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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Housing Program - CDBG

Description: The Housing Program works to fund projects designed to develop decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing.

Eligibility: All cities and counties are eligible to apply for the funds with the exception of Ashland, Bowling Green, Covington, Elizabethtown, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Lexington-Fayette County, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, and Owensboro. These entitlement communities receive CDBG funds directly from HUD.

Match: Priority 1 applications must provide at least a 25 percent match.

Dates: The application submission dates are April 1– January 1.

Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) - CDBG

Description: CERF funds are provided to give communities a means to restore infrastructure or housing that severe weather or natural disasters have negatively impacted. As part of the Commonwealth's allocation from the CDBG program, these projects will be allocated an amount to be determined based on need with the maximum amount of \$100,000 of CDBG funding per project.

Eligibility: Only communities that have experienced a disaster and have a Declaration of Emergency from the Governor may submit an application for these funds.

Dates: The application submission dates are April 1– January 31.



AGRICULTURE

USDA Farm Funding

Description: USDA offers a variety of funding opportunities to help farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners finance their businesses.

Eligibility: Various farm entities.

Dates: Ongoing

KADF Farmers Markets

Description: Projects are expected to positively affect the economic status of farmers and the targeted agricultural community. Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate the following:

- Economic/commercial viability and feasibility of the proposed project
- Project will be self-sustaining within a reasonable period of time
- Project will have a significant impact on farm income for multiple producers, will have high potential for growth, and will have potential to include more farmers in the future.

Eligibility: Eligible items for a farmers market project include:

- Expenses related to the construction of a new farmers market facility or expansion/renovation of an existing facility;
- Costs related to vendor development and training; and
- Feasibility studies for a farmers market.

Dates: Ongoing



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Projects - CDBG

Description: The Community Projects Program is designed to provide funds for community development projects that address human service needs, such as senior centers, crisis centers, fire stations and facilities that provide services to low-income persons. These projects have been allocated with the maximum amount of \$750,000 of CDBG funding per community.

Eligibility: All cities and counties are eligible to apply for the funds with the exception of Ashland, Bowling Green, Covington, Elizabethtown, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Lexington-Fayette County, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, and Owensboro. These entitlement communities receive CDBG funds directly from HUD.

Dates: The application submission dates typically run April through August.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Description: This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

Eligibility: Eligible borrowers include: public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, federally-recognized tribes.

Dates: Ongoing



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development - CDBG

Description: The Economic Development Branch works to fund development activities that create or retain jobs principally benefiting low and moderate income (LMI) persons. Additional goals provide for the training and provision of human services that allow for the professional advancement of LMI persons.

There are two areas of eligibility for CDBG Economic Development funding:

Traditional: Provides grant assistance to communities for projects which specifically address the creation or retention of jobs through eligible activities. Funds can be provided to a community to use for specific business/industrial clients.

Non-Traditional: Allows for the funding of eligible activities benefiting low and moderate income persons not directly related to job creation.

Eligibility: All cities and counties with the exception of designated entitlement areas. Multi-Jurisdiction Applications may jointly request \$2 million provided that the \$1 million per jurisdiction is not exceeded. Multi-Jurisdiction Non-Traditional Economic Development applicants may request up to \$500,000 if the \$250,000 per jurisdiction is not exceeded.

Dates: The application submission dates are April through January.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

Description: EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs provide economically distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible resources to address a wide variety of economic needs. Projects funded by these programs will support the mission of the Department by, among other things, leading to the creation and retention of jobs and increased private investment, advancing innovation, enhancing the manufacturing capacities of regions, providing workforce development opportunities, and growing ecosystems that attract foreign direct investment. The award floor is \$100,000, and the award ceiling is \$30,000,000.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, county governments, special district governments, city or township governments, private institutions of higher education, state governments.

Dates: Ongoing



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (FEMA AFG)

Description: The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. AFG helps firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Eligible expenditures:

- Operations & safety
- Training
- Equipment for effective response, firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical operations
- PPE compliant for firefighting and nonaffiliated EMS personnel
- Wellness and fitness activities intended to strengthen emergency responders so that their mental, physical, and emotional capabilities are resilient enough to withstand the demands of all hazardous operations
- Modifications of fire stations and other facilities
- Vehicle acquisition
- Regional projects

Eligibility: Eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, and State Fire Training Academies.

