the area necessitating redevelopment.
- The city's land use objectives for the area (types of uses, building requirements, zoning changes, and development densities).
- Description of land parcels to be acquired and structures to be demolished or rehabilitated.
- A workable plan for leveraging private resources to redevelop the area.
- A strategy for relocating any displaced residents.
- Any covenants or restrictions to be placed on properties in the redevelopment area in order to implement the plan.
- Public infrastructure to be provided – transportation, water, sewer, sidewalks, lighting, streetscapes, public recreational space, parking, etc. to support redevelopment of the area.
- A workable financial strategy for implementing the plan

Possible Funding Sources

Program Title & Description

Capital Outlay for Public School Facilities Construction

Eligible Activities:

Grants for new construction, renovation, and modifications of public school facilities.

Total Funding:

Determined annually by the Georgia General Assembly.

Maximum per Project:

Determined by project application.

Match Requirements:

10% - 25% local matching funds required.

Administering Agency/Contact

Georgia Department of Education

Facilities Services Unit
1670 Twin Towers, East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

William Jerry Rochelle, Ph.D.

(404) 656-2454

<http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/facilities/facilities.asp>

Community Development Block Grant — Loan Guarantee Program (Section 108 Program)

Eligible Activities:

Loans for:

- (a) Acquisition of improved or unimproved real property, including acquisition for economic development purposes;
- (b) Rehabilitation of real property owned or acquired by the public entity or its designated public agency;
- (c) Payment of interest on obligations guaranteed under the 108 program;
- (d) Clearance, demolition and removal, including movement of structures to other sites, of buildings and improvements on real property acquired or rehabilitated pursuant to activities a and b of this section;
- (e) Site preparation, including construction, reconstruction, or installation of public and other site improvements, utilities, or facilities (other than buildings), which is related to the re-development or use of the real property acquired or rehabilitated pursuant to activities a and b of this section, or for an economic development purpose;
- (f) Payment of issuance, underwriting, servicing, trust administration and other costs associated with private sector financing of debt obligations under the 108 program;
- (g) The acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of commercial or industrial buildings, structures, and other real property equipment and improvements, including railroad spurs or similar extensions.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

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Atlanta, GA 30329

Office of Economic Development
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/section108.html>

Program Title & Description

(h) The provision of assistance to a private for-profit business, including, but not limited to loans and other forms of support where the assistance is appropriate to carry out an economic development project, excluding those described as ineligible in CFR Part 570.207(a). In selecting businesses to assist under this authority, the recipient shall minimize, to the extent practicable, displacement of existing businesses and jobs in neighborhoods. (i) A debt service reserve to be used in accordance with requirements specified in the contract entered into pursuant to CFR Part 570.705(b)(1); and (j) Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), public streets, sidewalks, and other site improvements and public utilities.

Total Funding:

Twenty percent (20%) of its current and future CDBG allocations

Maximum per Project:

\$5,000,000

Match Requirements:

N/A

Administering Agency/Contact

Community Development Block Grant Program — Regular Round

Eligible Activities:

Grants for housing improvement projects, public facilities such as water and sewer lines, buildings such as local health centers or headstart centers, and economic development projects.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$37 million available for the annual competition.

Maximum per Project:

Single-Activity: \$500,000; Multi-Activity: \$800,000

Match Requirements:

- Grants up to \$300,000, or grants for single activity housing projects - no matching funds required.
- Grants of \$300,000 to \$500,000 – 5% local matching funds required.
- Grants of more than \$500,000 – 10% local matching funds required.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Office of Grant Administration
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/grants/grantprogram.html>

Program Title & Description

Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP)

Eligible Activities:

Grants to stimulate the creation of local public/private partnerships whose goals are to expand the availability of decent, safe, sanitary, energy efficient, and affordable housing within the community.

Total Funding:

\$3,000,000

Maximum per Project:

\$300,000

Match Requirements:

N/A

Administering Agency/Contact

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

Office of Grant Administration
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/grants/homeinvestment.html>

Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF)

Eligible Activities:

Loans to non-entitlement cities and counties for small and middle-size communities in implementing quality downtown development projects.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$2.3 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

\$200,000

Match Requirements:

N/A

Other:

Interest Rate: below-market rates, depending on project requirement
Repayment Period: up to 20 years, depending on the assets financed and project requirements.
Security: usually project collateral and backing by the applicant.

