



# **FY25 Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity**

Webinar 2:  
Readiness Path

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# U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

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EDA leads the federal economic development agenda by **promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.**

**The FY25 Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** makes approximately \$1.45 billion in funding available to American communities with major disaster declarations due to hurricanes, wildfires, severe storms, flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024.

# FY25 Disaster Webinar Series

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Webinar 1	Webinar 2	Webinar 3	Webinar 4	Webinar 5
NOFO Overview	Readiness Path	Implementation Path	Industry Transformation Path	Applying in EDGE

[www.EDA.gov](http://www.EDA.gov)

# Three Funding Pathways: Available Funding

Readiness	Implementation	Industry Transformation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Non-construction grants generally ranging from \$250,000 - \$500,000</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Non-construction grants generally ranging from \$100,000 - \$5 million. Construction grants generally ranging from \$2 million to \$20+ million</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A <b>portfolio</b> of construction and/or non-construction grants generally ranging from \$20 million to \$50 million</li></ul>
<i>Deadline: Rolling until fund exhausted</i>	<i>Deadline: Rolling until fund exhausted</i>	<i>Deadline: March 3, 2026 at 5 pm Eastern</i>

# EDA's Disaster Funding Objective

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The FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program is not just about rebuilding—it's about transforming local economies after a disaster, with an emphasis on improving communities' economic outcomes and resilience to future disasters

## **Readiness Grants Objective:**

Support community readiness to apply for or implement disaster recovery funding from private and public sources. Successful Readiness projects increase the quality or likelihood of success of future economic development and disaster recovery projects.

# Readiness Projects

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- **Strategy Development**

- Better identify and prepare for future economic development projects through early coordination, outreach and planning
- Lay foundation for future transformational projects and other public and private investment

- **Organizational Capacity Building**

- Fund key staffing capacity to manage and move recovery efforts forward
- Example: funding a Disaster Recovery Coordinator

- **Pre-Development Costs**

- Support a wide variety of pre-project costs, including but not limited to permitting, preliminary engineering reports, environmental documents, impact assessments

# EDA's Competitive Process

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- EDA grants are competitive. EDA expects many more applications than funds available.
- EDA encourages applicants to apply as soon as they are ready. Funding for Readiness Grants is available until expended.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to ensure that they are both eligible *and* competitive. That means they should thoroughly read the NOFO and submit a responsive application that meets all the requirements and tells a compelling story about the impacts the project is intended to realize.

# Applicant Eligibility - Location & Organization

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A project must be located in, primarily serve, or demonstrably benefit one or more communities in areas that received a major disaster designation for events occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024.

Check eligible locations here: [www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations)

## Eligible Entities:

- District organizations
- Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian tribes
- States, counties, cities, or other political subdivision of a state
- Institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private nonprofit
- Economic development organizations
- Public-private partnerships for public infrastructure



# Applicant Eligibility - Matching Share

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- EDA generally expects to fund up to 80% of the eligible total defined project costs.
- Match for Readiness grants can be either cash or in-kind. To be eligible, Matching Share means funds that are:
  - Available
  - Committed
  - Unrestricted

# **NOFO Content to Know**



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# Eligible Project Types

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- Readiness projects must be non-construction
- Readiness projects may not directly advance:
  - Residential / Housing Development
  - Community amenities like pools, zoos, recreational centers
  - Casinos / Gaming Facilities

*(Refer to NOFO for additional information on project type and consult your EDR with questions)*
- Except for Readiness Strategy applicants, the project should be aligned with the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or CEDS equivalent.

# Review and Selection Process

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Readiness Path applications will be accepted until funding exhausted.



- Technical Review – Confirms eligibility and evaluates application completeness
- Investment Review Committee – Evaluates competitiveness of applications against evaluation criteria

# Award Criteria

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Readiness applications will be reviewed based on four award criteria, weighed equally:

1. **Disaster Recovery and Community Need** - Clearly articulates an understanding of community's disaster recovery needs
2. **Project Strategy** - Addresses capacity needs to better prepare and meet community's future needs.
3. **Feasibility** - Is likely to succeed
4. **Performance Goals and Measures of Success** - Is impactful in driving economic recovery and helping to move the community toward project readiness

\* See NOFO pp. 38-39 and Appendix 1 for more detail including specific questions for different readiness grants.

