The GUIDE

The League is excited to share the first edition of our Municipal Resources Guide. Alabama provides dozens of resources for local governments across several state agencies. As part of our mission to support our members, the League created this one stop guide to navigating these resources. While this guide does not include all the information about a program, it does provide an overview of valuable resources including program description, matching requirements, contact information and deadlines. This is also a living document that will be continually updated as municipal officials and employees endeavor to strengthen their communities.

Since 1935, the League has been the voice of Alabama’s municipalities and has worked to strengthen municipal government through advocacy, training and the advancement of effective local leadership. The League fully understands that municipalities are the foundation of Alabama’s economy and that we must work diligently and intentionally to ensure our cities and towns continue to provide essential resources and services that foster safe, vibrant spaces for businesses to thrive and citizens to live, work, play and prosper.

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The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council

Administering Agency: The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR)

Application Timeline: Not Set

Type of Program: State Project Suggestions

Eligible Participants: State and local government agencies

Eligible Funds: Not listed at this time

Source of Funds: Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council

Program Uses: Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources; Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring; workforce development and job creation; improvements to or on state parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure; coastal flood protection and related infrastructure; planning assistance; promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing; and promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region.

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Program Description: The Governor, along with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council is tasked with overseeing this funding for the benefit of Alabama's natural resources and economy. Restoration is well underway in the state, with projects being funded across a wide-array of goals that, collectively, will significantly contribute to the improvement of Alabama’s coastal resources and strengthen our State economy while improving the health and resiliency of our coastal communities.

Success Story

Alabama's initial Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) was approved in October 2018 by the United States Treasury Department. The MIP includes 15 projects that will be funded over the next several years through 2023. Some of these projects will be phased – planning, engineering and design, and construction – with one phase depending on the completion of the prior phase. The actual start dates of projects or a phase will be affected by the availability of funds. The total amount of Direct Component funds committed in this plan is $192,416,758.75. More information on projects can be found at www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org
Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA)

Administering Agency: The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), State Lands Division (SLD), Coastal Section

Application Timeline: Generally mid-February annually. Project suggestions submitted after the deadline will be reviewed as they are received as time permits.

Type of Program: State Project Suggestions

Eligible Participants: State and Local Government Agencies and other organizations

Eligible Funds: Fluctuates annually

Source of Funds: Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act

Program Uses: Projects and activities for the purposes of coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland losses; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan; mitigation of the impact of outer Continental Shelf activities through the funding of onshore infrastructure projects; and planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with this section.

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Program Description: The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), State Lands Division (SLD), Coastal Section accepts project suggestions to be funded through the Alabama Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act Program for the purposes described under Program Uses.

Success Story

In August 2020, Governor Kay Ivey gave approval to move forward with development and implementation of sixteen (16) projects from the Gulf of Mexico Energy and Security Act Program (GOMESA) distribution. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) will work with the project sponsors and provide support to accomplish the goals and objectives of the recommended projects. The combined total of all projects, when implemented, will be $26,148,869. In January 2020, ADCNR issued a call for project suggestions for the Alabama GOMESA funding. The ADCNR received more than 60 project suggestions from the public. These project suggestions as well as projects submitted through the Alabama Restoration Project Portal were considered for GOMESA funding. Many of the submitted project suggestions would be beneficial to the State of Alabama. However, the amount of GOMESA funding each year restricts the number of projects selected for implementation.

With the expectation of future GOMESA disbursements, the Governor’s office and the ADCNR will continue to evaluate funding opportunities for GOMESA projects.
### 2020 GOMESA Approved Projects

1. Weeks Bay and Fish River Boat Ramp Parking Improvements $550,000
2. City of Chickasaw Brooks Landing Public Access Enhancements $274,990
3. City of Satsuma Steele Creek Lodge Public Access Improvements $1,024,141
4. Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board Little Billy Goat Hole Public Boating Access Improvements $450,000
5. Dauphin Island Sea Lab Marine Science Research Vessel $3,250,000
6. Dauphin Island Sea Lab Manatee Sighting Network $149,838
7. GulfQuest Exhibit and Educational Content Improvements $76,800
8. Alabama State Port Authority Boat Launch Three Mile Creek $150,000
9. ADCNR Habitat Protection in the Perdido River Watershed $3,720,000
10. Auburn University Shellfish Laboratory Oyster Enhancement Project in Little Dauphin Bay $633,502
11. Administration of GOMESA Distribution $643,298
12. Bayou la Batre Utilities Septic to Sewer Improvements Projects $2,427,300
13. Mobile County Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection Authority Septic to Sewer Phase II Project $3,697,500
14. Baldwin County ICWW Public Boating Access Construction $2,601,500
15. City of Foley Nature Parks Expansion and Enhancements $3,000,000
16. Mobile County Commission Public Access Master Plan Implementation $3,500,000
Community Development Block Grant: Competitive Fund

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
Application Timeline: Applications deadlines are announced during the annual workshop in the first quarter of the year.
Type of Program: Competitive grant program
Eligible Participants: Non-entitlement municipalities and counties
Eligible Funds: The Small City and County funds both have ceilings of $350,000; the Large City fund has a ceiling of $450,000 per grant
Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program Uses: For water and sewer extensions and rehabilitation; housing rehabilitation; neighborhood and downtown revitalization; and street and drainage improvements

Contact Information:
Website: https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/ced/cdp/Pages/cdbg.aspx#Overview

Program Description: ADECA annually awards CDBG money for the Large City, Small City and County categories. Applicants are scored based on several competitive factors including community need, cost efficiency, appropriateness, and impact.

