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## FOREWORD

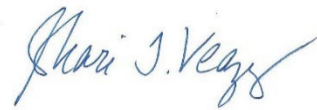
The Mississippi Municipal League's City Hall Center is pleased to present the 2024 edition of *State Agency Grants & Loans for Mississippi Municipalities* as a reference guide to be used by municipal officials looking for funding opportunities from Mississippi's state agencies.

In 2008, the League created new emphasis on technical and research services by forming the City Hall Center. Through the Center, the League staff prepares briefing papers, conducts surveys, archives ordinances and responds to requests for information. This publication is the latest resource that has been developed by the League with the goal of providing timely information to municipalities looking for additional revenue sources.

The loans and grants compiled in this document are organized by agency name, and each entry details the program and describes the specific type and dollar amount of funding available, as well as applicable deadlines, requirements, and additional contact information.

As stated in our mission statement, the League makes a continuous effort to provide municipal officials across the state with the resources, support, and training required when it comes to the organization and operation of municipal government in Mississippi.

Sincerely,



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## **Keep Mississippi Beautiful**

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### **Keep Mississippi Beautiful Grants:**

#### **Program Description**

These grants help municipalities implement litter prevention and beautification programs. Programs should include but not be limited to planning and organizing communications, cleanup, household hazardous waste amnesty projects, programming materials, education, law enforcement, recycling, composting and waste reduction at the source.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Up to 40% of the costs; Maximum of \$2,000

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

60% of costs (in-kind contributions accepted)

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# Mississippi Arts Commission

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## **Project Grant:**

### **Program Description**

Project Grants provide funding to support activities related to arts based community development, arts education, arts industry, and folk and traditional arts.

### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

### **Available Funding**

Up to \$5,000

### **Application Deadlines**

March 1

### **Matching/Other Requirements**

A dollar-for-dollar cash match

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# Mississippi Arts Commission

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## **Minigrant:**

### **Program Description**

Minigrants can be used to hire Mississippi Arts Council roster artists to perform or conduct a workshop.

### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

### **Available Funding**

Up to \$1,000

### **Application Deadlines**

Varies

### **Matching/Other Requirements**

A dollar-for-dollar cash match

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## **Mississippi Department of Archives & History**

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### **Certified Local Government Program:**

#### **Program Description**

The Certified Local Government Program (CLG) is a federal-state-local partnership that promotes historic preservation at the grassroots level and helps communities deal with preservation needs. CLG communities are eligible for annual matching grants to undertake preservation projects of importance to the community. Grants may be used for such diverse projects as the restoration of historic buildings; historical, architectural, or archaeological site inventory work; preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places; educational programs; and staff support for new historic preservation commissions.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies based on Historic Preservation Fund

#### **Application Deadlines**

February

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Varies

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## **Mississippi Department of Archives & History**

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### **Community Heritage Preservation Grant:**

#### **Program Description**

The Community Heritage Preservation Grant (CHPG) Program helps preserve, restore, rehabilitate, and interpret historic courthouses and schools. In Certified Local Government communities, grant funds may also be used for projects involving historic buildings other than courthouses or schools.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

September/ October

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

State provides 80%; Grantee provides 20%; no in-kind contributions accepted

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## **Mississippi Department of Archives & History**

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### **Historical Site Preservation Grant:**

#### **Program Description**

The Historical Site Preservation Grant (HSPG) Program offers grants for the acquisition of sites related to Civil War battles, Native American archaeology, and Civil Rights history.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

September

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

1 to 1 match

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## **Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality**

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### **Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund Program:**

#### **Program Description**

A low interest loan for water pollution control projects including wastewater treatment facilities, expand/upgrade existing facilities, stormwater pollution control projects, nonpoint source pollution projects, and estuary management projects.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Loans

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Varies

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

20-year repayment with interest rate in the 0.8% range or 30-year repayment with interest rate in the 1.8% range

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# Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

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## **Water Pollution Control Emergency Loan Fund Program:**

### **Program Description**

Municipalities may receive loans for emergency wastewater projects.