Dates: Check FEMA Website.



EMERGENCY SERVICES

COPS Hiring Program (USDOJ CHP)

Description: CHP provides funding to hire and re-hire entry level career law enforcement officers in order to preserve jobs, increase community policing capacities and support crime prevention efforts.

Funding under this program may be used to:

- Hire new officers
- Rehire officers (laid off as a result of budget reductions)
- Rehire officers (scheduled at the time of application to be laid off as a result of budget reductions)

Eligibility: All state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement authority.

Dates: Typically, applications are due in March.

Kentucky 911 Services Board Grant Program for PSAPs Only

Description: Funding for public safety answering points (PSAPs). An emphasis is placed on NG911 projects. Eligible projects include Host/Remote solutions, new or improved 911 PSAP support equipment (ex., CAD upgrade/replacement, GIS mapping, etc.), and any other project that meets 202 KAR 6:090.

Eligibility: All certified PSAPs

Dates: Application cycle typically runs November through February.



EMERGENCY SERVICES

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan

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

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

Eligibility: Public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and Federally recognized Tribes. Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program.

Dates: Ongoing



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Law Enforcement Protection Program (KOHS LEPP)

Description: The Law Enforcement Protection Program enables the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) to provide law enforcement agencies across the state funds to purchase duty equipment on a year-round basis.

LEPP provides grants for body armor, duty weapons, ammunition, electronic-control devices, electronic-control weapons or electronic-muscular disruption technology, and body-worn cameras to sworn peace officers and service animals.

In awarding these grants, KOHS gives first priority to providing and replacing body armor and second priority to providing firearms and ammunition, with residual funds available for the purchase of electronic-control weapons or electronic-muscular disruption technology and body-worn cameras. Body armor purchased using LEPP funds shall meet or exceed the standards issued by the National Institute of Justice for body armor.

Eligibility: City, county, charter county, unified local government, urban-county government, and consolidated local government police departments, university safety and security departments organized pursuant to KRS 164.950, school districts that employ special law enforcement officers and service animals as defined in KRS 61.900, and sheriff's departments.

Dates: Ongoing



EMERGENCY SERVICES

School Violence Prevention Program (USDOJ COPS SVPP)

Description: School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) funding will provide up to 75% funding for the following school safety measures in and around K-12 (primary and secondary) schools and school grounds:

- Coordination with law enforcement
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self
- Metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency
- Any other measure that the COPS Office determines may provide a significant improvement in security

Eligibility: States, units of local government (city, county, township, etc.), public agencies (such as county or city public school systems, public boards of education, independent school districts, police departments, sheriff's departments), or federally recognized tribal governments. Recipients of SVPP funding must use funding for the benefit of K-12 students.

Dates: Applications are typically due at the end of April.



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) (KY EMA)

Description: The purpose of HMGP is to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures following a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration in the areas of the state, tribe, or territory requested by the Governor or Tribal Executive. The key purpose of this grant program is to enact mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters.

FEMA provides up to 75 percent of the funds for mitigation projects. The remaining 25 percent can come from a variety of sources. A cash payment from the state, local government or in some cases directly from the individual is the most direct option.

Eligibility: In general, individuals, businesses and private nonprofits via local governments, can apply for HMGP funding. Individuals may not apply directly for HMGP funding but may be sponsored through an appropriate sub applicant via a local government, state agency, tribe or tribal agency, or private nonprofit. Applications are submitted to the state, eligible tribe, or territory, which receives HMGP funds from FEMA.

Dates: A Presidential Major Disaster Declaration provides for the availability of HMGP funds at the request of a state's governor in eligible communities within a state, tribe, or territory. Regulations require the state, tribe, or territory to provide a Letter of Intent within 30 days after a disaster declaration that notifies FEMA whether or not the state will participate in HMGP. The applicant must submit all HMGP subapplications to FEMA within 12 months of the date of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Firehouse Subs Grants

Description: The grant's mission is to impact the lifesaving capabilities and lives of local heroes and their communities. This is accomplished by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders and public safety organizations. All requests must fall within the Foundation's funding guidelines which can be found via firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas. Funding amounts typically range from \$15,000 – \$25,000.

