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### Community & Economic Development Manager's Notes:

This newsletter contains federal, state and foundation grants. The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments is committed to vetting funding for member governments throughout the region.

If you have a project that aligns with the opportunities listed here, please reach out to our office so that we may provide technical assistance in supporting project development. Even though our concentration is providing direct assistance to member governments, we want to keep non-profits and other businesses informed of grant opportunities as well!

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Thank you for your commitment to the Kerr-Tar region.

Desiree Brooks

## June 2026

### FEDERAL GRANTS

#### AI Upskill Accelerator Pilot Program

Through this program EDA has committed to making \$25 M available nationally to support industry-led workforce programs delivering training in AI skills. Key program requirements are as follows:



**Deadline:  
June 10, 2026**

- Objective is to support non-construction activities that will help start or augment industry-led workforce training programs that deliver trainings in AI skills and that lead to jobs for those trained
- Emphasis on program design is supporting programs that use sectoral partnership and that are outcome focused
- EDA anticipates funding 5-8 non-construction awards
- Each award is expected to range from \$1 million to \$8 million, in accordance with following:
  - Up to \$500,000 for System Development
  - Up to \$2 million for Program Design
  - Up to \$8 million for Program Implementation
- Project durations are expected to range from 24 – 36 months
- Training must begin no later than one year after award date
- The AI Upskill Accelerator Pilot Program is available as a **NOFO** addendum to the regular PW/EAA application on page 42.
- Applicants must demonstrate alignment with Special Need
- The focus industry and its associated employers are a significant part of the region or project service area's economy; and
  - AI is currently being used by the relevant industry and the employers associated with the project; and
  - AI currently in use by employers in the relevant industry is important to the future competitiveness of the industry and the economy of the region; and
  - There is an existing need for training in AI with the employer partners in this project that is necessary to preserve and/or enhance their competitiveness and benefit to the region.
- Applications are due by 4:59pm Eastern Time on July 10, 2026.

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## Community Connect Grant Program

The Community Connect Grant Program provides financial assistance to eligible applicants that will provide service at or above the Broadband Grant Speed (100 Mbps down and 20 Mbps up) to all premises in rural, economically-challenged communities where broadband service (10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up) does not exist. The deployment of broadband services on a “community-oriented connectivity” basis stimulates economic development and provides enhanced educational and health care opportunities in rural areas. RUS will give priority to rural areas that demonstrate the greatest need for broadband services, based on the criteria contained in the regulation and Application Guide. The regulation for the Community Connect Grant Program can be found at 7 CFR part 1739.



**Deadline:  
June 29, 2026**

All applicants should carefully review and prepare their applications according to instructions in the FY 2026 Community Connect Grant Program Application Guide (Application Guide) and program resources. This Application Guide can be found at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/community-connect>. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's own risk. Applications will be submitted through the online application system available on the program web site.

Applications must be submitted by no later than 11:59 a.m. Eastern Time, June 29, 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. **NOFO**

**Award:** \$100,000 - \$5,000,000

**Match:** 15%

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**July 2026**

## **FEDERAL GRANTS**

### **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program**



Through this funding opportunity, FEMA is making \$1 billion in federal funding available to states, local governments, territories and Tribal Nations, empowering them to take decisive, proactive steps to protect their communities from potential disasters like fires, floods, earthquakes and hurricanes. This investment will generate jobs, protect private property, strengthen infrastructure, reduce the cost of future disasters and—most importantly—save lives.

FEMA has a renewed focus on infrastructure-related hazard mitigation projects and empowering state and local leaders. This new BRIC funding opportunity is specifically designed to:

- Prioritize infrastructure resilience by funding construction projects that are ready to implement and incentivizing the adoption of the latest hazard-resistant building codes. This is a proven strategy to protect communities and reduce future disaster losses.
- Move money faster by eliminating phased projects, simplifying the National Competition scoring system and removing sub-application scoring by the National Review Panel. This will enable community leaders to take swift, decisive action to bolster their resilience to disasters.
- Shift responsibility and authority to states, territories and Tribal Nations by removing funding for hazard mitigation planning and non-financial direct technical assistance provisions. The program now maximizes state and local responsibility for resilience and risk reduction rather than federal investing in a wide range of activities.