### **Type of Assistance**

Loans

### **Available Funding**

Maximum of \$350,000

### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

### **Matching/Other Requirements**

4% interest rate; 10-year repayment

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## **Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality**

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### **Solid Waste Assistance Grants (Competitive Grants):**

#### **Program Description**

This funding may be used to assist in the cleanup of illegal open dumps, employment of local solid waste enforcement officers, development of collection programs for discarded appliances and furniture, development of local recycling programs, and provision of public information services to the local community on solid waste management.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Minimum \$15,000; maximum \$75,000 (based on population)

#### **Application Deadlines**

October 1 and April 1

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Matching requirement for Enforcement Officer salary is up to 50%; 25% match for HHW collection days

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# Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

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## **Solid Waste Planning Grants:**

### **Program Description**

Provides funding assistance for the development of comprehensive solid waste management plans.

### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

### **Available Funding**

Project specific

### **Application Deadlines**

April 30

### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Match based on population

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## **Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality**

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### **Recycling Cooperative Grants:**

#### **Program Description**

This funding may be used to support aspects of a recycling program such as collection system costs, material transportation costs, equipment/construction costs, integral recycling personnel costs, public education and outreach materials, and promotional campaigns for recycling.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Periodic Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) are released

#### **Application Deadlines**

Varies based on terms of FOA

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Matching funds are not required but may result in a greater chance of award. Projects do require cooperation amongst local government entities.

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## **Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality**

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### **Waste Tire Collection and Cleanup Grants:**

#### **Program Description**

Provides assistance for collection sites, transportation costs, storage trailer units, contractual disposal costs, and public education.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Project specific

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

N/A

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## **Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality**

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### **Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (RLF):**

#### **Program Description**

BRLF programs provide loans and subgrants to eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum. A brownfield is defined as, under certain legal exclusions and additions, real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Project specific

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

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## **Mississippi Department of Public Safety**

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### **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Law Enforcement Block Grants:**

#### **Program Description**

The purpose of this funding is to provide units of general-purpose local government with the funds to underwrite projects to assist local law enforcement with the most pressing needs of their agency. These funds can be used for a wide variety of purposes including equipment, uniforms, and supplies. Funding is based on the amount of state allocation available for this funding category.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Varies each year

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

25% cash match

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## **Mississippi Department of Public Safety**

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### **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Drug Courts:**

#### **Program Description**

The purpose of this funding is to provide drug court programs with the funds to underwrite projects to assist certified drug court programs with the most pressing needs of their agency. These funds can be used for a wide variety of purposes including salaries, fringe benefits, training, equipment, travel, and supplies. Funding is based on the amount of state allocation available for this funding category.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Varies each year

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

25% cash match

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## **Mississippi Department of Public Safety**

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### **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Hot Spots Policing:**

#### **Program Description**

The purpose of this funding is to provide the State of Mississippi's local law enforcement agencies with funds to implement effective crime reduction and crime prevention strategies in select communities that exhibit high rates of crime. The goal of this program will be to improve social and physical order in selected high crime areas in Mississippi.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Varies each year

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

25% cash match

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# **Mississippi Department of Transportation**

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## **Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund:**

### **Program Description**

Recognizing the significance transportation infrastructure has on the State's economy and its importance to the citizens for mobility, the Mississippi Legislature established the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF) during the 2018 Extraordinary Session to revitalize public roads and bridges across the state. In addition to establishing the ERBRF, the Legislature also provided the necessary authority to initially fund the program up to \$250 million.

### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

### **Available Funding**

Varies

### **Application Deadlines**

Varies

### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Varies

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## **Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks**

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### **Recreational Trails Program:**

#### **Program Description**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a Federal-Aid assistance program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Recreational Trails Program helps states develop and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use. Examples of trail uses include pedestrian (hiking, walking, running, wheelchair), bicycling paved and non-paved, in line skating, equestrian use, water trails, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

March

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

20% match; In-kind contributions accepted

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# **Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks**

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## **Land and Water Conservation Fund Program:**

### **Program Description**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program was established to stimulate a nationwide action program to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring to all citizens of the United States, of present and future generations, such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available. The program provides matching grants to States, and through the States to local units of government, for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation sites and facilities.

### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

### **Available Funding**

Varies

### **Application Deadlines**

Varies

### **Matching/Other Requirements**

50/50 match (in-kind contributions accepted)

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## **Mississippi Development Authority**

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### **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Economic Development:**

#### **Program Description**

Provides financial assistance for public infrastructure for economic development projects.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Maximum of \$2,500,000 or \$25,000/job created, whichever is less

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year Round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

20 job minimum; 10% local match; dollar for dollar company match

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## **Mississippi Development Authority**

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### **Development Infrastructure Program (DIP):**

#### **Program Description**

Provides financial assistance for public infrastructure for economic development projects.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Maximum of \$500,000 or \$15,000/job created, whichever is less

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year Round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

10 job minimum; 10% local match; company match required

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## **Mississippi Development Authority**

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### **Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Program (CAP Loan; Economic Development):**

#### **Program Description**

Provides financial assistance for public infrastructure for economic development projects.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Loans

#### **Available Funding**

Maximum of \$2,500,000 or \$20,000/job created

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year Round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

3% rate; up to 20-year term

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## **Mississippi Development Authority**

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### **CDBG Public Facility (Small):**

#### **Program Description**

Provides financial assistance for public infrastructure.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Maximum of \$600,000

#### **Application Deadlines**

May

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

N/A

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## **Mississippi Development Authority**

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### **CDBG Public Facility (Regular):**

#### **Program Description**

Provides financial assistance for public infrastructure.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Maximum of \$750,000

#### **Application Deadlines**

May

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

10% match required

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## **Mississippi Development Authority**

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### **Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Program (CAP Loan; Community):**

#### **Program Description**

Provides financial assistance for water, sewer, buildings, etc.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Loans

#### **Available Funding**

Maximum of \$1,250,000/application; \$1,250,000/year

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year Round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

2% interest rate; up to 20-year term

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## **Mississippi Development Authority**

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### **Freight Rail Service Revolving Loan Program (RAIL):**

#### **Program Description**

Provides financial assistance for any freight rail transportation purpose.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Loans

#### **Available Funding**

Maximum of \$1,000,000

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

up to 15-year term; 1% over federal discount reserve rate

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## **Mississippi Development Authority**

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### **Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program:**

#### **Program Description**

Provides financial assistance for public improvements for economic development in cities with a population of less than 10,000 or counties with a population of less than 30,000.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

July

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

10% local match

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## Mississippi Development Authority

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### Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund (EERLF):

#### Program Description

Provides financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements in municipal/school buildings. Examples of eligible projects include HVAC, windows/insulation and lighting upgrades.

#### Type of Assistance

Loans

#### Available Funding

\$15,000 - \$500,000 per project

#### Application Deadline

None (rolling basis)

#### Matching/Other Requirements

2% below prime rate, fixed; up to 10-year term

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## **Mississippi Development Authority**

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### **Alternative Fuel School Bus and Municipal Motor Vehicle Revolving Loan Program:**

#### **Program Description**

Provides loans to public school districts and municipalities for purchasing alternative fuel vehicles, converting existing vehicles to alternative fuels or alternative fuel-related equipment and facilities.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Loans

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadline**

None (rolling basis)

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

0%, loan terms between 7 and 15 years

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# Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

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## **Hazard Mitigation:**

### **Program Description**

Mitigation is the ongoing effort to lessen the impact disasters have on people's lives and property through damage prevention and flood insurance. Local mitigation strategies that qualify for funding are: hazard mitigation planning; retrofit of critical facilities; acquisition, elevation, relocation, or drainage improvements of repetitive flood loss structures; construction or upgrade of general population shelters; enhancement of development codes and standards; safe rooms and storm shelters; generators for critical facilities; and warning systems

### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

### **Available Funding**

Varies

### **Application Deadlines**

N/A

### **Matching/Other Requirements**

25% Match

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## **Mississippi Forestry Commission**

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### **Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program:**

#### **Program Description**

The purpose of this grant is to aid in the development of long-term, self-sustaining urban and community forestry programs.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Maximum of \$20,000

