Economic Development Administration Programs Supplement

EDA Public Works Program: Provides funds to state, local, and tribal governments in order to develop public and private infrastructure in economically-distressed areas. Eligible projects can include construction of modern infrastructure such as distance learning networks, multitenant manufactories, and fiber optic facilities. Traditional public works projects are also eligible, including water system improvements, skill-training facilities, and brownfields redevelopment.

Economic Adjustment Program: Provides a range of technical, planning, and infrastructure assistance to regions experiencing adverse economic changes due to events such as a plant closure, changing trade patterns, catastrophic natural disasters, or a military base closure. The EAA program can provide state and local entities with two types of grant:

1. Strategy Grants: Supports the creation or refinement of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the affected area.
2. Implementation Grants: Supports the execution of projects identified in a CEDS, such as infrastructure improvements, site acquisition, and site rehabilitation. Specific activities may be funded as separate investments or as multiple elements of a single investment.

EDA Disaster Supplemental Grants: Provides funds to nonprofits and state, local, and tribal governments to implement long-term plans to recover from declared disasters and increase community resiliency.

Regional Innovation Strategies Program: EDA provides two types of grants to support plans to enhance startup accelerators and technology commercialization services on a regional scale.

1. i6 Challenge: A competitive grant designed to support entrepreneurial programs related to technology commercialization that result in the creation of new businesses, exports, and jobs across a given region. Funding may be used for purposes including personnel recruitment, program development, and equipment procurement, among others.
2. Seed Fund Support (SFS) Grant Competition: A competitive grant that supports the formation or expansion of cluster-focused seed funds that invest their capital in innovation-based startups with high growth and job creation potential. Funds can be used for technical assistance, such as conducting feasibility studies or engaging in planning activities relevant to the establishment of a viable fund.

EDA Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs: A competitive grant that provides assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and their community partners in creating economic development plans. These plans are to guide the creation and retention of high-quality jobs for unemployed and underemployed workers in economically-distressed regions.

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms: EDA also sponsors a number of Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers which can provide assistance to firms facing declining revenues due to foreign commercial competition. Examples of such assistance include marketing, manufacturing, finance, employee training, and new product development. Visit the Southwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center website for further information.