Success Story

Combining a $350,000 competitive CDBG with a $350,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission the town of Camp Hill was able to overcome deficiencies at its sewage treatment plan and comply with environmental regulations.
Community Development Block Grant: Community Enhancement Fund

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Application deadline is announced during the annual workshop in the first quarter of the year.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Non-entitlement municipalities and counties

Eligible Funds: Maximum $250,000 per grant

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program Uses: For fire protection; senior citizens centers; community centers; boys and girls clubs; and recreational facilities, etc.

Contact Information:
Website: https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/ced/cdp/Pages/cdbg.aspx#Overview

Program Description: This fund is available to all eligible communities to use for projects that address quality of life issues.

Success Story

For years the Hanceville Senior Citizen Program has been meeting in an antiquated building with inadequate space and several hazards. The city received a $250,000 CDBG Enhancement grant to build a larger and more adequate senior citizen center at C.W. Park, which is more accessible and includes many other amenities.

Community Development Block Grant: Planning Fund

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Application deadline is announced during the annual workshop in the first quarter of the year.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Non-entitlement municipalities and counties

Eligible Funds: Maximum $50,000 per grant

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Program Uses: For comprehensive plans; elements of comprehensive plans; downtown revitalization plans; and regional strategies and plans, etc.

Contact Information:
https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/ced/cdp/Pages/cdbg.aspx#Overview

Program Description: This fund is available to all eligible communities to use for projects that address quality of life issues.

Community Development Block Grant: Economic Development Fund

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
Application Timeline: The program is available on a continuous funding cycle.
Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires 20% match
Eligible Participants: Non-entitlement municipalities and counties
Eligible Funds: Maximum $200,000 per grant (can be waived)
Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program Uses: For water, sewer, or road improvements; rail spurs, docks, etc.; Economic Development Incubator ($250,000), and Economic Development Float Loans ($10 million).

Contact Information:
Website: https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/ced/cdp/Pages/cdbg.aspx#Overview

Program Description: The ED Infrastructure Fund is available to all eligible communities for projects supporting the creation or retention of jobs. Applicants for ED assistance should have a commitment from the business to create or retain 15 or more jobs. The business should fall within the SIC codes 20-39 or provide a significant economic benefit. Projects must not include intrastate relocation. The program is available on a continuous funding cycle. A 20 percent local match is required, and construction cannot begin prior to grant award or release of environmental conditions.

Success Story

A $400,000 CDBG economic development grant helped Winston Homebuilders refurbish an abandoned plant and open a mobile home manufacturing business in the city of Double Springs. The new business employs 150 people and company officials say additional jobs may also be created.
Emergency Solutions Grant

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: The program is available on a continuous funding cycle.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires 20% match

Eligible Participants: Local units of government: cities, towns, or counties; private nonprofit organizations; and faith-based organizations

Eligible Funds: Grant ceiling of $200,000 for single jurisdiction service area OR $400,000 for multicounty service area

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program Uses: For street outreach; emergency shelter; homelessness prevention; rapid re-housing; Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); and administration

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Program Description: Grant funding is used to upgrade existing homeless facilities and domestic abuse shelters, to help meet the operating costs of such facilities, to provide essential services (such as health and mental health services) to both sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, to help prevent homelessness, to rapidly re-house homeless persons and to assist in the costs of administering the Homeless Management Information System.
Land and Water Conservation Fund

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Annually, but deadlines vary

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires 50% match

Eligible Participants: All political subdivisions of the State are eligible to participate in the LWCF program. As such, municipalities, counties, state agencies, state and local educational institutions, and state authorities created by the legislature may apply for LWCF assistance.

Eligible Funds: Grant ceiling of $350,000 per application with a total $2,500,000 available

Source of Funds: The U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service

Program Uses: LWCF assistance can be used to acquire land and water interests for park purposes, develop new outdoor recreation facilities, and in certain instances, renovate existing recreation facilities. Virtually all public outdoor recreation activities are eligible for assistance under the Program including playgrounds, ball fields, (including lights – concrete or metal poles only), court sports, picnic areas, camping areas, trails, splash pads, etc. In addition, support facilities such as concession stands, restrooms, park access roads, parking areas, utilities, and site preparation necessary to make a recreation activity area usable may qualify for assistance.

Contact Information:
Website: https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/ced/Recreation/Pages/Programs.aspx#LWCF

Program Description: LWCF assistance may be used for the acquisition of land and water interests for park purposes, the development of new outdoor recreation facilities, and in certain instances, the renovation of existing public outdoor recreational facilities.

