

# RESOURCE GUIDE

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## *"PROVIDING SOLUTIONS THROUGH REGIONAL COOPERATION"*

The Upper Cumberland Development District (UCDD) was created by the Tennessee General Assembly to provide regional planning and assistance to the following counties: Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Van Buren, Warren, and White. UCDD staff members are dedicated to providing quality services to the people of the Upper Cumberland region of Tennessee through the programs and services offered in each department: Area Agency on Aging and Disability, Economic and Community Development, and Housing and Family Services. It is UCDD's belief that the fourteen counties, along with the many municipalities contained within, are made stronger through regional cooperation and shared resources.

UCDD's Economic and Community Development staff members are well equipped to assist communities with a wide variety of services offered through our Economic and Community Development programs: Cumberland Area Investment Corporation, Economic Development, Geographical Information Systems, Grant Writing and Administration, Historic Preservation, Local Planning, Marketing of the Upper Cumberland, Solid Waste Assistance, Statistical Information, Strategic Planning, Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Tennessee Downtowns, THDA Home Rehabilitation Program, and Transportation Rural Planning Organization.

The areas of expertise and unique skill sets represented within our staff position the Upper Cumberland Development District to be a strong asset to communities and enable the agency to serve as a driving force in economic development throughout the region.



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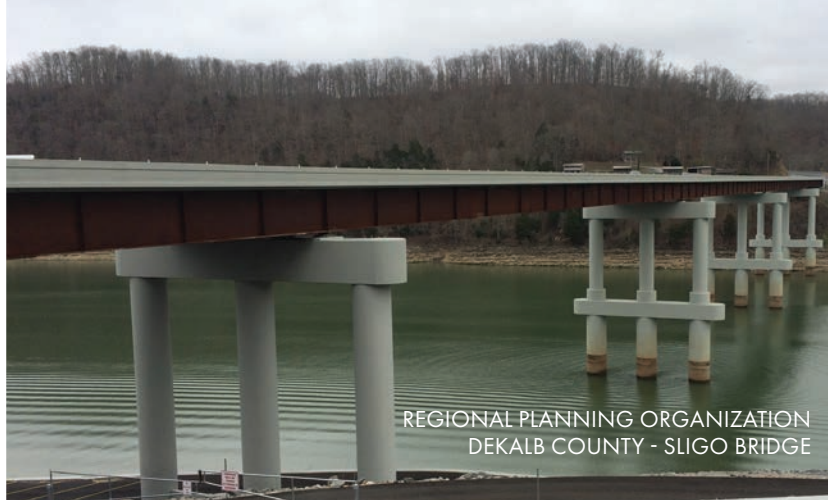