**Eligible applicants** include states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and federally recognized Tribal Nations.

**Eligible sub-applicants** include local governments, communities, special districts and Tribal Nations applying through a state or territory.

For the Fiscal Years 2024-25 funding cycle, these are the available categories:

- \$112 million for states and territories (up to \$2 million federal cost share for each applicant).
- \$50 million Tribal Set-Aside (up to \$2 million federal cost share for each applicant).
- \$56 million for State or Territory Building Code Plus-Up (up to \$1 million federal cost share per applicant) and \$25 million for Tribal Nation Building Code Plus-Up to carry out eligible building

code adoption and enforcement activities.

- \$757 million for National Competition (up to \$20 million federal cost share per sub-application).

No single applicant may receive more than 15% of the total available funding across all BRIC categories and includes the combined total of all funding category requests.

Interested applicants and sub-applicants may review the [NOFO](#).

For more information on the BRIC program, applicants should contact their FEMA Regional Office or visit <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/learn/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

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## National Endowment for the Arts - Grants for Arts Projects

Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) is the National Endowment for the Arts' principal funding program for organizations that deliver high-quality arts experiences and advance the arts across American communities. The program supports projects that expand public access to the arts, preserve and celebrate the nation's artistic and cultural heritage, strengthen arts education for learners of all ages, and promote community well-being through arts and health initiatives, including creative arts therapies. Funding is available across a wide range of artistic disciplines and is open to nonprofit organizations, units of state or local government, and federally recognized tribal communities or tribes. To be eligible, applicants must have completed at least five years of arts programming and have had an operating budget of at least \$20,000 in the previous fiscal year.

NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT for the **ARTS**

**Deadlines:**

**Part 1: July 9, 2026**

**Part 2: July 21, 2026**

**Award:** Up to \$100,000

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## September 2026

### STATE GRANTS

#### Recreational Trails Program Grant

 **NC Division  
of Parks &  
Recreation**

**Deadline:  
September 4, 2026**

The Division of Parks and Recreation, the North Carolina Trails Program and the North Carolina Trails Committee value trail projects that are legal, safe, managed and provide connectivity, reasonable public access and parking.

The **Trails Program staff** are ready, willing and available to assist in all phases of the application process of projects that are construction ready for grant funding. These sustainable, "shovel-ready" projects leverage local funds to meet recreational trail and trail needs, in an

effort to provide low infrastructure economic development opportunities through natural resource tourism.

The Trails Program staff are also available to assist applicants with conceptual projects, in order to meet the technical requirements of an RTP Grant before applying.

**Eligible Applicants:**

North Carolina municipalities with less than 25,000 in population and located within 6 miles of an existing or planned segment of a state trail are eligible for CCST grants. Two or more local governments may apply jointly, with one serving as the primary sponsor. View the eligible municipalities [HERE](#).

**Award:** Up to \$100K

**Match:** 25%

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## Rolling Basis 2026

### FEDERAL GRANTS

#### **Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs**

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) has a robust history of supporting economic development in North Carolina. Through its diversified portfolio of programs, EDA provides customized investments that help distressed communities build upon their available assets, catalyze on their available opportunities, and leverage regional partnerships to drive economic development.



#### **What does EDA do?**

EDA provides grant resources that can support a wide array of activities, including but not limited to:

- Construction or renovation of new public facilities or assets, including: water and sewer lines (extensions and upsizing), pumps, tanks, and systems; workforce training centers; port improvements; access roads; rail spurs; commercialization centers; airport hangars; incubators.
- Disaster mitigation and regional resiliency initiatives;
- Technical assistance activities related to regional economic development priorities;
- Data analysis, feasibility studies, economic impact studies, supply chain analysis, or other data-based analysis to inform decision-making;
- Innovation and entrepreneurship focused initiatives; and
- Capitalization or recapitalization of revolving loan funds.