Success Story
The city of Lincoln acquired a 190-acre tract of land. With a $350,000 LWCF, the city plans to enhance the property with a playground, picnic area, walking trail, restrooms, parking lot, signage and landscaping.
Recreational Trails Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Annually, but deadlines may vary each year

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires 20% match

Eligible Participants: Local, State, and Federal Agencies

Eligible Funds: Depending on the project $200,000 - $500,000 per project, with a total $2,500,000 available

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

Program Uses: For development of urban trail linkages (includes trail linkages to schools, parks, and existing trails); maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails; provision of features which facilitate the access and use of trails by persons with disabilities; acquisition of easements for recreational trails or recreational trails corridors; acquisition of fee simple title to property from a willing seller for trail development; construction of new recreational trails; assessment of trail conditions for accessibility and maintenance; and development and dissemination of publications and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection.

Contact Information:
Website: https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/ced/Recreation/Pages/Programs.aspx#LWCF

Program Description: The RTP provides grant assistance to state and federal agencies and local units of government for the acquisition and/or development/improvement of recreational trails and trail related resources. Examples of eligible trail types include but are not limited to walking, jogging, cycling, skating, mountain biking, hiking, backpacking, off-highway vehicle, and equestrian.

Success Story

The city of Camden received a $531,000 grant for upgrades at Bridgeport Park along the Miller’s Ferry compound along the Alabama River. The improvements will facilitate fishing tournaments and other activities at the park resulting in additional commerce for the city.
Appalachian Regional Commission

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: The program is available on a continuous funding cycle

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires 20-70% match

Eligible Participants: State and local governments, non-profit organizations, and institutions of higher education in Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pickens, Randolph, St. Clair, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, or Winston county.

Eligible Funds: Maximum $200,000 per project.

Source of Funds: U.S. Congress

Program Uses: For Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia’s economy; improve the education, knowledge, skills and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia; invest in critical infrastructure—especially broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems; strengthen Appalachia’s community and economic development potential by leveraging the region’s natural and cultural heritage assets; and build the capacity and skills of current and next generation leaders and organizations to innovate, collaborate and advance community and economic development.

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Program Description: The Commission is a partnership of federal, state, and local governments, and was created to promote economic growth and improve the quality of life in the 13-state region stretching along the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern Mississippi. The region includes 420 counties, incorporating all of West Virginia and counties in 12 other states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Success Story

ARC awarded a $1.2 million grant to the town of West Blocton in June 2019 to improve infrastructure ahead of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International’s plan to build a battery plant in the area that will employ at least 275 people. Typical ARC grants do not exceed more than $200,000.
Delta Regional Authority

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: The program is available on a continuous funding cycle.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: City, counties and regional planning agencies in Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Escambia, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Pickens, Russell, Sumter, Washington and Wilcox.

Eligible Funds: No set amount

Source of Funds: U.S. Congress

Program Uses: For Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen the Black Belt region’s economy; improve the education, knowledge, skills and health of residents to work and succeed in the Black Belt; invest in critical infrastructure—especially broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems; Strengthen the Black Belt’s community and economic development potential by leveraging the Region’s natural and cultural heritage assets; and build the capacity and skills of current and next generation leaders and organizations to innovate, collaborate and advance community and economic development.

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Program Description: The Delta Regional Authority encourages the development of new jobs and basic improvements to enhance quality of life. The DRA’s formula for strengthening economies is to improve education, infrastructure, transportation, and businesses with an emphasis on private enterprise.

Success Story

The Delta Regional Authority awarded a $500,000 grant to improve sewage and provide water services to the Port of Epes Industrial Park in preparation for a wood pellet manufacturing firm that plans to locate there and create 85 jobs and improve commerce on the Tombigbee River.
State Energy Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
Application Timeline: Application deadline varies (but generally in late summer)
Type of Program: Competitive grant program
Eligible Participants: Local Governments, K-12 Schools, and Non-Profit Organizations
Eligible Funds: $25,000 to $40,000
Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Energy

Program Uses: For in the areas of building energy codes, industrial energy efficiency, energy education, renewable fuels, performance contracting and alternative transportation fuels.

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Program Description: The funding is utilized to plan and implement energy programs in Alabama that are designed to achieve national energy goals such as lowering energy costs and consumption, decreasing reliance on imported energy, reducing impacts of energy production and use on the environment and to increase energy security and reliability.

Success Story

The city of Millbrook used a $9,750 energy grant to install modern lighting in the Millbrook Economic Development Center to improve illumination and save on energy costs.
### Alabama Inland Port Infrastructure Program

**Administering Agency:** Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

**Application Timeline:** No Timeline

**Type of Program:** Competitive grant program, requires 20% match

**Eligible Participants:** port authorities, commissions, or their subdivisions and agents under existing authority, as well as a political subdivision of a local government, tribal government, a public agency, or publicly chartered authority established by the state.

