

Technical Assistance Resources



This tool aims to assist Georgia cities in identifying sources of technical assistance for the following:



Grant writing and administration

In some cases, cities have funding needs that could be met by a grant, but they don't have the resources or the expertise to apply for such funding.



Specific issue areas, e.g. flood mitigation or brownfields assessments, where a grant may not be the most appropriate solution.

In other cases, cities have community needs that do not necessarily demand additional funding. Rather, they need technical advice, help with planning or other forms of guidance to move forward. State and federal agencies do offer free or low-cost assistance for communities. This may even set them up for a grant award in the future.

This tool gathers as many of these technical assistance opportunities into one repository so your city does not have to search far and wide. It will be updated regularly to reflect the latest information and opportunities available. Let's dive in!



Your local **Regional Commission** is a good first stop for technical assistance with grant applications and administration. The RCs work daily with communities in your immediate region and have built up institutional knowledge and expertise to assist with grants. Be sure to check out what resources are available through your local RC: **[GA Association of Regional Commissions \(GARC\)](#)**

Depending on which county you are in, your city may also be eligible for technical assistance and even grant opportunities through one of the following national Regional Commissions: [Appalachian Regional Commission \(ARC\)](#) | [Southeast Crescent Regional Commission \(SCRC\)](#)

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Program

USDA Circuit Rider Program
Ongoing



USDA Rural Partners Network
Ongoing



USDA Broadband Technical Assistance
Deadline: 6/20/23



Thriving Communities Initiative
Round 2 coming Summer 2023



Description

Circuit riders are trained in managing issues of day-to-day operations of rural water systems, including: (1) board training, (2) management/finance, (3) operation/maintenance, (4) water treatment, (5) regulatory compliance, facility security, (6) loan application and reporting, and (7) disaster/emergency assistants.

The Rural Partners Network (RPN) is an all-of-government program that helps rural communities find resources and funding to create jobs, build infrastructure, and support long-term economic stability on their own terms.

This program aims to expand broadband services in rural areas by providing technical assistance and training. The program provides (1) project planning and community engagement, (2) financial sustainability, (3) environmental compliance, (4) construction planning and engineering, (5) accessing federal resources, and (6) data collection and reporting.

The Thriving Communities Initiative recognizes the power of local communities to drive innovation if they have the tools to succeed. This includes providing hands-on planning support and access to a diverse set of technical assistance providers available to work directly with communities as they build upon local assets to co-design and advance infrastructure projects that address critical social, economic, environmental, and mobility needs.

Additional Information

To receive assistance, the area must have a population of 10,000 or less AND be a public body, non-profit corporation, or Indian tribe.

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Only entities located in rural areas are eligible for this program.

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A joint effort between the [US Department of Transportation](#), the [US Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) and [various other federal agencies](#).

[See who was selected to receive TA in FY2022.](#)

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Additional Information

US EDA Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs
Ongoing



This program assists eligible recipients in developing economic development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. The LTA program strengthens the capacity of local or State organizations, institutions of higher education, and other eligible recipients to undertake and promote effective economic development programs.

This Planning and Local Technical Assistance opportunity will remain in effect until superseded by a future announcement. Applicants must apply to their respective EDA regional office.

Atlanta Regional Office: 404-730-3002

GEFA "Water 101" Webinars
Ongoing



Hosted by GEFA staff, this series will highlight the portion of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) that pertains to funding infrastructure improvements, such as emerging contaminants, federal requirements, lead service line replacement.

Webinars are regularly scheduled once a month.

GEFA office: 404-584-1000

EPA Grants Management Training for Applicants and Recipients
Ongoing



This online training course is designed to introduce EPA grant applicants and recipients to key aspects of the entire grant life cycle, from preparation of an application through grant closeout. The course is divided into separate modules that can be completed individually. Each module includes knowledge checks to verify your understanding of key concepts.

Upon completion of the 6 existing modules, you will be prompted to generate a downloadable certificate of completion.

- **Shantel Shelmon, Grants Management Officer for GA: 404-562-8269, shelmon.shantel@epa.gov**
- **Region 4 (Southeast) office: 404-657-5947**

EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessments and Technical Assistance
02/14/2023



This program offers environment assessment services free of charge.