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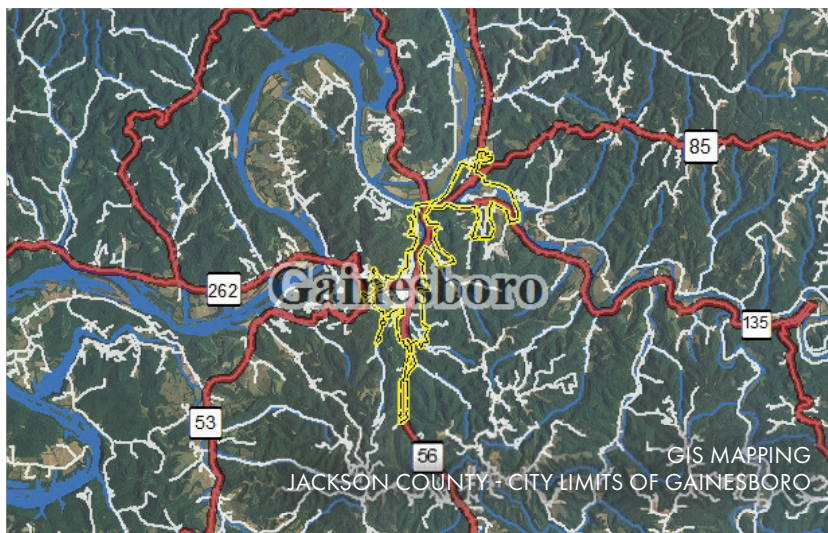
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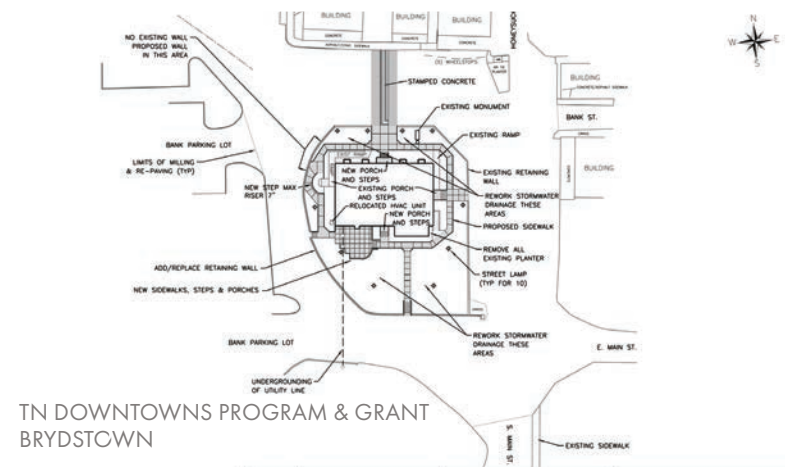
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## CUMBERLAND AREA INVESTMENT CORPORATION

CAIC in cooperation with private lenders, USDA Rural Development and U.S. Department of Commerce-Economic Development Administration(EDA) offers loans to small businesses in the 14-county Upper Cumberland region working to create or retain jobs.

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## GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

Our staff provides GIS services including maps, database management and data analysis to the fourteen counties on the Cumberland Plateau. Geographical Information Systems facilitate planning, grant writing and presentations by applying high performance computing power to spatial datasets. GIS allow for fast, adaptable data presentations with overlays of municipal infrastructure, flood-ways, topography, elevation, parcels and more. Custom map products bring the intended information to the forefront and allow for a more effective discussion. Management of large datasets means better decision making through the process of sorting, refining and eliminating of unnecessary information.

## CONTACT

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## GRANT WRITING AND ADMINISTRATION

The UCDD has several experienced and specialized project managers on staff who have assisted in the writing and administering of grants across a wide spectrum of projects. We have extensive application experience in the following:

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Fast-track Infrastructure Development Program (FIDP)
- TN Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
- TN Department of Transportation (TDOT)
- HOME Housing Rehabilitation Grants
- CDBG Facade Grants

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

UCDD employees are well equipped to assist communities in economic development efforts through a wide variety of services. Our staff recognizes successful economic development takes the right team of individuals working together to strategically plan for the future. To facilitate strategic planning conversations between all state and regional partners with local government officials and community leaders, UCDD coordinates Economic Development Strategy Sessions in each Upper Cumberland county annually. Additional economic development assistance includes the preparation of Requests for Information (RFI) and industrial grant proposals including TNECD's Site Development, TNECD's Fast Track and TVA's InvestPrep.

## AVAILABLE GRANTS

- InvestPrep
- Fast Track Infrastructure Development (Business Grant)
- Fast Track Job Training Assistance (Business Grant)
- EDA
- USDA



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## AVAILABLE GRANTS

- Historic Preservation

## HISTORIC PLANNING SERVICES

UCDD's mission is to preserve, protect and promote the cultural resources of the Upper Cumberland region. This mission is accomplished through an agreement with the Tennessee Historical Commission, which receives federal funds from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. We leverage the unique character of the region to help foster economic development. The Historic Preservation Planner, in conjunction with the Tennessee Historical Commission, offers technical assistance with the following federal and state programs:

- Federal Historic Preservation Grants
- National Register of Historic Places
- Investment Tax Credit Program
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
- Certified Local Government Program
- Historical Markers Program

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## LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES

Community Planners provide assistance to municipal and regional planning commissions in several areas including, but not limited to the following:

- Approval of subdivision plats
- Historic Zoning Code technical assistance
- Enforcement of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance
- Adoption and amending of local subdivision regulations and zoning ordinances
- Compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Long Range Planning, Land Use and Transportation Policy Planning
- Major Thoroughfare Planning, including the adoption and closure of county roads
- Four hours of continuing education of planning commission members required by Tennessee Code Annotated
- Technical assistance to the local Board of Zoning Appeals
- The adoption of the yearly county road list, certification of special censuses, annexations and plans of services

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## REGIONAL MARKETING

We recognize cities and counties stand stronger when they stand together. The Upper Cumberland Development District provides regional support in economic and community development marketing by offering a unified approach on behalf of the Upper Cumberland. In collaboration with state and regional partners, the Upper Cumberland Tourism Association and others, the Development District continues to strengthen and expand a marketing alliance dedicated to promoting the Upper Cumberland. Our staff currently promotes the region at local, state, national and international economic development conferences and trade shows while continually seeking new opportunities to market the Upper Cumberland.

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## AVAILABLE GRANTS

- Transportation Alternatives
- Community Transportation Planning (CTPG)
- Multimodal Access

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## AVAILABLE GRANTS

*\*Grant availability varies annually.*

- Composting
- Convenience Center
- Recycling Equipment
- Used Oil
- Waste Reduction

## RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (RPO)

The UCDD contracted with the Tennessee Department of Transportation to establish two Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) in the Upper Cumberland region.

The Center Hill RPO includes Cannon, Cumberland, DeKalb, Putnam, Van Buren, Warren and White counties.

The Dale Hollow RPO includes Clay, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Smith and Trousdale counties.

The organizations' purpose is to facilitate input from rural counties to TDOT for transportation planning. RPOs work with TDOT to identify the Upper Cumberland region's needs regarding highways, transit, bike/pedestrian issues, aviation and waterways. RPOs are partners with Tennessee's development districts because economic and community development drives many of the transportation improvements in rural counties.

## SOLID WASTE ASSISTANCE (TDEC)

Through a contract with the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), our staff provides solid waste management assistance to the Upper Cumberland. Services include support in compiling county Annual Progress Reports (ARPs), filing a Needs Assessment (NA) for each county every five years, and helping counties find and apply for grants to update county solid waste equipment and facilities. Additional services include:

- Participation in county Solid Waste Planning – updating goals and measuring progress
- Education on sufficient and environmentally sound disposal
- Management of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
- Encouraging increased access and participation in recycling
- Increasing the diversion of organics from the waste stream
- Research on waste reduction and recycling technology
- Education on landfill disposal
- Assistance in updating county Disaster Debris Management Plans

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## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

UCDD has been the depository of regional statistics for over 40 years. The staff maintains information relating to retail sales, personal income, traffic counts, labor force data, population characteristics, housing data, area wages, and various other economic and demographic indicators.

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## TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (TACIR)

In order to accurately portray the infrastructure needs across Tennessee to the General Assembly, the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) developed the Infrastructure Needs Inventory. TACIR has partnered with the nine development districts across the state to gather this information. UCDD staff conduct interviews with local and state agencies each year to compile an inventory of governmental and school system infrastructure needs. TACIR staff analyze the data and prepare an annual report for the General Assembly which assists in their budgeting process. Each project listed on the inventory is either in the conceptual, planning and design or construction phase.

The TACIR inventory process proves beneficial not only to the state of Tennessee and the general assembly, but to the local communities. The process involves a variety of local leaders including but not limited to school superintendents, road superintendents, elected officials and public works directors. TACIR provides an avenue for long-range planning across the region and close to home.