**Eligible Funds:** $1,762,994.80, which is the maximum award amount.

**Source of Funds:** State

**Program Uses:** For capital improvements including but not limited to facilitate and coordinate inland port development, improvement, maintenance, onsite storage, moorings, and construction.

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**Program Description:** The Alabama Inland Port Infrastructure Program is designed to award infrastructure funds for inland port capital improvement initiatives. For the purposes of this program, an inland port is a port located along one of Alabama’s inland waterways that provides an inter-modal transportation hub. This program was created by the Alabama Legislature and may or may not be renewed based on the availability of funds.

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### Success Story

The Decatur–Morgan Port Authority received grants totaling more than $2 million in 2020 to construct a large warehouse at the Tennessee River facility helping to enhance a shipping avenue to the Gulf Coast and creating another option for north Alabama industries to ship finished goods or receive raw materials from all points worldwide.
Volkswagen Settlement Eligible Mitigation
Action Item Projects

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Varies. (Program will only run until funds expended)

Type of Program: Competitive grant program, requires various matching amounts

Eligible Participants: Government and non-government entities

Eligible Funds: No more than $5,810,000

Source of Funds: Volkswagen Mitigation Trust

Program Uses: For on-road heavy duty vehicles; non-road equipment; locomotives; and commercial marine vessels.

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Program Description: The purpose of this grant program is to fund projects to reduce levels of nitrogen oxides (NOx) within the state of Alabama.
LETS Byrne JAG Equipment:
Competitive Fund

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: Applications are announced through state law enforcement member groups in late summer.

Type of Program: Competitive equipment grant program

Eligible Participants: Law enforcement agencies that do not qualify for direct funding from the U.S. Department of Justice

Eligible Funds: Not listed at this time

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Justice, Byrne JAG

Program Uses: For law enforcement equipment upgrades.

Contact Information:
Website: https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/lets/Pages/LawEnforcement.aspx

Program Description: Competitive application to upgrade needed law enforcement equipment.
Alabama State Surplus

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: None

Type of Program: Surplus equipment

Eligible Participants: Government and non-government entities

Eligible Funds: None

Match Requirement: None

Source of Funds: None

Program Uses: State and federal surplus equipment available including vehicles, tractors, office equipment and more.

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Program Description: ADECA’s Surplus Property Division has warehouses in Montgomery and Eva (Morgan County) in which is housed state and federal surplus items ranging from vehicle to generators to traditional office equipment. Additionally, some items are housed at locations. In some cases, unused and little-used items are available. Some special items are also available during disasters. The Law Enforcement Support Office provides military equipment for police departments at no charge. Departments are required to transport at their own expense all items, which are usually located at military bases throughout the United States.
Office of Water Resources: Floodplain Management

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Application Timeline: None

Type of Program: Information

Eligible Participants: Communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program

Eligible Funds: None

Source of Funds: None

Program Uses: To help communities reduce flood damage to both new and existing buildings and infrastructure.

Contact Information:
Website: https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/owr/floodplain/Pages/default.aspx#NFIP

Program Description: ADECA’s OWR Floodplain Management Unit works closely with local communities and the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) to build relationships to strengthen their mitigation plans and take action to protect their residents and reduce flood risk.
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: Applications may be submitted and reviewed year-round; however, to be considered for Principal Forgiveness (up to $500,000 but no more than 50% of a project), the application must be submitted no later than February 1 of each year.

Type of Program: Competitive loan program

Eligible Participants: Any public body, including counties, state agencies, incorporated cities and towns, boards, and authorities, may apply for SRF financing.

Eligible Funds: Based upon availability of funds – typically, there is a range of $40-$80 Million dollars available on an annual basis. The amount is determined based on annual infrastructure allocations approved through the US Congress and revenue generated by the program, which are obligated to service new loans.

Source of Funds: State and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program Uses:
- Rehabilitate or develop water sources to replace contaminated sources; install or upgrade treatment facilities if the project would improve the quality of drinking water to comply with primary or secondary standards; install or upgrade water storage tanks to prevent microbiological contaminants from entering the water system; install or replace distribution pipes to prevent contamination caused by leaks or breaks in the pipe; consolidate water supplies when customers have an inadequate quantity of water, the water supply is contaminated, or the system is unable to maintain compliance for financial or managerial reasons; and other projects meeting the priority objectives of the program.

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Program Description: Alabama’s DWSRF is a perpetual source of low-cost financial assistance with fixed loan interest rates substantially lower than the prevailing municipal bond rates, for the construction of public water supply facilities needed to meet compliance standards and public health requirements. The Fund may offer loans for up to 100% of allowable project costs for up to 20 years (longer for qualifying communities).

Success Story

Over the past two years, the DWSRF has experienced enormous demand from large and small systems, both economically challenged and financially stable. The Department has successfully serviced all of the disadvantaged communities and a high percentage of all communities who requested a loan. The Department has loaned nearly $100 million dollars in each of the past two years to support drinking water system projects. In addition, over the past two years, the DWSRF has provided $11 million dollars in additional subsidization in the form of principle forgiveness to disadvantaged communities based on median household income and average water rates.
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: Applications may be submitted and reviewed year-round; however, to be considered for Principal Forgiveness (up to $500,000 but no more than 50% of a project), the application must be submitted no later than February 1 of each year.