Eligibility: Fire departments, Law enforcement, EMS, public safety organizations, non-profits and schools.

Dates: The next grant application cycle will begin on January 9, 2025.



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Waste Tire Collection Grant (EEC)

Description: Eligible expenses under this grant are the actual costs (up to \$4,000) that the county incurs during the grant period for the disposal or recycling of waste tires. Other expenses, such as labor and equipment costs, are not eligible.

Eligibility: County governments

Dates: Typically, the application deadline is early June.

Composting Grant (EEC)

Description: The program will assist eligible applicants in their efforts to achieve a successful program to divert materials from being landfilled and direct them to composting, reuse or other recycling options. This is a 75/25 match grant: the applicant shall provide match funding equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

Eligibility: Any county, waste management district, city, urban-county government, or other political subdivision of the state or any combination of the above, including school districts.

Dates: Typically, the application deadline is the beginning of April.



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Crumb Rubber/Tire Derived Products Grant (EEC)

Description: This grant funds projects that promote the use of recycled Kentucky waste tires in the form of crumb rubber or other tire-derived products that meet the criteria of the grant program.

This grant has focused on funding crumb rubber mulch for landscaping projects in recent years, but the cabinet is encouraging applicants to expand the scope of potential projects for this grant cycle. In addition to landscaping mulch projects, the cabinet will consider requests for: walking trails; poured-in-place playgrounds, sidewalks or other surfaces; horse trailer or stall mats; tree wells or other products utilizing recycled Kentucky tires.

This grant is a 75/25 match grant: the applicant shall provide match funding equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria, but may include:

- Private entities
- Owners of commercial entities operating within the Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Public school districts
- Private schools
- City and county governments
- Entities operating public parks, and
- State agencies.

Dates: Typically, the application deadline is the beginning of April.



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Household Hazardous Waste Grant

Description: The goal of the program is to help Kentucky develop an integrated recycling infrastructure, manage Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and provide recycling and HHW public education programs.

Priority will be given to regional recycling projects and regional household hazardous waste management programs with state approved inter-local cooperative agreements.

This grant is a 75/25 match grant: the applicant shall provide match funding equal to at least 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

Eligibility: Any county, waste management district, city, urban-county government, or other political subdivision of the state or any combination of the above, including schools/school districts.

Dates: Typically, the application deadline is the beginning of April.



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Recycling Grant (EEC)

Description: The goal of the program is to leverage limited funds into efficient and cost effective projects to help Kentucky develop an integrated recycling infrastructure, manage Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and provide recycling and HHW public education programs.

Priority will be given to regional recycling projects and regional household hazardous waste management programs with state approved interlocal cooperative agreements.

This grant is a 75/25 match grant: the applicant shall provide match funding equal to at least 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

Eligibility: Any county, waste management district, city, urban-county government, or other political subdivision of the state or any combination of the above, including school districts.

Dates: Typically, the application deadline is the beginning of April.

EPA Brownfields Grants

Description: A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment. These grants support revitalization efforts by funding environmental assessment, cleanup, and job training activities. Grants offered include:

[Brownfields Assessment Grants](#)
[Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant](#)
[Brownfields Cleanup Grants](#)
[Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training](#)

[Technical Assistance, Training, and Research Grants](#)
[State and Tribal Response Program Grants](#)



INFRASTRUCTURE

Public Facilities - CDBG

Description: The Public Facilities Branch provides funding to develop Kentucky's water and wastewater systems. As part of the Commonwealth's allocations from the CDBG program, these grants have a maximum amount of \$1,500,000 for treatment plants and \$1,250,000 for lines/pumps and tanks per community. Self-help grants (maximum amount of \$300,000 per project) are funded under this branch.

Eligibility: All cities and counties with the exception of Ashland, Bowling Green, Covington, Elizabethtown, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Lexington-Fayette County, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, and Owensboro. These entitlement communities receive CDBG funds directly from HUD.

Dates: The application submission dates typically run April through August.