#### **Application Deadlines**

August

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

50/50 match (in-kind contributions accepted); grant funds may not exceed 50% of the total project cost (subject to change)

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## Mississippi Forestry Commission

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### **Volunteer Fire Assistance Program:**

#### **Program Description**

These funds are to be used for assistance in purchasing wildland firefighting equipment such as tanks, pumps, hoses, hose reels, hose fittings, nozzles, sirens, emergency lights, ladders, slip-on units, communication equipment, hand tools, and wildland protective items for firemen.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Maximum of \$4,500

#### **Application Deadlines**

Varies each year

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Only rural volunteer fire departments are eligible  
Matched 50/50 by MS Forestry Commission

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## Mississippi Humanities Council

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### Regular Grant:

#### Program Description

The MHC grants program seeks to fund projects that stimulate meaningful community dialogue, attract diverse audiences, are participatory and engaging, and apply the humanities to our everyday lives. Grants may be used to support public humanities programs, exhibits, the planning of larger projects, and the development of original productions in film, television, radio, or online resources.

#### Type of Assistance

Grants

#### Available Funding

\$2,501 - \$10,000

#### Application Deadlines

May 1 and September 15

#### Matching/Other Requirements

Cash match of 10%; combined total of cash and in-kind contributions must at least equal the amount of MHC funds

#### Contact

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### **Minigrant:**

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#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Up to \$2,500

#### **Application Deadlines**

None (rolling basis)

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Combined total of cash and in-kind contributions must at least equal the amount of MHC funds

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## **Mississippi Office of Homeland Security**

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### **State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP):**

#### **Program Description**

These grant funds are to be used to safeguard Mississippi's citizens from terrorist activities and are specifically designed to aid in the prevention efforts before such events can take place. The money attained through the SHSGP is used to aid in the training of emergency first responders, the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment for combating and preventing terrorist acts and for planning, and exercise. The SHSGP funds are also used for management, administration and the development of Citizen Corps projects at the local level.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Varies

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

N/A

#### **Contact**

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## **Mississippi Office of Homeland Security**

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### **State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program:**

#### **Program Description**

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) provides funds to state and local entities to combat the ever-increasing number of cybersecurity risks. Strengthening cybersecurity practices and resilience is a priority for the Homeland Security and a primary focus. As a requirement 80% of funds, must be provided to local jurisdictions, with 25% of that total being received by rural entities.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Varies

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

N/A

#### **Contact**

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# Mississippi State Department of Health

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## Drinking Water Systems Improvements Loan Fund Program:

### Program Description

The Improvements Revolving Loan Fund Program is intended to provide low interest loan funding to municipalities for the construction of new water systems, the expansion or repair of existing water systems, or the consolidation of new or existing water systems.

### Type of Assistance

Loans

### Available Funding

Maximum of \$5,000,000; could exceed on case-by-case basis

### Application Deadlines

Year round

### Matching/Other Requirements

1.95% interest rate; 20-year repayment; possible principal forgiveness if eligible

### Contact

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## **Mississippi State Department of Health**

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### **Drinking Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund Program:**

#### **Program Description**

The Emergency Loan Program is intended to provide emergency loans to municipalities for the repair, replacement, or construction of drinking water projects that meet the Board's definition of emergency, as defined by the Board's regulations for this program.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Loans

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

2% interest rate; 5-year repayment

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## USDA Rural Development

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### Community Facilities Loans and Grants:

#### Program Description

The objective is to improve, develop, or finance essential community facilities for rural communities. Funds can be used to construct, enlarge, or otherwise improve essential community facilities, such as public safety, fire and rescue, broadband and telecommunications, schools, libraries, hospitals, other healthcare facilities, etc. This may include furnishings, fixtures, and other required equipment.

#### Type of Assistance

Loans and grants

#### Available Funding

Maximum of 75% of project cost (maximum grant award is typically \$50,000)

#### Application Deadlines

Year round

#### Matching/Other Requirements

For municipalities of not more than 50,000 in population. Facilities must primarily serve rural residents. Term is for useful life of the facility or equipment, State statute, or 40 years. Projects involving opioid treatment and prevention may qualify for higher amounts.