#### **How much money does EDA provide through its regularly appropriated Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs?**

The average construction award generally ranges between \$500k-\$2 M depending on the program through which it is funded, the average non-construction project generally ranges from \$20k - \$200k. EDA grants require matching share funds, and funds must be committed to the project, readily available to be used, and for the same scope of work. EDA generally requires 50 percent match; communities impacted by a Presidential Disaster Declaration may apply up to 80 grant rate. Grant rates and available funding may vary based on appropriation, so applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the NC EDR for current information and to discuss their project.

### **Who can apply?**

Eligible applicants include an EDA District Organization; Indian Tribe; State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; institutions of higher education; or public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision.

To be eligible, the project must generally be in a distressed region, as defined by EDA regulations, and must meet at least one of the following three criteria: (1) the region identified has a unemployment rate that is at least one point or higher than the national average for the most recent 24-month period for which data are available; OR (2) the region identified has a per-capita income of not more than 80 percent of the national average for the most recent period for which data are available; OR (3) the region meets some other special need criteria, such as population loss, job closings, disaster declarations, etc.

### **How are grants funded and what are current investment priorities?**

EDA reviews and evaluates all applications in accordance with the requirements set forth in the applicable Notice of Funding Opportunity. EDA receives more applications than the agency can support; the most competitive applications *generally* include the following:

- Clearly defined project that defines region, discusses current economic conditions of area and need, defines how the proposed project will address or meet this need, and defines clear benefit to the region
- Ability of the project to support creation/retention of high-quality jobs and private investment and/or drive other quantifiable economic value for communities
- Ability to start promptly and be effectively managed
- Matching share funds that are available, committed, and unencumbered
- For EDA construction projects, the ability to provide EDA a lien for 20 years on the asset and no mortgages or other encumbrances or restrictions on the title or deed
- Strong regional support for the project
- Feasibility of proposed project
- The extent to which the proposed project advances *at least one* strategic Investment

Priority. Current investment priorities for EDA include:

- **Critical Infrastructure:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that support development of public facilities, including basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, or telecommunications infrastructure.
- **Workforce:** Economic Development planning or implementation projects that –
  - Support job skills training to meet the hiring needs of the area in which the project is to be carried out and that result in well-paying jobs; or
  - Otherwise promote labor force participation.
- **Innovation and Entrepreneurship:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that –

- Support the development of innovation and entrepreneurship-related infrastructure;
- Promote business development and lending; or
- Foster the commercialization of new technologies that are creating technology-driven businesses and high-skilled, well-paying jobs of the future.
- **Economic Recovery Resilience:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that enhance the ability of an area to withstand and recover from adverse short-term or long-term changes in economic conditions, including effects from industry contractions or economic impacts from natural disasters.
- **Manufacturing:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that encourage job creation, business expansion, technology and capital upgrades, and productivity growth in manufacturing, including efforts that contribute to the competitiveness and growth of domestic suppliers or the domestic production of innovative, high-value products and production technologies.
- The extent to which project supports broader regional economic development strategic goals articulated in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
- The extent to which the applicant can successfully manage and implement the proposed project
- The extent to which the project will leverage other activities underway in the area
- The extent to which an applicant will be able to comply with federal requirements

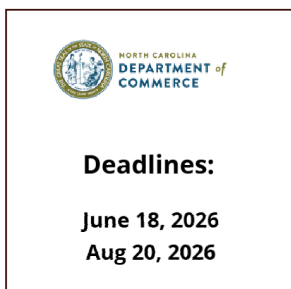
### How do I apply?

Links to EDA's current funding opportunities are available at <https://www.eda.gov/>.

EDA requires applications to be submitted electronically via EDA's grant management system, available at <https://sfgrants.eda.gov/s/>.

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## Building Reuse Program



The Building Reuse Program provides grants to local governments to assist with building improvements to real property, that will lead to the direct creation of new, full-time, private sector jobs. The program requires a cash match equal to the grant request amount.

The three categories of funding are vacant buildings, existing business buildings, and rural health care.

### Eligible Applicants:

Eligible applicants are units of local government located in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties, or within a rural census tract in a Tier 3 county. As prescribed in N.C.G.S. 143B-472.127(a)(2), a rural census tract is an area having a population density of less than 500 people per square mile in accordance with the most recent decennial federal census. Tier ranking information can be found [HERE](#) on the NC Department of Commerce website.

