



Applying for EDA Investments: *Eligibility Requirements & Criteria*

Who is eligible to apply?

- Eligible applicants must be a state, a political subdivision of a state, district organization, Indian tribe, institution of higher education, or a non-profit acting in coordination with a political subdivision of a state.

What criteria and requirements must be met to apply?

- Certain economic distress criteria must be met (for Public Works or Economic Adjustment investments):
 1. an unemployment rate that is, for the most recent twenty-four (24) month period of which data is available, at least one (1) percent greater than the national average unemployment rate; or
 2. per capita income that is, for the most recent period for which data is available, eighty (80) percent or less of the national average per capita income; or
 3. a “special need” (certain unemployment or economic adjustment problems) as determined by EDA.
- Proposals must be based on a locally developed comprehensive economic development strategy (for Public Works or Economic Adjustment investments).
- Cost sharing or matching is required; generally, the amount of the EDA investment may not exceed fifty (50) percent of the total cost of the project.

Where do you apply?

- Proposals and applications must be submitted to <http://www.grants.gov/> or to the appropriate EDA regional office.

When can you apply?

- Proposals are accepted on a continuing (i.e., “rolling”) basis and applications are invited and processed as received.

How are the proposals evaluated?

- Proposals are evaluated based on certain investment policy guidelines and funding priority considerations.

For more information on EDA’s application requirements and criteria, please visit our web site at www.eda.gov