Type of Program: Competitive loan program

Eligible Participants: Any public body, including counties, state agencies, incorporated cities and towns, boards, and authorities, may apply for SRF financing.

Eligible Funds: Based upon availability of funds – typically, there is a range of $40-$80 Million dollars available on an annual basis. The amount is determined based on annual infrastructure allocations approved through the US Congress and revenue generated by the program which are rolled back into new loans.

Source of Funds: State and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program uses: For wastewater treatment works; sewer rehabilitation; interceptors, collectors, and pumping stations; decentralized wastewater treatment; streambank restoration; permeable pavements; rain gardens and biofiltration products; brownfield remediation; and watershed and estuary protection projects.

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Program Description: Alabama’s CWSRF is a perpetual source of low-cost financial assistance with loan interest rates substantially lower than the prevailing municipal bond rates, for the construction of public water supply facilities needed to meet compliance standards and public health requirements. The Fund may offer loans for up to 100% of allowable project costs for up to 20 years.

Success Story

Over the past two years, the CWSRF has experienced enormous demand from large and small systems, both economically challenged and financially stable. The Department has successfully serviced all of the disadvantaged communities and a high percentage of all communities who requested a loan. The Department has loaned nearly $100 million dollars in each of the past two years to support clean water system projects. In addition, over the past two years, the CWSRF has provided $3.5 million dollars in additional subsidization in the form of principle forgiveness to disadvantaged communities based on county poverty rate, unemployment rate, statewide population trend, energy efficiency, and water efficiency data.
Scrap Tire Marketing Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: Applications may be submitted throughout the year, there is no deadline for submittal of applications.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Eligibility for funding is limited to local governments and local governmental non-profits only.

Eligible Funds: Up to 20% of the Scrap Tire Environmental Fee.

Source of Funds: Scrap Tire Environmental Fee

Program Uses: Promote the growth of scrap tire markets and beneficial end-use.

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Program Description: Alabama’s Scrap Tire Marketing Program was developed to promote the growth of scrap tire markets and beneficial end-use. The Scrap Tire Environmental Fee funds and promotes the development of scrap tire markets. Up to twenty percent of the Scrap Tire Environmental Fee is used for market development.

Success Story

The Program has had many success stories. The City of Luverne – E. L. Turner Park walking trail was in much needed repair, and it required resurfacing due to asphalt cracking and deterioration from oxidation and exposure to the elements, which occurred over its many years of use. The resurfacing project consisted of resurfacing the existing half mile asphalt trail by utilizing a rubberized walking surface funded by the Department through a grant from the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund. The rubberized surface provides a healthy, safe, joint-friendly walking and running experience unique to the region and its more than 10,000 annual users.
Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: March 1st deadline

Type of Program: Competitive reimbursement grant program

Eligible Participants: Local governments, authorities, and governmental non-profit organizations

Eligible Funds: Variable

Source of Funds: Alabama Recycling Fund

Program uses: Offers grants to launch and further enhance recycling programs in Alabama to reduce materials from the solid waste stream. Grant funds can be used to purchase equipment, purchase educational materials, purchase professional services, or create jobs.

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Program Description: The Alabama Recycling Fund Grant program was launched in 2008 with the Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Management Act establishing a $1.00/ton tipping fee on all landfilled solid waste. Of the funds generated by the tipping fees, 25% is allocated to the Alabama Recycling Fund. The fund allows ADEM to grant communities monies to launch and further enhance recycling programs, allowing to further reduce the solid waste stream in Alabama.

Success Story

Since 2009, the Department has awarded nearly 200 Alabama Recycling Fund grants, exceeding a total of $20 million of funds granted.
Brownfields Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: None

Type of Program: Voluntary; no-cost to applicant program for site assessment and remediation of properties suitable for redevelopment

Eligible Participants: Local governments and non-profit organizations. The following individuals may initiate a request for assistance include mayors, city council members, economic development board members, presidents of non-profit organizations, and presidents of universities.

Eligible Funds: Limited and on a first come-first served basis

Source of Funds: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant

Program uses: Conduct comprehensive community brownfield surveys to assist with Brownfield prioritization; perform visioning workshops to encourage community input in site development; conduct Phase 1 and Phase 2 Assessments at “no cost” for public entities on first come-first served basis; cleanup enrolled properties to promote economic revitalization; other projects meeting the priority objectives of the program.

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Program Description: ADEM’s Brownfields Program assists local governments and non-profit organizations with assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of brownfields sites. ADEM may perform site assessments for these entities at no cost and also offers training and assistance on applying for EPA grants available under Section 128(a) of the federal Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. The program is administered within the Land Division by the Redevelopment Section.
Voluntary Cleanup Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Application Timeline: Open

Type of Program: Voluntary; fee-based

Eligible Participants: Any public or private entity willing to enter into an agreement with the Department and adhere to the terms and conditions of the program may apply.

