



FY25 Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity

Webinar 3:
Implementation Path

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U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

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.



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Three Funding Pathways: Available Funding

Readiness	Implementation	Industry Transformation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-construction grants generally ranging from \$250,000 - \$500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-construction grants generally ranging from \$100,000 - \$5 million.Construction grants generally ranging from \$2 million to \$20 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A portfolio of 3-5 construction or non-construction grants generally ranging from \$20 million to \$50 million
<i>Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing (rolling) basis.</i>	<i>Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing (rolling) basis.</i>	<i>Deadline: March 3, 2026 at 5pm Eastern</i>

EDA's Disaster Funding Objective

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.

Implementation Path Objective:

Construction or non-construction projects that address the economic challenges following a disaster and **improve economic trajectories** beyond pre-disaster economic conditions.

Eligibility - Location & Organization

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

Eligible applicants:

- 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 nonprofits acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state
- Economic development organizations
- Public-private partnerships for public infrastructure

Implementation Project Examples

Critical Infrastructure

- Public infrastructure replacement/new construction and upgrades to harden or build capacity

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- Support the development or expansion of innovation – business incubators/accelerators, commercialization, and proof of concept centers

Business Lending

- Capitalization and recapitalization of revolving loan funds (RLFs)

Workforce Development

- Workforce training programs, equipment and facilities

Recovery and Planning

- Activities intended to create or expand foreign direct investment (FDI), trade or export initiatives
- Activities intended to spur or accelerate large-scale industry investment

Critical Infrastructure

Infrastructure projects can take a wide variety of forms to address the post-disaster needs of a community. Below are some general examples, however contact your Economic Development Representative to discuss the details of a potential project:

- Railway spurs
- Ports
- Industrial park infrastructure
- Utility distribution lines
- Broadband network components
- Water and sewer infrastructure
- Road and transportation infrastructure

Matching Fund Requirements

- EDA generally expects to fund up to 80% of the eligible total defined project costs.
- Match for Implementation grants can be either cash or in-kind.
- Matching share funds must:
 - Be committed to the project
 - Be available as needed
 - Not be encumbered in any way that would prevent them from being used to pay project expenses

Investment and Policy Commitments

- Implementation Path applicants are **strongly encouraged** to secure investment and/or policy commitments

Match ≠ Investment Commitment

- Examples of Investment and/or Policy Commitments:
 - **Direct Contributions (Cash):** funding to support a component project (not already counted as match) or a new fund for small businesses.
 - **Indirect Contributions (In-Kind):** employee staff time, use of lab or office space or software (not already counted as match).
 - **Policy Commitments:** an industry commitment to place trained workers; private-sector commitments to recruit in neighborhoods heavily impacted or damaged by a disaster; data sharing agreements; policies that help to ensure sufficient workforce housing, particularly for individuals in the target industry.
 - See **Appendix II of the NOFO** for a helpful template commitment letter.

NOFO Content to Know



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Making an Application Competitive

Strong Implementation projects not only address the recovery needs of impacted communities **but also** generate additional private investment and job opportunities to propel the region forward.

Depending on a community's level of impact and distress following a disaster there may be additional ways to demonstrate economic growth such as:

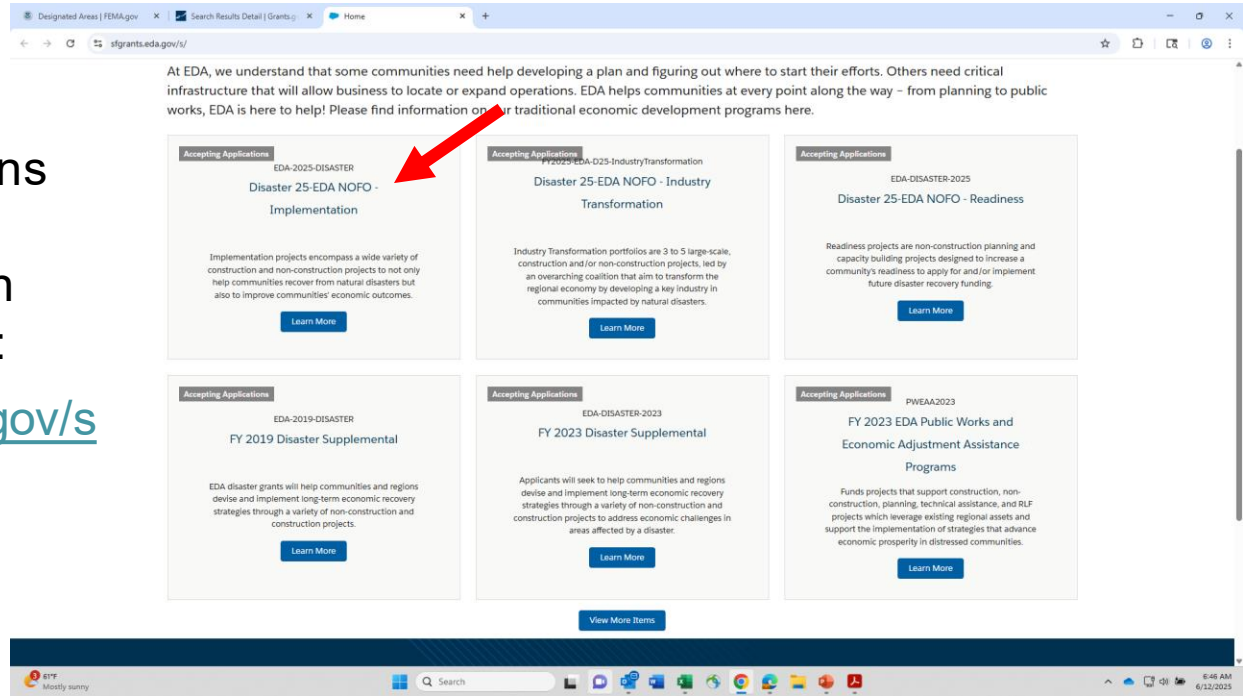
- Growing the tax base
- Increasing participation in the labor force
- Preparing workers for high skilled and high wage jobs
- Reopening and expanding businesses

Ensure you highlight your project's impact persuasively with supporting data in your Impact and Engagement Narrative

Complete Application

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

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



Applying – Key Application Elements

- Impact and Engagement Narrative
- Complete Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM) registration
- Match Documentation
- Organizational Documentation (if applicable)
- Documentation of Investment/Policy Commitments (if applicable)
- Project-specific package* (required forms and documentation depend on type of project: Construction, Non-Construction, Design & Engineering, RLF. Refer to Table B in the NOFO for specific form lists)
- **Please refer to the NOFO for a full list of application requirements**

Applying – Impact and Engagement Narrative

Up to 7-page narrative describing how the EDA funded project, alongside other capital commitments and support, will not only help the community recover but also improve economic outcomes to exceed previous pre-disaster conditions.

The narrative must include the following sections:

- Section 1: Executive Summary
- Section 2: Disaster Impact Description
- Section 3: Project Impact Description
- Section 4: Engagement Description
- Section 5: Commitment(s) (if applicable)

Review and Selection Process

Implementation 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

Competitiveness – Evaluation Criteria

Implementation applications will be reviewed based on four evaluation criteria, weighted equally:

1. **Disaster Recovery and Community Need** – Demonstrates understanding of damage and economic loss due to disaster and pre-disaster economic conditions
2. **Project Strategy** – Considers regional assets, conditions pre- and post- disaster, stakeholder engagement, and CEDS alignment
3. **Feasibility** – Leadership capacity, realistic and appropriate budget, likelihood of achieving outcomes, match availability
4. **Performance Goals and Measures of Success** – Milestones and indicators of success are ambitious, achievable, clear, and measurable

Ready to Apply?

- 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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