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## AVAILABLE GRANTS

- CDBG Facade
- Tennessee  
Downtowns

## TENNESSEE DOWNTOWNS/TENNESSEE MAIN STREET

TN Downtowns is a program under the umbrella of TN Main Street. As revitalization surges through small downtowns, this program has become more popular. Towns apply for the program with a committee of volunteers, and if chosen, are awarded a \$15,000 grant to jump start the revitalization. The first year of the grant award is primarily education for the committee allowing them to attend numerous seminars. Representatives from the program (both local and national) visit the town and work with committees to create a plan for the grant money and build a vision for the community. In the second year, the grant money is awarded. Allowable projects include signage, streetscapes, facades, awnings, landscape, lighting, windows, doors, way-finding signs, benches, crosswalks, and other projects that improve the look and feel of a downtown area. UCDD has also collaborated with TTU, coordinating interns from the College of Human Ecology to work with downtowns on design and merchandising. This program opens doors for other grant awards for downtown revitalization.





CDBG COMMUNITY FACILITIES  
CLAY COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER



COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY



LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION FUND GRANT  
CITY OF LIVINGSTON



CDBG DISASTER GRANT  
MACON COUNTY



CDBG GRANT WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT  
VAN BUREN COUNTY



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### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

HUD through Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

February, annually

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Funding available for city & county governments from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development (TNECD).

### PROJECT PURPOSE

To promote economic and community development through projects that align with one of the following national objectives:

- Principally benefit low and/or moderate income people (51% or more)
- Eliminate or prevent slums and/or blight (area must be designated blight by the local governing body)
- Address imminent health and/or safety problems

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects in Tennessee are eligible if they are in the public domain and available for use by a large segment of the community. Projects must fall under one of 4 categories:

- **Water** (system and line extensions)
- **Sewer** (system and line extensions)
- **Housing Rehabilitation**
- **Community Livability** (fire truck, ambulance, emergency equipment, emergency operations center, emergency alert systems, fire and ambulance stations, etc.)
- **Slum and Blighted Areas**

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

Matching percentage is determined by HUD for each municipality. Housing projects require NO match.

Project	Eligible Grant Funds	Eligible Grant Funds with Three-Star Bonus
Infrastructure Projects	\$500,000	\$525,000
Housing Rehabilitation	\$500,000	\$525,000
Community Livability	\$300,000	\$315,000

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Applications are due in February of each year. Public hearings, surveys, resolutions, and preliminary engineering must begin early in the fall.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## GRANT SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Appalachian Regional Commission through  
Tennessee Department of Economic & Community  
Development

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Pre-application November, annually

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Funding available for city & county governments from the Appalachian Regional Commission through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

### PROJECT PURPOSE

To create opportunities for self-sustaining economic development and improved quality of life initiatives for the 13 Appalachian States.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- The **first priority** is economic development projects where water, wastewater, rail, etc. are provided to a locating or expanding industry.
- The **second priority** is for the provision of basic water and wastewater service in rural areas where such services are missing or inadequate.
- A **third priority**, opportunity projects, is the ability of the governor to respond to unique problems or opportunities that are presented by a community.

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

Distress counties are eligible for 80%. At-risk counties are eligible for 70%. Transitional counties are eligible for 50%. The local match is based on county ARC status.

Distressed Counties	At-Risk Counties	Transitional Counties
20% Match	30% Match	50% Match

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Pre-applications are due each year in November. Recommended projects are submitted to Washington D.C. by June 30 the following year. Final projects are announced no later than September 30.

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Funding available through Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for city & county governments, including semi-governmental economic development entities such as industrial development boards (IDB), as well as non-profit organizations dedicated to local or regional economic development.