Eligible Funds: Fee-based (ADEM Division 1 Regulations - Schedule H) Source of Funds: Enrolled Parties

Program uses: Department oversight of assessment and cleanup activities on brownfields properties; oversight visits before/during/after any cleanup actions; implementing soil/groundwater covenants when necessary; issuing fully transferable Letters of Concurrence upon program completion (Unconditional or Conditional); limited liability protections for the applicants who complete the program; other projects meeting the priority objectives of the program.

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Program Description: ADEM's Voluntary Cleanup Program is a fee-based program for public and private entities that provides oversight of assessment and cleanup of brownfields properties. The program results in limited liability protection for the property owner. The enrolled site may also be eligible for Brownfield Tax Abatements. Additional benefits of the program include utilizing established infrastructure, transferrable benefits (Letters of Concurrence), and community support. The program is administered within the Land Division by the Redevelopment Section.
Alabama Land Recycling Revolving Loan Fund Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Management Application Timeline: None
Type of Program: Competitive loan program
Eligible Participants: Governmental entities
Eligible Funds: $1 million
Source of Funds: State and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program Uses: The remediation of contaminated brownfield sites.

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Program Description: Alabama’s BRSRF is designed to be a perpetual source of low-cost financial assistance, loan interest rate substantially lower than the prevailing municipal bond rate, for the remediation of brownfield site to an acceptable level for redevelopment. The BRSRF offers loans for up to 100% of allowable project costs for up to 10 years.

Success Story

Downtown Montgomery, AL, has entered a new era of brownfield revitalization. Previous industrial and commercial activity in the downtown area resulted in contamination that hindered redevelopment efforts. However, the construction of the Riverwalk Stadium in 2004 sparked redevelopment in downtown Montgomery. The baseball stadium was constructed on the site of an historic train depot. Instead of knocking down the existing buildings, the architects incorporated them into the ballpark, creating a unique blend of old and new. The converted century-old train shed now includes 20 luxury suites to watch the game from, picnic areas, concessions, and a children's playground area.

Downtown Montgomery has also seen a surge of residential development. The recently developed, Heights Montgomery, overlooks the Alabama River and is steps away from the newly upgraded Wright Brothers Park, the EAT South Downtown Farm, and the core of downtown. The apartments include 164 residential units, swimming pool, and fitness center. Through the partnership efforts of number of organizations, Eat South's Downtown Farm, located on a former rail yard, was remediated and then redeveloped. After conducting brown-field assessments, the site was determined to be suitable for use as an urban garden. The community garden space provides fresh produce as well as a hands-on educational learning center for schools. For most of the projects listed above, the City of Montgomery utilized various brownfield grants and the BRSRF to asset and clean-up the sites to prepare them for redevelopment.
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Administering Agency: Alabama Emergency Management Agency

Application Timeline: Generally, around 90 days from the major disaster declaration date

Type of Program: Federally declared disaster grant program

Eligible Participants: State and local governments, Native American tribes, and certain non-profit organizations

Eligible Funds: An estimate of HMGP funding will be provided after completion of Joint Federal/State/Local Public Assistance (Infrastructure) Damage Assessments. A much better figure will be provided after the 90-day estimate is provided by FEMA. Hazard Mitigation is generally funded at 15% of the 90 day estimate initially.

Match Requirement: Minimum 25% match required

Source of Funds: FEMA, under the Department of Homeland Security

Program Uses: Implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration.

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Program Description: The purpose of the program is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

Success Story
Both Baldwin County and Escambia County have used past 406 mitigation opportunities to upgrade many culverts countywide. Baldwin County accomplished this by a combination of methods. First the county adopted codes and standards requiring all existing repairs to culverts be upgraded from CMP to concrete pipes. Additionally, the county has used the opportunity to upsize many pipes to reduce the impacts from future events saving the need for future disaster funding for repairs or replacement. Escambia County has used opportunities to upsize pipes to greatly reduce the impacts in future events as well. In Hurricane Sally, there was little to no impact involving the structures previously mitigated.

The City of Elba has experienced repetitive losses because of flooding in the past. The city is taking the opportunity to use HMGP 404 funds to buyout the repetitive loss structures and turn the area into green space that can absorb more of the flood inundation in the future and provide an aesthetically appealing open space.
Flood Mitigation Assistance

**Administering Agency:** Alabama Emergency Management Agency

**Application Timeline:** Monday, November 20, 2020 at 5:00 PM CST to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

**Type of Program:** Competitive grant program

**Eligible Participants:** State and local governments and Native American tribes

**Eligible Funds:** $160 million nationwide

**Match Requirement:** Minimum 25% match required

**Source of Funds:** FEMA, under the Department of Homeland Security

**Program Uses:** Implement long-term hazard mitigation measures tied to flood reduction mitigation activities.

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**Program Description:** The FY 2020 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, Indian tribal governments, and local communities to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