### Funding Availability:

The potential funding available for each project will be assessed through analysis of the project and will be based upon the project's location, the quantity and quality of jobs committed, and the overall economic impact of the project, at the discretion of the Rural Infrastructure Authority. The grant award will never exceed one-half of the renovation and/or construction cost. The program requires a dollar-for-dollar cash match equivalent to the grant request amount. The program includes claw-back provisions requiring repayment of the grant if the jobs committed are not created and/or maintained for six consecutive months during the two-year grant period.

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## SEARCH - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Grant

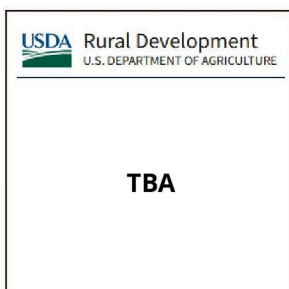
This USDA program provides predevelopment grant funding to help very small, financially distressed rural communities plan water and waste disposal projects before construction begins. Grants can support feasibility studies, preliminary design and engineering work, and technical assistance needed to prepare an application for future financial assistance. Eligible applicants include state and local governmental entities, nonprofits, and federally recognized tribes serving rural areas with populations of 2,500 or less and median household incomes below the poverty line or below 80% of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income. Applications are accepted year-round through local USDA Rural Development offices.



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## Agriculture Innovation Center Program



Through the AIC program, RBCS makes grants to Centers that provide Producer Services to Agricultural Producers seeking to develop and market Value-Added Agricultural Products.

### **Matching Funds Requirement:**

Matching Funds are required for at least one-third of the total project budget. For example, if the total project budget is \$1,500,000, matching funds must be at least \$500,000. Matching funds may be provided in cash by the applicant or a third party or in-kind by a third party. They must be available for use during the period of performance, and they must be used for allowable expenses.

### **How may funds be used?**

Grant and matching funds may be used to operate an agriculture innovation center, and to provide the following services to agricultural producers:

- Business development services, such as feasibility studies and business plans..
- Market development services, such as marketing plans, branding, and customer identification.
- Organizational assistance, such as legal and technical advisory services related to the development, expansion, or operation of a business.
- Financial advisory services related to the development, expansion, or operation of a business, such as assistance with obtaining credit for operating costs, training on using financial management software, and guidance on use of cash flow.
- Process development services, such as engineering services, scale production assessments, and systems development.
- Product development, such as idea generation, concept testing, feasibility and cost analysis, product taste-testing, demographic and other types of consumer analysis, production analysis, recipe development, evaluation of packaging and labeling options, and brand development for a value-added agricultural product.
- Value chain coordination, or directly working with an agricultural producer to connect that producer to a distribution system, processing facility, or commercial kitchen.
- Grants to agricultural producers for the above services, where the individual award does not exceed \$5,000.

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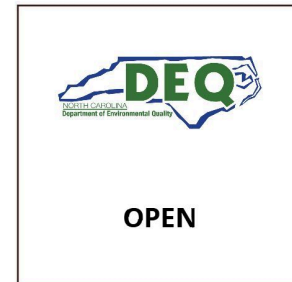
## STATE GRANTS

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### **Asset Inventory and Assessment Grants**

The NC Department of Environmental Quality is accepting Asset Inventory and Assessment grant applications. These grants are intended to help local governments and nonprofit water corporations to effectively manage and finance their water and wastewater utility systems. This can be done through funding projects, including asset inventories, condition assessments of infrastructure, and long-term planning. The grant is up to \$150,000 over three years, sourced from the Wastewater Reserve or the Drinking Water Reserve.

The Spring 2026 deadline for submission is April 30, 2026.



For more information, contact Matthew Rushing at (919) 707-9060 or at [Matthew.rushing@deq.nc.gov](mailto:Matthew.rushing@deq.nc.gov).

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## FOUNDATION GRANTS

### **Economic Catalyst**



### **Economic Catalyst**

Golden LEAF will consider applications to assist eligible state, regional and local economic development entities with grants to support permissible activities in projects in which a company will commit to create a specific number of full time jobs in a tobacco-dependent or economically distressed area. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Golden LEAF staff to discuss the potential projects and conditions that may be applicable prior to submitting an application. Applications in this program must be for projects that will

lead to job creation by a company that will commit to create the jobs if Golden LEAF provides a grant for the project. An application for funding must be submitted before the project announces its decision to locate and create jobs in North Carolina.