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<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/ddrlf2.html>

Employment Incentive Program

Eligible Activities:

Grants for local projects intended to facilitate and enhance job creation and/or retention, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$5 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

\$500,000

Match Requirements:

Dollar for dollar private leverage minimum.

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(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/eip.html>

Program Title & Description

Georgia Cities Foundation Program

Eligible Activities:

Loans to cities requesting financial assistance in their efforts to revitalize and enhance their downtown areas.

Total Funding:

Not to exceed one-third of the project cost

Maximum per Project:

\$250,000

Match Requirements:

Interest Rate: Below-market rates

Repayment Period:

generally not to exceed 15 years Project collateral and backing by the cities and Downtown Development Authority.

Administering Agency/Contact

Georgia Cities Foundation

201 Pryor St., SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Linda Wilkes
(888) 488-4462
lwilkes@gmanet.com

<http://www.gmanet.com/gcf/>

Georgia Commission for National and Community Service/AmeriCorps State – could find no \$\$

Eligible Activities:

Grants to meet community service needs which match national need areas as determined annually by the Corporation for National Service.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$4.4 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

Varies dependent on need.

Match Requirements:

15% local matching funds required.

Georgia Commission for National and Community Service

60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

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jmarshal@dca.state.ga.us

Office of Housing Planning & Administration
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/index.html>

Georgia Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Housing Program

Eligible Activities:

Loans for predevelopment activities (CHDO Predevelopment Loan Program), acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation of rental housing developments for multi-family, special needs, and elderly tenants of 20 or more units that are targeted to low-income housing.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$3.0 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

\$2,800,000

Match Requirements:

N/A

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

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Office of Housing Planning & Administration
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/index.html>

Program Title & Description

Georgia Heritage Grants

Eligible Activities:

Grants to assist eligible applicants with the rehabilitation of Georgia Register-listed historic properties and related activities.

Total Funding:

\$300,000 for FY2002, \$250,000 for Development Projects, \$50,000 for Predevelopment Projects.

Maximum per Project:

\$40,000 for Development Projects, \$20,000 for Predevelopment Projects.

Match Requirements:

40% local matching funds required.

Administering Agency/Contact

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Historic Preservation Division
156 Trinity Avenue, SW
Suite 101
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Cherie Bennett
(404) 651-5181
cherie_bennett@mail.dnr.state.ga.us

<http://www.betterhometown.org/news/2003ghg.html>

Grassroots Arts Program

Eligible Activities:

Grants to arts organizations and other groups to support Grassroots arts activities that broaden and deepen public participation in the arts.

Total Funding:

N/A

Maximum per Project:

\$2,000

Match Requirements:

N/A

Georgia Council for the Arts

260 14th Street, NW
Suite 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30318
(404) 685-2787

http://www.gaarts.org/grants_programs/gap_program/index.html

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Home Buyer Program

Eligible Activities:

Loans at fixed, below market interest rates to qualified low to moderate-income home buyers.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$120 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

Individual maximum loan amounts vary by type of unit (new or existing), location, and type of loan (FHA, VA, RECD, or Conventional).

Match Requirements:

N/A

60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Office of Homeownership
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/index.html>

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Program Title & Description

HOME CHDO Loan Program

Eligible Activities:

Loans for construction financing and/or permanent financing for the costs of constructing or rehabilitating rental housing as defined in the State of Georgia's 1999 Qualified Allocation Plan. Rental dwelling units financed through the program must be affordable by low-to-moderate-income households as defined in the State of Georgia's 1999 Qualified Allocation Plan, the OAHD Application Manual, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Final Rule (24 CFR Part 92).

