



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):
 - an unemployment rate that is, for the most recent twenty-four (24) month period of which data is available, or
 - at least one (1) percent greater than the national average unemployment rate; or 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
 - 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 or equivalent document (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.
- For more information on EDA Federal Funding Opportunities, visit <http://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/index.htm>

When can you apply?

- EDA accepts applications at any point and will work closely with applicants to provide feedback and responses on funding decision in a timely manner. In addition, EDA accepts project proposals before requiring full applications.

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

