

Most Common Grants for Local Requests

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants>

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations.

Community Development Block Grant Program

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1209 general units of local government and States.

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings.

Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program

US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

US Department of Justice (DOJ)- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

<https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview>

The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

Illinois Department of Human Services (IL DHS)

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=115810>

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) renames the Emergency Shelter Grant and broadens existing emergency shelter and homelessness prevention activities and adds short and medium-term rental assistance and services to rapidly re-house homeless people.

Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards>

The Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations. In 2005, Congress reauthorized funding for FP&S and expanded the eligible uses of funds to include Firefighter Safety Research and Development.

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-opportunities/ITEP>

The goal of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) is to allocate resources to well-planned projects that provide and support alternate modes of transportation, enhance the transportation system through preservation of visual and cultural resources and improve the quality of life for members of the communities.

Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

US Economic Development Administration (EDA)

<https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs provide economically distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible resources to address a wide variety of economic needs. Projects funded by these programs will support work in Opportunity Zones and will support the mission of the Department by, among other things, leading to the creation and retention of jobs and increased private investment, advancing innovation, enhancing the manufacturing capacities of regions, providing workforce development opportunities, and growing ecosystems that attract foreign direct investment.

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

US Department of Transportation (US DOT)

<https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>

RAISE provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives.

Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer>

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/il>

This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.