



Select Funding & Technical Assistance to Support Post-Disaster Local Planning and Management

For additional guidance on organizing, planning for, or managing recovery, please see the Community Recovery Management Toolkit @ <http://www.fema.gov/national-disaster-recovery-framework/community-recovery-management-toolkit>

Federal Agencies

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP): This grant program helps communities implement hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration. Eligible recipients include state and units of local government. Individuals cannot directly apply but can be sponsored through an appropriate sub-applicant via a local government, state agency, tribe or tribal agency, or private nonprofit. The State Hazard Mitigation Officer administers the program. <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>.

Planning Resource:

HMGP can be used for both traditional hazard mitigation planning projects, as well as provide funding for mitigation and project planning post disaster, building code development and application or enforcement in some circumstances.

FEMA Community Disaster Loan (CDL): This program provides limited loans for operational funding to help local governments that have incurred a significant loss in revenue, due to a major disaster, that has or will adversely affect their ability to provide essential municipal services. <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/33726>

Recovery Management Resource:

Funding from CDL, according to the statute, must be used by local governments to “perform its governmental function”. The funding cannot be used to match finance capital improvements for repair or restoration or to fund the “match” share for another federal assistance program.

Corporation for National and Community Service

AmeriCorps VISTA Program:

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameriCorps/ameriCorpsvista>

Recovery Management Resource:

VISTA is designed to build the capacity of an organization and enhance its ability to serve the community. VISTAs can provide hands on support to fill capacity gaps within organizations. In the past VISTAs have also supported LDRM functions including grants development, outreach, and management of recovery projects.

Economic Development Administration:

[Planning Program & Local Technical Assistance Program](#): This program assists eligible recipients in developing economic development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. Eligible groups for this technical assistance program include district organizations, Indian tribes, and other recipients focused on short term and state planning investments, particularly in economically distressed regions. The award floor is \$0 and the award ceiling is \$300,000. To learn more about this opportunity go to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280447>. To see a full list of economic development programs go to <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>.

Recovery Management Resource:

The Local Technical Assistance 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 through projects such as feasibility studies and impact analyses.

Planning Resource:

The Planning program helps support organizations, including District Organizations, Indian Tribes, and other eligible recipients, with Short Term and State Planning investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of high-quality jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions.

[Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs](#): EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments. EDA solicits applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. Eligible applicants include Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; state governments; city or township governments; private institutions of higher education; nonprofits that do not have 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments); special district governments; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; county governments. This assistance program is a grant/ cooperative agreement. The award ceiling is \$3,000,000 and the award floor is \$100,000. To learn more go to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=290874>. To see a full list of economic development programs go to <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>.

Recovery Management Resource:

Grants and cooperative agreements made under this program is designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

[EDA-Supported Disaster Recovery Tools](#): EDA provides resources in preparation for and in response to catastrophic disaster scenarios in the form of toolkits, webinars, data, and reports. <https://eda.gov/programs/disaster-recovery/>

Recovery Management Resource:

These resources including Leadership in Times of Crisis Toolkit, Prioritizing Economic Recovery After a Major Disaster, Securing capital for recovery and redevelopment, EDA disaster

resilience reports, Industry specific Documents, and Economic Data tools and resources provide management guidance.

US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Rural Community Development Initiative Grant: Qualified intermediary organizations receiving Rural Community Development Initiative grants provide technical assistance and training to help nonprofit organizations and communities to develop their capacity to undertake housing, community facilities, or economic development projects. Award Ceiling= \$250,000 / Award Floor \$50,000. <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants>

Recovery Management Resource:

Rural areas can use these grant initiatives for training sub-grantees to conduct home-ownership education and minority business entrepreneur education. They can also use this funding to provide strategic technical assistance in terms of assessing alternative funding sources, creating training tools, and effective fundraising techniques.

Planning Resource:

These funds can be used to improve housing, community facilities and community and economic projects in rural areas. They can also provide technical assistance to sub-grantees on strategic plan development.

Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program: This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. This direct loan program can be paired with [USDA's Community Facilities Infrastructure Toolkit](#) that assists communities how to develop and construct new facilities. Eligible borrowers include public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, or federally recognized tribes. The link to the grant program can be found here <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>.

Recovery Management Resource:

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities or pay for project related expenses.

Planning Resource:

Loan and grant funds can also be used to assist communities in identifying and planning for community facility needs.