Total Funding:

\$13,000,000 in FY2002

Maximum per Project:

\$2,000,000 in non-Rural counties and \$2,800,000 in Rural counties

Match Requirements:

N/A

Administering Agency/Contact

60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

Office of Housing Planning & Administration
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/index.html>

HOME CHDO Predevelopment Loan Program

Eligible Activities:

Loans for the predevelopment costs associated with a CHDO Program-eligible project, incurred up to the closing of the CHDO Program loan (construction and permanent debt financing), as listed in the Sources and Uses Form (CHDO-025) in the Application. These costs include, but are not limited to, market study and title search costs which are incurred before applying for CHDO Program funds, and environmental review and appraisal costs which are incurred after being approved for CHDO Program funds.

Total Funding:

\$150,000

Maximum per Project:

\$45,000

Match Requirements:

N/A

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

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Office of Housing Planning & Administration
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/chdopre.html>

Program Title & Description

HOME CHDO Permanent Supportive Housing Program

Eligible Activities:

Grants to create the best possible projects recognizing the difficulty of coordinating the activities necessary for special needs populations.

Total Funding:

\$5.2 Million

Maximum per Project:

N/A

Match Requirements:

N/A

Other:

Application deadline is December 31, 2002

Administering Agency/Contact

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

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Atlanta, GA 30329

Office of Housing Planning & Administration
(404) 679-4940

http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/pshp_nofa_memo.html

HOME Rental Housing Loan Program

Eligible Activities:

Loans for construction financing and/or permanent financing for the costs of constructing or rehabilitating rental housing as defined in the State of Georgia's 1999 Qualified Allocation Plan. Rental dwelling units financed through the program must be affordable by low-to-moderate-income households as defined in the State of Georgia's 1999 Qualified Allocation Plan, the OAHD Application Manual, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Final Rule (24 CFR Part 92).

Total Funding:

\$13,000,000

Maximum per Project:

\$2,000,000 in non-Rural counties and \$2,800,000 in Rural counties.

Match Requirements:

N/A

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

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Office of Housing Planning & Administration
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/homerental.html>

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Eligible Activities:

Grants for acquisition of real property and development of facilities for general-purpose outdoor recreation.

Total Funding:

Dependent upon annual congressional appropriations.

Maximum per Project:

Varies year to year based on appropriations.

Match Requirements:

50% local matching funds required.

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division
Grants Administration and Planning
205 Butler Street, SE
Suite 1352
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Antoinette Norfleet
(404) 656-3830

<http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/lwcf/grants.html>

Program Title & Description

Local Development Fund

Eligible Activities:

Grants to fund community improvement activities of local governments in Georgia

Total Funding:

Approximately \$617,500 per year.

Maximum per Project:

\$10,000 for single community projects; \$20,000 for multi-community projects.

Match Requirements:

A 50% cash or in-kind match is required

Administering Agency/Contact

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

60 Executive Park South, NE
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Office of Downtown and Community Services
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/grants/developfund.html>

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program

Eligible Activities:

Federal income tax incentives for the following activities:

- Acquisition – To qualify for the acquisition Credit, the building must have been last placed in service at least 10 years prior to application — certain exceptions apply — and must involve rehabilitation.
- Rehabilitation – To qualify for the rehabilitation Credit, rehabilitation expenditures chargeable to capital account must equal the greater of 10 percent of the building's adjusted basis or average at least \$10,000 per low-income unit.
- New construction.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$14.2 million of annual federal credit authority with a matching amount of state credit available.

Maximum per Project:

An annual Credit of approximately thirty percent (30%) of the present value of depreciable basis for developments involving acquisition, and an annual Credit of approximately seventy percent (70%) of the present value of depreciable basis for developments involving new construction or rehabilitation.

Match Requirements:

N/A

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

Office of Affordable Housing
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/lihtc.html>

Program Title & Description

OneGeorgia Equity Fund Program

Eligible Activities:

Grants and loans to finance activities that will assist in preparation for economic development. Eligible projects include traditional economic development projects such as water and sewer projects, road, rail and airport improvements and industrial parks as well as workforce development projects, technology development or tourism development proposals, just to name a few. Applications considered for projects in Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 (with conditions) counties only.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$10 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

\$500,000

Match Requirements:

N/A

Other:

Application deadlines are:

- January 28, 2002/Awarded April 17, 2002
- May 28, 2002/Awarded August 13, 2002
- September 30, 2001/Awarded December 10, 2002

Administering Agency/Contact

OneGeorgia Authority

1202-B Hillcrest Parkway
Dublin, Georgia 31021
(478) 274-7734

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/onegeorgia/funds.html>

OneGeorgia Regional E-9-1-1 Fund

Eligible Activities:

Grants and loans to finance activities that assist the mostly rural counties in Georgia that are currently without enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone services ("E-9-1-1"). This manual should clearly define the role of the Regional E-9-1-1 Fund as a program to provide financial assistance including grants and any other forms of assistance authorized by (O.C.G.A.50- 34-1 et seq.). Such assistance will finance activities to assist applicants in promoting the health, welfare, safety, and economic security of the citizens of the state through the provision of E-9-1-1 services on a regional basis to counties currently unserved or under-served in this area.

Total Funding:

N/A

Maximum per Project:

Award limits will be based on the number of counties participating within a particular project as follows:

- a) Two counties – maximum of \$400,000 per project;
- b) Three counties – maximum of \$500,000 per project;
- c) Four counties – maximum of \$600,000 per project; and
- d) Five or more counties – maximum of \$700,000.

Match Requirements:

N/A

OneGeorgia Authority

1202-B Hillcrest Parkway
Dublin, Georgia 31021
(478) 274-7734

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/onegeorgia/funds.html>

Program Title & Description

OneGeorgia EDGE Fund Program

Eligible Activities:

The purpose of the EDGE Fund is to provide financial assistance to eligible applicants that are being considered as a relocation or expansion site and are competing with another state for location of a project; and, where the EDGE Fund is used when the health, welfare, safety and economic security of the citizens of the state are promoted through the development and/or retention of employment opportunities.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$10 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

N/A

Match Requirements:

N/A

Administering Agency/Contact

OneGeorgia Authority

1200-B Hillcrest Parkway • Dublin, Georgia 31021
(478) 274-7734

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/onegeorgia/funds.html>

Organizational Grants

Eligible Activities:

Grants designed to provide support to arts organizations and other groups administering arts projects.

Total Funding:

N/A

Maximum per Project:

\$5,000

Match Requirements:

25% local matching funds required.

Georgia Council for the Arts

260 14th Street, NW
Suite 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30318
(404) 685-2787

http://www.gaarts.org/grants_programs/organizational_grants/index.html

OwnHOME Program

Eligible Activities:

Loans for first-time home buyers with a deferred payment to cover most of the down payment, closing costs and prepaid expenses associated with their home purchase.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$3 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

\$5,000

Match Requirements:

1.5% personal matching funds required.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Office of Homeownership
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/index.html>

Program Title & Description

Public Library Capital Outlay Grant Program -

Eligible Activities:

Grant program providing financial and consultant assistance for the construction of public library facilities.

Total Funding:

Dependent upon annual appropriation.

Maximum per Project:

\$2,000,000

Match Requirements:

10 – 15% local matching funds required.

Administering Agency/Contact

Georgia Department of Education

Office of Public Library Services
1800 Century Place, NE
Suite 150
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

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(404) 982-3560

Quality Growth Grant Program

Eligible Activities:

Grants for projects directly promoting growth management concepts, infill housing, brownfield redevelopment, or similar projects that discourage urban sprawl; preparation of local ordinances, regulations, or inter-governmental agreements promoting growth preparedness, sustainable development, and other quality growth strategies; public education on quality growth topics; programs to preserve community heritage, sense of place, and regional identity; alternative/multi-modal transportation facilities; preservation of critical environmental resources, wildlife habitat, prime farmland, or sensitive ecosystems; start up cost of new programs for implementing quality growth initiatives; and physical development projects that are particularly critical to local implementation of quality growth.

Total Funding:

\$150,000 for FY2003.

Maximum per Project:

\$25,000

Match Requirements:

Dollar for dollar local-matching funds required.