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**Success Story**

On numerous occasions local governmental entities have utilized this grant to remove structures from flood prone areas by either buyouts or elevations. These actions have reduced future losses. We are currently working on elevations of homes that will not only reduce future losses but ensure that the homes are by in large not impacted allowing homeowners to resume their normal activities with little disruption.
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities

Administering Agency: Alabama Emergency Management Agency
Application Timeline: Monday, December 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM CST to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency. After submitting the application please notify your Hazard Mitigation Division Management Specialist.
Type of Program: Competitive grant program
Eligible Participants: State and local governments and Native American tribes
Eligible Funds: $500,000,000 Nationwide with a state set aside of $600,000 federal share
Match Requirement: Minimum 25% match required
Source of Funds: FEMA, under the Department of Homeland Security

Program Uses: Implement long-term hazard mitigation measures tied to innovative community mitigation initiatives.

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Program Description: The FY 2020 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. FEMA anticipates BRIC funding projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design.

Success Story
This grant debuted in 2020. We have a proposed project with ALDOT under discussion to harden traffic lights and associated components to prevent damages and ensure functionality post landfall of a tropical system. If selected and undertaken this will reduce the need for personnel and resources and to repair and ensure a more rapid flow of emergency responders, utility restoration crews, public works crews and the public. There is growing interests from other coastal communities in this initiative.
Historic Sites Grant

Administering Agency: Alabama Historical Commission

Application Timeline: August 21, 2020

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Public or non-profits entities who own and operate historic sites in Alabama

Eligible Funds: Approximately $1,075,000 annually, amounts will not exceed $30,000 for any one entity

Source of Funds: State funds

Program uses: Repairs to historic buildings; work to correct any structural deficiencies; keeping moisture out of the building; upgrading or repair of mechanical systems; roof repair or replacement, painting, and removal of vegetation; educational programming, and interpretive signage; and grave marker cleaning and repair.

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Program Description: Grants will be awarded to public or non-profit entities who own and operate historic sites in Alabama, reflect an education-based mission, concentrate on educational programming, and reflect the geographical diversity of the state. Preference will be given to properties built before 1840 that are listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, historic school structures, and properties built before 1943 that are listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
Homeland Security Grant Program


Application Timeline: Based on release of federal funds

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Local first responders such as sheriff offices, police department, paid and volunteer fire departments, emergency management agencies, and rescue squads

Eligible Funds: approximately $2 million annually


Program uses: The procurement of equipment such as interoperable communication devises.

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Program Description: The purpose of the HSGP is to provide funds to eligible entities to support state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risks to the security of the United States. The HSGP is comprised of three grant programs: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP); Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI); and Operation Stonegarden (OPSG).
ALEA Support Programs

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency’s (ALEA) mission is to efficiently provide quality service, protection and safety for the state of Alabama through the utilization of consolidated law enforcement, investigative and support services. The agency is divided into three primary components: Office of the Secretary, Department of Public Safety and State Bureau of Investigation. ALEA frequently partners with municipalities and offers the following resources:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Although the bulk of the Office of the Secretary’s functions support the agency and its employees, with such divisions as ALEA Administration, Office of Integrity and Information Technology, there also are facets offering services to local governments.

- **Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center (Academy, in Selma):** The center offers the Alabama Basic Police Academy to train recruits from local law enforcement agencies. They also offer a variety of law enforcement courses covering a wide range of topics, including but not limited to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Training, Field Officer Training and Traffic Homicide Investigation courses.
  
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- **Aviation Unit:** Flight crews from the agency’s three hangars (north, central and south Alabama) are available to assist with search and rescue missions, train and certify officers from agencies participating in Project Lifesaver, provide aerial photography and surveying opportunities (for disaster relief, etc.), train and certify rescue teams.
  
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- **Office of Homeland Security:** This office coordinates with federal, state and local partners to prevent, protect and respond to acts of terrorism in Alabama. It is committed to protecting the citizens of Alabama by supporting local first responders and private sector partners.
  
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

ALEA’s Department of Public Safety (DPS) is comprised of three divisions: Highway Patrol, Driver License and Marine Patrol Division, with each offering a variety of resources.

- **Driver License:** Not only is this division responsible for testing and maintaining records on Alabama’s licensed drivers, but it archives and makes available for purchase traffic and boating crash reports, traffic arrest forms and traffic violation convictions. The Driver License Division is also responsible for the application of penalties that may result in the revocation or suspension of a driver license. Municipalities may contact this division for information concerning licensed drivers’ records and penalties, as well as for questions or concerns about commercial drivers, particularly those the municipalities employ.

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- **Highway Patrol:** This division has seven troops across the state, with 17 posts and eight communications centers. Troopers patrol approximately 69,500 miles of roadways in Alabama. Their duties include enforcing motor vehicle laws and certain other statutes, investigating traffic crashes and performing special duties during emergencies and disasters. Functions of the division include Motor Carrier Safety (commercial vehicles), Traffic Homicide Investigations and the Motorcycle Unit. By request, Highway Patrol is available to assist municipalities with disaster response, major roadways closures, search missions, pursuits and active-shooter situations.