INFRASTRUCTURE

USDA Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

Description: The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program provides funding for rural projects through local utility organizations. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which, in turn, pass through to local businesses for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. Recipients repay the lending utility directly. The utility then is responsible for repayment to USDA.

Eligibility: To receive funding, an entity must be:

- A former Rural Utilities Service borrower who borrowed, repaid or pre-paid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan.
- Nonprofit utilities that are eligible to receive assistance from the Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs.
- Current Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs borrowers.

KIA SRF Fund F Loan - Drinking Water

Description: The program supports: Waterline replacements, waterline extensions, new water storage tanks, pumps, new water treatment plants and treatment upgrades, generators, water meters, etc.

Eligibility: Government agencies, other than federal agencies, for facilities necessary to achieve or maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act or to protect public health. Borrowers must demonstrate financial, managerial, and technical capacity. Projects must be included on the project priority list in the Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan program.



INFRASTRUCTURE

KIA SRF Fund A Loan - Wastewater

Description: The program supports: Sewer collection lines, new wastewater treatment plants, stormwater projects, detention basins, etc.

Eligibility: Must be for wastewater treatment facilities that comply with the Clean Water Act. Project must be included on the project priority list in the Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program.

KIA SRF Fund B Loan - Infrastructure

Description: Provides for the construction or acquisition of infrastructure projects (both water and wastewater) through low-interest state funded loans. The interest rate structure mirrors those of the SRF programs. Fund B projects are funded on a case-by-case basis, first come, first served.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a government agency and the project must be financially feasible as determined by KIA staff.

KIA SRF Fund C Loan - Governmental

Description: The Fund C loan program makes loans from accumulated program assets with the capability to issue bonds to increase program capacity. The interest rate is set each year at the start of the state fiscal year and often differs from the standard SRF rates. Similar to Fund B, projects are funded on a case-by-case basis, first come, first served.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a government agency and the project must be financially feasible as determined by KIA staff.



INFRASTRUCTURE

EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

Description: EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs provide economically distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible resources to address a wide variety of economic needs. Projects funded by these programs will support the mission of the Department by, among other things, leading to the creation and retention of jobs and increased private investment, advancing innovation, enhancing the manufacturing capacities of regions, providing workforce development opportunities, and growing ecosystems that attract foreign direct investment. The award floor is \$100,000, and the award ceiling is \$30,000,000.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification), nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the irs, other than institutions of higher education, nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the irs, other than institutions of higher education, county governments, special district governments, city or township governments, private institutions of higher education, state governments.

Dates: Ongoing



INFRASTRUCTURE

Flood Control Match Program - DLG

Description: The Flood Control Match Program is administered by the Department for Local Government, Office of Federal Grants. The program uses state bond funds as grants to help meet cost-share match requirements associated with projects funded by federal sponsors. Some examples are, but not limited to, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and USDA Rural Development (RD). The type of projects previously funded include acquisition and relocation of homes from flood prone areas, construction and reconstruction of floodwalls and small dams, debris removal from creeks and small rivers and elevation of structures located in flood plains. The fund has also been used for flood studies for future projects (stream flow gauges and flood inundation maps).

The standard matching process requires a local match along with funds from a federal agency. The state flood control funds are used to assist local communities (grantees) with the required local match funds. Typically, DLG will assist in funding the local match requirement by a rational percentage of federal funds allocated for the total project amount. DLG encourages the grantee to include as many funding sponsors possible including federal, state, and local agencies, private sector, and/or any entities that will benefit from the flood control project.

Eligibility: Cities, counties and Area Development Districts are eligible.

Dates: Ongoing



INFRASTRUCTURE

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program (FEMA)

Description: The FMA grant program was created as part of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act (NFIRA) of 1994 with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the NFIP. Consistent with Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-141), the FMA grant program is focused on mitigating repetitive loss (RL) properties and severe repetitive loss (SRL) properties.

Eligible expenditures include:

- [Advance Assistance](#)

Funding will be provided to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select and develop viable community flood mitigation projects. This design work will facilitate viable projects for future grant applications.