### PROJECT PURPOSE

InvestPrep was designed to bring to market new/improved industrial sites and facilities within the TVA territory and position communities to successfully compete for new jobs and investment.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- Property related studies, assessments, and surveys
- Clearing
- Grading
- Drainage
- Aesthetic improvements
- Signage
- Fencing
- Berming
- Landscaping
- Non-hazardous structure and debris removal
- Industrial building renovation or construction
- Public utility relocation or construction

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

Matching percentage is determined yearly by the TVA special opportunities county designations.

Eligible Grant Funds	Matching % for Special Opportunities Communities (SOC)	Matching % for non-SOC Special Opportunities Communities
\$500,000	30%	50%

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Applications are due in March or April of each year. Community leadership support meetings, securing of options, and design plans must begin at the first of the year or earlier.

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# FASTTRACK PROGRAMS

## SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development (TNECD)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Submit any time, annually

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## JOB TRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### BENEFIT

Grant to provide funding to support the training of net new full-time employees for new and expanding companies.

### ELIGIBILITY (NOT COMPREHENSIVE)

Funding levels are based on the number of net new full-time jobs created, amount of capital invested, wages of new employees and the types of skill and knowledge levels required. TNECD is not able to provide training incentives for any positions filled prior to the execution and approval of a contract.

## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### BENEFIT

Grant provided to local governments for public infrastructure needs for new and expanding companies. TNECD will work with the local officials to identify eligible needs for a project, such as water, sewer, rail, gas, electric, roadway, telecommunications or other site improvements.

### ELIGIBILITY (NOT COMPREHENSIVE)

Must be for public infrastructure improvements benefiting a specific company generating net new full-time jobs and capital investment; requires local matching funds. For on-site improvements, the community must provide a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on the real property investment for at least 5 years. TNECD is not able to provide incentives prior to the execution and approval of a contract.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

### BENEFIT

Grant provided to local communities to reimburse a company for eligible expenditures not covered by infrastructure or job training grants. The grant can help offset expenses such as relocation, temporary office space, capital improvements and retrofitting.

### ELIGIBILITY (NOT COMPREHENSIVE)

Only used in exceptional cases where a company's impact, such as net new full-time jobs and capital investment, is significant in a community. These funds are available subject to terms of the Accountability Agreement executed by the state, community and company. TNECD is not able to provide incentives prior to the execution and approval of a contract.

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# TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

## GRANT SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

November, annually

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Applications must be submitted by local governments (cities or counties) or state natural resource or public land agencies.

### PROJECT PURPOSE

To improve access and provide a better quality of life for people in Tennessee.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Safe routes for non-drivers
- Conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails
- Scenic turnouts and overlooks
- Outdoor advertising management
- Historic preservation & rehab of historic transportation facilities
- Vegetation management
- Archaeological activities
- Storm water mitigation
- Wildlife management

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

There are no minimum or maximum award amounts. However, the average TA project award is approximately \$350,000. In order to be cost effective, projects should exceed \$250/300K and rarely will any single phase be awarded in excess of \$1M.

Eligible Grant Funds	Matching Percentage
No Minimum or Maximum Award Amounts	80% / 20% Match TDOT Funds Construction Only - Hard Cash Match

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Grant cycle historically opens late summer/ends first week of November.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## GRANT SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Mid-to-late January, annually

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Funding available for cities located outside Metropolitan Planning Boundaries through Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

### PROJECT PURPOSE

TDOT's CTPG program provides resources that assist Tennessee communities develop transportation and land use plans for preparation of future transportation, land use and growth management issues.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible planning documents include:

- Corridor studies
- Complete street plans
- Pedestrian and bicycle master plans
- Road diet analysis
- Transportation systems management and operations

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

Eligible Grant Funds	Matching Requirement
Up to \$250,000 Total Project Cost	90% State Matching Funds 10% Local Matching Funds

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Applications are due in mid-to-late January. CTPG applications must be recommended and approved through the RPO process to be submitted to TDOT. Only two applications per RPO will be selected to submit to TDOT.

