EDA leads transformational job creation and industry growth efforts in communities across the nation to foster resilient and competitive regional economies.
Guided by the basic principle that sustainable economic development should be locally-driven, EDA partners with communities and regions to build capacity based on local conditions and needs.

Through its network of regionally based staff and portfolio of flexible grant tools, EDA helps communities take control of their future and position themselves for economic prosperity and resiliency.

**Key Investment Areas & Programs:**
- Public Works
- Economic Adjustment Assistance
- Local Technical Assistance
- University Centers
- Trade Adjustment Assistance
- Indigenous Community Investment
- Coal Community Development
- Tech Hubs
- Recompete Pilot Program
- Disaster Supplemental Assistance
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship

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Access to Grants & Funding

EDA provides economic development funding opportunities to communities to spur growth, job creation, innovation, and regional competitiveness in a way that works best for them.

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Best Practices

Successful regional economic development takes partners from the public and private sector, academia, and community coalitions sharing what works. EDA’s convening power helps these communities connect to share best practices.

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Capacity Building

From initial planning to advanced technical assistance, EDA supports communities of every size to help ensure they maximize the impact of every investment.

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ABCs of EDA
How we make a difference

1 / Equity
Supporting underserved populations, including minority communities, Tribal Lands, Persistent Poverty Counties, and rural areas with demonstrated, historical underservice.

2 / Recovery and Resilience
Facilitating the timely and effective delivery of Federal assistance to support long-term community recovery, redevelopment and resilience.

3 / Workforce Development
Planning and implementing workforce education and skills training that result in well-paying, quality jobs.

4 / Manufacturing
Increasing American manufacturing competitiveness and domestic production of innovative, high-value products and production technologies.

5 / Technology-Based Economic Development
Fostering regional knowledge ecosystems that support entrepreneurs and startups, to ensure the innovations and jobs of tomorrow start and remain in America today.

6 / Environmentally-Sustainable Development
Addressing the climate crisis through the development and implementation of green products, processes, places, and buildings.

7 / Exports and Foreign Direct Investments
Enhancing and building community assets to support growth in US exports or increased foreign direct investment.
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