Other:

Application deadlines each year are:

- November 15th
- May 15th

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

Office of Quality Growth
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/grants/qualitygrowthgrant.html>

Program Title & Description

Recreation Assistance Fund (RAF)

Eligible Activities:

Grants for the purchase of real property, facility development or rehabilitation of existing facilities to increase the local supply of public recreation lands and/or facilities.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$1 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

\$12,500

Match Requirements:

N/A

Administering Agency/Contact

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division
Grants Administration and Planning
205 Butler Street, SE
Suite 1352
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Antoinette Norfleet
(404) 656-3830

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Eligible Activities:

Grants for acquisition and/or development (80% federal / 20% local) of motorized and non-motorized recreational trails including new trail construction, maintenance/ rehabilitation of existing trails, trail-side and trail-head facilities.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$1.3 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

\$100,000

Match Requirements:

20% local matching funds required.

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division
Grants Administration and Planning
205 Butler Street
Suite 1352
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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(404) 656-3830

Regional Assistance Program (RAP)

Eligible Activities:

Grants for Regional Economic Development

Total Funding:

\$1,128,125 per year.

Maximum per Project:

\$500,000

Match Requirements:

- Applicants for facilities and construction grants in local governments within Tier 1 counties or in joint development authorities including a Tier 1 county are not required to match the requested grant amount.
- Applicants for facilities and construction grants in local governments within Tier 2 counties or in joint development authorities including a Tier 2 county must match at least one-quarter (25%) of the requested grant amount.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

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Office of Economic Development
(404) 679-4940

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/rap.html>

Program Title & Description

- Applicants for facilities and construction grants in local governments within Tier 3 counties or in joint development authorities including a Tier 3 county must match at least one-half (50%) of the requested grant amount.
- Applicants for facilities and construction grants in local governments within Tier 4 counties or in joint development authorities including a Tier 4 county must match an equal or greater amount of the requested grant amount.
- Applicants for grants for multi-county activities that do not involve construction must match at least one half (50%) of the requested grant amount.

Administering Agency/Contact

Rural Rental Housing Development Fund (RRHDF)

Eligible Activities:

Construction financing and permanent financing for the costs of constructing up to ten (10) units of new rental housing, including land acquisition, hard construction costs, and soft costs. Rental dwelling units financed through the RRHDF must be affordable by low and moderate-income households as defined in the Manual and this Program Description.

Total Funding:

\$4.2 Million

Maximum per Project:

\$600,000

Match Requirements:

Required to provide cash equity equal to the level of operating reserves required by underwriting (approximately \$20,000).

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

Office of Housing Planning & Administration
(404) 679-4940

http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/rrhdf_memo.html

Transportation Enhancement Program

Eligible Activities:

Federal grants for twelve categories of transportation enhancement activities.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$23 million per year.

Maximum per Project:

\$1,000,000

Match Requirements:

20% local matching funds required.

Georgia Department of Transportation

Planning Division
No. 2 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Rhonda Britt, Joy Still, or Cindy VanDyke
(404) 657-6914 or (404) 656-5726

<http://www.dot.state.ga.us/dot/plan-prog/planning/projects/te/index.shtml#projsel>

Program Title & Description

Title II – Eisenhower Professional Development Program Competitive Grants

Eligible Activities:

Grants for demonstration and exemplary projects for improving instruction in mathematics and science.

Total Funding:

Approximately \$12,130,000 per year.

Maximum per Project:

Determined by project application.

Match Requirements:

33% local matching funds required.

Administering Agency/Contact

Georgia Department of Education

Division of School Support
1852 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Brendon Long
(404) 657-8300

Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program

Eligible Activities:

Grants designed to encourage citizen involvement in creating and supporting long-term and sustained urban and community forestry programs throughout the state.

Total Funding:

\$300,000 annually

Maximum per Project:

\$20,000

Match Requirements

The federal funds are awarded on a matching basis. Federal funds must be a least 100% matched by the grantee. The non-federal share of such support must be in the form of in-kind contributions or cash. Sources of the non-federal match must not be used as a match for any other federal cost-share project.

Georgia Forestry Commission

Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program
5645 Riggins Mill Road
Dry Branch, Georgia 31020

Susan Reisch
(912) 298-3935

<http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/Services/UCF/FinancialAssistanceProgram.cfm>