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# MULTIMODAL ACCESS

## GRANT SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Mid-to-late January, annually

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### PROJECT PURPOSE

To support the transportation needs of transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists through infrastructure projects that address existing gaps along state routes and access at transit hubs.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects must be on or within 1/4 mile of a state route and provide direct access to the state route.

- Pedestrian crossings
- Shoulders for bicycles
- Sidewalks
- Bicycle lanes
- ADA improvements
- 10' wide multi-use paths
- Pedestrian scale lighting as part of larger project
- Bus shelters
- Road diets or traffic calming redesign
- Separated bicycle facilities
- Park & ride lots for carpooling or transit
- Bus turnouts
- Utility relocation (eligible as project component)

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

Project	Eligible Grant Funds	Matching Requirement
Not to Exceed \$1,000,000	Request up to \$950,000	95% State Matching Funds 5% Local Matching Funds

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Applications are due mid-to-late January, annually. Only two applications per RPO will be selected to submit to TDOT.

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# SOLID WASTE GRANTS

## SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall, annually

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Funding available through Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) for all counties and cities in the state of Tennessee, and nonprofit recycling organizations working with local government.

### PROGRAM PURPOSE

To protect health and improve environmental quality for all Tennesseans through responsive and effective oversight of waste management activities.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects to provide equipment, training, education and facilities to more efficiently manage the region's solid waste.

### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Grants vary annually and are released late spring of each year. Including the desired project in the Annual Progress Report (APR) due March 31, annually, is a prerequisite to any of the following grant applications:

- Composting
- Convenience center
- Recycling equipment
- Used oil recycling
- Waste reduction

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

Eligible Grant Funds	Matching Requirement
From \$25,000 up to \$2.5 Million	10-50% Match Depending on County

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Grants are released late spring with applications due in the fall, with prerequisite of APR project inclusion by March 31. Grant recipients are announced by late winter.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## GRANT SUMMARY

## ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
(TDEC)

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Spring, every two years

## CONTACT

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Federal and State funding available for city & county governments administered through Recreational Educational Services of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

## PROJECT PURPOSE

For the purchase of land for parks, natural areas, greenways, and recreation facilities. Funds may also be used for trail development and capital projects in parks, natural areas and greenways. At least 60 percent of the funds allocated will go to municipal governments.

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects in Tennessee must be on publicly owned land or publically controlled land for at least 25 years. Grant funds can be used for land acquisition, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and trail development. Land acquisition must occur within one year of the contract date and must be developed for the purpose identified in the application within three years of acquisition.

## ELIGIBLE PRIMARY FACILITIES

- Athletic fields
- Play courts & playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Trails
- Historical or archaeological sites
- Fishing piers
- Boat ramps and docks
- Boardwalks & riverwalks
- Observation towers
- Recreation buildings & structures

## SUPPORT FACILITIES

*(Up to 50% of Total Project Costs)*

- Parking lots
- Restrooms
- Bathhouses
- Access roads
- Landscaping
- Lighting
- Fencing
- Signs
- Ramps

## AVAILABLE FUNDING

Eligible Grant Funds	Matching Requirement
Up to \$500,000	50% State Matching Funds 50% Local Matching Funds

## APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Grant cycles open every two years (2018, 2020, etc.). Applications are due late spring, but preparation may begin anytime. Projects that reflect advanced planning and sustainability are more competitive.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## GRANT SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
(TDEC)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Spring/summer, every two years

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Federally funded, state administered grant program for local, state, and federal government agencies and state-chartered non-profit agencies with 501(c)(3) status that have a written agreement with a government agency for trail management.

### PROJECT PURPOSE

Provides grant funding for land acquisition for trails, trails maintenance and restoration/rehabilitation, trail construction and trailhead support facilities.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects in Tennessee must be on publicly owned land. Grant funds can be used for:

- Land acquisition
- Hard surface and natural surface trail developments
- Construction, maintenance, restoration of trail damaged by use
- Development of trailside support facilities
- Educational and safety trail trainings
- Trailhead facilities

### AVAILABLE FUNDING

Funding amounts are based on federal funding with a 20% match of project cost.