#### **Details**

Competitive applications will include information showing that the expected job creation is AT RISK without Golden LEAF support. An applicant can demonstrate that a project is AT RISK by identifying a funding gap that exists that would significantly impair the applicant's ability to attract the anticipated jobs if Golden LEAF does not make a grant for the project.

Examples of other factors that may be considered to determine whether a project is AT RISK without Golden LEAF support include:

- Evidence of urgency for financial assistance necessary to facilitate job creation;
- Whether local governments have provided support for the project at levels that are appropriate in light of available resources. (Golden LEAF funds will not be available to satisfy shortfalls resulting from local policies limiting local support for a project.); and
- Whether the applicant has secured or attempted to secure funding for the project from other sources such as the State of North Carolina, the North Carolina Department of Commerce, EDA, ARC, and others.

Proposals for Economic Catalyst grants should be coordinated with the other economic development entities, including:

- North Carolina Department of Commerce
- The Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina
- Local and regional economic development organizations

Grants are available only for projects that include a specific company's commitment to create full-time jobs in NC. Full-time jobs are defined as jobs that provide 1,600 hours or more per year of work. Companies must provide at least 50% of the cost of employee-only health insurance for full-time employees.

The Golden LEAF Foundation will consider at least the following factors when determining whether to fund a project and at what level:

- The economic distress of the community in which the jobs would be created
- The number of jobs to be created
- The quality of jobs to be created, measured by factors including wages paid and skill levels involved

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**Open Grants**

The **Open Grants Program** allows applicants to apply for Golden LEAF funding throughout the year. Eligible applicants are governmental entities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Awards in the Open Grants Program are **\$500,000 or less**.



The Golden LEAF Foundation is committed to using the funds entrusted to it for projects that show the most potential for strengthening North Carolina's economy, especially in tobacco-dependent, economically distressed, and/or rural communities. This program is for economic development projects aligned with the Golden LEAF priority areas. More details regarding Golden LEAF's priority areas and priority outcomes:

- Job Creation and Economic Investment
- Workforce Preparedness
- Agriculture
- Community Competitiveness and Capacity

Competitive applications for projects include requests for funds to:

- Develop and implement a new workforce training program to meet demand from local employers
- Implement a career pathway at a high school for a high demand field
- Extend water, sewer, or road infrastructure to a site to enable industrial development that will create full-time jobs
- Support the development of new crops, expand markets for agriculture products, or provide training for farmers.

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## Civic Foundation



The Civic Foundation awards grants to small, local nonprofits committed to North Carolinians. This is offered with the goal of making a deeper impact on community-based charities that meet specific needs of our neighbors. They focus on areas of health care, housing, human services and hunger.

### Eligibility:

Grants will only be made to the following types of organizations in NC:

- Grants can be used only for programmatic expenses and will only be made to the following types of organizations in NC:
- Public charity, private foundation, nonprofit, or government entity that qualifies as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization
- A school, hospital, or local governmental organization that holds nonprofit status as a 501(c)(3) organization (examples include hospitals with foundations, schools with charitable programs, and local government professional development associations)
- 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations that have been in existence 10 years or less and have an annual operating budget of less than \$1 million

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## SECU Foundation

SECU Foundation Grant Program supports nonprofits and governmental organizations focused on local and community development in North Carolina. Grants are provided for high-impact projects in housing, education, healthcare, and human services. The Foundation funds capital projects, programmatic expansions, and mission development for capacity building. Preference is given to projects with statewide or regional impact, that improve the social and economic conditions of public employees, and those not primarily funded by government agencies.



### SECU Grant Programs

- Capital – Funds projects that are tangible, permanent, and visible; Typically supporting construction or major renovation of a building or a facility.
- Programmatic – Funds pilot programs or large-scale program expansions that provide regional or statewide services.
- Mission Development Grants – supporting smaller nonprofits with capacity building through organizational assessments, goal setting, and creating pathways for expansion.