# Tips for Preparing an Application



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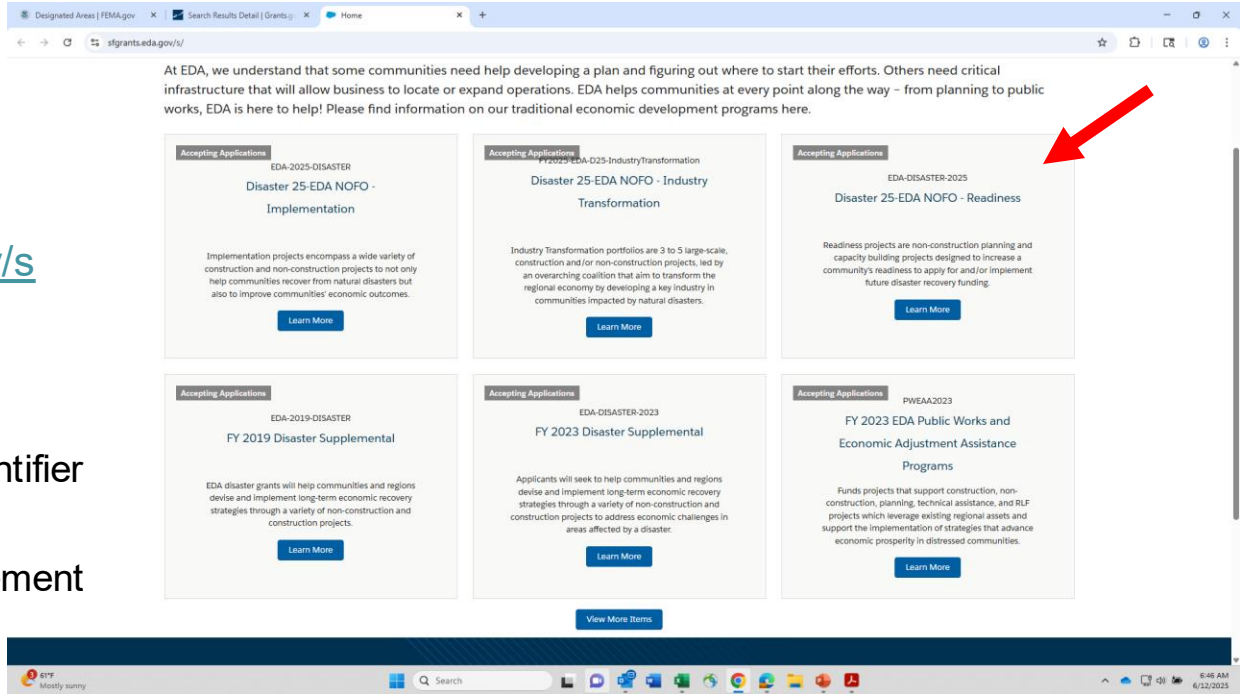
# Complete Application

EDA grant applications should be submitted electronically through the EDA grant portal:

<https://sfgrants.eda.gov/s>

Required:

- Valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- System Award Management (SAM) Registration



# Complete Application Elements

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- **SF-424** (includes Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number)
- **SF-424A Federal Non-Construction Budget Form**
- **SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying** if applicable
- **CD-511 Certification Regarding Lobbying**
- **ED-900 General Application**
- **Impact and Engagement Narrative** – 3 pages, 11-point font, single spaced, 1-inch margins
  - Clearly articulates how the proposed readiness project helps the applicant, or the impacted communities be more competitive, mature, and better prepared to receive or implement funding.
- **Budget Narrative**
- **Match Documentation**
- **CEDS documentation**
- **Copy of relevant FEMA Disaster Declaration** (Upload PDF to application)
- **Indirect Cost Rate Documentation** (if applicable)
- **State Point of Contact Compliance Documentation**, if applicable.
- **Organizational Documents for nonprofits** (includes Bylaws, Art. of Incorporation, Certificate of Good Standing)



# Fully Complete Form ED-900

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**In addition to the information requested in the instructions to Form ED-900, the applicant should use:**

- *Section B.4 – Explain how the project is consistent with the economic resilience investment priority.*
- *Section C.1 - Clearly identify the location of the project and briefly detail how and why the proposed project benefits an eligible designated area.*
- *Section D.1 - Specify the eligible disaster.*
- *Section D.3 - Identify the relevant regional CEDS or, if there is no CEDS, to attach the relevant strategic planning document with which the project aligns (often referred to as a CEDS-equivalent plan) (see section A.6)*
- *Section D.4 - Specify how the project is consistent with the economic resilience investment priority; detail how the proposed project will align with and support the economic development needs and objectives outlined in the CEDS (or CEDS-equivalent plan); and, if applicable, describe how the proposed project will complement, leverage, and otherwise align with other public and private investments to accomplish the planned deliverables and outcomes of the scope of work (see sections A.2, A.5, and A.6)*

# Interested in Applying?

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- [Read the full NOFO](#)
- [Read the Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Review the series of FY25 Disaster Webinars](#)
- Engage your Economic Development Representative (EDR)
  - To search for your EDR by state, go to "Find Local Contacts":  
<https://www.eda.gov/contact>

**Thank you**



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