- [Community Flood Mitigation Projects](#)

The remaining set aside will fund projects for proven techniques that integrate cost effective natural floodplain restoration solutions and improvements to NFIP-insured properties that benefit communities with high participation and favorable standing in the NFIP.

Match requirements are generally 25% unless SRL/RL. There is no specified length of grant.

Eligibility: Generally, local communities will sponsor applications on behalf of homeowners and then submit the applications to their state. The following is a list of governments that can sponsor an application:

- States
- Territories
- Federally recognized tribes
- Local governments

Dates: Application period is typically September 30 through January 31.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Rubber-Modified Asphalt Grant (EEC)

Description: Grant funding will be used for the application of chip seal or asphalt overlay to county or metro government roads. Chip seal is a road surface treatment that combines one or more layers of asphalt with one or more layers of fine aggregate and can extend the life of a road by four to eight years. Asphalt overlay is a new layer of asphalt applied over an existing asphalt surface and can extend the road life by seven to ten years.

Eligibility: County governments

Dates: Application deadline is typically the first of April.



INFRASTRUCTURE

County-City Bridge Improvement Program (CCBIP)

Description: The County-City Bridge Improvement Program (CCBIP) is a new program through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) Department of Rural and Municipal Aid to support Kentucky counties and cities in maintaining, repairing and replacing locally owned bridges. The goals of CCBIP are to provide data, tools, training and funding resources to local agencies to:

- Encourage focus on routine maintenance and early corrective action to minimize expensive future needs.
- Provide data and education to increase bridge longevity to local governments.
- Determine prioritization for replacement and/or repair.

Eligibility: All roadway structures meeting the Federal definition of a “bridge” (carrying traffic and over 20 feet in length) are eligible to compete for CCBIP funding.

Dates: TBD



RECREATION

Land And Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Description: The LWCF provides federal grant funds to protect important natural areas, acquire land for outdoor recreation and develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities such as campgrounds, picnic areas, sports and playfields, swimming facilities, boating facilities, fishing facilities, trails, natural areas and passive parks. The minimum grant amount is \$25,000, with the maximum grant amount being \$250,000. It is a dollar-for-dollar matching reimbursement program.

Eligibility: Cities, counties, states and federal agencies are eligible to apply for funding.

Dates: Application cycle is typically March through May.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Description: The RTP is funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It can be used to provide assistance for acquisition of easements, development and/or maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both motorized and non-motorized use. The Recreational Trails Program benefits communities and enhances quality of life. All trails that have received FHWA funding must remain open to the public and maintained for perpetuity. The minimum grant request is \$25,000; the maximum grant request is \$250,000. The program has an 80/20 match requirement.

Eligibility: City and county governments, state and federal agencies. Nonprofit organizations must partner with a governmental entity.

Dates: Application cycle is typically March through May.



RECREATION

Crumb Rubber/Tire Derived Products Grant (EEC)

Description: This grant funds projects that promote the use of recycled Kentucky waste tires in the form of crumb rubber or other tire-derived products that meet the criteria of the grant program.

In addition to landscaping mulch projects, the cabinet will consider requests for: walking trails; poured-in-place playgrounds, sidewalks or other surfaces; horse trailer or stall mats; tree wells or other products utilizing recycled Kentucky tires.

This grant is a 75/25 match grant: the applicant shall provide match funding equal to at least 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria, but may include:

- Private entities
- Owners of commercial entities operating within the Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Public school districts
- Private schools
- City and county governments
- Entities operating public parks, and
- State agencies.

Dates: Application deadline is typically the first of April.



SMALL BUSINESS

Business & Industry Loan Guarantees (USDA)

Description: This program offers loan guarantees to lenders for their loans to rural businesses.

Eligible uses include (but are not limited to):

- Business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development.
- The purchase and development of land, buildings, and associated infrastructure for commercial or industrial properties.
- The purchase and installation of machinery and equipment, supplies or inventory.
- Debt refinancing when such refinancing improves cash flow and creates jobs.
- Business and industrial acquisitions when the loan will maintain business operations and create or save jobs.

Eligibility: For-profit or nonprofit businesses, cooperatives, federally-recognized tribes, public bodies, and individuals engaged or proposing to engage in a business are eligible to apply.

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