### Project Selection Considerations

- Preference given to a combination of projects that have a statewide impact, or major regional impact, and may serve as a model for replication in other North Carolina communities.
- Seek projects that are tangible (permanent, visible, capital versus operational). Do not support operational budgets, nor budget shortfalls.
- Seek to fund projects through partnerships with foundations and nonprofit organizations (do not fund for-profit organizations).
- Seek projects that improve the social and economic condition of public employees in North Carolina.
- Seek projects that are not principally nor typically funded by a governmental agency.
- In cases where projects have existing appropriations only consider funding where funding would augment or enhance projects which have existing appropriations.
- Generally seek to fund projects that strengthen the partnership with North Carolina State employees.
- Seek to identify programmatic projects to solve problems and to develop partnerships with other non-profits and foundations.

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## Saint-Gobain North America Foundation

Established in 2001, the Saint-Gobain North America Foundation is the corporate foundation of Saint-Gobain in North America. We believe there is a direct link between our business activities



and helping to make the world a better home for all who live, work and play here. To this end we provide financial support through grants to organizations that aim to deliver material change in the areas of sustainable habitat, STEM education and/or improve the quality of life in each community where we operate. The Saint-Gobain North America Foundation makes an impact in our communities through the following programs and initiatives.

### **Direct Grants**

Our Direct Grants support non-profits that share our mission, especially projects that relate to STEM education and sustainable habitat development.

### **Community Gifts**

Our community gifts program enables each Saint-Gobain facility in North America to provide philanthropic support towards local needs and priorities.

### **Matching Gifts**

The Saint-Gobain North America Foundation provides a 50% match to employees' donations to qualifying non-profits and educational institutions.

To be eligible you must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports STEM education or sustainable habitat development.

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## **Bank Of America Charitable Foundation Inc: The Bank of America Foundation Sponsorship Program**

The Bank of America Foundation supports the economic, social, and cultural life of the communities where it operates through arts and sports sponsorships and programs that maintain vibrant, healthy communities. Funding priorities include preserving neighborhoods, workforce education for 21st-century jobs, addressing critical needs such as hunger and emergency shelter, arts and culture, the environment, and diversity and inclusion programs. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.



**Award:** \$15,000 minimum

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## **PNC Foundation Grants**

The PNC Foundation provides grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofits focusing on early childhood education and economic development in communities where PNC operates. Education grants prioritize programs for children from birth to age five, emphasizing school readiness through math, science, reading, social-emotional learning, and the arts, while involving educators,



families, and community engagement. Economic development grants support affordable housing, small business assistance, community services, and revitalization initiatives in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods.

Proposals must align with PNC's mission and demonstrate a positive impact on underserved communities. Only selected counties in Eastern and Western Carolina are eligible.

### Eligible Counties

Bertie, Brunswick, Cartaret, Chatham, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Gates, **Granville**, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Martin, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, **Vance**, Wake, **Warren**, Washington, Wayne, Wilson

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### PNC Foundation Grants

The Truist Foundation invests in innovative nonprofits that work with adults and align with its key areas of focus: “building career pathways to economic mobility” and “strengthening small businesses”. The Truist Foundation supports needs that are sustainable and don't commit funds to recurring expenditures such as funding for a new program launch, a curriculum to expand or strengthen a program, equipment to deliver a program, and capital needs. The application process is open through Truist's online portal with three annual deadlines (March 31, July 31, Nov 30) and decisions are communicated roughly four months after each deadline. Truist requires applicants to be qualifying 501(c)(3)/509(a) organizations and notes it does not provide general operating support for this pillar.

 **Truist Foundation**  
**Deadlines**  
**July 31, 2026**  
**November 30, 2026**

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## Training & Resources

### Participate in Steller and *Parade Magazine's* America's Favorite Small Towns Competition

Hosted by Parade and Steller, a new competition offers small towns a chance to gain national recognition, media exposure, and a July 4th celebration. Finalists will appear in Parade's special print issue and receive digital badges to showcase their achievement. The winning town will earn a feature on Parade's cover and a community celebration.

[Register Here](#)

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