Eligible Grant Funds	Matching Requirement
Up to \$200,000	80% State Matching Funds 20% Local Matching Funds

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Grant cycles open every two years (2018, 2020, etc.). Applications are due late spring, but preparation may begin anytime. Projects that reflect advanced planning and sustainability are more competitive.

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# HOME PROGRAM

## GRANT SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

March, annually

### CONTACT

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Funding available for city & county governments from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

### PROJECT PURPOSE

Provides assistance to low-income families in qualifying counties and municipalities to bring substandard housing up to standard code requirements. No local match is required. Priority points based on need are awarded to each county in a regional rotation based on the length of time since last funded project.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The HOME Program applies to owner-occupied homes in need of rehabilitation. Ultimately, the goal of the program is to bring housing units into compliance with local, state code, UPCS and THDA Design Standards. Some exclusions apply.

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

Project	Eligible Grant Funds
Home Rehabilitation	\$750,000 per County

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Applications are due in March of each year. Public hearings and resolutions must begin early in the fall.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information please contact Tommy Lee at (931) 979-2170 or tlee@ucdd.org.

# TN DOWNTOWNS

## GRANT SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development (TNECD)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

April, every two years

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Funding available through ECD-TN Main Street Programs for cities located in active Three-Star counties. Funds can be housed through local government or a designated non-profit that will organize a five person steering committee.

### PROJECT PURPOSE

To help communities utilize the Main Street Four-Point Approach of organization, promotion, design, and economic restructuring to enhance downtown revitalization.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Include but not limited to façade projects such as:

- Awnings and paint
- Windows
- Doors
- Lighting
- Landscaping
- Benches
- Trash cans
- Crosswalks
- Signage
- Way finding
- Economic vitality

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

Two programs with a \$15,000 reimbursable grant with no match. Membership with the National Main Street Center is required for \$350. First year is for education and vision planning through monthly meetings and seminars. The second year, the grant is awarded, and façade improvements take place.

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Applications are due in April, bi-yearly. Letter of intent is due by April 1. Application is due by April 30.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## GRANT SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

TN Department of Economic & Community Development  
(TNECD)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Summer, annually

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State funding available for city governments that are registered TN Downtowns or Main Street Communities.

### PROJECT PURPOSE

For the revitalization of downtowns by providing funds to rehabilitate and enhance the façades of downtown buildings.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects in TN must be a registered TN Downtown or Main Street Community through the Main Street Program. Eligible projects must be performed to the exterior of downtown buildings. Examples include:

- Awnings
- Painting
- Brick/masonry repair, tuckpointing
- Windows
- Doors
- Signs
- Lighting
- Removal of architectural barriers
- 50% can be used for rear of buildings as long as it is used as an entrance

### AVAILABLE FUNDING

Eligible Grant Funds	Matching Percentage
\$100,000	Determined by HUD for Each Municipality

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Applications are due in late summer each year. Application preparation, including public hearings and resolutions, needs to begin early in the year.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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# HISTORIC PRESERVATION

## GRANT SUMMARY

### ADMINISTERING AGENCY

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) / Tennessee Historical Commission

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Late January, annually

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### PROJECT PURPOSE

The Tennessee Historical Commission offers federally-funded historic preservation grants for projects such as archaeological surveys, design guidelines for historic districts, and restoration of historic buildings that are listed in the National Register and have a public use.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Archaeological surveys
- Design guidelines for historic districts
- Restoration of historic buildings that are listed in the National Register and have a public use
- The grants reimburse up to 60% of the costs of approved project work. The remaining 40% must be provided by the grantee as matching funds.
- All entities are eligible; priority is given to government and non-profit agencies

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

The grants are matching grants and will reimburse up to 60% of the costs of approved project work. The remaining 40% must be provided by the grantee as matching funds.