This includes (1) Phase I investigation and preliminary property inspection, (2) Phase II environmental assessment, and (3) cleanup options and cost estimates for future uses and redevelopment plans.

Public and non-profit entities, and tribes are eligible. Private owners may be considered given substantial public benefit.

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Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Technical Assistance

01/27/2023



Building and Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) offers communities non-financial direct technical assistance that focuses on holistic hazard mitigation planning and project support. This helps communities to (1) reduce disaster damage, (2) build community resilience, and (3) sustain successful mitigation programs.

The technical assistance support is available for up to 36 months for each community.

FEMA's Region 4 office: 770-220-5200, FEMA-R4-Info@fema.dhs.gov

FHWA Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies

Ongoing



This resource is a compilation of videos and educational materials that cover requirements and recommendations for Local Public Agencies charged with administering a Federal-aid Project.

Visit the [Federal-aid Essentials library directory](#) for more information.

GEMA Technical Assistance for Hazard and Flood Mitigation

Ongoing



This program offers technical assistance to local governments for project identification and application preparation. Funds can be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the [National Flood Insurance Program](#).

Pre-applications for the FMA program are accepted by the GEMA/HS Hazard Mitigation Department on a rolling basis.

(404) 635-7522, gema-hazmitpoc@gema.ga.gov

GoRail Grant Hub

Ongoing



This hub is intended to be a resource on federal rail grant programs for state, county, and local leaders interested in pursuing projects in their communities. It serves as a comprehensive bulletin board for announcements, deadlines, news, and learning opportunities related to rail funding opportunities.

This resource has opportunities to fund federal rail deployment, and free resources to help this process.

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HUD Thriving Communities Technical Assistance

Ongoing



This program will help local governments ensure housing needs are considered as part of their larger infrastructure investment plans, supporting the coordination and integration of transportation and housing in infrastructure planning and implementation.

Priority will be given to jurisdictions with populations of less than 250,000 people.

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DOJ COPS Training Portal

Ongoing



This program offers online and in-person training in multiple areas relevant to community policing. They offer funding for training in emergency services integration, connecting with at-risk youth, evidence-based policing practices, and building trust in communities.

Public and non-profit entities, and tribes are eligible. Private owners may be considered given substantial public benefit.

**COPS Office: 833-650-7910,
info@copstrainingportal.org**

DOJ Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center

Ongoing



This program provides critical and tailored technical assistance resources to state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies on a wide variety of topics. It features a “by the field, for the field” approach while delivering individualized technical assistance using leading experts in a range of public safety, crime reduction, and community policing topics.

CRI-TAC is a public service and offered at no-cost to your agency.

**COPS Office Collaborative Reform Initiative Team:
1-800-421-6770, TechnicalAssistance@usdoj.gov**

GDOT Local Administered Project (LAP) Certification



This program covers uniform practices for authorizing qualified Local Public Agencies (LPA) to manage core activities for federally funded projects. They ensure the resource capacity and ability of the LPA to successfully manage, administer and execute the policies and procedures for Federal and State compliance in order to receive federal funding participation.

Local government staff must complete the five (5) required courses (LAP, PDP, ROW, Title VI, and Procurement.) The schedule to these classes can be found on the LAP home page.

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GDOT Local Technical Assistance Program

Ongoing



DOT Navigator

Ongoing



Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES)



Description

This program aims to provide affordable technical assistance, and workforce development courses that offers real solutions to the real transportation challenges in the state of Georgia.

The DOT Navigator provides general information to develop grant applications and understand frequently required documents, contacts to DOT regional and field offices, and a searchable menu of technical assistance resources available to help new and repeat grantees.

This program is an initiative to address disparities in rural transportation infrastructure by developing user-friendly tools and information, aggregating DOT resources, and providing technical assistance. It aims to ensure rural transportation infrastructure's unique challenges are considered in order to meet priority transportation goals.

Additional Information

Eligible entities include federal, state, and local agencies, industry organizations, schools, colleges and universities.

LTAP office: 404-507-3437, LTAP@dot.ga.gov

Public and non-profit entities, and tribes are eligible. Private owners may be considered given substantial public benefit.

US DOT office: USDOTassist@dot.gov

ROUTES office: rural@dot.gov, 202-366-4544

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