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## **USDA Rural Development**

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### **Rural Community Development Initiative:**

#### **Program Description**

The objective is to facilitate housing, community facility, and community and economic development projects. These technical assistance grants are to be used to develop the capacity and ability of awardees to carry out needed projects.

Examples of eligible projects include homeownership education, minority business entrepreneurship, strategic community planning or assistance to access alternative funding sources. A grant awarded to Habitat for Humanity Virginia in 2016 shows how the RCDI program is helping rural communities. The organization used a \$150,000 grant to train Habitat affiliates across Virginia to rehabilitate homes as an alternative to its traditional model of building them from the ground up. Increasing the capacity of Habitat affiliates to rehabilitate dwellings will greatly increase their ability to serve more low-income families in Virginia's rural communities.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

\$50,000-\$500,000

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

1 to 1 match; no in kind contributions

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## **USDA Rural Development**

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### **Rural Business Development Grants:**

#### **Program Description**

The objective is to help small and emerging private businesses and/or nonprofits in rural communities' startup or expand. Funds are used to acquire or develop land, buildings, plants, and equipment; build or improve access roads, parking areas, utility extensions, and water and waste disposal facilities; provide technical assistance; establish revolving loan funds; and support rural distance learning programs that provide educational or job training.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Maximum grant award is typically \$100,000

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

For all areas rural in character except cities over 50,000 and their contiguous urbanized areas. No match is required.

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## **USDA Rural Development**

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### **Intermediary Relending Program Loans:**

#### **Program Description**

The objective is to establish revolving funds for business facilities and community development projects.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Loans

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Varies

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## **USDA Rural Development**

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### **Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants:**

#### **Program Description**

Funding is used to build, repair, and improve public water systems and waste collection and treatment systems.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Loans and grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Varies

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## **USDA Rural Development**

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### **Solid Waste Management Grants:**

#### **Program Description**

Provides technical assistance and training to those who operate and maintain active landfills to improve landfill conditions and protect against threats to nearby water resources.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Varies

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## **USDA Rural Development**

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### **Housing Preservation Grants:**

#### **Program Description**

Provides grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing owned or occupied by low and very low-income rural citizens.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Varies

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## **USDA Rural Development**

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### **ReConnect Program:**

#### **Program Description**

The ReConnect Program is an innovative new pilot program that offers unique federal financing and funding options in the form of loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in areas of rural America that don't currently have sufficient access to broadband. This pilot program will generate private sector investment to deploy broadband infrastructure to provide high-speed internet e-Connectivity to as many rural premises as possible, including homes, community facilities for healthcare and public safety, schools, libraries, farms, ranches, factories, and other production sites.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Loans and Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Varies

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## **USDA Rural Development**

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### **Community Connect:**

#### **Program Description**

This program helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service. The construction, acquisition, or leasing of facilities, spectrum, land or buildings used to deploy broadband service for all residential and business customers located within the Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA), and all participating critical community facilities (such as public schools, fire stations, and public libraries), provided the cost of providing broadband service is free of charge to the critical community facilities for 2 years.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Varies

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## **USDA Rural Development**

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### **Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT):**

#### **Program Description**

The DLT program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. For example, this program can link teachers and medical service providers in one area to students and patients in another.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

\$50,000 - \$1million

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Matching funds of at least 15% from non-federal sources are required

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## **USDA Rural Development**

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### **Technical Assistance/Training/Circuit Rider Program:**

#### **Program Description**

Provides technical assistance and training to assist with management of water and waste projects.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Varies

#### **Application Deadlines**

Year round

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Varies

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## **U.S. Dept. of Transportation**

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### **Rebuilding American infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant:**

#### **Program Description**

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Previously known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants, Congress has dedicated nearly \$8.9 billion for twelve rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact.

#### **Type of Assistance**

Grants

#### **Available Funding**

Minimum of 1 billion dollars

#### **Application Deadlines**

Varies; applications must be submitted through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

#### **Matching/Other Requirements**

Grants may be used for up to 80% of a project located in an urban area and the U.S. Secretary of Transportation may increase the Federal share of costs above 80% for a project located in a rural area.

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