Eligible Grant Funds	Matching Percentage
No Minimum or Maximum Award Amounts	60% Grant Funds 40% Grantee

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

The Tennessee Historical Commission begins accepting applications in early November. Preparation may begin in the late summer or early fall. Applications are due in late January.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**ADMINISTERING AGENCY**  
Economic Development Administration

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
Revolving time-line

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### INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration offers a series of grant programs designed to promote job creation and retention.

**Public Works** - Empowers distressed communities to revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies and generate or retain long-term, private sector jobs and investment.

**Economic Adjustment Assistance Program** - Assists state and local interests in designing and implementing strategies to adjust or bring about change to an economy. The program focuses on areas that have experienced or are under threat of serious structural damage to the underlying economic base.

**Local Technical Assistance** - Helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in distressed areas from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues. 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.

All EDA investments are designed to help realize economic goals and objectives outlined in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The four primary goals identified to address crucial needs in the Upper Cumberland over the next five years (2017-2022) are as follows:

- Workforce Development
- Regional Advocacy
- Industrial Development
- Retail Development
- Transportation Infrastructure

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Grant applications are accepted anytime throughout the year on a revolving time-line and begin with a pre-proposal.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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# USDA

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**ADMINISTERING AGENCY**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture's  
Rural Development

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
Quarterly

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development administers a large variety of grant and loan programs including but not limited to the funding opportunities below.

**Community Facilities Loans and Grants** - The objective is to improve, develop, or finance essential community facilities for rural communities. Uses include to construct, enlarge, or otherwise improve essential community facilities, such as public safety, fire and rescue, telecommunications, schools, libraries, hospitals, other healthcare facilities, etc. This may include furnishings, fixtures, and other required equipment.

**Rural Community Development Initiative** - The objective is to facilitate housing, community facility and community and economic development projects. Uses include technical assistance grants of \$50,000 to \$300,000 to develop the capacity and ability of the awardees to carry out needed projects.

**Business and Industry Loan Guarantees** - The objective is to create jobs/stimulate rural economies by providing financial backing for rural businesses. Uses include real estate, buildings, equipment, supplies, working capital, and some debt refinancing.

**Rural Business Enterprise Grants** - The objective is to finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging private business enterprises. Uses include refinancing, land acquisition, revolving funds, construction, equipment, access streets and roads, utility and service extensions, and rural distance learning networks.

**Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Loan Guarantees** - The objective is to provide assistance for energy efficiency improvements or purchase of a renewable energy system for operations. Uses include energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy systems, land acquisition and working capital.

## APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Applications may be submitted during quarterly deadlines and range in size by county.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# EPA BROWNFIELDS

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**ADMINISTERING AGENCY**  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
November or December, annually

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### BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT, REVOLVING LOAN FUND, AND CLEANUP GRANTS

Funding available for city and county governments to assess, clean up and/or redevelop underutilized properties while protecting public health and the environment. These funds will expand the ability of communities to recycle vacant and abandoned properties for new, productive reuses.

### PROJECT PURPOSE

Since its inception in 1995, EPA's Brownfields Program has grown into a proven, results-oriented program that has changed the way contaminated property is perceived, addressed, and managed. EPA's Brownfields Program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- **Brownfields Assessment Grants** provide funding for Brownfields inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach
- **Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants** provide funding to capitalize loans that are used to clean up brownfields
- **Brownfields Cleanup Grants** provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant.

### AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVELS

Project	Available Funding Level
Brownfields Assessment Grants	Up to \$350,000 Per Site
Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants	Amount Is Variable
Brownfields Cleanup Grants	Up to \$200,000 Per Site 20% Cost Share Requirement

### APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Applications are due in November or December each year. Brownfields project proposals require extensive planning and preparation prior to submission. Contact UCDD's Allison Fox to learn more about site eligibility and application requirements.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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