Land Grant Universities: USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture chief partner is the nation's Land-Grant University system. The Land Grant University (LGU) System includes historically black colleges, tribal colleges, and historic serving institutions. LGU seeks to strengthen research and teaching, as well as provides services to address public needs. The University of Wyoming Extension Disaster Education network (EDEN) is managed by land grant universities and federal governments. <https://nifa.usda.gov/partnerships>

Recovery Management:

Through EDEN, land grant universities are able to provide emergency contacts and information to help after disasters. Land Grant Universities have collaborated with other

partners to advance their programs. For example, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and Land-Grant Universities collaborated to create the NIFA Visiting Scholars Program offered by the Division of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) to help connect federal, national, and international partners and to enhance education.

Extension Program: The extension program, through Land Grant Universities, provides information, workshops, webinars, and technical assistance to help elected officials as well as planners and developers to better understand how their decisions will affect people, resources, infrastructure and the environment. Find the local extension offices here for resources/programs specific to the area: <https://nifa.usda.gov/extension>

Recovery Management Resource:

This resource can connect people to information and assistance available online through <https://www.extension.org/>.

Planning Resource:

This program can assist planners and developers with decision-making through research.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Regional Coastal Resilience Grants: This competitive grant program helps coastal communities improve their ability to prepare for and recover from a variety of coastal threats, including hurricanes, tsunamis and sea-level rise. Eligible recipients include state and local agencies and non-profits, and eligible activities include proactive community planning initiatives. <https://coast.noaa.gov/resilience-grant/>

Planning Resource:

This grant is targeted at community planning initiatives and can be directed to improve recovery plans. Examples of projects that have been awarded this grant include coastal restoration projects, planning project in Oregon to prepare them for a future catastrophic tsunami, and flood risk reduction projects.

Sea Grant (through state universities): The Sea Grant Program integrates research and outreach to practically apply research discoveries in a real world context. The program both works to implement national priorities at the local level, while also identifying citizen's need to inform state and national research agendas. The Sea Grant Programs are integrated within university based institutions to bring together scientists, engineers, educators, students, and outreach experts. <http://seagrant.noaa.gov/>

Planning Resource:

NOAA Sea Grant projects normally fund research projects to improve community understanding and response to coastal storm hazard information as part of NOAA Sea Grant's Coastal Awareness Program. In the past it has been directed to projects that closely examine coastal storm warning systems to see if the current plans need adjustments.

Digital Coast Partnership : This program is managed by NOAA's Office for Coastal Management.

Planning Resource:

This online resource contains datasets, trainings on multiple topics including planning effective coastal projects and facilitation of engagement processes, guidance and tools to inform planning efforts of coastal communities.

- Data - <https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/data/home.html>
- Training - <https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/>
- Tools - <https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools>

US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

State Planning Assistance: Under section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act, USACE can provide assistance to states, local governments, non-federal entities, and eligible Native American Indian tribes in the form of technical assistance to help them with their comprehensive plans for development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources. Efforts under this program are cost shared on a 50% federal and 50% non-Federal basis. The Study sponsor has the option of providing in-kind services for its share of the study cost.

Planning Resource:

In recent years planning projects that USACE has assisted with include: water supply/demand, water conservation, water quality, environmental/conservation, wetlands evaluation/restoration, dam safety/failure, flood damage reduction, coastal zone protection, and harbor planning.

Silver Jackets: Silver Jacket teams create a collaborative environment for state, local, territorial, tribal, and federal agencies to engage and share strategies on how to recover from flooding and other types of natural disasters. <http://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/>

Planning Resource:

Silver Jacket teams can provide technical assistance to communities. In the past Silver Jacket teams have helped with flood hazard mapping and planning, as well as supported recovery efforts through education, GIS products, and surveying damages.

Flood Risk Management Program: This program works across the agency to focus the policies, programs, and expertise of USACE toward reducing overall flood risk. <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Flood-Risk-Management/Flood-Risk-Management-Program/>

Planning Resource:

The programs related to planning efforts for flood risk management include dam safety, levee safety, emergency operations, and responses to climate change.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Brownfield's Program: This program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. The total

estimated FY18 funding of \$50 million is available under the national competition for Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants. Funding for Assessment grants go towards developing inventories, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting site assessments and developing cleanup plans and reuse plans related to brownfield sites. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants provide funding to a grant recipient to capitalize an RLF Programs. RLF Programs provide loans and sub grants to eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities on brownfield sites. Cleanup Grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities on brownfield sites owned by the applicant. <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/announcing-new-request-proposals-fy-2018-brownfields-assessment-revolving-loan-fund-and>

Planning Resource:

Brownfield assessment grants can provide funding for planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach. Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grants can also help communities to research, plan or development implementation strategies to clean up and revitalize a specific location.