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- **Marine Patrol:** Troopers within this division patrol Alabama’s lakes, rivers and coastline, enforcing the law to ensure safe and responsible use of state waterways. Given the uniqueness of patrolling waterways and the fact that one lake or river may cover several different municipalities and/or counties, Troopers are ready to assist local law enforcement in a variety of ways. Marine Patrol Troopers assist with safety initiatives, boaters who are operating vessels under the influence of alcohol or drugs, participate in searches for missing boaters and other individuals, major boating crashes or other events occurring on or near the water.

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STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Much of what ALEA’s SBI does is in support of municipal agencies, as well as federal and international agencies. This investigative, non-uniform department of ALEA is multifaceted with criminal investigations, alcohol/narcotics/tobacco enforcement and criminal justice information services, as well as housing the Alabama Fusion Center.
• **Criminal Investigations:** This division comprises of Major Crimes, Special Victims (including Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force) and Unsolved Violent Crimes. Special Agents frequently assist or, in some cases, lead investigations in municipalities. These include officer-involved shootings, homicides, misuse of government funds, abuse of power, crime-scene processing, polygraph examinations, latent-print (fingerprinting) services, technical surveillance and hostage negotiations.

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• **Vice & Special Operations:** Narcotics, Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement are two of the units within this division. Special Agents within this division investigate and enforce regulations related to illegal distribution, use and/or consumption of narcotics, alcohol and tobacco. In addition, Agriculture and Rural Crimes Unit investigators assist or lead cases involving agriculture-and forestry-related crimes, including farm-equipment theft, livestock theft and property damage.

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• **Criminal Justice Services:** CJS is responsible for maintaining the Sex Offender Registry and coordinates with local law enforcement to ensure offenders are compliant and help answer questions concerning the registry. Responsibilities of this division include Criminal Records, maintaining fingerprint files on all individuals arrested in Alabama; Latent Print, which processes crime scenes and crime-scene evidence to identify suspects; Record Check, which provides criminal history information upon request; Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), to analyze, store, match and retrieve fingerprint images; and Criminal Justice Information, which investigates misuse of criminal justice information. They also work with local law enforcement agencies to support and train their personnel on laws and regulations regarding the use of criminal justice information.

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• **Special Services:** This division offers several services to municipalities through Tactical Operations SWAT, Tactical Operations Bomb Squad and Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT). SWAT teams are available to execute search warrants, assist with high-risk felony traffic stops and prisoner transports. The Bomb Squad responds to hundreds of calls from municipalities and other ALEA partners throughout the year to handle both criminal and non-criminal recovery of explosives, suspicious packages, bomb threats, post-blast investigations, explosive detection K-9 sweeps, search warrants and technical support. ALERRT is designed to teach law enforcement officers how to handle active-shooter incidents, as well as to certify ALERRT trainers representing different law enforcement agencies across the state.

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• **Alabama Fusion Center:** The Fusion Center exists to improve Alabama’s preparedness against terrorist attacks and to deter criminal activity. An information-sharing organization, it combines, or “fuses,” information between federal, state and local governments, private-sector entities and the intelligence community. Its employees are dedicated to several specific areas that benefit municipalities, including issuing AMBER Alerts and other alerts for missing individuals, rural crime, cybercrime, terrorism, narcotics and human trafficking.

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• **Alabama Geographic Information Office:** This unit, part of the Alabama Fusion Center, offers several services to local governments and other outside entities. Its platform, the Alabama GeoHub, may be used to provide important geospatial and analytical resources to support investigations and daily operations. The AGIO also offers local governments access to the Alabama school safety dashboard, reflecting threats and events taking place at or near schools to provide school administrators and law enforcement key information for situational awareness.

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• **Drones Unit:** Certified drone operators are available to provide aerial photographs/videos for surveillance, crash- and crime-scene mapping, assistance in searches for missing persons and visual information to ensure officer safety during events such as searches for escaped inmates.

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Tourism: Community Grants

Administering Agency: Alabama Tourism Department

Application Timeline: Available all year, but applications are due three months prior to the event. Because of a reduction of funds due to the impact of the pandemic, the agency’s grant program is temporarily suspended. For updates, please call Grants Division.

Type of Program: Competitive grant program

Eligible Participants: Municipalities and non-profits

Eligible Funds: Maximum $2,500 for festivals and $5,000 for attractions

Match Requirement: None

Source of Funds: State Funds

Program Uses: Promote travel and vacation business to Alabama on a reimbursement basis.

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Program Description: The Alabama Tourism Department (ATD) started the Community Grants Program in 2020. The Community Grants Program provides assistance to municipal and nonprofit Alabama organizations promoting travel and vacation business to Alabama on a reimbursement basis.
Maps

In addition to the listed resources, we thought the maps found at the links below might be of interest in your community development pursuits.

Regional Councils Map: 

Regional Workforce Councils Map: 

Emergency Management Agency Divisions Map: 
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