Smart Growth (often based on FEMA mission assignment): This program started with annual, competitive solicitations open to state, local, regional, and tribal governments, as well as non-profits that partnered with government agencies.

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-implementation-assistance>

Planning Resource:

This assistance is provided by a contractor team, not a grant, who does a multiple-day site visit and a detailed final report. The multidisciplinary team then provides options the community can consider implementing to achieve its goal. This team provides recommendations to do more resilient planning.

Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grants: The goal of this program is to accelerate the strategic protection of healthy, freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds. This grant is typically given to watershed action projects, building water shed protection capacity, or advancing the state of practice. Eligible applicants included Not-for-profit 501(c)3 organizations, for profit companies, tribes, intertribal consortia, interstates, state, and local government agencies, colleges, and universities. <http://www.usendowment.org/healthywatersheds.html>

Planning Resource:

This grant can be directed towards development of funding mechanisms, plans, or strategies to implement large scale watershed protection. It can also support innovative or catalytic projects that accelerate funding for or implementation of watershed protection efforts.

College/ Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP):

<https://www.epa.gov/communityhealth/collegeunderserved-community-partnership-program-cupp>

Planning Resource: Composed of networks of universities where students in various courses will work with communities to solve different issues by matching local needs to university resources. CUPP is part of a two sub committees with the National Interagency Working Group (IWG) for Environmental Justice, and is considered a part of the IWG's overall outreach efforts to reach underserved communities. CUPP is currently piloting in region 3, and has programs in 5, 6, and 8.

General Services Administration (GSA)

GSA Schedules and Training: <https://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/1006199>

Recovery Management Resource:

This resource provides a list of trainings provided by GSA targeted towards contracting certification and continuing education.

Federal Acquisition Institute: <http://icatalog.dau.mil/onlinecatalog/tabnavcl.aspx?tab=FAC>

Recovery Management Resource:

This resource provides a wide range of training programs including but not limited to Small Business Innovation Research Programs, Price Analysis, how to integrate green into acquisition, and others.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Enterprise Hurricane Recovery Fund Grant Program: This program provides grants to 501(c)3 non-profits to support recovery services including disaster case management, financial counseling, mold remediation, and long-term rebuilding through project planning, pre-development costs and business continuity. Besides grants, Enterprise also offers technical assistance and capacity building for nonprofit organizations as they adjust their business operations, as well as training and distribution of recovery and resilience toolkit. Enterprise is engaged with FEMA and HUD to identify ways to provide support.

https://www.enterprisecommunity.org/about/support-our-work/hurricane-community-recovery-fund?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTnpjNVIUSXdPV1pqTORBNCIsInQiOiJUZE3zaFF1Mm9ISOJrMIRzZVBmU1g0TVRS

Recovery Management Resource:

This program has long-term recovery management guidance including financial products to attract new private-sector investment to fill market gaps, cost-resilient tools, and consultation with cities and states on disaster recovery program design and development. Enterprise has staff in impacted locations which can help assist communities to identify their needs and gaps, primarily related to housing recovery and leveraging federal resources.

Planning Resource:

Enterprise provides flexible grants, some of which can provide support for project planning and pre-development costs and business continuity to make sure organizations can operate long-term.

Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing:

This program enhances the capacity of local governments, Indian tribes, housing development organizations, housing development organizations, rural community development corporations, and rural community housing development organizations. Funds can be used for technical

assistance, training, support, loans, grants, and other activities as may be determined by the grantees. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/rural-capacity-building/>

Recovery Management Resource:

The funding appropriated for this program is intended to serve high-need rural areas and help rural housing development organizations, community development organizations (CDCs), community housing development organizations (CHDOs), local governments, and Indian tribes obtain financing, training and technical assistance necessary to undertake effective community development activities.

Planning Resource:

Funding can also support capacity building projects such as HUD's CBDG programs and HOME investment Partnership.

[Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/): This program provides annual grants to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a more suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunity to low- and moderate-income persons. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/>

Recovery Management Resource:

Funds received through CDBG can be directed towards projects or programs which assist housing efforts in low-income communities, improve community services, support better utilization of land, and alleviate physical and economic distress through private investment and community revitalization.

[Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery \(CDBG-DR\)](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/): This program provides grants to help cities, counties, and states recover from presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas. This program is activated only if congress appropriates funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the event that there are major unmet needs for long-term recovery. HUD will notify states, cities, and counties if they are eligible to receive CDBG-DR grants. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/>

Recovery Management Resource:

Funds can be used for disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization. HUD allocated funds based on unmet recovery needs. In the past funds from this program have helped fund Local Disaster Recovery Managers. This can also be supplemented by other federal recovery assistance programs by FEMA, SBA, and USACE. This can also be used in combination with HHS's Social Service Block Grant.

Planning Resource:

CDBG-DR funds can also be directed towards planning projects. For example HUD's Rebuild by Design competition, which helped communities with their master plan, was helped funded by CDBG-DR.

[Neighborhood Stabilization Program \(NSP\)](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/nsp/): This program stabilizes communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/nsp/>

Recovery Management Resource:

Neighborhood Stabilization funds can be used to establish financial mechanisms for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed homes, purchase and rehabilitate homes that have been

abandoned or foreclosed, demolish blighted structures, redevelop demolish properties, or establish land banks for foreclosed homes. NSP grantees develop their own programs but can request technical assistance to implement NSP activities or ask questions to technical assistance providers.

Department of Transportation

Transportation Planning Capacity Building:

https://www.planning.dot.gov/focus_caseStudies.aspx

Planning Resource:

This website provides case studies of planning programs that have worked to improve transportation needs across the United States.

Non-Governmental Organizations/Non-Profits

American Planning Association

Community Planning Assistance Teams (CPAT): CPAT Teams provide the opportunity to pair expert planning professionals with community members, key stakeholders, and relevant decision makers. CPAT projects are collaborative projects with shared responsibility.

<https://www.planning.org/communityassistance/teams/>

Planning Resource:

These multidisciplinary teams are composed of four to five senior level experts who volunteer their time, experience, and skills to communities to help them plan for specific issues in recovery.

Planning for Post-Disaster Recovery: Next Generation:

<https://www.planning.org/research/postdisaster/>

Planning Resource:

This guidebook provides practical guidance to local planners on how to plan for all types of natural disasters, and illustrated the benefits of plans through case studies.

American Institute of Architects.

Sustainable Design Assistance Team (SDAT): This program helps communities develop a vision for a sustainable future and a realistic attainable roadmap to get there.

<https://www.aia.org/pages/2901-sustainability-design-assistance-team-program-sdat>

Planning Resource:

The SDAT team brings together experts including architects, urban designers, landscape architects, planners, economists, and others to work with your community. SDAT will perform a three day intensive visit to understand your community and sustainability needs before producing a report for opportunities and challenges. The SDAT program provides broad

assessments to help frame future policies or design solutions in the context of sustainability and help communities plan the first steps of implementation.

Rural-Urban Design Assistance Team: This program helps transform communities by developing a citizen-led vision for a better future. R/UDAT program was developed to provide communities with specific design solutions. <https://www.aia.org/pages/2896-regionalurban-design-assistance-team-program-rudat>

Planning Resource:

R/UDAT teams provide technical assistance to communities by analyzing their needs and helping them create a roadmap to reach those needs.

Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities- Network (EPIC-N):

<http://www.epicn.org/>

Recovery Management and Planning Resource: EPIC-N is a university community partnership that helps connect community needs with universities. Around 25 universities including Texas A&M and the University of South Florida are a part of the EPIC Framework. This networks allows

Urban Land Institute

Advisory Services: Advisory Service Programs work with local governments, private developers, communities, community development corporations, and others to address real-estate and land use issues faced by communities. <https://americas.uli.org/programs/advisory-services/>

Planning Resource:

This form of technical assistance brings experts together to discuss recovery issues. These experts can provide fresh insights and discuss solutions to real estate and land-use challenges.

International Economic Development Council (IEDC)

Restore Your Economy Website: This website provides guidance on what to do after a disaster to plan for economic recovery and navigate the federal system post-disaster.

<http://restoreyoureconomy.org/recovery/#>

Planning Resource:

Within the [Disaster Planning for Economic Recovery](#) Section, this resource provides step-by-step guidance on how to assess and create a plan for economic recovery.

Rockefeller Foundation

[100 Resilient Cities](http://www.100resilientcities.org/): Rockefeller’s 100 Resilient Cities program is dedicated to helping cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social, and economic challenges of the 21st century. <http://www.100resilientcities.org/>

Recovery Management Resource:

Cities within the 100 Resilient Cities network are provided with technical assistance in the form of financial and logistical guidance, expert support, and access to partners, as well as other cities within the network.

Planning Resource:

100 Resilient Cities can provide technical assistance and expert support to help communities incorporate resilience into their planning.



FEMA